

(Mrs. Robert Brewster)

13, Norham Gardens, Oxford.

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Dear Mabel

I am so distressed to hear of your illness. I was afraid that something was the matter. I hope by this time you are 'up & out'. You looked so well at Xmas - never better I thought. I wish you had been here to have had my personal supervision - if not of you at least of your doctor! You were fortunate to have had - I hope it is plu-perfect - such a nice one. I shall see you before long, though perhaps you may have gone south to convalesce. As I told you in my last I sail in the *Lucania* on the 20th.

I have just been putting Revere to bed with a good romp. He has a tutor during this vacation as he is not quite up to the English boys in the Latin. They begin so early. He is having cricket lessons too & taking a great interest in it. This is a splendid place for boys - such a wholesome life and so healthy. The stream of visitors on their way from the south has begun. We have had someone at luncheon every day this week, on their way to Liverpool. It makes the life very pleasant to see so much of our friends and we are beginning to get settled. We had tea outside every day last week and the garden begins to look so attractive. I wish you could see the place in June. Perhaps you & R.B. may come back with me & Uncle Ned on the 11th of May. I have to take the *Elmira*, much to my sorrow. I have been in town today inspecting Lord Amherst's Library. Poor man! his solicitors invested nearly all his money in South-African mines & it has gone so he has to sell his Library. Wonderful collection. 17 Caxtons! 11 of them perfect. I never saw such treasures. I wish Mr. Rockefeller or Carnegie would buy it for some American University. I am taking great interest in the Bodleian, and am beginning to know my way about; but dear me! they need so much rearrangement & a new catalogue is to be prepared but it will cost £50,000. I had a postal card from Lois Swan from Spain saying she was on her way back to Paris. I hope she has something good in the salon.

Please get well soon

Yours affectionately

Wm Osler.

Thanks so much for your kind sympathy about Mothers death. I knew you would be thinking of us. We have had most touching letters from my sister - an ideal, peaceful, ending. I must send you from Toronto one of her photographs taken in her arm-chair only a month before her death.