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G.R.O

(Lady Osler to Mrs. Revere)

7, Norham Gardens, Oxford.

Sunday, June 25th (1905)

3 P.M.

Dear Mother

Your letter finished at Salem came this morning. It is quite a pleasure having the mail Sunday morning with always a letter from you. We have had quite a merry hour - This morning we were walking in one of the college gardens & I spied Mrs. James Thompson and Mrs. Blackwell of Baltimore. Of course they were surprised - they said they were motoring with the John Gills and were coming to call - I asked them all for supper but they were leaving - so they all came after luncheon & had coffee - It was so nice to see them. They get back to London this evening -

Monday, 7 a.m.

I am up early for Doris and Revere thought they would go fishing and started off at 6 - Of course the pattering overhead wakened me. They are having such a happy time together and will be miserable at parting I am sure. The girls seem to be enjoying themselves, Marjorie goes tomorrow and I fancy will not be back here - The Gwyns stay on.

Saturday we had a lovely day at Ewelme - the Almshouse - The children were tremendously impressed by the fact that it was founded before America was discovered. It was built by the Countess of Suffolk who was a granddaughter I believe of Chaucer the Poet. The boys will laugh at all the things I write but no matter - you are interested and they can laugh. I believe I told you most all last week. The men are allowed to have their wives or a daughter live with them. There are 13 - and each has 2 rooms. We carried tobacco and illustrated papers for each and they were enchanted. One old soldier told the children wonderful war stories and as he had been in Quebec he enjoyed seeing the Canadian girls. The Rector of the Parish has a nice old house and garden adjoining the Church and as he is away we wandered about & all but Grace enjoyed the strawberries. Willie went to town Friday eve - for the Pilgrim dinner, to Mr. White-law Reid - where he met many interesting people. July 1st we will spend the night in town and I shall take the girls to Lord Strathcona's reception.

London, Tuesday afternoon 27th - 29 Clarges St.

Here I am in town again - I came up at 11 - Willie follows - We are dining at the Parkins (Rhodes Trust man) and tomorrow the wedding. We are at a new place in Clarges St as our friend is full up - It is boiling hot and I came in disgusted - I went to Maple's to see the cases safely in storage - They look all right but one case which rattled & was opened - We found the mirror of the mahogany mantel broken. It had no back casing and must have moved - nothing else rattles. I am disgusted - on my way back - my bag was opened and the list of cases taken out. Evidently someone thought it bank notes. I have written for another. Doris & Revere returned with five good fish yesterday and much joy naturally. We left them all cheery in Oxford. Yesterday afternoon we had a real 1 W. Franklin St. time. I was entertaining the President of one of the colleges - when in walked Mr. Camac and his wife - Dr. C's brother. I have not seen him or her for years - In a moment W.O. came in with 5 doctors, Examiners for the Medical School - they come from other colleges to examine at Oxford, then some people to call on the Gwyns - through some Canadian friends - I believe William the Butler thinks we are quite mad - I have already had to pay all the servants extra - as Mrs. M-M is a family of one.

Bestest love - affly

Grace