

[Lady Osler to Mrs. Chapin]

[Oxford] Friday A M Oct 29th [1915]

Dear Sister

*Copy for Mrs. Chapin*

I think you may like to read Taylors letter - W.Os Museum boy with the puckered face - He is always cheery like that. His mother has digs in Wellington Square & fortunately is full up with Somerville Nurses. Thanks so much for the £10- Otilie is taking French of my Ostend Mademoiselle & I have got her two more pupils so she is cheering up. Wanda was here for two days And we got Belgian affairs arranged for the present. I think I wrote you Wanda was in the theatre of the Zepp raid and helped with the wounded, it was a fearful shock but she has pulled up again. I have not been to town so have not seen Adèle. Willie had a letter yesterday asking him to lunch with Cochran - but he could not leave here. Miss Wedgewood is to be her Matron - Next week I really must go up And see her. We you & I are utterly spoiled about writing and I find other people so indifferent and negligent. The days simply fly. People are asking to have the work room open Every day but we really Cannot unless we change Our Methods And we have worked 15 months so happily I feel we should not change We had 100 working yesterday And it is a job to get work prepared & ready ahead. I have begun to hear from my prisoners now so that adds to the pleasure of sending. The Percy Bath boy is very well - he says. They have started a place here for sending parcels to Oxfordshire prisoners - Thérèse wrote a most pathetic letter about my not allowing her to come over - but I felt it was hopeless, to encourage her to do so. Otilie is in despair about Campbell getting leave. He and Revere applied but no leaves are granted now. Otilie has had a bad cold & been very depressed - The children grow apace. Wee Muriel is adorable and merry just like Jean. Mrs & I came into the room together yesterday And the Mite said "Hello Granny Grace & Granny Wright". Phoebe has been here two days on leave - looking a picture And so happy & full of funny stories about her Tommies -

Benning is at the Base - not seeming as ill as last winter but looking feeble and very sorry for himself. Our Peasley has been turned down - he went to enlist in the A.S.C. and was rejected thank goodness. Every man has gone from Ellistons except rejected ones - Bob is here constantly. He is full of interest about his medical work.

They say it is painfully cold in France -

Give my love to Kate - I have never heard from her since she left Scotland So I dont bother her with my letters - She knows I love her. Shall I ever see you all again? At present the War is at its worst I should say -

Yours

Grace -

Jack Slessor has gone to fly in France at Headquarters -  
Send Taylor's letter to Sallie - She knows him. We have 75 motor Transports quartered in St Giles & the Ox & Bucks regiment billeted about.