

Private

[Lady Osler to Mrs. Chapin]

13, Norham Gardens, Oxford.

Sunday 9th [July, 1916]

Dearest Sister

I have been taking a morning in bed - W.O away - and thinking of the months to come. With this result - could you consider letting Susan come with Mrs Wright on the 29th for Six Months? I have a thousand minds about asking - first Margaret at Canton - I suppose Anna would be there until October, Then perhaps Margaret could be with you during the week for a time. I am very unwilling to ask anything that will trouble you - or be bad for Susan - on the other hand I think she might benefit in many ways - for the rest of her life - and one cannot tell what the future may be for any of us. I think she could quickly improve typewriting and help W.O a lot - I can't ask Joan to stay - for every action of hers is filled with plans to be with her lover & get married. She is now with the Merediths at Bexhill. Ethel has cabled for her to come home. Susans passport could be arranged as coming as Secretary to W.O & V.A.D work - which she can do - (Washing dishes etc) at Monicas place - Most important of all - a playmate for Willie.

I am horrified at what I have done - & rely on your saying no if you disapprove - think it well over before you speak to Ned or ask Joe (?) - I should think all could be arranged in a week - as she needs no clothes - Ned can arrange the passage money from my account if you say yes.

All is going well in France they say - Get Mrs Humphrey Wards book "Englands Effort" and make every one read it.

Mrs Somerville has lost her nephew Lady Scott's sone - & Lady S's two sons in law. Every corner of the Hospital is packed & 300 officers in Somerville - Oh - if I was 30!!

You might cable Osler - Oxford

No - or yes -

Affly

Grace.

I believe Adèle will go home - & Bob & Babs - She is utterly played out - fusses & sympathy for sorrowing friends Both the Elcho sons gone.