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(To Mrs. Cushing)

(From Lady Osler)

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Dearest Kate

How I loved your letter! Of course call me Grace. I never thought of it - And you do not mind my being old - Every day we have expected Harvey to pop in but he has not come yet. Sue saw some man in town who had dined with him in Boulogne the day before and said he was looking so well. I am afraid it will be hard for him to come here but I simply long to see him and feel I shall catch a glimpse of Revere in his wonderful eye. I never cease being thankful he was there. I hope they sent you the letters - Oh - yes I see they have from your letter. Major Davidson wrote to a friend - never knowing we would see it - "Osler was the personification of purity, unsordidness & unselfishness. It is the killing of such a boy that makes me loathe war". I am sending a photograph & hope you get it. Let me know if you do or do not. We are moving along. Docci O looks a wreck and is terribly thin. - He is so pathetic it breaks my heart to look at him - He says he has nothing to live for and all joy has gone - which is quite true - but he works harder than ever and is called on to do a thousand things at once. The American Flying Men have gone - we did what we could to make them happy here. Adele Chapin is staying in Rutland near where they now are and is seeing much of them. Kate - the customs of wartime are awful. You can't stop to be alone with your sorrow as you would like - you have to be up and doing all the time - calling on officers wives to come to the Hospital - have strange people in all the time - and smile as though your heart wasn't bursting with grief and disappointment. I can hear Revere say "Don't mind Muz - I'm all right - go on". And that's the reason we must - and help other sufferers as best we can. Susan is at her job tooth and nail. Do not let people say she is staying for us because she isn't. She is staying for America & I would not have her do otherwise. She has her work well in hand now and I hear on all sides how well she is doing it - She comes home Saturdays and I try to make her rest - but there are always people walking in & out and the everlasting jabbering going on - It is such a pleasure having the Wrights here. Mrs. Wright is such an angel - She is getting homesick for Ottilie & the children. Marion is working and Jean has just gone into our Base Hospital as a V. A. D. I do not think you have ever seen those girls. They are treasures. Phoebe is in Boulogne and sees Julia S and Harvey quite often. This will reach you at Christmas time and it carries you our dearest, dear love - and to the blessed children.

I had such a pathetic letter from Amy the other day about her nurseryless home - after seeing Marjorie's new baby. Tom is working hard and seems happy - never leaves his camp.

Always affctly,

Grace.