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Dear Mabel

[E.S. Osler]

Yours of June 3rd was sent on from Oxford today. It had been censored, i.e., opened - & had the Oxford date Aug. 15th. Where it has been I cannot imagine, as it rarely happens that there is more than a month's delay. I cabled at once about Uncle Ned & please pass on the enclosed letter, as I do not know his summer address. Such a tragic ending! How desolate he will be - poor fellow!... What splendid work he has done for the country - always so sane and sensible. Send us word in which regiment his boy is, as we are trying to keep in touch with as many of the young fellows as possible. Grace & Sue Chapin have lists of the sons of all their friends who have come over. Such thrilling days! A steady stream passes thro Oxford Lvpool to Southampton and we often go on the platform and talk to the men. Grace found the Chicago unit the other day, many in which were old friends of mine. Two weeks ago we visited the Am. Hospitals at Winchester, Hursley, Southampton, Searsbury Park and Portsmouth. The whole district is a big Am. camp - 9-10,000 cross every night. Imagine Fall-River steamers on Southampton water! tied up opposite the house of some of our friends. U. S. will settle the war and I hope dictate the terms to the German people. Great enthusiasm here about the Am. spirit, and the troops are splendid. Sue has just gone to Paris with Mrs. Whitelaw Reid to see the Red X work & to get it coordinated with the London branch. She has proved a trump with a fine gift for organization. We have had a steady stream of visitors, more than ever, scarcely a day passes without a call from some one & the week-ends are always full. We get on very well with the rations - no serious shortage, and Grace manages wonderfully... We had a wedding from the house a few weeks ago - Capt. Fitz, son of my old friend Dr. Fitz of Boston & Phoebe Wright, a ward & great friend. They were married in the old Latin Chapel at Christ Church. He is a splendid fellow - in charge of medicine with the Harvard Unit at Boulogne. This is a lovely spot on the Dorset coast. A niece from Toronto with two daughters, the Wrights - mother & three girls, the Hartys - with two adorable children - the Ogilvies with two more - a Boston Gardner girl - war-widow with a 2 year old - are all here, so that we have very happy beach parties... Only I wish I was playing at Avalon with your darlings. I hate to think of missing them at this fascinating age. No chance of coming out. I was asked the other day - but it is impossible. ~~The~~ The Library thrives & takes all my spare moments.

I hope you are keeping well - You are getting an old married woman 14 years! 'Tis shocking how the time flies. Love to the darlings & to R.B. & to dear Uncle Ned. I hope we may see your sister when she comes over.

Affectionately yours,

W^m Osler

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P.S. Before you get this a year will have passed since our dear laddie was killed. It has been a bitter experience & has hit me hard. Poor Grace has been splendid through it all. Everything recalls him which is only natural, but then the sorrow that he is not here in the beautiful world he loved so much. That he is out of the hell of the front, and at rest is, I dare say, what he would prefer, as the whole business was very revolting to him.