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467 Broadway
Cambridge Mass.
Nov. 28, 1926.

Dear Father:

This has been a nice fall day, late fall I should say, quite cold, below freezing all day. We went to chapel as usual this morning and heard sermon number 10647 on the relations of science and religion. Every preacher who comes here thinks we need a lecture on that subject so we

get it always thank heaven with
some variation. But I wish
they'd give us another live fox
once.

Frank was invited up to
Gloucester for Thursday so
I ^{was} alone that day. I got up
rather late and combined
breakfast and dinner in one
good meal. The box arrived
just as I was going out to dinner.
I didn't know they delivered
perishable packages, special
delivery, on holidays. Thank
you very much for everything
in it. You know we don't
get any Sunday supper or any

boarding place so apples + cookies
find a welcome here.

I spent the rest of the day
making and studying and was glad
when night came. I never feel
extra good when I stay in bed late.

Mother didn't say anything about
grandpa's foot. I hope it is all
well.

Congratulations on your
high position in the Grade. I
hope you had a good time yesterday.

Mother asks when I shall
come home. I may leave here
the afternoon of the 22nd and
stop with Wilbur and Tessie all
night, but may not leave until
the next morning. We have such

a short vacation (Dec 23 - Jan 3) that
I should like to lengthen it by cutting,
but on both end days I have farm
classes two of which are quite important
and which I should hate to miss
without very good cause. I feel rather
reluctant that I have never been to
visit Mithun + Jessie, so if they
intend to come down Friday night
I might stay with them until then,
though this may not be a very good
time for doing so.

I hope you are all well, Love
Dad
Goye.

[Jan 31, 1927]

Sunday evening.

Dear Father:

There isn't very much to say
but there are several minutes
before bedtime so I don't know
why I shouldn't write something
home.

I was glad to get your letter
yesterday. Thank you for the
money. I'm sorry you're having
so much trouble on the route.
We too had quite a bit of cold
weather but today has been warm
again and it has rained quite a
lot.

Dear Brown preached again at

Please don't forget the summer pajamas. Half a dozen - no more - red apples would be very acceptable. We devoured the best of the earliest tangles. Frank again pronounced them excellent.

I thought the enclosed clipping might interest you.

Well Frank is getting ready to go to bed, as I shall too.

Love to all,

George.

Chapel this morning. I wish you could see him as well as hear him. He has the most peculiar delivery.

I have been feeling some better since I wrote last. I still have however a sort of "vital spot" in my gum near where the tooth was extracted. I shall ask about it tomorrow when Jim is over there.

I had hoped to call on the Tineedys this afternoon or evening but I had some studying to do and furthermore didn't have the talking urge. I shall probably see them next Sunday.

I have started on the Miscellanea again and am well along in the third volume. So if you think of it and no one is using it, send it over to me.

Coxsackie, N.Y.
Feb. 24, 1927

My dear boy:-

This has been a beautiful day, quite like Spring. Quite a change from the first of the week, when we had quite a snowfall. Your mother has been having quite a time with her teeth for the past few days and this afternoon had one pulled. It was one of the crown teeth. She suffered quite a little pain after it but seems to feel fairly well now and is listening to the Radio

all right and that W. will
make a success of it, but
it is quite a venture. But
he is very optimistic and
feels sure that he will make
it go. They are coming to
be back on Sunday. We
want Jessie to come here
for fear that the house will
be too cold. But I guess they
are worried about something
(that is the booby) perhaps
they think we ought to have
been up there more while
Jessie was sick. I guess
they'll get over it in due
season. Well Eva did real
well did she not, and I. came
thru in pretty good shape.
I have certainly had a long
time of it this winter and

Had a card from Eva today.
I don't think she is elated
with the place but says
nothing about coming home.
She has a very bad cold
and everything is strange.
Wilbur was down last night
and we had quite an
extended financial discus-
sion. After Wilbur has gone
and fixed the store and
spent nearly \$350, Clifford
comes on and says he does
not know where to get
his share of the money to
do business with. So that
puts up some problem for
grandpa and I to solve.
I hope everything will be

have done quite a bit of reading.
I have just finished a Son of the
Middle Border by Hamlin Garland
It is a true story of his life
from the time she was eleven
years old until he was thirty
three and he had gained fame
as a writer and lecturer.
It is well worth reading if
you ever get the time.
I have also read Recollections
of J. P. Marshall and am now
reading Intimate Papers of
Gloria House. You know
he was adviser to Pres. Wilson.
Grandpa is well but has a
very lame hip and leg. Sorry
to hear that Frank will not
be able to come at the Spring
vacation. By the way, I asked Ed
Aultman what his brother was it is
Dunston, Congregational Church of Wash-
ington, D. C. Love Father.

