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13, Norham Gardens,

Oxford.

Dear J. William

I was very glad to have your long account this week. What a remarkable condition! Just like a Doctor to have something out of the way & puzzling. It sounds like a spondylitis with nerve root symptoms but surely the Xray picture would show anything like a growth or changes in the bodies of the vertebrae. By this time a new growth would have had more definite features. And that you have improved is hopeful and I am so glad to hear that you are at home again. If you could get over here in the spring it would be an easy matter to get a house in the neighborhood with a nice garden & we could look after you. It would be such a pleasure. I shall be here, except for a couple of weeks which I hope to spend in the Hospitals on the other side.

I asked the other day about Henry James but he was not well enough to see anybody. I hear he has had a slight stroke, and is not himself mentally - I am so glad that Henry Jr. is coming over. I will see him & send you his report. It is too bad. They say he has worried terribly about the war.

We are doing about the same things - Grace with a big workshop which all the dressings does (&c for the group of Hospitals in this district. I am on the road a great deal. I spend every Monday at <sup>Clarendon</sup> Cheldon, the Canadian Hospital on Astor's grounds where we now have 1000 beds & I have to see the special cases at the Canadian Hospital Shorncliffe. The American Hospital Rainton I only visit if they have a convoy with many medical cases. We

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have many interesting cases here so that I am busy enough. Did you get my Leeds addresses? Many copies have gone astray. Revere is to change to a combatant regiment. I am glad, as he has been worrying about it.

Things are going well in the country - nearly 4 millions of men! The Zeppelin raids are a great stimulus & so far the damage is far below the Lusitania level - 133 men, 133 women & children and not a single important building touched.

Do let us hear how you are - as we are always looking for news. Just a post-card at times.

Grace sends love to you both.

Yours ever

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