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(Letter from Lady Osler)
to Dr. Cushing)

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Osler, Lady

Dear Harvey

I'll write to you and you can send it on to Kate. I had your cable at the steamer at Quebec and wondered how you knew what had happened to Revere & me. I haven't written to Kate for ages - & perhaps she knew we were coming when I found out that W.O. was not intending to come with us but was waiting in Oxford for the meeting of a Librarians Asso - I was annoyed & said I would not go with out him but he insisted that he wanted Revere to see his uncles & Campbell so we started on the 31st. Sir William was in Aberdeen at the B.M. Asso & if my brother-in-law E B O of Toronto who was in London standing by the Dominion Bank had only told me of the condition we might have been saved this muddle & worry - we landed at Rimorski & went to the Futchers at Caconna where we found the excitement intense as nearly all the Montreal business men have houses there and were telegraphing their wives Dear - calm old Tom F. - was a comfort - He was glued to the papers - & full of interest in every word. I could get no word from Oxford until Sunday when a cable came saying "come when safe" - we left at once for Murray Bay to see Campbell - & I telegraphed my people - Mr. Allan of this Line was at Caconna & said he should sail this ship on which we came over - on Thursday - We went on to Quebec & the Reveres & Susan Chapin met us there - Campbell came from Cap 'l'Aigle & Nona Gwyn too - so we saw some people - hysterical though it was - we are now half over - and thus far quite safe. The ship is painted black & every port & window covered with blankets at night - The whole situation is too horrible - of course one cannot take it in yet. I shall write as much as I can to Susan Chapin & you can telephone her. I expect soon to be very busy as I am on the Hospital Board in Oxford & the Big Examination School building where the Vesalius lecture was - had been turned into a Hospital - Dear love to you & Kate

Always affec

Tanta Grace

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