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(Lady Osler to Mrs. Revere)

(7. Norham Gardens, Oxford)

Aug 3rd 9.30 P.M (1905)

Dearest Mother

No letter from you this week thus far but I daresay one will come tomorrow. I see the Baltic has been delayed by a bad storm. We have had some rain today and very welcome it was. I can imagine the farmers have been rejoicing for everything was drying up. I wanted this to reach you on your birthday but fear it cannot as you have no Sunday delivery - even in conservative England we get our mail at 7.30 Sunday morning. I hope however you will hear from us very directly by telephone as Dr Finney & Dr Walker of Baltimore lunched here and sail tomorrow on the Cymric for Boston. I gave Dr Finney the telephone number and he promised to call you up Sunday morning as they expect to get in Saturday P.M - We have hurried times here as formerly - Dr & Mrs Garrod of London with a boy came for luncheon - we expected them & then these men telegraphed & soon arrived. It was very nice seeing them all - I really have very little to write as nothing interesting has turned up since our visit to the Abbeys - Marjorie is moving about and the Gwyns are visiting cousins - I think I told you that Rachel has arranged to stay over here - all winter - working in London. Amy will come here Oct 1st and stay until she sails on the 12th & see Rachel settled. I have been having a great time getting my linen settled. Tomorrow Mrs M M's maid comes to put away her silver I have had to buy quite a good deal - bolster cases - and small cotton sheets. I regret I did not bring them over they are expensive here. I let the servants have all the upstairs things I wonder why I behaved in that bloated millionaire manner - I had a feeling that the freight & packing were so expensive but they were not as bad as buying. The laundry work in England is always atrocious and my clothes are already in rags - I hope if we ever get a house we can have our own laundry - There is great economy in table napkins which is always a trial to me - I wish I had brought Josephine -

Friday Eve 11 - Aug. 4th

We have come from the University where we heard an interesting address - the opening of the summer course for teachers etc - Mrs Taft and Agnes dined here and some men - and went with us. Your letter on the Baltic came today - 24 hours late - There has been an awful gale on the channel & at sea - rather a poor prospect for our yachting trip tomorrow. I am so sorry you have to have a new furnace as well as range - such a bother and expense - to say nothing of mess. Everybody writes of the heat. Sophie Milligan writes that Mary McKim has a splendid boy - born at the Stafford - all going well - I suppose she is delighted - I wonder she lived through it, in the Hotel and heat.

I am sending a check for a birthday remembrance and hope it will get a new pan or kettle for the range - Our very bestest love -

Affly

Grace -

I sent some dolls to the girls to paint -