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(Lady Osler to Mrs. Revere)

7, Norham Gardens, Oxford.

Saturday morning Oct 7th (1905)

Dearest Mother

I must scramble this letter to get it off to Queenstown as I would not miss today's mail for anything. We got back from Paris last evening in time for dinner and found all well - Bill gone to work in London. We left Paris at 10 - and got to London at 5.15. My first rough crossing from Calais to Dover. We hadn't a sensation of sickness but goodness it was awful. People simply wallowed on the decks & groaned. So stupid of people to travel without wraps. Some Hebrew women from Philadelphia opposite us nearly perished with cold and seasickness. We really had a delightful time in Paris - although the weather was bad. Thursday I lunched with Crosby Whitman & his mother at the Cafe Henri and such a luncheon! I never tasted such delicious food. Wed Eve we dined with Dr & Mrs Magnin - He is the man who has fallen into Dr Clark's place. He was educated in America but his people are Swiss. His wife is French and speaks no English at all. I have had to make a tremendous effort speaking French. Crosby Whitman & Mrs W- asked kindly for you. He has been awfully worried as he is the agent for the Equitable Life Insurance in Paris - I mean the Medical Examiner - his salary has been reduced. We lunched with the McCormicks our Ambassador - they were only in town for a few days and left that night for Italy - I did not fancy her at all - & would not call her a refined American woman. They have taken a superb apartment - two floors in a Palace - their furniture & pictures are lovely. Mr McCormick was very interesting about Russia and says the Dowager Empress is not the cruel wicked woman described. The Jacobs were so nice - Mrs J- better when we left. Dr Magnin does not attend Mrs Munroe - but knows all about her and said she was very, very ill. I did not try to go there but I did not think the daughters would know who I was. I saw innumerable Americans.

Found your letter of Sept 26th on my return & enclosures about Dr Chadwick. Willie felt very sad about his death - He has known him always - I think they were in Vienna together. I didn't go near a dressmaker in Paris - got hats & silk petticoats - that is all. We are to be thrown in to a tight place now in deciding about a house. A dear old Dr Shadwell has been elected President of Oriel College and will leave the old house in which he lives. I think I wrote you we had lunched with him there not long ago - The Situation is poor but the house fascinating & full of associations - for W.O.

Thank Will Revere for his letter. I saw Dorothy - I think I told you - she came for tea with us at Rumplesmeyers the great tea place where all Americans flock Mrs Sturgis could not come I met Willie Stackpole & he came with us - also Dr Jacobs who had played ball with Dorothy in the back garden in Baltimore. Dorothy will come to us on the 21st I am afraid she will find it dull and cold. I must hurry this off now - so farewell - Much love -

I am so glad Miss Lawson can come oftener - I will send Ned \$50 towards it in November.

All send love

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Grace

The Edmund Oslers come next week & we will be at Cora's when you get this. We go there for Sunday.