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(Lady Osler to Mrs. Revere)

(7, Norham Gardens, Oxford)

Monday - a.m. Oct 23rd (1905)

Dearest Mother

Our Billie has just gone back to London after a very nice Sunday here - He and Dorothy came Friday evening as I wrote - Dorothy has been so homesick and worn out with Paris dressmakers etc that she is looking a wreck - I daresay the days here will rest her and the voyage so that by the time she reaches home she will be blooming. We had a rushed day Saturday. Adèle Chapin & Jay came at 11.30 - it was a superb day and they seemed to enjoy it. We drove about a little - then had luncheon and we took them to the Sheldonian Theatre to see degrees given - it was quite an interesting ceremony. I also took Mrs Blake and Mamie and I think they enjoyed it. Adèle had a long seance in the Library seeing some of Willie's treasures and they were mutually pleased W.O had never met her before and thought her quite wonderful. He says she should write a novel. Jay looked so attractive. Young Millet who is in College - and a young English friend came to tea with the Chapins and took them to the train so I think they enjoyed it. I was exhausted after they left. They have taken a furnished house for a few weeks and later get another - an old house back of Westminster Abbey. Wasn't it interesting for Henry Irving to die as he did? Dorothy went to the funeral at the Abbey - Mr Whitelaw Reid sent Mrs Sturgis some tickets. It must have been very impressive. Bill & Dorothy travelled to Oxford in the Compartment with Mary Anderson and her husband who had been up for the funeral. I am sure she owed Irving more than anyone - for she learned so much from him. Yesterday was a glorious day - We all went to church in the morning and took long walks. In the afternoon we had an invasion of callers - about 30 young men quite like Baltimore - several Rhodes scholars. Mrs Blake & Mamie came & are astonished.

Did I tell you the Hamilton Osgoods and Mrs Fiske Warren are back here for the winter? Dr Osgood has heart disease & is very delicate.

Wednesday morning 25th

I went to town yesterday for the dressmakers and to see the Jacobs - they are coming to Oxford tomorrow to the Hotel to stay 24 hours - Rachel goes back to town today and Dorothy tomorrow. I hope I have no more homesick people in the house it is so wearying. Each day we are surprised at the weather and lovely sunshine. - in London it was gloomy. It is amusing to see everyone travelling with rugs and knees covered up. We have adopted it and find it comfy - one leaves the wraps in the cloak room at the station. Mrs Blake sails Friday with Lily Winsor & Ella - Mamie stays a month. I hope Mrs B- gets home alive - She is huge - and cant walk or stand since her operation. Gosh - what a blessing is health! I am almost ashamed of my cheeks - I am getting great red cheeks in this atmosphere & suppose I'll look like Cousin Lizzie Austin after a little. Revere is nearly as had - Every day I am expecting colds. Dorothy seems better but weeps when she gets home letters. She wants to stay until they sail but I really can't ask her we have so much on hand.

Bestest love

From your robust daughter

Grace -

Is Aunt Nan with you? - Give her my love. Did she get a letter from me in the summer?