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(Letter to Mrs. Robt. Brewster)  
(handwriting)

July 10th

13, NORHAM GARDENS,  
OXFORD.

Dear Mabel

It was a treat to hear from you & such a good 'newsy' letter. Only I did not like to hear of the lassies indisposition but she must have a few set-backs. Lennox will do her good. Send a post-card to say she is all right again. We have been very busy - all sorts & conditions of people have been here, but it has been very good fun and fortunately Mrs. Osler likes the racket. It sometimes is a little too much for me. I am now torn in twain - America in September or a break for the winter, a real holiday in Italy? I have not had a year off - ever, and I feel it is about time, but it cannot be settled for a few weeks. If I decide to take a long holiday I shall not come out until the spring. It will be a great disappointment as I have been looking forward to a peaceful visit, and an introduction to Sylvia. Please do not mention my possible change of plans as I am slated for Washington & the Tuberculosis congress at the end of September. I wish you could see our garden - such a joy & the weather has been superb. Day after day we have dined in the terrace. Revere is so well & very happy - butterflies & moths, fish & cricket, not too much study, fill out his days. You will be amused at the enclosed. I was in Edinbuigh a few weeks ago and was surprised to have a deputation from all the faculties asking me to stand for the Lord Rectorship. The students elect, 'Tis a purely honorary office, only a few rectorial addresses. Send the slip on to Uncle Ned. I shall look out a resting place for you next year, if not in France, somewhere in England; children thrive here. We have just been terribly shocked by a cable from Boston telling of the accidental death of Mrs. Chapins boy, aged 14, (Mrs Osler's sister) such a dear lad. Love to R.B. and a kiss to the bairn

Yours affectionately

WM OSLER