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[Lady Osler to Mrs. Chapin]
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[Memorial Day]

Dearest Sister

The crescent came yesterday and I have sent it off to London to get price Etc - I'll let you know And if I hear in time Pauline might take the pearls. I have just heard from her that she will be in London on the 11th And sail on the 22nd on the Holland Line. She will come to us on the 14th I hope - Nina is with her until the 9th Mary Bullard has already come over to her sister - or perhaps its Ellen - You will be glad to hear about yesterday - The Red Cross sent down 5 flags & 5 Laurel Wreaths & the Knights of Columbus 5 small laurel wreaths. Marion went with Willie & Me to Mansfield Chapel at 12 - About 100 Americans there I think - Also Miss Crocker - Mrs. Fraser - Miss Littleton, & Kathleen Wyley, & Mrs & Miss Selbie - An American Chaplain - read part of Lincoln's Gettysburg address, a prayer - a hymn - few verses from the Bible - some female sang a solo & Dr Selbie spoke Charmingly - I think the Men were Much impressed. Poor Willie was much upset by the Dead March. After that A Col & the Chaplain on the front with Benning Miss Crocker - Mrs Fraser - Marion & I with the little Kirkpatrick (Chaplain) on the floor). The Col & I did the graves & then Chaplain Hoffman spoke - he is an R.C. - and living above here with Mr Diman in the Priests place - I then said "Mr Kirkpatrick won't you say a prayer?" which he did - oh - the place looked really lovely - but alas - the Unity is being ruined by relatives putting hideous Stones in place of the crosses. About 15 men came on their bicycles - Then we drove to Walvercote - but not, the men - & put wreaths & flowers on Ely's grave Miss Ellis' grave is there, very near, & Mrs Fraser had flowers. I asked Kirkpatrick to include her as a soldier - which he did so nicely - That was all. I am sure you would have liked it - I brought the R.C. Chaplain home to lunch - he was terribly Muddled in his mind about Me and addressed me as "Marm Lady"

Thursday Evening the Hursts arrived with Willie at 8.15 - luggage for America - They were going on the Royal George & a wire met them saying the sailing had been put off one week. That means poor Anna too - so I fancy she is still at Adel. I simply Could not ask them to stay here - so they secured a room at Browns and went back to town - Marion & Joan left at 3 o'clk for the School - to stay a week - Your boy Smithy said he would come Sunday & stay the night so I am expecting him - I thought he would be quiet until then. Today Sir Archie & Lady Garrod telephoned they wanted to come for the afternoon & Eve - Willie met them at 3 o'clk - & there was Norman - while we were at Tea a wire came from Archie at Liverpool saying arriving at 9.15 - it is now 11.15 pm And Archie has arrived & is jabbering downstairs with Bill - Norman has 48 hours leave from Hospital - Did I tell you Charlie Bath is very ill - has been moved from Sidcup to the Petrograd of course there us the usual telephoning & fussing with May, and she is never at home when they try to find her. Bill has had a weeks leave & been playing tennis hard - That lunatic Wyatt Johnson has decided not to study Medicine & going home July 11th - I am thankful beyond words, he would drive me mad - If this glorious weather lasts our tennis court will be worn bare - some one playing Every Moment, Wanda & her friends - Today Peter Warren brought four Magdalen Men - Lords Etc - played from 2.45 to 6.P.M We have never had one drop of rain since you left & never one cloud - delicious fresh air all the time - wind mostly East. "Intense heat & Glass still up."

Good night

Grace-----