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(Lady Osler to Mrs. Revere)

(7 Norham Gardens, Oxford)  
Monday July 31st (1905)

I always feel dear Mother that something is not quite right if I do not write to you on the Sunday -

Tuesday Aug 1st 9.30 P.M. - You will think this letter rather disconsolate and queer - I have left the dinner table to finish this and almost begin it as we have had a very late dinner - returning from quite a jaunt. / Willie met Mr Abbey the artist at Sargents in London and the other day I had a note from Mrs Abbey asking us to come to Fairford about 20 miles from here for a cricket match & tea at their place and to bring friends. We started out at 12.30 - took Mrs Eckstein & Mrs Taft - Drs Parsons & Camac - We lunched at an Inn - went to see a lovely old church and reached the Abbeys at 3.30 - In the meantime a man had joined us - who said he had met W.O. at Cambridge a Mr Schofield one of the Professors of literature at Harvard who is working at Oxford this summer. ~~He joined us as he was going to the Abbeys.~~ We had a most enchanting afternoon and only reached home for dinner at 8.30. The Abbeys have a dear old place & he has an enormous studio - They lived there all the time he was doing the Grail pictures for the Boston Library - you know he is an American - born in Philadelphia and Mrs A. in N. York - We saw the ~~studio and~~ huge studios he is doing for the Dome of the State House at Harrisburg. The cricket was between the Artist Club and some Fairford men - The 11 Artists stay all the week at the Abbeys. It has been quite a treat. / I rather expected we would see Adèle Chapin there but we didn't - it is rather far from Broadway - We had no home letters today or yesterday - I think I had an extra one in the middle of the week from you - last week -

I shall be busy tomorrow getting linen closet settled and silver unpacked - as we give over Mrs M-M's things on Saturday. It has been much cooler for two days and I really wish we were not going away - It is so pleasant here - Dr Camac is in lodgings near us - and Dr Parsons has been staying here since Saturday - leaves tomorrow. I do hope you have had cooler weather. It was so warm I had to get a muslin dress made as I used up the only dark one I had - I have found a passably good dressmaker here - who only fitted me twice and I could wear the dress. You can continue to write here and our letters will be forwarded. We will be back from Cowes on Thursday or Friday when this reaches you. I plan to spend one day with Marion Emmons as we are so near and I am writing her. Then on the 14th we go to Scotland. We leave at 7.15 PM for Inverness - Miss N- will take a 9.30 train for Edinburgh. We will spend one week at Beaufort and then go to the West Coast - somewhere - perhaps to Skye - for a month. We will not know where we will settle until we get there. I have a fear that when it begins to rain it will never stop - it has not rained for weeks here except a drop. Nothing could have been more wonderful for us than the summer has been - you would hardly know Revere - he is so tall and brown - Good night - I hope you can read this - Let me know if you cannot read my writing on these sheets -

Bestest love

Affly

Grace.