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(Dr. Lewellys Barker) from Lady Osler)

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My dear Dr. Barker

April some time

We have been so worried at hearing of your being laid low with rheumatism - I hope by the time this reaches you that you will no longer need sympathy - Perhaps you will have gone off for a change. And I can almost picture you in a rolling chair at Atlantic City with that blessed Jackie boy by your side - Your photo with him is in our sitting room and a constant pleasure except Sunday afternoons when I have to turn all the home faces to the wall - they make me so homesick. I have just heard that my mother and sister sail May 1st to spend a month here - it is a most unlooked for pleasure - Fancy mother who will be 80 in August sailing across the sea. We are all flourishing - Dr. Osler has just recovered from his American visit - It really used him up - and I think pulled too severely on his heartstrings. I shall not encourage another visit during such a busy season in the Hospital. ~~Apparently~~ this is the promoting agency for the B M in Toronto. About 6 men a week come for advice about how to go - what to speak about and what to wear. I say linen or pongee every time. Fancy a visit to America for the first time in August. Sargent's portrait is perfectly wonderful - It goes to the Academy this week. I saw a wonderful picture by Abbey yesterday for the Academy - Columbus landing - among pelicans - I am so anxious to have the portrait photographed so you can all see it. Mr. Abbey says the portrait of Dr. Osler is the most interesting Sargent has ever done. Our love to you three nice people.

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Grace R Osler

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We have bought a house - modern but with
3 spare rooms! One for a nursery - so make
ready -