

C05417/56.9

G.R.O

[Lady Osler to Mrs. Chapin]

[Oxford] Thursday 2nd [March, 1916]

Dear Sister

Your letter with the cheque of Mrs Rumrell's money and the extra for Monica etc - came yesterday - as usual many, many thanks. You are an angel. There isn't much to write - We have had a terrific (for here) snowstorm. Willie got caught on a hill outside Cheltenham in a hired car - had to go back and sleep in a damp Hotel where he got a miserable cold and has been seedy ever since. As usual he is in bed and working all the time. Fortunately there was a lull in important engagements. He came back from Cheltenham by train and the car did not get back for 2 1/2 days. The snow has gone but it is damp and sharp... Helen Homans came Saturday and stayed until Sunday p.m. She was leaving for France at 8 Monday morning. I liked her so much & admired her enthusiasm. The fighting in France now is horrible and the Hospitals are filling up. I suppose our turn will come. Miss Gallop my Canadian Nurse who was resting here has gone back quite well. Joan's lover went back - They really had a wonderful time together - She is a most level headed young person for her years. She is helping Willie a bit with letters. The reason we haven't a secretary is that he won't have a woman and a decent man is impossible to find. A Bodley man comes in the afternoon and is learning but the books take most of his time. I will explain about Revere's plight and please let Ned see it for it is almost impossible to understand. When he was here in November & wanted to leave McGill & become a combatant they asked him at the Canadian office if he would go to a Field Ambulance at the front - he said yes and was delighted, went back - waited - waited & finally three weeks ago or four got word there was no vacancy. Then wrote to [us that he] must go into the Artillery. I got all the information from Ronnie Brooke, Willie went to the War Office - & ever since we have been trying to get him out of France, back to England to be transferred to the British Army & for training. The Red Tape is so difficult that we have had no satisfaction yet and watch patiently the posts and telegraph boys - That's all I can say - It is a terrible anxiety & worry to Revere. Fortunately they are very busy at their new Hospital -

Archie M- has been appointed in charge of a new Hospital in London - 25 officers - He is in luck. This must catch the post. I hope the Censor likes this letter.

Good night

Grace -