

[Lady Osler to Mrs. Revere]

13, Norham Gardens, [Oxford]

Tuesday Eve [May 16, 1911]

My dear Mother

I did not get a letter off to you Saturday but had written Sue and Know she always tells you. We had such a busy time in London And got back rather weary on Friday - The Girls can't stand as Much as I can nearly - and both looked ghastly. Nona is much stronger than she used to be but I think Otilie is feeling the strain of the hard winter of illness in the house and Great Anxiety - ~~Of~~ Of Course their Court dresses are a bother to get fitted - London is in such a muddle - To add to the effort word has come that I am to go to the Court the same night the 25th of May I cant get out of it now so Must go ahead - and never should have done it had it not been for you. # I know you will be interested but just now it is a tremendous Effort as I seem to think only of you - I have had a very interesting time today - I went up yesterday afternoon - ordered My dress at Henrys - I went to the Chapins but they were all away motoring except Babs - I paid her a visit - dined at my club and went to bed - I received a card for the Unveiling of the Queen Victoria Memorial in front of Buckingham Palace - I was very lucky as tickets were being begged for & very scarce - The German Emperor & Empress came over for it - It was a glorious day & superb sight - You will see the pictures in the Illustrated. It was stupid being alone - & I did not sit near any one I knew - It was superb - All men were in Court dress or Uniforms - & Ambassadors in Court dress - Ladies in Morning dress - just street things The Royalties were Numerous - & it was a brilliant sight - The King looks very small but is gracious in Manner & full of interest in Everything. I was really delighted to have such a chance - I send my card and the Hymn which Every one sang - The card came from Lord Strathcona And had Annie's name on it - poor soul she has been dead over a year - but it was Meant for me - he makes Most foolish mistakes but is 92 - When this reaches you we will be in town. The girls are going to a theatre party on the 24th and we will stay for the Court on the 25th. Unfortunately Willie will not see us dressed as he has to be in Swansea on the 25th... My dress will be black satin with some bright embroideries & beads - Cora's black velvet train black feathers & tulle Veil the girls both in white - Nona white Satin - pearly trimming - train embroidered white crepe Willie brought from Egypt - Otilie spangly white over satin with net & chiffon train.

I am hoping to motor to Winchester on Sunday And have Mrs Van Buren Meet me and Motor me to Marions to spend the night - Marion goes to Marienbad on Friday & Mrs Van Buren sails on the 30th - I may not be able to go however as there are several guests for Sunday.

I hunted for Lizzie's seats for the Coronation today but the prices Are so awful I dont know what to do. \$90 each for front row seats in some places. Good night dear - dear Mother. Victoria's Statue is the image of you -

Fondly Grace