

(Lady Osler to Mrs. Chapin)

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Dear Sister

Your box with under Clothes for Belgians - socks - chocolate - blouses bed socks & love came Yesterday And was most acceptable. I am always thanking you I notice & you must be glad - The Money I am gloating over for a letter from the Rockefeller rather worries me - And I dont see what we can do - We can keep on until March but I have told the Committee that I cant beg any more Money in U.S. Personally I will go without anything & keep a family but I'll not take one in here. The Harvard men arrived Saturday night late. Sir Allan Perry - the Officer in Charge met them at Falmouth - They had a very poky voyage. Sir Allan brought Dr Cheever & Dr Bremer here Sunday morning - in time for luncheon & we had such a cosey time - they were so nice - on this Friday the whole unit is coming to spend the day - see the Hospitals, lunch at Christ Church - & tea here at 4.0'clk - I could not manage luncheon for 30 - Everything is in such a mess - We get on nicely in the Consulting room & I feel I am living in Lodgings. The plans for the Harvard Unit are uncertain as their present Hospital had to be broken up - And they are Moving to Wimereux I am sure Sir Allan will like Dr Cheever, he was so calm & refined & so tactful in every way - McGill is in an awful way - their tents blew down - now they are packed to move on the other side of Boulogne And patients all gone - the men are unoccupied Really the fortunes of War are varied & very trying - Campbell H- is growing very impatient. I cant ^{give} any definite news of Revere - He had to stay to move his Department If he gets finally settled & hard work I shall begin to live again Even if anxious - for I hate feeling he is not happy and conscientiously satisfied - I hope you know what I mean. It is rough on Willie all these University Units who get muddled appeal to the War Office through him & he is dreadfully cut up about the McGill ill luck - I have not been able to go up to see Adèles Hospital - I have had a bad cold in my head & trying not to get more. We have about 130 people at the Hospital Supply room And it is a business to keep work ready - & answer questions - Last week - Friday - Mrs. Depew came down to lunch & consult W.O about 2 Surgeons for her Hospital at Compiègne - where Jason M- was. She took a fancy to Archie & wants him - She is under the Anglo-French Red Cross so he can go - Mrs Guests job for him was uncertain As the Palermo Hospital may not go - so she has released him And he is going as 2nd Surgeon to Mrs Depew. Find out for me please who she was as a girl - Julia? ----- It may be difficult for Archie to get out of England to work - but W.O is arranging it. His Stiff Knee Makes it impossible for him to do active Service. He is such a dear - He And I have just Cleaned & put back the books in the sitting room which has been papered & painted - Oh - what an escape ! In five minutes I am sure that room would have been in a blaze - The wainscoting was scorched. The house is filthy, Every curtain had to come down. I can have the dining room curtains repeated - Material made. It will be months I believe before we get back as the whole ceiling has to come down - Do tell me about John's house - is it nice? I wish you could rent yours and come here! Mean pig am I!!!

Goodbye

Grace

A hug!!