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(Lady Osler to Mrs. Revere)

Beaufort Castle, Beaulieu, N. B.
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Dearest Mother

Fancy my having spent three days without writing to you - I have been having a much needed rest from writing ever since we came over I have had a most dreadful number of letters to get off and I made up my mind to loaf here and not bother - now I am ready to start in again. I wrote you from the Jay Phipps place where we had a delightful twenty-four hours & Revere got some splendid trout way up on the hills in a small Loch. Mr Phipps left us there & we three came back in the motor - laden with game - 10 brace of grouse, two Roebucks & trout. It was an interesting experience for Revere. On returning we found Mr Atkinson & several guests gone & some new men arrived. We have only been five grown ups over Sunday and such a nice quiet time. Revere fishes all the time, & has had one salmon rise which excited him tremendously. The salmon are very scarce just now. I hope he sees one caught while here. Each day we have had lovely walks and motors over the moors. I have fished with Revere without any luck. We have had two days without showers - a most wonderful thing for Scotland. Yesterday afternoon we motored over for Tea at the Bradley Martins - thirteen miles across the Moor. We took two hours to drive the other time we went and yesterday 35 minutes in the motor. We found a large party there among the Bayard Thayers which was very nice. Bayard Thayer was very funny about Revere - he had seen him at the Glades in his bath when a baby & never forgotten him or Mummy. They are motoring & have left their children at North Berwick. They are all coming here for fishing & luncheon today. You know the youngest Phipps girl married Bradley Martin Jr. They are staying at Bolmacan now - I do not think the guests are very congenial to her. The fact is the Phipps are all so worried I feel they should be left alone until after the trial on the 29th but everyone seems to think it is better for them to be diverted by guests. The trial will be in Edinburgh and I daresay the result telegraphed to America so you will know it before you receive this. The man's eye is doing well but the feeling against the shooting is strong. The men were poaching to send the fish to Lord Lovat who owns Beaufort. At best it is a trying business.

There is a wonderful old garden here and we are luxuriating in enormous gooseberries and raspberries. I am always interested in the management of a large establishment like this. Mrs Phipps has never before had anything to do with it but in the absence of both daughters the responsibility comes very much on her. They say the visiting chauffeurs has added very much to the variety below stairs. Yesterday there were four guests at the Martins with motors & the chauffeurs to be looked after. I suppose if the motor habit grows it will be necessary to have a chauffeurs' hall.

By the time this reaches you it will be September. I can hardly realize it. I really wish we were going back to Oxford from here and I daresay we may go sooner if it keeps cool - I really hate poking about in hotels and it is hardly worth while taking a house for three weeks. We leave here tomorrow afternoon for Skye. Mrs Phipps says all those yarns about the wedding last autumn were untrue. We went yesterday to the Kirk and it is a quaint, plain old place.

Tuesday 21st. We had a large mail yesterday - containing one from you Aug 11th - & one from Sue. I am writing early as I am up to pack. It is a superb morning and we hope to have good weather in Skye. All the Balnacan people came to fish yesterday & had luncheon here Mrs Bayard Thayer was very attractive. I never saw anything so fat & funny as Bayard in Knickers of a large plaid. The Martins have two days fishing here each week and come over sometimes for luncheon & other days have their luncheon on the river bank. Much love to you all -

Affly

Grace

By the way - I shall be glad of course to send \$50 towards Miss Lawson for a beginning.