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(From Lady Osler)

Royal Victoria Hotel,
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Major Harvey Cushing,

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Dear Harvey:

I think you came here once years ago - when we were all happy.

Sir W. and I came here on Saturday for a few days, he leaves tomorrow and

Sue joins me for a week. We promised Revere we would go away. This is

a nice place and one can get to town easily if anything is wrong. Your

letter was forwarded and we rejoice to hear from you. As soon as I go

back I shall have some warm pyjamas sent you - & with long legs so you can

snuggle your feet in them. That is what Revere finds best. We have had

good news from the boy up to now and hope it continues. I think all the

men at the front are very weary and no wonder. The "Old Folks at Home"

are still in the ring. I wish they had given you a better place than

Camiers. It must be the horrid old place McGill had at first. You must

keep at the War Office in order to get huts before winter. Do tell me when

you write if you think you will be left where you are or sent to the American

Line.

All our American letters have been delayed - but I hope by now you have some. Tom McCrae arrived last week - in excellent form but very thin. He has gone to the Ontario Hospital at Orpington with Medical Wards & rank of Lt. Col. He rather urges Tom Fitcher to wait until later - and reap a harvest in Baltimore with so many men away. Tom McC. reported nearly all the boats of the American Line laid up for repairs which accounts for the long lapse in letters coming. We have had a continual string of men coming ever since

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you were with us, & we really had to come away for a breathing space -
Pauline has got a big job and writes most enthusiastically about it. She
is Chairman of the Women's National -- Something - with office in Boston
& Washington. She wrote how splendid Kate had been about your leaving &
the "getting off" - but we did not need to be told that. It is simply
sickening to hear of all the young Americans coming to be slaughtered &
maimed. Dr. Goldthwaite spoke splendidly at an Oxford meeting and we were
very proud of him. I am afraid Sue will soon begin to want to go home -
as she will grow uneasy about John being drafted. I do not think they can
take the young married men so soon. It will be ghastly for her. We are
sending some seeds to Mr. Peabody. Much love from us all -

Affly

Tanta Grace.