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G.R.O

(Lady Osler to Mrs. Revere)

7 Norham Gardens

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Dear Mother

We all left Colonsay Tuesday afternoon very reluctantly - it was a most delightful life and experience there. Lord Strathcona came there and was delighted with it - he had hardly seen it - he is a remarkable man for his age - 85 - and tears about the country as he has always done in Canada. There had been a tremendous gale so we were rather afraid of a rough crossing - the yacht had a hard time coming for us but by the time we started the sea had quieted down and it was very comfortable. We were a large party with the Howards and servants. They left us at Oban and went on to Glencoe which is Lrd S's large Scotch estate. We took the night train for London and got in at 8.30. W.O came here with the luggage - Revere and I went to the Empress Club & had breakfast - My mail met me there as we wanted to find out about the Reids - Revere wishing to bring Doris down with him - They had not arrived. It was pouring torrents so after a visit to R's tailor we came home - I found all serene here - servants back from their holidays and all things in order and very comfortable. Mrs M-M had been here for two days and taken away her winter clothes - also made more room for things - I found all my mail in London and read it coming down - a perfect budget. Yours of the 24th & 28th - I had not heard before about Cousin Sam Snelling - what a mercy it is over - I can hardly imagine Cousin Ella without him. I hope now Nora will get well - I think we have the same feelings about being alone - I am so enjoying the quiet house just now - only we three and giving me a chance to get straightened as I have not before. So many people were here from the moment we arrived. What a good time the boys must have had together in Halifax. I suppose Mrs Munroe will be too feeble to see me in Paris - Revere asks me to thank you for the Youth's Companion. He is perfectly killing over the pictures of Prof M-M in the house and of Madonnas. There are 8 of each in my room - I am busy turning one spare room into a sitting room - it is the one where Miss N. has her typewriter and is a sunny room & warm the servants say - I confess I was glad to escape with our lives from Beaufort. The motoring was terrific - and they seemed to have no appreciation of the awful speed they went at. I am so glad Dr Fatcher went to see you, he is such a dear and I miss him dreadfully - I hope you got the picture of Mrs Osler - it is simply perfect. Billie sails Saturday on the Canada from Montreal. We expect him here on the 18th for 2 weeks and then he will go to work in London. Ollie C- was not in Maine. It is Mrs Charlie C- her daughter & son who have a house at North East - and Ollie's Willie was staying there. Mrs Charlie C's son Herbert is an invalid you know - something the matter with his legs - I think you will recall it - has been coming on for some time. I find Georgie's friend Mrs Nicols was here was here in our absence & many others. She wrote me from London but gave no address. Dr Camac is here for the day today and has told me of seeing the death of Adele Stevens' husband in yesterday's paper. How awful! What a female - I suppose she will go home to live with her mother. I predict that they come abroad and marry foreigners - perhaps Lou will be a Princess yet - Woe betide the Prince! Dr. Camac sails Sunday - he will mail a little parcel for me in N.Y. - nothing much. We hope Dr Welch is coming for Sunday - Charlie Bath - May Osborn's boy is coming over with Willie Francis - to go to a Naval preparatory school - perhaps I told you that before - I am sure I often repeat. Did I send you one of W.O's new photographs?

It is in the World's Work Magazine - I have written everything I know - so goodbye until the next mail. Doris will come for a few days next week with Revere.

Love to the chick wicks -

Affly Grace.

Can't you arrange to have Miss Lawson oftener? I will help. Write Ollie

at Bretton Woods Hotel, White Mts. I daresay she will return via Boston. Kate Cushing expects a baby in Dec or Jan 1st just as I shall want to see her