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[Lady Osler to Mrs. Chapin]

13, Norham Gardens, Oxford.

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Dearest Sue

I feel as though we might at any moment be cut off by letter - These devils are breaking neutrality by putting mines in the Atlantic. Loulie goes tomorrow on the Baltic with her mother - and I have been talking to her at Harrogate. She is scared to death but will not change again.

So much of your wonderful box has been made use of - warm night gowns & the stockings on Belgian feet of all sizes - really it is a joy to have them.

I really have so many things to write & tell that I can't tell any. Cora has been here three days and her eyes have been opened by a working household. Just fancy such a thing - Cora has an enormous shooting at Houghton & game sent to market - thousands of partridges & pheasants. No one to shoot now - & she has to let it to a syndicate of City Men who go there & pay all expenses for a week - have a certain number of birds & the remainder go to the dealers. It seems as though the world was upside down. The splendid men who have been killed in the last week is something ghastly - so many we knew or [knew] about -

I have sent the Times as it seemed particularly interesting today. I am also sending the Professor list - as we have them arranged. Little did I realize what a business it would be. Wanda M.M has a room & Monica is going into regular training at the Infirmary - I know my letters must seem hurried - I never have time enough - Two days in town did me good - I was getting a bit done out. Adèle writes that Louis has gone to N.Y. That means he will make a statement & I daresay the office will close - as there is no business.

I mean to send a personal letter to all your subscribers if I can - we have had \$5000 from America & now \$20,000 from Rockefeller - I call myself the boss collector.

I am longing to hear about the boy - and all details -

Write as often as you can - I need much comfort - Revere is very happy in college - W.O looks quite stunning in uniform except the Kahki soft collar is unbecoming to him. Good night & love

Grace

Our Hospital has been increased to 1000 beds by taking the Town Hall - & many in the Infirmary - & buildings going up in New College Gardens - Can you believe it?