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[Lady Osler to Mrs. Chapin]

Aug. 5th [1919] Jersey.

Dear Sister

I think you would be really pleased if you could see W.O. watching for the postman to get a letter from you - I found one here from Margaret from Toronto. I am afraid you must have missed Isabel - We shall be thankful indeed to have a letter from you and cannot imagine what has become of them. We reached here all right & were fortunate in having a Cabin for there were 200 more passengers than the allowance - had it been a rough night it would have been ghastly - Parsons & Lizzie were much astonished at the proceedings - Archie's Aunt Mrs Stewart met us at St Heliers & had a taxie ready - so we got here comfortably. The rooms are very nice and clean & huge windows - The Scullery and Kitchen are being made fresh & sweet & the maids are content & think "the Ai's glorious". It is deliciously peaceful - no telephone & no troops arriving - Bill appeared Sunday for two weeks leave - He has been sent to sleep at Orpington & work in London for the present. May be kept until October in order to go to Rome with General Forster to a congress on reconstruction. Gen Forster wants an Aide who understands Italian & speaks French. I have had to head off Billy Thayer who wants to come from San Marlo. The view is glorious and we can bathe - Undressing chez nous. I am enjoying that as I can go when I please and not be bossed by anyone about what to do. It seems to agree with me. The Strongs came the day before we left - Perhaps I wrote you that before. I thought her very attractive & so well turned out. Two other American officers came at the same moment & I took them all sightseeing - it was the most glorious day I ever saw. Mr. Davison wants Strong to stay one year in Geneva to run the Red Cross affairs and President Lowell has given him leave - but he does not want to do it & must go home first, I am sure I wrote that before leaving home. What about Susan Baker's engagement? I want to ask you fifty questions but refrain - Willie begins to look better. The sitting room is very comfy - he has a large table and I another. We'll stick it out this time I believe - Food is not very plentiful - There is nothing growing but Tomatoes, & poor ones at that I think. We have not seen the Frank Oslers yet - they are miles away -

Later 7 P.M. Your letter begun in Toronto on the 15th & finished at the Hartys has just come and has brought joy to my heart - You can't imagine how lonely I have been without hearing - Chattie has written of the pleasure your visit has given them & Jeanette Osler too -

I am rushing this to catch the post -

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Grace.