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Dear Mother:-

If you will pardon a typewritten letter, Miss Humpton will help me out in sending you a few lines direct from headquarters. Just as BB's telegram came yesterday saying that he would be here in the afternoon, one came calling the doctor off to Pennsylvania. He was obliged to leave at midnight, but had time enough to take his brother to the Club and have some lawyers to meet him at dinner. He will be back this evening, when Mafor Venable, a Narragansett friend of BB's, will have a dinner for them. It is very nice to see him looking so well, and he has promised to take you good news of the small boy. I have only one disappointment, and that is that you cannot see him while he is so tiny. He has the most complete little face and head, very well shaped. His hair, I think, promises to be fair; his eyes are quite a good blue now, and he weighed just seven pounds. I do not know if Willie told you this.*** You must please excuse the proud father if he leaves unsaid what you want to know, for he is really very much excited. On New Years day he told me in the most solemn manner that he had not kissed the baby yet, but was going to then. Before he left last night he said he had kissed him five times. He brings all his medical friends up to look at him.*** Of course they make very polite speeches, but I am quite sure they could not call him anything but attractive looking for so small a mite.

I hope you will be pleased to hear that we have decided to call him Edward Revere Osler. We were thinking very seriously of it, and Brit has clinched it by telling me that he knows you will be pleased. My youngest brother is Edward, and I am particularly attached to him. Willie is very anxious to have Revere in the name, and says it is more important to have a name the child will be satisfied with when he grows up, than to follow any great sentiment. At first I was quite anxious to call him Palmer Howard, for Dr. Howard, but now I am more than satisfied, as I hear that this will be the fifth generation of Edward Oslers, and I know that my brother will be very much pleased. Tell the little Auntie that Willie says she is to feel a particular share in the boy, as he will have her father's name.***

Your Xmas package was most acceptable. Willie changed the calendars immediately, and started some new dates in his. The pin-cushion cover came just in time, as mine needed a fresh one badly. Thank you so much. The boy has had some beautiful gifts, and so much kindness has been shown us all that we feel very much touched it. The graduate nurses of the Hopkins sent a box of superb roses for young Doctor Osler, and he seems in a fair way of being spoiled.

Give my best love to Ellie, and all the others who have been so kind in writing. Please send this letter to Chattie. I am feeling absolutely well, but I like too well to lie in bed to be in any danger of getting up too soon, so you may think of me for another week as stretched out here very peacefully.

Very affectionately,
Grace.

[BB. Osler was born in Baltimore and died in Baltimore]