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Osler, Lady

(Letter to Dr. Cushing)
from Lady Osler)

13, NORHAM GARDENS
OXFORD

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Dear Harvey

I have been too sorry not to see Dr. Jones - but he has promised to come on his way back from France. We have had a wild goose chase - Sir William has been on the rampage lately and we had to break an engagement with the Harvard men as he was called away - he saw him yesterday in town and had a nice chat. I am so proud of the Harvard men and so ashaimed that the Hopkins has shown such a mean little spirit - when it might have done so much good. Goodness - I wish you could come again! Surgery seems to me to grow more wonderfully interesting every day- but I suppose the kind I see - or the results would not interest you so much - although just now there are so many heads bound up - that I daresay there would have been cases for you.

I have but one regret and that is that I am not a trained nurse. It is so wonderful too - the evolution of the V.A.D. - the work those girls do is simply wonderful and it will I am sure necessitate a reorganization in nursing methods when the war is over - The women orderlies are conspicuous now - and the army cook in military hospitals is being replaced by women. There will be a high old time suppressing the women if the was is ever over. We have had a delightful visit from Dr. Welch - he is in France now - and I hope will be able to see much. Sir William is at Newcastle just now for the British Asso - and to see Revere - who may go off at any time now - in the Artillery - He is very well & likes the work - in a way. Do you suppose he will be spared to us? It is all too horrible to write about. The streets are full of legless & armless men. We have our officers hospital now. about 260 beds and it is pathetic to see men we have seen in College so full of life - now on crutches or being pushed about in chairs. Somehow - the legless Scots are the saddest of all - for they look so tough - but they are all merry & say "Thank God I am out of that Hell."

I am so glad our adopted children have made such a good impression at L.B.H. - I wish you could find a place for Campbell H - in Boston, it is a crime for them to be in Iowa and have those children grow up there. You and Dr. Christian might concoct something for him - very much love to you & Kate

Always fondly

Tanta Grace