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(To Mrs. Cushing)  
(From Mrs. Chapin)  
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My dear Kate

Harvey, Drs. Derby - Fitz - & Cutler are here in this house! & I am so excited at seeing them all particularly Harvey of course that I can hardly behave with grandmotherly decorum! Harvey says you are a perfect wonder & never uttered a word about his coming - of course you wouldn't, but I know just how you must be feeling & send you my truest sympathy - I am enchanted with the pictures of Barbara - what a darling! & how grown up - I am wondering when I shall have a chance to make friends with my little god-daughter. These men have all made me feel I must not start for home yet - Tuesday - I didn't get far in my letter on Sunday for it was a busy day. It was such fun to show off Oxford in its most perfect raiment of laburnums - lilacs & hawthorn to such an appreciative audience - Julia Shepley was with Anna Gardiner Draper - & with us much of the day - Unfortunately W. O. was at Torquay - a great disappointment to him, as well as to them. We were thankful to have him get off for a change, though Harvey comforted us by thinking he is looking well - He is well but thin & they both show the strain tremendously I think. We were so pleased with your nice long letter about ten days ago - You must have had a thrilling time over the Boston Common incident! Revere was at home on a ten day leave - in splendid form - & every condition perfect for his pleasure - There is no romance left about this war to any who have been - fortunately the boy is a philosopher & put it all aside - enjoying fishing & books & making us all happy - Now he is hard at it again & one can only live from day to day - You can't tell what a satisfaction it has been to see these men from home. All are so urgent about not crossing the sea that I have put aside the thought of home going at present - which I had begun to think very seriously of - There is lots to do & my hand is broken in to "my job" here so I don't let myself think of my darlings at home - & of how the babies are growing - One's own satisfaction seems unimportant! & of course I love to be with G - Their life is so often complicated that I am grateful for every moment I can help - Much much love. Forgive a letter written by inches - at different moments - Harvey looks so smart in his uniform & seems so keen that I was proud to know him. I believe they will have trying times about organization etc. till all is settled - but it is worth a big price to have given the moral effect of America's being "in" that their coming has given.

Ever lovingly,  
Sue.