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(Letter to Dr. Cushing  
from Susan R. Chapin)

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My dear Harvey -

It was nice to find a note from you on the St. Paul - I needed a good deal of cheering up - when the moment came to sail across the sea, away from most of my family - However, the voyage proved a pleasant one even tho' a bit rough - & the satisfaction of being here with these dear people is even greater than I anticipated. Revere has been for two weeks with a battery in great activity - & of course every moment is anxious - The two parents, however, are very courageous & keep a cheerful exterior - the conversation always diverted from the unpleasant - Occasionally Grace talks over the horrors over the pie with me - & I think it is a comfort to her to "let go".

They both show the wear & strain of these last years - but life as a whole seems to go on very much the same - People coming & going - axes to grind & sympathy needed - I find plenty to do, but miss the P.B.B. - very much - What I see of "surgical dressings" seem to my superior knowledge beneath contempt - tho' I don't say so! What a great harvest the meeting at which Dr. Cabot spoke, produced!

Dearest love to Kate & all your nice little Cushings - ever

Affectionately yours

SUSAN R. CHAPIN

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