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(Lady Osler to Mrs. Revere)

7, Norham Gardens, Oxford.

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Dearest Mother

Please tell me if you do not always get a letter on the Thursday as well as Monday. I have not missed both mails and hope never to - I am ashamed that I have not started a letter until now but I really haven't had a chance - until this moment. Miss N. Revere & I are alone - the first time since we came. Rachel & Amy have gone, W.O. is in London to be present at an operation early tomorrow. The Gwyns have been here four weeks and have really had a delightful time. They are no trouble and have made many friends. We got back from our Cambridge trip yesterday & found so many letters - yours, Sue's - Baltimore ones - Puss, Florence - indeed all seemed to come together. I think of you at the Glades today and hope the little girls will enjoy the sea - I am sure they will.

[She writes her mother July 18]

I really have so much to tell, I hardly know where to begin. I must tell you about a dinner we went to Friday night. Mr Boyd - the Principal of Hertford College is the son of an old friend of Willie's father. He was a rich old man with many sisters - Edmund was named for him - E. B. O. The Oslers always stayed with these Boyds when they came home and at Chattie's there are pictures of the family. Of course Mr Boyd found us out and is most friendly. He is delightful - is a parson but the merriest kind - he paints charmingly & travels everywhere - knows America by heart - He invited us to dine Friday - Rachel & Amy - He has one of the charming college houses - but not very, very old. An antique sister (he is not married) came from Birmingham to meet us and Miss Gavilin of Hamilton (Canada) whom we knew. There was no one else & we had such a delightful time - Two funny old servants and the College Carver carved the dinner - standing behind the table in the corner arrayed in white - & cuffs up to his elbow & a white cap on - It was enchanting. Such fruits and flowers from the College greenhouses - and such port wine! I haven't touched a bit yet but it looks so good - after dinner Mr Boyd showed us his treasures & paintings, which were charming. The maiden sister looked as though her dress had been kept in lavender since 1850. The Gwyns were fascinated by the quaintness of it all. Saturday was boiling hot - We got a good train to Cambridge across country - and reached there at 4 o'clock. The Allbutts are the people who stayed at 1. W. Franklin St when W.O had been ill and we left them while we went to the Conynghams - you remember.

They are very informal & nice so the visit was a pleasure. They have a comfortable house & most lovely garden & lawn which I enjoyed much. There was a large dinner party Saturday night - a luncheon & tea on Sunday - so we saw many people - a number of them being old friends. Sunday it rained early - cooled off & was exquisite all day. We went to church but spent the rest of the day in the garden - We went to London Monday morning - I had some things to do - & met Marjorie. We were glad to get home. Found they had had a happy time in our absence. Revere was off fishing with Mr Allenn - It is really such a comfort having him & Revere is devoted to him - They are together every afternoon nearly - on the river. Latin is a struggle but I hope he is getting a good foundation. Some afternoons he goes for sports at the school where he will go and knows many of the boys already.

Today has been so beautiful, fresh and cool - I found yesterday that several people - Montreal Toronto & Baltimore had been here - I have to go to town again Thursday - to buy linen & various things we need. On August 5th we begin with our own silver & linen and I have to get many things. I have no bolster cases & all these beds have bolsters; towels are needed & many things - sales are on now so it is a good time. We hear from the Jacobs constantly -



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they have a motor and are using it for all their journeys. Miss Stickney too writes that she will motor down to see us in order to carry word to Ollie. I had a letter from Adèle Chapin asking if they could stop here Saturday on their way from London - Unfortunately we have to spend Saturday at the Almshouse - seeing about repairs to the grammar school etc - The floors are bad - built in 1437. We want to arrange to have the master's rooms put in good order so that we can spend some days there whenever we want. The Rector has a lovely house and garden - we are lunching with him Saturday. I will go to see the Chapins next week some day - Tell Sue I received Revere's shirt & collars - someone mailed them at Queenstown. I think it is too sad about Mrs Fan Adams - so hard for Cousin Nannie - I imagine she must have been very upset with the Murder trial to begin with. Revere wrote Ned & says he hopes he will write soon. I wish you could see him now - he has such a good stroke. Good news from Toronto

Much love & good night -

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Grace.

When you get this W O will be at Leicester at the Medical Association