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[No year - 1930s?]

Wednesday evening

Dear George:

Forgot all about the  
Absentee ballot I am mailing it now.  
This must be back by Saturday Oct-9.  
Sure King needs every vote he can  
get - this year as I believe Gale is  
running against him. Then there is  
Judge Mr. Hanson for Judge and Webb  
for Supervisor I am looking them in  
the Post Office will write more later

Mrs. O. D. Kellogg



Mrs. George John S. Leach  
Box 171  
Phillips Academy  
Andover  
Mass.

18 Craigie Street  
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Mr. von Schaeck.

That was a lovely tribute  
you paid to Oliver and one  
which need has wounded  
his heart.

Has thought you one of  
the sweetest spirited young  
men that he knew and  
means for you a future of  
the same sort of helpfulness  
to young people at which  
he so called himself.

I found a letter

note scribbled as one of his  
personal files to Bill  
of remembrance, warning him  
not to hunt for any valuable  
unlamented scraps - "If  
by any chance I should  
happen to die - the only  
thing of value I have to  
leave my friends is the  
memory that I loved  
them". Keep that in your  
memory of him - that  
is what he would like  
best.

Sincerely,  
Reith T. Kellogg.

[No. year 1930E]

The Normandie.  
253 Alexander Street  
Rochester, N. Y.  
August 23<sup>rd</sup>

Dear Mr Van Schaack,  
As I am not quite sure  
to whom I am indebted for the  
very pleasant lunch I had  
the other day at Cambridge,  
I am writing to thank both  
my kind gentlemen friends,  
for a very charming time.  
May I take this occasion  
to thank you also for being  
so helpful throughout my  
stay at Harvard? Another  
year I shall know just  
how things go - the first  
time it is a little difficult  
and a friend in need  
is much to be appreciated

Do hope you are having  
a lovely time in Maine.

These days wishes to be  
remembered to you. She has  
at present a slight cold  
and a croaky voice.  
Mr. Belov calls it "a deep bass".

It was nice getting  
back to Rochester and to  
my comfortable apartment  
but Harvard is a very  
pleasant memory.

The very best of good  
wishes for a most successful  
year.

Your sincere friend  
A. Cummins

[Constantine Rogovin Coon]

Wednesday -

[19 April 1943]

Dear George -

Thanks for the prompt reply - I shall write Virginia (!) this afternoon & though I'm sure I shan't be as influential as you think, every little bit - etc. etc.

I meant to write you a letter appropriate to this momentous occasion later in the week as I understood from your mother's card that you had more time than you really have. But here you are going off tomorrow night & though I'm sure you'll eventually send me an address, this should be written & received soon or else it'll just be a dismal anti-climax. That's that a moment like this in any man's life - or at least in those who are mature <sup>men</sup>, not young boys caught in the draft or by the gun for advan-

cause you saw something bigger than yourself, wholly outside yourself which seemed to you of such importance that the sacrifice became really necessary to you. The combination of sheer strength of character and of high-minded idealism which all this indicates is something I always felt you had in you, but which was not being really used. You used to feel that self-surrender was a sort of "giving in" — now you must know that it is a deliberate act of the will, for which only the strong have the capacity. I feel the greatest admiration for a person who can, as you have done, alter the direction of his life once he's past his first youth. And it is not only in your relation-

before, and it breaks my heart that he has gone so far away that he can never know.

I hope all this does not sound sentimental & silly. You'll leave to take its purpose for its reality — it's meant only as an expression of admiration, congratulation & the earnest hope that the rewards which should be yours for all this will come to you in full measure. I don't underestimate the difficulty of the road ahead in both aspects of your new responsibilities — there'll be times of confusion, frustration, exasperation, boredom & all sorts of other unpleasant things. But I don't underestimate you particularly, either, which will grow strong with exercise. You'll do well at both

tending of a problem what to say. I can't catch her eye, you see! But my feeling is very real and I really have a full heart for her - perhaps that gets across to some extent & that's what she really wants, anyhow.

There's one thing I've had on my mind that I don't know whether you've been considering, but it will have to be dealt with sooner or later - a stone for your father's grave. It must be beautiful and right - it needn't be expensive, but the usual thing is so awful. And you are the only person in the family with taste & the kind of sensitiveness of judgment that is needed. Will you see to it that nothing is done about it till you can do it? I'm sure it can

jobs, and will have a value as a human being that will be very considerable.

There, such as it is - I've said my say. I hope this will get to E. Lansing before you leave & so justify the haste & awkwardness. I shall be eager to hear where you go next & for how long. Are you to be indoctrinated in Boston or is that only a way station? I hope your leaving on Thurs. & not reporting till Tues. means you're stopping in Coxsackie - it would make an immense difference to you mother & Eva. I've heard nothing from them since your mother's p.c. but that sounds so normal I don't feel too worried, though I say a bit. I still write to her regularly, though it's some-

be tactfully managed + that your mother would agree. Perhaps you'll be able to get a few days leave before too terribly long + can go into it. I have a few ideas which I won't go into now - you very likely have plenty of your own, anyhow - but I was afraid you'd not thought of it + that some one like Wilbur would, + the results would be sad!

There, that's all there's time for - + all I have to say, anyhow. Drop me a line when you have an address.

Love -

Con

How do I address you?  
St. G. B. V. S. ? Where does  
the j. g. come in?

time - is like a graduation from college - a step from one world into another, and that all your friends and relations should shower you with congratulations, appreciations etc. That is a very mixed-up sentence - not up to our literary standard - but I'm scratching this off in great haste between my morning jobs and a date for lunch, so it will be badly said, you will have to understand what I'd like to say.

