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(Lady Osler to Mrs. Revere)

7, Norham Gardens, Oxford.  
Thursday, June 29th (1905)

Dear Mother,

I am having such a nice rainy afternoon and trying to do many things at my desk that have been left undone ever since we came. It is a comfort as I thought I had to spend the afternoon paying calls. You would feel sorry for me could you see the list of calls I have to pay, it is simply awful - We had such a delightful time in London. I sent my letter off from there. We went to a delightful dinner Tuesday Eve at the Parkins - He was the President of Upper Canada College and is now the secretary of the Rhodes Trust. The dinner was for us and most interesting people - The Attorney General of New South Wales and several equally interesting ones. London was boiling hot but we did not seem to mind much - The next day was cooler & I was thankful on account of the wedding - We arrayed ourselves in good clothes and went at 2.30 to the church - I wore my black lace and pink hat and looked cool which was a comfort. We had very nice seats - & were greatly amused. The church is small - Captain Guest is in the army and there were gorgeous soldiers about which made it brilliant. The bride looked very handsome & Mrs. Phipps lovely as usual - There were several American bridesmaids - Margaretta Mc ———, Miss Wood of Phila - the White-law Reid girl & several others. We got to the house very early, before the rush. They took this superb house for a month - and leave Sat. for Scotland. I never saw such floral decorations - The presents were to be seen and were stunning - Cora was there & Adèle - both looking well - but the latter is very plain - Cora was much surprised at seeing us - & seemed pleased. We are to go up to dine with her - in July.

Friday - 30th.

I was interrupted yesterday and am just back at my table. A rainy day & no picnic this afternoon. The girls were going on one - To continue about the wedding. The Phipps were cordial indeed and say we must bring Revere to Beaufort - It will be enchanting for him - The bridegroom was good looking - I hope he is nice enough for her. At the church while the family were in the vestry signing the register - the bridesmaids trotted about with baskets of white boutonnieres & everyone had one - such a pretty idea I thought. I don't know if I told you that W.O. met Mrs. Mackay the other day - he went there to see a patient and had a chat with Mrs. M. She asked to be presented to me at the wedding - and introduced her daughter Princess Colonna. They look like Italian opera singers but seemed very nice. I thought she and Lady Strathcona might talk over mining experiences together. I felt very amused with myself talking to these people one so often hears of - The Phipps presents were lovely - a case of jewels, lovely diamond necklace from Mr. Carnegie.

We came back from London as quickly as we could after the wedding - as Willie had a dinner engagement. I trust this social whirl will cease soon for I am half dead - We dined out again last evening - Marjorie has gone to Sunderland - Rachel & Amy seem very happy and ask if they may stay on a little longer. I am taking them to London tomorrow for the Canadian reception in the evening & Willie goes to the dinner. We have to stay the night. While we were gone Wednesday, Miss N. and the girls went to the Commemorative exercises &



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saw Mr. Gildersleeve get a degree. We were sorry not to be there but did not like to give up the Phipps invitation. The Harry Reids came yesterday & took Doris which was a great sorrow to Revere. They were so happy together. They are going to Switzerland. You see we have had plenty of American visitors.

I had your letter this morning written on my birthday and one from Ned too. I am sorry Mr. Gay did not pop in on us. Did I tell you that the house Mrs. Eckstein, Therèse McCagg's sister, and Mrs. Taft have taken here for two months is almost opposite? They come on the 8th. I am getting servants for them. I wish Charlie Taft was not coming - He simply lived at our house last year - and I suppose he will this. These servants are so unused to a racket that I hate to have them demoralized.

Bestest love - Miss N had the girls' letters & was pleased.

Your fondest

Grace