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(Lady Osler to Mrs. Revere)

(7 Norham Gardens, Oxford)

Tuesday afternoon Sept 26th (1905)

Dearest Mother

I am afraid I have not been very careful about writing each day so that this letter must be spun out to make it really a letter. The days have been full and I have been rushing about furniture shops searching for old things. There are some enchanting things here but the prices are about the same as Baltimore. The fact is there is nothing cheap here - In Oxford I find housekeeping expensive. Wages seem to be the only reasonable things. Meats are high - 6 shillings (\$1.50) a pair for chickens which of course seems very dear to me after Baltimore. I am just back from London where I went for a fitting. At the dress-maker's I met May Osborn and her little daughter - I brought the latter back with me for the night. Willie Francis will take her to town tomorrow. They sail Thursday for Montreal. We are having dull weather now and find fires very acceptable. I hope it may be fine next week in Paris. We leave London at 2.20 Saturday & get to Paris at 9.15 PM. We can't get rooms in the house with the Jacobs, and must be in the Continental across the street. The College term begins here on Oct 14th and the Colleges are being made ready - and quite a bustle going on. They wash the windows once a year in the Colleges. I have had a great time clearing out the rooms W.O has at the Museum - which are packed full of things belonging to the Regius Professors for years back - old bottles and old rags galore. We are looking at houses again - but nothing attractive in view.

Dr Camac was to mail a parcel to you containing a pair of gloves for you three girls. If they do not fit send them back by mail saying if they are large or small and I will send others. Yesterday we had such a funny combination at luncheon quite unexpectedly - The Nurse from Ewelme and a Medical Student from the Hopkins - a Hebrew Mr Straus. They seemed mutually surprised at each other. Mrs Osler's picture is perfect - you can imagine she will really speak when you look at her. I expect to see Dorothy Fay in Paris - we have had a great correspondence about her coming here. She is to come for Sunday Oct 21st at any rate - and perhaps before if she wants to. It will be a pleasure of course. Ask Sue if she ever found out anything about the Hewetsons - whether they came to the Adirondacks or are still in California. Revere seems very happy in his school - and enjoys the football -

All send you much love -

Affly

Grace

Did you feel pleased to hear we mean to come for Christmas? Revere says he must stay at Canton.