The gist of it would be roughly something like this. I feel that you have taken a step which meant the voluntary sacrifice of two things that have been of great importance to you - your security, and the ordering of your own life. You've done it without any dramatization, and seeing perfectly clearly what you did. And it is all done to -

ship to society — your responsibility toward the social organism of which you are a part — that you have subordinated your own desires, but also in your close personal relations & responsibilities, since a crisis in the family coincided with the crisis in the nation. I've said before what I felt about the way you took over the responsibilities — emotional & practical — laid down by your father, so I shouldn't repeat, but I do think that all at once immense demands are being made from all quarters upon your character & your emotional capacity. You have certainly responded as your father would have wished. I think constantly of how he would have been proud of you now — more than he had ever been

Monday Evening  
[5 March 1935]

Dear Mr. Van Schaack:

Your kind and appreciative letter arrived as I was thinking of writing to you to render thanks for delightful hospitality, in your room, at Freshman Commons, and at the Faculty Club. To me it was a deep draught from the source of the Ideal in America, to speak precisely—but sincerely.

I realize that I was rude to stress the shortness

of my weekend. What I have said above should express my feelings about giving up my time. The time and entertainment were not given by, but to me.

It is seldom that anyone shows such a nice comprehension of my point of view + purpose in music as you expressed in your letter. Really I learn with great slowness, and perfect few fragments of musical literature, judged by the standards of most able musicians, but all

of it is so worth while that I feel the necessity of mastering it all, slowly as the end in view is accomplished. In the end, my limitations may lead to a profound understanding never arrived at by one more facile.

As to the remainder of my evening, my great regret is that I had to leave so unceremoniously. Let me thank you again and give my greetings to Mr. Maybe (Please don't laugh at the spelling!) Sincerely Yours,  
Frederick B. Hyde

[Holliman]

{ 24 Dec 1934  
Kohler, NY }

My dear George  
I often think of you  
and your kindness to  
me a year ago.

My dear George I do  
want you to know  
how I did appreciate  
what you did for me.  
I really was hard hit  
for a while. didn't

I think the sun would makes it for me,  
ever shine again. I am not going to complain  
but I can thank God well dear George I hope  
the tables have turned you are all well &  
for the better, I know doing better & better  
you will be glad to all the time.  
hear, Jane has had let me know if you  
work since last Dec<sup>33</sup> are married or going  
& has been very good to be. With lots of love  
with her money, but  
Ella is still out 2 yrs.  
May be some better but  
still worries to me so  
you see how hard that

Anna J. Hobbs



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Charleston, S.C.  
Jan. 20, 1936.

Dear George,

We have not acknowledged your very kind Christmas greetings. We do so now tardily but with genuine gratitude. We like to be remembered by you.

I hesitate to add the news from Williamstown. A letter has come from Professor Shepard, about whom I told you, which informs me that the new administration at the College, in its determination to balance the budget has required all of the departments this year to exercise the utmost economy and the situation in the Mathe-

Maths department is especially  
stringent because the restora-  
tion of the former Dean to a  
full teaching position in the  
Mathematics department has  
rendered necessary even the  
dismissal of a young instructor,  
who was both competent and  
successful. There is thus news  
in addition, - that the young  
man has found a position else-  
where. From the point of view  
of the general situation that is  
at least encouraging. I can't  
help feeling some confidence  
that with the backing of Harvard  
University and the honor of its  
degree you will be able to find  
a teaching position of some kind  
for next year. I assume that your  
friends and sponsors in the faculty

there have you constantly in  
mind. They can do more for  
you than anyone else.

As soon as possible I shall  
write to the Dean of Amherst  
College with whom I am  
acquainted and who is a mem-  
ber of the Mathematics Depart-  
ment. What likelihood of an  
opening there may be expected  
I have no idea, but there is  
no harm in writing. Amherst is  
a good College with a good repu-  
tation and high standards.

Our affectionate greetings,

Faithfully yours,

George E. Dyer

JOHN C. HOGG  
LANGDELL HALL  
EXETER, N. H.

Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>. [1932]

My dear Sir,

Mr. Rosen was  
buried last Sunday. He  
died after only 5 days illness  
- thrombosis was the cause.

The blood clot in his brain  
would have left him  
paralyzed even if he had  
recovered consciousness.

The suddenness has  
left us appalled - in fact,  
speechless. Doctor can ill-  
afford this loss.

Thank you for your  
recent letter - I will  
reply during the vacation.

Yours as ever.

Love,  
J. C. H.

11 Elliott St.,

Exeter, N. H.

26. XI. '21

Dear Mr. Van Schaack.

The following problem  
was recently set as a kind of "intelligence  
test" in a Civil Service Examination.  
Ten minutes ~~for~~ were allowed for the  
solution:

A train is controlled by an  
engine driver, a fireman, and  
a guard, whose names are Brown <sup>Smith</sup>  
Jones and Robinson not respectively

On the train are three passengers  
Mr. Jones, Mr. Robinson and Mr. Brown <sup>Smith</sup>

Mr. Robinson lives at Leeds

The guard lives half-way between  
Leeds and London

~~Mr. Jones's~~ Mr. Jones's income is  
 $\pounds 400 - \frac{5}{2} - \frac{2}{1}$  per annum.  
480.50

The guard earns in a year  
exactly one-third of the income  
of his nearest neighbour who is  
a passenger.

The guard's namesake lives in <sup>Leeds</sup> London.

<sup>Smith</sup> Brown beat the fireman at ~~13~~  
billiards

What is the name of the engine-driver?  
Brown

You are told that each statement  
gives a clue to the solution.

Best wishes from us all.

Yours faithfully,

Rebecca Hoag.

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PROFESSOR OF MECHANICS, HARVARD UNIVERSITY  
DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS

{ Feb 1934 }

Happy New Year!  
And a thousand thanks  
for all you have done —  
(I wish I could write a letter!)