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[Lady Osler to Mrs. Chapin]

13, Norham Gardens, Oxford. Friday [Dec. 18: 1915]

This is just a chance line dear Sister for I do not know if it will arrive in time for Christmas - just to carry an extra message with love and Christmas Greetings. Your letter written on the train to Philadelphia has just come - I hope you had a nice visit. I am thinking about you all the time, & know you will be as busy and occupied as ever -

Do be very careful about food and do not get slack about having your dinner served as though you had 3 guests - That awful tea on a tray desire is so hard to overcome when alone. I do hope the children will love their new home and the wee children too - It will be the making of Margaret I am sure. One must be glad for them although for my little Sister it is like opening a wound afresh. This has been a day when I can hardly endure the War - It has been brought so close home - Taylor our museum boy home on leave - & Wagstaffe too - he came down to see us - He is tired of France & wants to go to Servia - Then Billie Wright writes his mother that he will be 18 in the spring and must come. Revere was held up to help McGill move and they are stuck in the mud - I enclose a note from Dr Bremer which is quite touching I think - I have also one from Dr Philips - Poor dears! Our dining room is gradually getting better looking but I hardly think we'll get back before Feb - All one side has to be plastered. That picture was not half bad enough. Hugs & love

Grace.