

(Mrs. Robert Brewster)

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Dear Mabel

Here I am, at home again, and very glad indeed to see my boy, & my books. Revere has had such a good winter & has grown so big - butterflies fish & sketching are his special fancies. He will never do much with his books, but he is a dear good lad.

We enjoyed Venice so much. I saw Verona & Padua & Pavia and we stayed a few days at Milan. After all there is nothing so superb as a fine Gothic cathedral, and we came to the conclusion that about the best thing we saw in Italy was the last - Milan cathedral. I have picked up a great many treasures in the way of old books - a few fine incunabula, but they are getting scarce and usually fetch prices beyond my purse... In Venice we were so glad to meet your friends the Averills - one of your bridemaids I recalled at once and she very sweetly came up & spoke to me. She & her sister are delightful. She told me of a rumor that you & R B, S too, of course, were coming over this year. I do hope this may be true. Now for my plans. I sail by the Adriatic (White Star) on the 14th (next Wednesday) and should reach New York about Thursday a.m. I shall go to the University Club... Send me a line to say if you are in town... I rather fear you may be off on a spring trip. I shall stay a few days in N.Y. then go on to Phila to see my old friends, then to Boston and back to Baltimore for the opening of the Osler Hall. About June 1st I go to Canada & I sail from Montreal 18th (Can. Pac. boat). Mrs. Osler stays at home. Her mother may come over this year - if she does not Mrs. Osler will go out in the autumn.

It will be delightful to see you again & to be introduced to Sylvia. My kindest regards to your sisters & to 'Uncle Ned' & R.B.

Affectionately yours,

W<sup>m</sup> Osler