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[Lady Osler to Mrs. Chapin]

[Oxford] Tuesday 9th [Nov., 1915]

Bob came back yesterday & had his
birthday lunch & dinner here -

Dear Sister

I must send a line by the Midweek boat to tell you that Campbell H & Revere came Saturday - Such a joy - We had not received any of the messages from Boulogne and only heard at 5 PM that they were coming here by the 6.15 - Otilie nearly had hysterics W.O was in London and I couldn't catch him - however he got home at midnight & Revere met him at the Station. They both look splendid. Campbell like a motor tyre inflated - Revere much fatter and taller. The house was already full - Miss Campbell from Clevedon - Campbell Gwyn & Archie Malloch - Hilda (Palmer Wrights Wife) arrived at the same moment, so you can fancy the thrill. Revere seems ready to remain with the Canadian R.A.M.C. - but will probably be transferred to a Field Ambulance which means the Front - in danger line etc - but not quite settled. Gen Jones, who was here I think when you were - asked to see Willie the other day and said he had heard Revere was uneasy - & they were all so anxious to keep him & so fond of him that he would like to send him on in that way - I only hope it can be done - I would sacrifice anything to know the boys conscience was at rest - I am so weary rolling about the bed thinking about his worries. When all is settled I will let you have Revere's letters. I wish I hadn't ever told you anything about it but I felt I must. Poor Willie - simply won't or can't talk about it and I can't talk to other people - except Mrs Wright whose heart is bursting too -

I had yours of the 29th yesterday - I am sure you had a nice time with Therese. In her heart I am sure she knows I am right about her not coming - I fancy we are in for a winter like last winter as far as France is concerned but the Eastern Situation is awful as far as wounded & illness go. Archie is being inoculated for everything as he probably goes to Palermo with a British Hospital 100 given by Mr Michael Grace - & Mrs Jay Phipps. I had such a nice time with Miss Campbell She is A.1 for common sense - Nancy Astor telephoned me last night about something else and said Miss C- was a treasure. They have 1040 beds now. Your box will be most acceptable - Belgians are asked for clothes hard now. I had a delightful letter from Barbara, Mary King has signed on for 6 months and goes as a V.A.D. in No 1 General Hospital London - Adele is on the jump now about her plans & writes or telephones continually. We go up to her inspection on Friday -

Much love

Grace.