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(To Mrs. Cushing)
(From Mrs. Chapin)

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Chapin, Mrs. H.B.

Dearest Kate

Your Harvey has just been dining with me - & such a cosy evening together - he so interesting so full of splendiddness about all he is doing - looking the picture of health - a little thinner than when he was last here - & a greyer lock in his forehead - He makes me feel that all things are headed straight & will come out all right - What a splendid person he is! I fear I haven't thanked you for the picture of darling Barbara. I love it - & her dear little self! Oh! Kate how can this life go on - with all its separations & sadness!

Harvey is starting tomorrow early for Ireland to get his degree in Dublin. He seems pleased with the various new medical officers in France & we are delighted to have Col. Winter here - & hope for all sorts of developments in the U. S. Hosp. situation in England. My work is booming - very interesting & rushing - Of course the S. D. C. questions have been very distressing but I cannot feel from the various letters I have had - & from the "Correspondence" sent, that our own committee have behaved in a very broad-minded way. Having done so splendidly & led the way - it seems a pity not to have made a graceful exit. One simply has to fall in line - & I believe the A. R. C. are doing the best they know how & perhaps we don't know as much about it as they. I find myself bending to decisions that I don't see the virtue in but with ones nose close to the grindstone ones vision becomes a bit limited - & we all think our own thing so far the most important. I dined the other evening with Mrs. Bowlker (Lowell) absorbed in fraternizing "our boys" & the British Tommy - Miss Chamberlain ~~is~~ busy with the "luxury tax" committee & a Miss Marks occupied with Canteen & Crêche at Woolwich. & I fairly laughed aloud when I reached my room & thought how we had each listened indifferently to the other fellow - & then really "warmed up" over our own "job". The Oslers have been back from Sidmouth for a week & both seem so sad & cheerless - I think the idleness & "time for thought" was almost more than they could endure even though both need "rest & change".

Now comes the same spring rush as ever - Their beds always full - Oxford is exquisite - we expect Phoebe over soon - & hope Fizzie may get leave too - & wonder if it will be a wedding! Forgive a scrappy letter - It is late & I must pop into bed - but had to tell you about Harvey before doing so -

Much love to you & a hug to any of your hugables that will permit.

Ever lovingly,

Sue Chapin.

