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(Lady Osler to Mrs. Revere)

Kyleakin Skye

Thursday Eve - Aug 24th (1905)

Dearest Mother

Here we are "up in the sky" Revere insists on saying. We left Beauly or Beaufort very regretfully on Tuesday afternoon. We had really a lovely week there and so few people made it delightful. I wrote you about seeing the Bayard Thayers there. It was rather tragic about the shooting business all the time and Mr Phipps was entirely unlike himself and absorbed - he had their Solicitor there and the Solicitor General of Scotland to look at the river, the distance from the house etc. I hope it will be settled by a payment. We had three hours by train from Beauly - through the most superb Highlands and reached <sup>on Loch Alsh?</sup> the Kyle of Lachalsh in time for dinner. Kyle means "narrows" and this is a narrow strip of water between Skye and Scotland. The Mts run down to the waters edge. We spent two nights at Kyle Alsh and came over here to Skye this afternoon. There is no railroad here - and only steamers & to drive - for getting about. We crossed in a row boat with our trunks - such a funny sight - We looked like Landseer's picture of Highland Cattle being ferried across. It is really lovely here at Kyleakin - the house a quaint little place on a green bank with stony beach below. The sailing and rowing are good - We have fished without much luck. The hills and heather are wonderful & we fortunately have been blessed with glorious weather ever since we came north. We mean to stay here a week and then start home - getting back by Sept 6th There is no use our staying away & we hate Hotels. Miss Nicols can stay - but I think we may as well get back & settle down.

This afternoon I had your letter of the 14th and one from Sallie, I am so glad she went to you and particularly on your birthday - it was very nice. I am glad Dr Finney remembered to telephone as he promised. I think those little messages from us so quickly delivered make us seem much nearer - don't you? Thank the children for their notes. I am glad they liked the dolls - I must hunt for some more. Revere caught a 6 lb pike - 29 inches long - just before leaving Beaufort and was nearly wild with the excitement. I do not know if I answered the question about school - Revere is to go to a day school very near us - Mr Lynam's. It is said to be very satisfactory - and he prepares boys for the public schools - as they call the large boarding schools. I am sure Revere will not be entered until he is 13 - for he is stupid at arithmetic etc.

I must write to Sallie before going to bed and am half dead with sleep so good night. Much love -

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Grace.