

some years afterwards of pneumonia on the 27th of March, 1887. The other sister, Emma, next in age to Ellen, was a very beautiful girl. She married a Mr. Price, and died in London in her first confinement. Mrs. Osler remembers dancing with delight at being a young aunt when the news came that her sister Emma had a little daughter, but the next day another letter came to say that mother and child were dead.

Mrs. Osler was then living in Falmouth, Cornwall, with Captain Britton, who married her mother's sister, Anne, and having no children, adopted Ellen Pickton.

Anne Newland was very tall and very stout, with blue eyes and dark brown hair, worn in numerous little flat curls on her forehead. Captain Britton was a burly, hearty ship-owner. They were devoted to the little Ellen, and indulged her greatly. Mrs. Osler's mother had a sister, Charlotte, who married a Mr. Free. Their daughter, Charlotte Susanna, on the death of her parents, was also adopted by Captain and Mrs. Britton as a companion for Ellen, who was about the same age. Mr. Free at one time left his home without notice to any one, and nothing was heard of him for seven years. At the end of that time he came in one morning, and sat down at the breakfast-table with his family as if he had never been away. He gave no explanation beyond the fact that he had been in Germany. A relative and friend of Mrs. Pickton's was crushed to death in a crowd coming out of Covent Garden or Drury Lane Theatre. 'People did not speak as freely of those things before children as they do now, and I never heard the particulars ; it was in George III's reign.'

At the age of five Mrs. Osler was adopted by her Uncle and Aunt Britton, and went down to Cornwall with them. They travelled down in a carriage, and in another carriage