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(Lady Osler to Mrs. Revere)

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I can hardly believe it dear Mother when I write Dec 1st - it seems incredible. It is very mild here and everything as green as possible, but today a heavy fog, the first we have had - I hear the locomotives whistling & tootling in the distance and suppose all trains are terribly late. Bill is coming for Sunday and I am sure he will be very late. I went out paying visits this aft and it seemed so dangerous to be driving about in such a dense fog that I came home. Revere was delighting in it riding on his wheel with a lamp lighted. Here is Billie not late after all and looking very well - he is busy and happy in London - sees much of Rachel - I had two busy days - or parts of two in town. I went up Wednesday noon - Went to see the Edmund Oslers who are back from Italy - then to see Hallie who has been taking three weeks in bed "resting her heart." I had such a happy time with her. She is the most lovely creature and always a darling - in bed she is fascinating. We had a most cosey afternoon together - with her little daughter. Claude is in America for ten days - Harold goes to Eton after Christmas - From Hallies I drove miles to the Mayo Robsons - Mr Mayo Robson is the Surgeon who once stayed with us in Baltimore. W.O joined me there and we spent the night. They gave us a beautiful dinner of 20. I dont wonder you ask about my dresses.

I have been going on three and they are ready to fall off. I must get some new ones when I come back. I got one new light dress for Paris but it was rather a failure - one does not meet the same people so that it doesn't make so much difference. I did errands yesterday morning and then came back. The American Rhodes Scholars had a Thanksgiving dinner to which we were asked and had down two Parkin girls from London to stay the night for the dinner. It went off very successfully - and was quite merry. There was a Thanksgiving Service in the University Church in the morning Marjorie & Miss N. went. I wondered what you were doing - dining with Aunt Lizzie perhaps - I send the dinner plan. Mr Carter the Secretary of Legation & Mr Crane the Legation Council came for the dinner - they had tea here & were very nice. I had your letter yesterday & Neds - please thank him for sending word about the trains. I cant see how you will take us all in at Canton. I fear you will be worn out with so many people. We can go to the Hotel in Boston when we arrive if we are delayed, but I trust we will not be. We spend the Friday night in London as the steamer train starts at 10.30 and they sail at 2.30 - which is a good thing. I have not heard from Mamie Blake if she is going back with us - she thought she might.

Later. I am finishing this on our return from a dinner party. We have one more next week & that is the end - We have had 47 dinner invitations and have been to about half - I am afraid I shall have gout if this goes on -

Saturday 2nd - 9 a.m.

Good morning dear family. This goes by the new Cunarder - I hope it gets there.

Your Grace.