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(Lady Osler to Mrs. Revere)

(7 Norham Gardens, Oxford)

Thursday Eve - Aug. 10th (1905)

Dearest Mother

We reached home at 3 this afternoon from our most delightful stay at Cowes. It was really a fascinating sight. Yesterday I thought you would be more than interested could you have seen the little Wales boys running about on the yacht - I saw one of them being trotted about on a sailor's back - The Queen seems perfectly devoted to them. We were near enough to see the yacht all the time and as they moved up and down the line reviewing the boats it was an interesting sight. We could not manage to see Marion although I telegraphed we would come I had to change as the crowds were so dense. We reached London at 8.30 last Eve - spent the night - did the errands this morning and came home as quickly as we could. I went to see the Portrait of Willie which the McGill students have given me. It is framed and ready but we have no place here for it. It is simply awful and I do not see what I shall ever do with it. Imagine our astonishment at having Revere appear on his wheel at the Station. His father has given him a beauty wheel and he is enchanted. He has learned quickly and does not seem in the least to mind the crowded streets. Such a boy he has grown! I often think we have been quite successful in not pampering him. - & when I see some only sons I am sure it is the best way. Poor boy - he can say the Lord's prayer in Latin after some weeks' struggle.

On our return I found a budget of letters. Two from you with enclosures about Mr Taft and Mrs T's picture - very funny - She is much amused. She has had her first letters and is much happier. She does not seem well - I think she has never recovered from Manilla climate. Such a pack of letters and many to be answered - I have my first letter from Kate Cushing. She is a lazy lump! I was getting quite worried at never hearing from her. Dr Camac is still in lodgings near here - He is busy working on a book and loves Oxford. Did I tell you of a Mr Schofield who joined us at Fairford and went to the Abbeys? He is a Harvard Professor and working here - He dined here the other night before we went to Cowes and went to a lecture with us. - I think I told you - Rains have freshened everything and our garden is lovely again. Good night - I will finish tomorrow. Thank Ned for his letter and the enclosure for Revere -

Friday 6 pm 11th

I have just sent a cable which Brown Bros will telephone you tomorrow for your birthday - I hope also Dr Finney will call you up - as he promised to do directly he landed in Boston. Another lovely day - Miss N. and I have just come from a lovely drive - I have paid all my country visits - just been to a pretty spot to call on a cousin of Dr Harry Thomas who has called twice. We have Mrs M-M's carriages now. Victoria & Brougham - only one horse but comfortable carriages & such a good looking man in top boots & breeches - so I feel quite a swell - He does not mind giving information as we drive along - so I feel quite friendly. I am busy getting ready to leave the house in good trim as Mrs M-M comes down one day. Marjorie has been here for luncheon and to get some things out of her trunk. We are acting as storehouse - The Gwyns and Marjorie having dumped their things down here. Hugs for the girls and Ned -

Always fondly

Grace.

I have been elected to the Empress Club in London - the swell club for Ladies - It will be a great comfort - as I can sleep there.