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(Lady Osler to Mrs. Revere)

7, Norham Gardens, Oxford.

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6.30 P.M.

Dearest Mother

How I wish you were here this minute - It is so perfectly lovely - but probably you are saying the same of our beloved Canton. I am on the lawn quite alone - the doctor went off this morning to London for a consultation on the other side of London. You remember that Miss Faithful from Australia who was in Baltimore the first winter I was there - with her uncle? She it is he has gone to see. Then he dines in London at the Pilgrim's Club - a big dinner for Mr. Whitelaw Reid - Yesterday I took Rachel and Amy to town. We nearly melted, it was so warm - I went to see the Harry Reids and brought the beloved Doris down with me. You should have seen the children meet - They were perfectly enchanted and are having the happiest time - At present everyone is on the river and I am enjoying the solitude. I got back in time to go out to dine - a dinner given us by Dr. & Mrs. Gotch - the Professor of Physiology. There were 18 at dinner - & everything very nice. Tuesday night - I think, my letter was finished before the dinner the Vice Chancellor gave us, a superb dinner. There were 20 guests - & the old dining room was really enchanting - all the college Presidents or Wardens can use the tankards or bowls belonging to the College - & they are wonderfully handsome. "Paul Revere" would have to take a back seat - The people are very amusing to me. At the Vice Chancellor's dinner the men were all quite old and very dignified looking, they always wear their gowns when they dine with the Vice Chancellor. I asked you who Mrs. Fiske Warren could be - she called here - & we have met her at dinner. She was a Miss Osgood I believe. She is living here & her husband is in the Philippines. Her mother is with her - she is studying I believe and has a sister studying here too. She is very pretty and much admired. Isn't it funny? You will be glad to hear that Mrs. Max-Müller will let us stay here all winter - I am perfectly thankful - for we can't find a house to buy and something may turn up. There are stoves in the halls here - and grates in every room - I can make it very nice now that I know we are to stay and we can have our own silver & linen. We are to have Mrs. M-M's horse & carriages - & coachman which will be very nice. I am delighted and now you can plan to come over in the spring - sailing from Boston about the end of March or first of April. Mrs Sargent the artist's mother has just come from Jerusalem - Dalmatia, and every kind of queer place - and she is 80 - Goodness you should see the old duds here - you are a girl compared to most of them. Mrs. M-M will come back here and stay while we go home in the holidays, which will be very nice for her. She is awfully alone - three daughters have died & her only son gone as Minister to Mexico - We have heard nothing of the Gays. I hope they are in England.

The weather is simply glorious now. We go to London on the 27th to dine at the Parkins. He is the Rhodes Fund Secretary - and the Phipps wedding the next day. We sent a present & have had a nice note. I hope they renew their invitation for Beaufort.

July 1st we go again to London for the Canadian Dominion Day Reception at Lord Strathcona's and back Sunday morning - so you see we are busy. Much love to you all

from

Grace.

Rachel & Amy will stay on -