

[Lady Osler to Mrs. Chapin]

13, Norham Gardens, Oxford.

Friday pm [Sept. 4, 1914]

Dear Sister

There is little to write - you will have heard about the Gov leaving Paris - I am sending you a paper -

The list was out yesterday of wounded & killed - I have been looking up so many in the University Calendar and "Who is Who". Poor Hallie - her Ronnie's brother was killed - Victor Brooke, a splendid South African hero - Lord Albermarle's son - Arnold Keppel - whom Revere knew at Quidenham, an old man but cousin of the Rector. If I was not busy I should yell - because I can't stop it (War). The mockery of it all - Glorious weather, roses - carnations, everything rampant. Last eve- Margaret Pearce telephoned to know if we could make 300 shirts for her husband's company so I was rushing about & arranging - I think the work must be done at a factory, the working people are clamouring for paid work. Then too - I almost wish I was in a hideous place - it seems so useless to look on a lovely garden when ones friends are suffering, but really I should not write this to worry you. Orville Bullitt poor boy - is in London - ca;;s me up for comfort - as he cant get to his mother & the Bst telegram said - "Florence very ill". Billy went to Paris to get their treasures I suppose - Loulie left her things there when she went to Russia - Mr Merry has not left St Petersburg & will not try I imagine. The money raised is wonderful - as you must see.

Good night

Grace.