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(Lady Osler to Mrs. Revere)

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Sunday Sept 3rd (1905)

Dear Mother

We are having a three days' storm with an intermission of showers every now and then which has given us a tramp across the hills, but the wind and sea are so heavy Lord Strathcona has not been able to come over - The yacht went to meet him Friday but they can't land here. I hope my letter to you caught yesterday's steamer somewhere as I do not want our record of regularity broken. I had your letter of the Aug. 21st as I wrote on the back of my letter. I will look it over and see what there is to answer. Marion Emmons wrote me she was having a tooth out - I really feel very worried about her and hope she will consent to have an operation - that seems to be the only real cure. I think Mary Bullard lives near Mrs Max-M's son-in-law in Kent - where she spends most of her time. Poor lady she has had so much trouble. She has lost three daughters - one was a Mrs Ferguson - and died leaving five little children - It is with them Mrs M-M passes much time. Her only son who was with Lord Pouncefort in Washington has now gone to the British Legation in Mexico. She seems such a friendly person and writes me volumes about small matters. I daresay you had a letter from Dr Futchter - he was called to Seal Harbor to a patient and stayed on some time, 3 weeks I believe. Norman should be spanked for being so careless but it seems impossible to make him do differently - I meant the picture of W.O done by Harris of Montreal and presented to me by the McGill graduates. It is in London having been framed - it is simply hideous - he looks like an attendant in a "Gents' furnishing" shop. Of course the interest in the Peace Conference has been very great here - and now it is settled everyone is overjoyed. We have only had papers of the announcement - so do not know what the general opinion is. I shall send you the Edinburgh paper with the account of the Phipps trial. I do not know if you will care for it - but it seems very interesting to us as we were there during the anxious days. I thought they shot from the window but it seems it was from the bank of the river.

I am so glad we came here - for I feel that we have adjusted a misunderstanding which has existed for many years - & Willie has always felt very badly about it on account of the father, Dr. Howard. I made a mistake the other day in telling you that the eldest Howard boy would succeed - it seems that the title goes to Mrs Howard on her father's death and then to the son - There are three boys and two girls and such a happy, jolly family - It is fine for Revere to be with them. Lord Strathcona has a superb house and estate at Glencoe - by the famous pass - they can go from here in the yacht in five hours. They are urging us to go there as they all go on Tuesday but we have decided to go home and W.O has several appointments. I am most anxious to get back and settled as there are visitors ahead - Edmund Osler comes over early in Oct - Annie is already here - in Buxton with her daughter Ellie Bowen - they will come to us. Miss Nicols will not come back until the 15th. Miss Mary Smith has reached home and gone to Edinburgh to try to enter the Hospital. I wonder if you have heard all the McLane's disaster - besides Mrs McLane's illness. The Allan McL's house was struck by lightning and Mr McL- nearly killed - now Allan Jr has been thrown from his pony and bones broken & terribly cut about his face. I really do not know how Augusta has lived through the last fourteen months. I had a letter from Loulie from York - Perhaps Puss will stop in Boston and see you. She has been very happy at York and well. She is to spend October at Loulie's while she and Will are at the Hot Springs. I expect to go to Paris with Willie for the first week in October - he has a Tuberculosis Meeting there. We will join the Jacobs there. Ask Sue if she wants anything in Paris that I can get her - as I suppose we will have no duties to pay in going into America. You know we hope to be with you for Christmas - nothing but illness can prevent. Revere has a month's holi-



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day and I shall steal a week or two for him. I hope we can get a White Star Steamer to Boston. The time will not be so long now - only three months - I hope no one will get ill and ruin this nice plan.

Monday Sept 4th

The mail goes away this Eve and I think it is safer to let this go as if the sea keeps so heavy the yacht may not be able to cross tomorrow.- so here goes. Love to you all -

Grace