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(Lady Osler to Mrs. Revere)

(7 Norham Gardens, Oxford)
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Dearest Mother

We are rejoicing in having our Billy here today. We came from church last evening at 8.30 and found a telegram & he & Charlie Bath followed in five minutes. They had a very quick passage. As Bill heard nothing from May at Liverpool he brought Charlie here - I had not told the servants I was expecting Bill as I did not expect him before this Eve - or tomorrow a.m. The maid said "Madam, I think we better keep all the beds always ready in this house." I think they like company but do not care for shocks. Bill looks so well & it is a pleasure to think we can see him constantly during the winter. I am going to town tomorrow and will take Charlie to his mother - he seems such a mite to be prepared for the Navy. Your letter - all our American mail in fact - on Saturday evening - I hope you had a nice little visit from Norman - I am so fond of him I hate to feel I shall see so little of him in the future

Saturday I had such an enchanting day. Friday Adele Chapin telegraphed for Willie & me to come for Sunday - but as we could not I went to Broadway for the day - I had a delightful time except that I felt as I have heard Sue say she does - perfectly exhausted keeping up with Adele. It took $1\frac{3}{4}$ hours to get there from here with various changes - but really is not very far. Broadway is quite as picturesque & attractive as has been described. The Chapins have had house and servants belonging to some artist - they move out tomorrow & into a wee cottage until they go to London. I think they are the most astonishing family. Adele met me and we drove through the old town. Mr Chapin was at home - J - and Babs - We had a very jolly luncheon and a nice romp in the garden after luncheon. Then we had a trap and drove to the Millet's - I never knew before that this Millet the artist is a brother of Dr Millet of Brockton. They have this wonderful old house which was an Inn in the time of Charles I - They have about 14 acres - and walking through the garden one comes on the Priory which is Mr Millet's studio. The house is filled with interesting things and about 6 Sargent pictures - Sargent lived with them at one time. Mrs Millet was at home and many boys and girls. You know it is where Adele stayed as "paying guest" and says she found her health & nerves by sleeping in the garden. I saw 4 tents and Mrs M. says they all sleep out. We saw everything and then went to see Mary Navarro. That of course was a pleasure to me. It was too funny - I had not seen her since her marriage. Her baby is only seven weeks and of course she is stout - her features are just the same but her face is too fat. She was most loving & cordial. Mr Navarro was there and we had a jolly tea. I did not see the children - the boy was ill with a cold and the baby asleep. Their house and garden are fascinating. All the Broadway people are distracted because the motor train has come to Broadway and brings many people - & before that they had delightful solitude. Adele drove me to Evesham - five miles and I got home for dinner. The Chapins are looking for a house in London. The Farwells of Chicago, the people whose business Mr Chapin is in - are near Broadway for a month in a house Adele got for them. I envy you the peaches. One can only get them here as the greatest luxury - At Colonsay we had superb ones from R - worth the Strathcona's English place. Miss Nicols got home yesterday morning. She had a most wonderful week motoring. The Schafers from Chicago with whom Miss Mary S. lived as governess arrived in Falkirk and took Miss N. & Mary off in their huge car for the week. They simply flew over Scotland and had a wonderful experience. She is glad to get back and we rejoice in having her. There is plenty of work ahead for her as Willie has much to do and patients coming each day seems to bring so many things to be done. This morning some cases came for London - & 17 cases for W O's rooms at the Museum - mostly books from the library & drawing room - some will come here when

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unpacked - I am going to town tomorrow for the dressmaker's. Miss Mary Smith has been accepted at the Edinburgh Hospital Training School.

Tuesday Eve - 19th

This seems rather a long letter - I have been in London today and had a busy day getting carpets & curtains for Willie's Christ Church rooms. Revere and Billy have been on a grand fishing expedition and as usual caught nothing - The dear little man begins school tomorrow and I think I feel more anxious about it than he does - I daresay he will be very happy. I do not remember if I told you I had a letter from Dorothy Fay - from Paris & saying she will be in England early in October. I have asked her to come here - I had a letter from Lizzie Fay this a.m and am now obliged to say goodnight to you and write to her and many others -

Love to all from

Grace