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(Lady Osler to Mrs. Revere)

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(7 Norham Gardens, Oxford)

Monday Eve Nov 27th (1905)

Dearest Mother

The most wonderful thing - a note from Ned telling about the Caronia came this evening- just a week since it was written. It is a pity the Caronia is not a faster boat but I have made up my mind we must take it calmer and not get excited. Perhaps we will arrive for breakfast on Christmas morning. I have been to town today to see Linzee Tilden - such a gorgeous day I quite begrudged being absent from the country - I am like you about going to town. We had a lovely Sunday but W.O. was in Cambridge - our Sunday afternoons are astonishing - the men come pouring in from 3.30 and then again at 8.30 after church for supper which is always informal and all on the table - the Chafing dish being a great amusement and surprise to the Englishmen. I met W.O. in town and tried to carry him off to see Linzee but he had two consultations in the other direction and could not take the time. He is dining in London tonight & returns early for Sir John Sanderson's funeral - & many men for luncheon who come to the funeral. I sent to see Linzee at his Hotel. Effie is staying with Mrs Fletcher-Moulton the daughter of Mr Davis - married to a very prominent M.P., both the Davis daughters are married in London. Linzee felt more independent at the Hotel which is only round the corner. He looks very well but says he is "all gone" - he took cold on the steamer and the Doctor says he must get away from here as soon as possible. He sails from Southampton tomorrow to Naples with a ticket through to Hong Kong - He gets off at Naples & stays with Mr Davis there until after Christmas. Effie goes to Naples on Dec 18th with Mr & Mrs Moulton unless the political situation prevents Mr M leaving & then Effie goes alone. Linzee & I chatted for an hour and then went to see Effie. We met her & she took me back. The Moultons have the most enchanting house - full of superb things. I met Mrs Moulton & found her most charming & very attractive looking. Effie looked so wee & different in the big house. I had a nice visit and got home for dinner. These London trips seem very queer - and I hardly know myself as a suburbanite - I feel as though I came from Hyde Park or Clarendon Hills. I found Revere very proud because he had been Captain of the football team today. He takes kindly to games fortunately. I daresay you read of the wreck of the San Marlo boat. It was full of nice people and all the time we are hearing of people who have lost friends & relatives. I am worried because I can't ask Effie to stay here. Every moment is taken up until we go and I had to tell her. She may come for the day however. Good night -

Tuesday Eve Nov 28th

I almost forgot this was the mail evening. We have had a busy day with men who came for Sir John's funeral - several at luncheon and tea. I went to the church which was very impressive with all the professors in their gowns and the beautiful choir of Magdalen. I really have nothing more to add. How well Susan & Margaret write. Revere's handwriting is rather poor just now. He is so happy at School it is a pleasure to see him. He is overjoyed at the prospect of being at Canton. Good night - love to you all -

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Grace -