

[Lady Osler to Mrs. Chapin]

[Oxford] Tuesday 23rd [Nov., 1915]

Dear Sister

A thousand thanks for Your Cheque - received this morning - It is splendid and Came at the right Moment. The same Post brought word from the Rockefeller that they could not send any more money after January. They are quite right - these professors should brush the streets if Nothing better turns up - At least I'll do that rather than take a Belgian family to live - By tomorrow or Friday you'll hear of our fire - Every one thinks it wonderful I stood the shock so well. The joy of having Willies books saved would keep one up if nothing Else. He stood the shock too - or rather went back to bed when the flames were out - It has taken all the week to get Estimates & Matters Arranged for the Insurance people - They let us go on with the sitting room & I hope to be back there by next week, & books put back - The other will be months. We like the little dining room - The two big Magazine tables are in the drawing room. McGill Hospital has to move Their tents blew down in a recent storm and they are short 300 beds. They are packed and ready to go. Revere was still there Saturday but ready to move any moment. Jack Glessor gone to Egypt in the flying Corps. I heard his officer said he was born an Aviator - I see Norman Prince has turned up - You never saw such a dear as Jack. Did I tell you he chased the big Zep in the last London Raid & had 4 bombs to drop? What changes for Revere And Jack!! Harvey C- wrote about the Harvard Unit And now Mr Lowell has sent a long letter. W.O has gone to town to see the War Office about them. I telephoned Claridges & found Bob spent one night & left I cant find him. Archie M. is here - waiting, having inoculations & working at paratyphoid in the Lab for Willie. The latter keeps well thus far - If I can only keep him well - I shall be thankful & hope for the best for Revere. I dare say you know about the glove scheme for Making vests for Aviators. I enclose the address of place to send old gloves - long evening gloves - in N.Y. - to be forwarded to Paris - What an angel you are - how good Every one is. Joe has had 50 barrels of apples sent from Halifax and E.R.O. from Montreal. We are packed full of Australians & New Zealanders now. Splendid creatures, much dysentery. The letter about the gloves is from an Aunt of a Rhodes Scholar, she has been working in Paris - More love & thanks for Money -

Your

Grace -

Poor Marion Emmons has had recurrence of pain for 3 weeks & is in despair.

[Extra sheet] I am afraid I forgot to say that Revere & W.O went to the opening of Adele's Hospital & were delighted - She has patients now And is Enchanted. I was going up today to lunch & see it but cannot after all - I am very interested & glad for her but Can't do Everything - & she so adores the Social side of it - forever asking Willie to lunch or dine with Cochran - It doesn't worry him to say No or to leave it for me to say but fusses me - because I know she hasn't a conception of what he does - and how difficult it is -