

(Lady Osler to Mrs. Revere)

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Dearest Mother

I think Aunt Lizzies enjoyment in the fire is too amusing - Fancy how many years we have expected a fire And now it has come. It is a mercy Aunt Lizzies house was saved. I hope they have means of getting the pictures out quickly. Of course we have the wedding cards - It is very hard to realize that it is John to be married. I wish they had had a quiet wedding and saved Sue in that way. We went to such An enchanting wedding last Thursday at Goring. Miss Parker and our friend Mr Grant from Kingston Ontario. They walked from the house to the church - through the garden and the Church being wee only had special friends. Willie And I sat in the front pew on Mr Grants side as none of his people were here. We went down by motor And back - stopping at Ewelme. I was over at Ewelme Sat very Early and working hard to get the rooms in order for My dressmaker & her sisters from Henrys who went there to spend the Whitsunday holidays. We have had intense heat and no rain for weeks - It is like Midsummer. Roses in bloom & peas nearly ready - such a contrast to last year. Revere was at home yesterday for the day - having grown 1/2 inch in four weeks. His arms and legs come out his clothes he looks about 18 - poor boy - it is such a disadvantage for he is so poor at Latin & Greek. You will be glad to hear that my photograph is splendid And at last & forever My friends will have a picture of me. I have a very stand offish look. Nona's picture is lovely but Ottilies bad. We wore our dresses again Monday night without trains - as we took the girls to the Blenheim Ball. I dare say it will all be in the Boston papers - It is the first big thing the Duke has done. The little King Manuel is staying there And the Oxfordshire Yeomanry in camp in the Park. The girls put on their trains before they left so that Willie could see them. We motored over it was a most fascinating experience Full Moon in the Park - shining on thousands of tents And across the Lake. We went into the Palace by the private apartments through which his mother took us that afternoon - then walked through various rooms until the Duke received in the room with the beautiful Tapestry. He was quite alone and looked depressed and very burdened in his uniform - then into that long library where the organ is & where we had tea. A Glorious sight with the brilliant uniforms and lovely dresses. After all arrived a bugle sounded And the procession of guests headed by King Manuel And Lady Nora Churchill - Duke's sister entered - then Marlborough with the Duchess of Wellington & so on. They formed a Quadrille And opened the Ball. After that the King wandered about & seemed very happy. He is slight & boyish looking - dressed in court dress - with very fine medals. The Girls had lots of partners & a glorious time. W.O. Came home and westayed until the End - reaching home in bright sunlight at 4. o'clk. Only one other Oxford girl was asked - so our girls were quite proud - and only about 25 undergraduates - as they were our friends it was very jolly - At 3 o'clk the dawn came and every one went on the Terrace - Such an exquisite sight as it was - the light coming over the Lake - We have had the Ogdens in Oxford for several days. You remember Dr. Henry Ogden - his wife And sister - his mother is staying in Devonshire with cousins. I had never seen Mrs Henry Ogden before. Every day last week we had people from town for luncheon. Palmer Wright has been here for the week end - from Leeds - went back last night. He is a harum-scarum - Tell Will Revere that his friend Lady Sarah - looked very grand at the Ball in a



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