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(Lady Osler to Mrs. Revere)

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Monday Evening Oct 16th (1905)

My dear Mother

We are delighting in some glorious days. Tonight the sun went down a red ball as it does in Baltimore in October and the air is so crisp one wants to fly. Saturday p.m I had your letter of Oct 6th. Susan's birthday must have been quite a fête. This has been Rachel's birthday and rather a trying one for her as she has been in bed all day with an awful earache & has only just had relief from the pain. I shall keep her here this week to get her well before she starts in with her regular work. I am almost afraid she will find London climate too awful - everyone seems to think it is. Really - when I think how fortunate we have been thus far I cannot realize that the climate can be so awful - I am very prudent and run no risks of taking cold. I have had on my heaviest flannels since I went to Scotland and don't mind at all - The fireplaces throw out very good heat. Annie Osler came here with an awful cold and she said she was warm here for the first time. They went off at 1.20 Saturday to Canterbury - Edmund arrived by the Lucania and joined them. I have just heard of their delightful visit at Canterbury. The Archbishop & Mrs Davidson being very charming & hospitable - the Oslers are now going to Italy. Amy & I had a most delightful luncheon on Saturday at Woodstock - a friend of Mrs Max-Muller a Mrs Robert Smith who lives at Woodstock has been most friendly with me - calling and asking us constantly - again she asked us to lunch to meet her sister Mrs Grenfell who is aunt by marriage to Mrs Willie Buckler. Amy & I went and enjoyed it so much - It is about seven miles to drive. The house belongs to the Duke of Marlborough and overlooks Blenheim - It is simply enchanting - Mrs Smith admires the Duchess greatly and says she is kindness itself to the poor about there. We came back in time to meet Rachel - We had a quiet Sunday as Rachel was very uncomfortable with her ear. Revere is in great form. Today luncheon was delayed a few minutes and I was amused by his saying "if I can't have my luncheon promptly I will go to the boarding school table at school" - They take 30 boarders - he tears off for carpentering twice a week. The bicycle is such a joy to him - Miss Nicols has one and enjoys it so much, I daresay I shall come to it. Good night - I am so sleepy I can't see. I have just had such a nice letter from Morris - I must send it to you.

Wednesday morning 18th

This did not get off last evening but I hope it catches the Oceanic at Queenstown. I had an invasion of callers all yesterday [so] that I was nearly **distracted** - an aunt of Georgie Buckler came for Tea early - driving in from Woodstock and we had such a delightful time - I had Mrs Temple the widow of the Archbishop to meet her, and a most delightful hour we had. The E B Oslers had a wonderfully interesting Sunday at Canterbury. Dorothy & Billie Francis have sent word they want to come Friday so I suppose we will have a gay household. Rachel has had an awful time with her face & ear & it proved to be a tooth. She is in the dentist's hands & must stay here until all right. Gosh - Mrs Parkman Blake and Mamie write from the Emmons at Leamington that they will be here today - for a week - and want to see much of me - Mrs Blake goes home and Mamie stays to rest - Mrs Fiske Warren is back here for the winter with her father & mother Dr & Mrs Osgood -

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Your Grace -

I am seeing Amy off tomorrow