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[Lady Osler to Mrs. Chapin]

[Oxford] Tuesday March 7th [1916]

Dear Sister

So nice to have your wire today. I sent the week end letter because I knew you would be glad to hear Revere was here. He looks wonderfully well and is very bright. Has lost that sad - pathetic look in his face. He had become so disheartened at having to wait & wait - that his letters were very depressing - and a wonderful letter he wrote Bob about patriotism just settled me when I read it. He was absolutely ignorant of the wire pulling & influence used at a time like this - when civilians are thrust into places of importance - & of course the methods are quite different with the Canadians, perhaps not the methods so much as the men - many of them of a personality quite unknown to Revere before - Like that awful Col Gorrell at Cliveden - & although he is thoroughly appreciative of their capacity - the type grates. It has been a good experience and I believe I have suffered more than he.

I could shoot myself for having unburdened myself on you always - but I simply had to. I hope now he will be able to do what he wants & feels is his duty - He has just come from town where he went to the War Office and put in his artillery application then he and Bob had a day in old book shops. It is simply sickening to think that all this interest in literature must be set aside - & perhaps never taken up - of course dear Sister - you know I am proud of what he is doing but I simply cannot accept that side without looking at and thinking of the other - That's all. Revere goes to a Canadian Camp at Shorncliffe after the five days leave to await the Word from Field Artillery Office - as it takes some time to get things through. It is hard to know what will happen in the U.S. - I wrote Margaret yesterday. We enjoyed seeing Miss Fitzgerald. She had a letter to Adèle from Julia's sister Mrs Fitzgerald - but I advised her not to present it until she came on leave - for Adèle is so worried and upset over her Hospital affairs and Miss Fitzgeralds [has] so little time. I asked Kate to tell you that Miss F- was enrolled as a Queen Alexandra Nursing Sister & sent on at once to France to a Base Hospital & then will go to a Clearing Hospital - Gosh - I wish I could go with her!! Good Gracious, isn't getting old awful! Joan is a great success - she is working for Willie every morning - Jean goes on Thursday to a Red + Hospital just outside London as a V.A.D. Utility Maid - She came over here for Tea today in Uniform looking perfectly darling.

Good night

Much - much love Aff^{ly}

Grace.