

(Mr. E. S. Martin, New York)

Lyme Regis,

(hand-writing)

August 16th (1918)

Dear Martin

A long delayed letter of Mabels with the date of June 3rd arrived today with the sad news of the death of your wife. I can well realize what a blow this must be to you, and how lonely and desolate you will be. My only solace in the grief for Revere is the thought that no shadow ever darkened the sunshine of affection in which we lived; and I know that you will have the same source of comfort. Grief is a hard companion, particularly to an optimist, and to one who has been a stranger for so many years. We decided to keep the flag flying & let no outward action demonstrate, if possible - the aching hearts. You have been a great consoler to many, and the love and sympathy of your friends should help in this hour of trial.

Lady Osler sends her warmest love. We often talk of your splendid work for the cause, and strong sensible attitude you have had throughout. Do tell your boy to come to us if he can get leave to England.

With heartfelt sympathy

Sincerely yours,

Wm Osler.