

[Lady Osler to Mrs. Chapin]

[Oxford] Friday 6 P M [Oct. 15, 1915]

Dear Sister

I don't know if there is a steamer going tomorrow but I'll send a line And it can do for the family - The Steamers are so queer now one can never tell. Gosh - Everything is queer - I wonder if the World will Ever again be straight. Not a word of leave for Campbell and Revere - Otilie is growing discouraged. She has gone to Shorncliffe with her mother for over Sunday - Lady Markham asked me to take a cottage in the Park - near the Canadian Hospital but I couldn't - I have a feeling I have told you that before, then she asked if I wouldn't bring Mrs Wright - who was at Beachborough last week - & I couldn't so Mrs Wright has taken the house for a week And gone down - Marion will change with Otilie on Monday. Harry has good news of his daughter - The Blakes with Nora hope to sail November 9th. If this finds Therese in Boston - as she said she should spend a week there - do make her understand why I could not urge her to come over. I could not take the responsibility - and she could not stay in London. She would be frightened to death. I have just come from the work room where we are really booming - Had an order for shrouds today from the Base - Hospital being increased 1000 beds - in Oxford & outside. How I wish we could give this house, it would be splendid. The Somervilles have come from their holiday at Mrs Forsters - Mrs F- was a Nurse And now has a rich husband - She has 29 beds in the Parish Hall at Penrith - leaves house at 8. o'clock - back at 9.45 P.M - And has a perfect little Hospital. Mrs Somerville is nearly wild - Geoffrey Church is in a dangerous Salient with his battery, & she is sure he will be killed. Two nephews & one nephew in law have been killed. W.O saw Adele in London Wednesday - working hard for her Hospital. I believe she is to have 50 beds in a house at Hampstead. Miss Wedgewood and Dr Parkinson are helping her. I will try to see her one day next week - I wish you and I had a Hospital - I am feeling Much involved in that Supply Room - and we have outgrown the room in a week - 40 to 50 workers Each Morning. Wednesday W.O did one of his angelic strokes. He had a luncheon of 22 for Dr Beale who is leaving Paignton & returning to Worcester. He has really done very well - & the Ladies of the Committee have made him a presentation of Silver. Dr Penhallow is taking the job - he had just Arrived when we were there. Did I tell you Mrs Whitelaw Reid is paying Dr Penhallow And about 12 nurses. Why Has the Red + ge-busted? Well, the luncheon was in London of course - Mr Page was there - Sir Alfred Keogh of the War Office - Head Naval. Med Man, I forget his name - and all most important And representative Men - just a simple luncheon They toasted the King & Sir Alfred Keogh thanked Dr Beale for England for the work done at Paignton - so he will strut about Worcester Mass. Thank goodness they have not been asked here - Some Dr & Mrs Mosher of the Harvard Unit are coming to lunch tomorrow and perhaps Many more of the Harvard Men - I beleive they are sailing on the Rotterdam Monday - Nettie Osler goes on her. Philip is happily settled at Winchester And comes here for his first leave out on Monday. Have your children found a house yet? I do hope Paul is happy. Jean flits in like a little sparrow - always wanting to do something for one. They work hard with the Thomsons - And are to have French lessons. Bob comes to dine tonight - just back at College & Marion writes that his French experience has made a new Man of him. Of course Marion is delighted about Mrs S. Wills - it will give her courage if she has a recurrence of pain - Good night - very best love to Everybody & at Canton -

Affly- Grace.

I remember now I wrote Wednesday & have probably repeated myself.