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My dear Susan I was very much saddened to hear of thy feeling so ill a turn, but I hope thee may soon rally from it, I well know such attacks are very prostrating, and for thee who has so little strength at best, it must be peculiarity so and it also gives a shock to the feelings of most person who have anything of the kind, but I am in hopes thee may not have recurrence

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Em, and David had gone to Boston to attend the Auneral of Julie Jorbes youngest child, 8 mo, had hooping cough, about right for Susan, so I shaped it accordingly for thee, Weish b, would let me know again soon how thee is, keep up good consage, hope to beer of thy being hetter when Thear again? With much love & sympethy Le. A. Borden PS. Thee enquired about the Alumni S. thinks there must have been a cend sout the Mrs Boone is See. Lor said she had they down, and that the is a member, and she thinks the notice must

[Ern] and David had gone to Boston to attendthe funeral of Julia Forbes youngest child[8] mo. had hopping cough.

Yesterday I sewed on a night dress, ...when I laid my pattern on the cloth I thought this looks as though it might be about right for Susan, so I shaped it accordingly for thee.

Wish [C.] would let me know again soon how thee is, keep up good courage, hope to hear of thy being better when I hear again.

With much love & sympathy L.A. Borden P.S. Thee enquired about the [Alamin] I thinks there must have been a card sent thee, Mrs. Boone name is [Sec Lor] said she had thy down and that thee is a member and she thinks the notice must have been sent



(FALL RIVER MASS. JUL 26)

Mrs. Charles E. Hill Stanford Conn.