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(Letter to Dr. Cushing from Mrs. Osler)

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My dear Harvey

I am worried half to death about Kate. I have never heard one word from her since I said good bye at 1 West Franklin St on the 17th of May - I wrote from the ship twice and Dr Osler has written twice from here - perhaps I havent - partly because I have so many letters & Dr. Osler has written and now because I do not want to bore her if she doesn't want to write. I cant bear not to hear about Pius and I do not know Mrs Crowell's address or I would write to her. Since starting this letter I have had your letter and one from T McCrae telling of seeing you off - Please send me a post card directly you get this telling me how the dear boy is and kiss him for me on his birthday. You have heard all our letters I am sure and know how we have been pl blessed with weather, with the exception of the second week which was bad - it had been perfection and we have lived in the open except at dinners in the evening. I presume in the autumn it will be quieter - but up to this time we have been on the jump every moment. Marjorie has gone now & is trying not to come back - but every time she has gone she has been homesick and returned. The Gwyns have been here four weeks & gone today. Reggie is in town tonight to see Sir Victor H - do a brain operation on an American Countess who has consulted W. O. I wish you were doing it - goodness - how I miss you all! I am begining to count the weeks now until January - We have really a most cordial reception here - I think we have been dined by all the "Heads" - I like Mrs. Merry - the Vice Chancellor very much - also the Principal of of Jesus, Mr. Megs - a delightful Welchman - and the Principal of Hertford whose father was an old friend of Dr. Osler's father. Goodness - there are some sights among the womenfolk!!! They are nearly all so shy and timid - I hardly dare speak in their presence fearing to frighten them. We have taken this house for ten months more so we are happier - not a chance of anything better and we are comfortable & there are two stoves in the halls. I am sure we will half freeze. Revere is splendid - He has two hours of Latin & Arithmetic in the morning with such a dear undergraduate and then fishes all the afternoon or rows. He has picked up the latter very well & quickly - He has a bicycle and delights in it - he is also taking swimming lessons - so you see his athletic education is being looked after. The town is full of Americans and many we know - We have already had about 40 at luncheon or tea. I am keeping a list. We spent Sunday at Cambridge with the Allbutts and had such a delightful time. They have an enchanting garden & lawn & such a comfy house. Dr. Allbutt said to me - "I suppose - Cushing & Footcher will have to get servants now." It seems he thought you lived with us. You remember he was there before Kate came home last autumn. They dined and lunched us - We met many old friends and the two Regius Professors exchanged opinions. Our dear Reggie is very giddy - he has two new gowns - one all scarlet & another scarlet habit wt which he wears over a black gown on state occasions - also lovely surplices for Sunday etc. at Christ Church - I can't begin to tell you how fascinating the almshouse is. We are going there Saturday to arrange about new floors in the grammar school - The whole place was built in 1437 - and needs repairs. The masters rooms are to be made habitable and we hope to go often for a week end. It is fourteen miles away & off the R R - which is rather inconvenient but someday we hope to have good horses or a motor on purpose - The Church is intensely interesting with a most unusual roof & Spanish Chestnut - absolutely in perfect repair - I hope soon to have some photos & will send them. Dr. Osler is much pleased with the Sargent portrait - at least the likenesses of Dr. Welch & himself - They are sitting at a table & Drs. Halsted & Kelly standing behind. I hope to go to see it next week. He is charmed with Sargent who is genial and sensible - no Whistleritic nonsense or fads. The Robert Chapins have arrived and are near Broadway - I am going there next week - We are going with Mr. Johnston (Liverpool) and Dr. Boyce to Cowes week on Mr. J's yacht. I am afraid you can never read this volume - Love to Mrs. Crowell - Kate - your brother & is family & kisses for our boy - Affect.

Tanta Grace

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