

[Lady Osler to Mrs. Chapin]

[Oxford] Sunday Eve Aug 29th [1915]

Dear Sister

No letter went yesterday as there was no steamer of any kind - I honestly think I am loosing My mind. I cant remember if I wrote you about our visit to Archie but I feel sure I must have. We had a glorious drive. The most extraordinary thing has happened. With this seedy - pale boy Peasley as Chauffeur I am as Calm & composed as possible I like him much better than Benning - And am sure I shall never want Benning back. He has more sense but not very much bump of locality - He drove the Car splendidly to Burley - Tuesday we went to Lady Wantage for the night to meet the Archbishop of York. I came away exhausted - There were about 12 people and all talked about the War - horrors And mistakes - Willie looked a ghost And could not divert anyone - No more visits for me. We had tea at the Pearces on our way back. They are happy in having Jim at home for a few days. The excitement over the U.S. has been intense Dr. Camac who has been working at Dr. Depages at Lapanne & expected to stay until Nov. appeared Friday - He took fright after the Arabic & went to Paris & at the Embassy they advised him to go home. So he is going - no shipment Sat - so he goes Wednesday also a Dr Morris who was there too. Norman had been at the Bowens a week - turned up Friday - had been in London "boarded" & pronounced well & ordered to France at once to a new Hospital - new to him - his Unit has gone to the Dardanelles, so we repacked & he has gone - Today Harry Wright came for advice - he has been offered a Hospital appointment in England - instead of going over with his Field Ambulance. We urged his taking it, Mrs Wright seems so upset & worried in her letters with all she is going through that I felt Harry should take advantage of this on his mothers account & his wife having a baby Sept 20th Palmer will be at the front and you know he is Married. Was there Ever such goings on. I think Bateman must really be in love with William - since he left she has been too stupid The maids are getting holidays gradually - I can't go away - it is better at home. Revere keeps well - but I am sure he is not happy or satisfied. I feel convinced he will want to change and become a combatant. I have always felt so.

Tuesday. This can go by the New York or something that goes tomorrow. Sallie wrote so cheerily from Canton And the pleasure of seeing you - I am glad she stays in New York -

Much - much love

Grace -