

W.O.

(To Mrs. H. B. Chapin)

(In pencil)

An almost illegible scrawl from the irrepressible W.O. to

Sunday 19th Oct 1919.

Help! help! sister Sue! and several times over you must have heard my cri du coeur (though that was not really the place) sent across the waters. Why should I have had to wait for a 70th birthday to get practical Knowledge of all varieties of Pelvic (Crown) Derby? I knew nothing of bed-pans! nobody had ever lectured to me on their variety & uses - Is there a special course at Harvard on them? and in the U.S. are you allowed private ones like R.R. cars? Have they the variety combining all the advantages of a cradle and an incubator; and I hear that different cities have different rituals, and that at some Hospitals - like the Brigham - it is not a ritual but a true cult.

As for things called Water Bottles - they never told me the use of these highly ornamental & artistic bits. My Septo-gen committee has sent apologies for not including articles on them in the volumes. Altogether I have had a toner - - - - - of a time, yet with it all no pain, no headache, distress when the heavy paroxysm of coughing gripped me in a convulsion. There is nothing I do not know of the varieties & vagaries of coughs & coughing. - the outcome is (far away. Shunt) the whole pharmacopoeia, except opium. it alone in some form does the job. What a comfort it has been! Poor Sister! worried to death of course. For two days I felt very ill & exhausted by the paroxysms. We often talked of you & wished you could have been with us Archie has been here on & off - We expect Bill home on Tuesday or Wed

Ref to the volumes

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Yours

W.

Love to your boys - & the Canton boys, & Harvey & C. - & Big Marion & Little Marion.

P.S.'s

- 1. Ask at Goodspeeds one day if Parkman's - the Historians - Essay on Democracy is to be had in separate form. It is not in the Ed. I have of his works.
- 2 The Revision of the Test-book is booming
- 3 Miss Smart is a success - & Grace likes her
- 4 16 Curzon St. Mayfair will be free in May 1920. Let me Know by Cable.
- 5 The car comes on Wednesday.
- 6 Mrs Benning is in the Radcliffe with swollen legs &c &c &c &c but should do well

Benning [the Chapman wife]

No old fire about Lwin & Sue