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(Letter to Dr. Dushing)
from Lady Osler)

Dear Harvey

I am ashamed to think how long an envelope addressed to you has been on my table - only ~~lack~~ lack of time has prevented my writing - and an increase of correspondence owing to the many responsibilities assumed by me during this awful time - You were so kind to send such a bountiful cheque and that was what I wanted to say long ago and didnt, but you know what a blessing every penny is - In another week I think we will have a settled number of Professors - Of course the poor wretches have been utterly upset - but they are a worrying lot - one day thinking they want to stay in London or Folkestone and the next day come here and bring all relations with them. Fortunately we have a most clever secretary in Mrs. William Max Muller and she manages everything for them. Last week it turned suddenly very cold and they all howled for warmer clothes. Our friends have been simply wonderful and America has covered herself with glory. Really I never imagined such kindness - Today I have had a cheque from Mr. Higginson with the most splendid letter that touched my heart really - when you see him tell him so please. The Rockefeller money has saved the day - The neurologist - Vange ~~huchter~~ is in Cambridge and we have at last discovered he hasn't a son - so we can keep him. The best of the Louvain men is Prof. Dengo the Bacteriologist and he has some money for the present - When we are complete - I'll send you a list so you can see what it all means - Every day brings intense interest. Oxford is a strange place - 900 students & 3500 soldiers - The last week greater arrangements have been made for the invasion of the East Coast 29 enormous transports stand in front of St. Johns College waiting to rush troops through if necessary - All people living on the East have full printed instructions what to do - I cannot see how troops can be landed slap-dash - but I do believe the Germans will make a Zeppelin attack just for devilment. We have 1000 beds there now - have had 2400 wounded & only 5 deaths. They have got a separate operating room now for Tetanus and keep the men in a tent outside so hope to control it. The men are wonderfully cheerful. All about in the country there are convalescent hospitals - Blenheim is splendid and Mr. Mortimer Singer has one for 175 men & will take wounded directly from the front when he is quite complete. You'll have to come over if this cussed thing goes on - The Regius is keeping up - He inspects, & writes & preaches - & hopes -

I think so much about you and we often speak of that happy time in London - I wonder how the Müllers feel. I sent a message to Frau Ewald and got one in return. Revere's heart is not in drill or the war - a great question must be decided about him soon. He would "like to join a Red X Corps & help - but not kill." Very best love to Kate & the darlings

Affectly.

Tanta G.

at Mullin Hill road for from Abington.

{ a demonstrative gesture - she often addressed envelopes to remind her that she had a letter to write }

Osler, Lady

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