

[Lady Osler to Mrs. Chapin]

Monday Eve in the sitting room
[Oxford] [May 30th, 1915]

Dearest Sue

I never ventured to sent the Cable Until Saturday morning - I was so uneasy after the torpedoing of the Nebraskan - Tonight the reply to the Note has Come and Every thing seems worse and more imminent than Ever - Then the devils Chased the Megantic. If the Lusitania had only been going fast she could have been saved. I hope you will Cable. I can imagine the joy of the family in getting you safely back - but it will not be half as great as the joy of having you here was to me - I miss you every moment. I feel now that I did not say half Enough about it - but you must have felt it and know how I appreciated your coming. Sometimes I feel numb all through And life is so unnatural that I do not seem able to take anything in - in the usual way - What a week! - You gone - William gone, Benning going - And Revere gone to Shorncliffe - Bill stayed until Sat morning, he spent most of the time at the Hospital looking into the running of the books And records - as that will be his job. Campbell H- came Saturday afternoon - He is the biggest thing you ever saw - his uniform makes him Enormous. They are so military they out Military any men I have seen yet. Campbell seemed happy We went all over Miss Footes house and have today made an offer for one year from Sept 1st for Mrs Wright - It is much larger than I thought for and very convenient. I hope they get it. Each day has been very busy. We got the 500 each of holdals & housewives done - And an order for 1400 more came - The respirator case business goes on At 22 High St And we were forced to take some to Make. I had a woman to stay Every night & a nice school teacher over Sunday who Came to see her brother - Mrs Burrows Came in yesterday Eve to speak about the question - Several people had unpleasant experiences last week and we must really do something - I went Early this morning to see the Administrator and we decided that a house must be taken & some one look after it - so I called a meeting & appointed 3 ladies to arrange some plan - Our nice District Nurse Superintendent has left - gone to Montenegro with a Hospital. Bob & his friend Post went up to see about Servia and got rather the cold shoulder as being too young. W.O. wired And Dr. Blake at Neuilly has offered Bob a place & probably Post - for the summer - That will relieve Marion. Campbell left this morning - Revere has joined them And in a week they will be off I believe. Heavens - isn't it strange? Every one asks for you at the Workroom. It was packed there again today - Mrs Symonds and Mrs Thomson are back - Wanda was here for Sunday - I have been working here at the Belgian Clothes since 5 P M as there have been several calls - a trunk of men's Clothes came from America. A letter from Dorothy this A.M. telling of Cousin Mary's death. I am glad the poor dear did not linger to suffer - Jason M. was here one eve - so good of him to come. Sunday afternoon we had several people, And the Yates Thompsons Motored over for Tea - Mary King is with Margaret. She was here & never mentioned Paignton, took my hint. Willie was at Nuneham yesterday & heard Good news of the new Matron from Mrs Harcourt. Miss Boardman American Red + - berated Dr. Beal in a letter and hurt his feelings - & he cried to W.O., the Consoler General - Peasley the chauffeur we are taking comes Each day & drives with Benning beside him. I found him at the Intelligence office - he belongs to very nice people here - has a cartilage that prevents his Enlisting And has 3 brothers already fighting - Benning still grouching - William rosey & well - The maids get on very well.

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Tuesday I pray you are near the home shores. The glorious days go on - but what's the use? A new Convoy at the Base yesterday & 20 Officers at Somerville - I have got Miss Foot's house furnished for one year for \$1,500 - Room for Harry's wife & baby too - Do send Mrs W- a card when you have time telling her how nice it is - Willie is trying for a Commission for Campbell. We hear Norman has been thrown from his horse and broken a bone in his leg. Much, much love dear Sister & to Every one

Grace.

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