[March 7, 1927]

Sunday night,

Dear Father:

I wonder why I don't hear from you all. I did of course receive the laundry + package this week so I knew you're still alive. Many thanks for the cookies they are next best to coming home.

Do you ever hear the Old South Forum over the radio? I was there this afternoon to hear George P. Baker of Yale speak on "What American Drama can do for American Progress." He is the director of the new Yale

University Theatre and School of
Playwriting and was before that
here at Harvard. He ^{has} ~~feels~~ year faith
in the little theatre and smaller
town community theatre especially
those in the South and West, that
are putting on real American Drama
and to a certain extent successfully
combating the movies.

I did not go to the fraternity
meeting on ~~Thursday~~ ^{Thursday} night for I
had a fearful headache - probably
due to the bad air in the laboratory.

The next day I was informed of my
election to the association and
given a week to accept. The fees
are very much lower than I had
expected so that I am reconsidering.

The initiation fee is thirty dollars

and annual dues (none till year)
fifteen. I really feel that for
this amount I ought not to refuse
the advantages membership will
give me. Informal organizations
of men working on the same
subject are invaluable aids in
one's development. Both of my chemistry
instructors gave me a cordial invitation
both in behalf of the fraternity and of
themselves. Nelson was also very
cordial and wanted to know if there
was anything he could do for me.
I imagined he implied that he would
lend me money, which I of course
have no intention of borrowing. I
have written to Mr. Tweedy about
my finances and on his answer
my decision must rest. I have

to hear from him tomorrow.

I know of no other news of importance or unimportance. I must write Eva a last note before going to bed. I hope mother is feeling much better. How is grandpa? And how are Wilbur & Jessie and the baby?

Love to all

George.

M. B. VAN SCHAACK
COXSACKIE, NEW YORK

March 13 1927

Dear George:

Well I suppose you wonder what has become of us. This has been a full week and this is really the first we had time to write anything. your mother left last Sunday to care for Jessie and has only been home one night since then. Jessie was carrying a high fever and they broke down absolutely nothing for her. I don't see how people could live so long.

know so little. Mr. C. knows
nothing of nursing. To add to the
difficulty Dr. Van made two
calls and then left for Florida.
He had made no diagnosis and
we were somewhat at sea.

Edith again came to the rescue
and helped and advised till
Tuesday when she had to go on
a case. By that time the doctor
who was left in charge (a Dr
Mott and a very fine fellow and
seems real bright) had got a whiff
on the situation. On Thursday
he made a careful examination
and decided that there was an
abscess formed that must be removed

On Friday he consulted with Dr.
Donhauf and he said she better
come to the hospital for an op-
eration. Yesterday they took her
up and the trip was made in
good shape. Wilbur and your
mother went along in another
car. They returned last night
and went back again this morning.
They operate tomorrow morning,
and call it a minor operation.
Time will tell. Your mother
may come home tonight and
back again tomorrow, and will
stay until Jessie is safely
placed in the ward. Jessie was
very brave and Wilbur is a wonder.

Your mother has been a "brick"
The doctor says she is very cap-
able. But that is some situation
up at - Couleys the old lady acts
like an old fool. We have had
every bit of the responsibility.
Walt - Malbon thinks he will be
able to get some of the money
from them. This money just
when he is starting his business
makes it doubly hard. However
we all hope for the best. There
is very much sickness just now
Will Parks lost the oldest one of
their boys (10 yrs) it was buried
to day I was in there Friday and

I felt so sorry for Jesse. It seems
a shame to keep me so young.
M. B. VAN SCHAACK
COXSACKIE, NEW YORK
dear Meloni Day is very sick with
pneumonia. I don't know whether
you remember him or not.
He is a fine fellow and such
a good boy in the church life.
Am wondering what Mr Tweedy
said and did. I hope you were
able to join that Fraternity for
I can see its value.

Harold has been quite wrought
up over a Frat versus Neutral
Discussion and feels that he
will never go back to Hamilton
again. But it is a long time before
next September and he says that

otherwise I tell him that this idea
because he is a neutral he must
have an inferiority complex in all
"appearances". It seems every
Spring just when we think
he will do so much something
comes up, but if Jessi only gets
all right it will be effort will
spend. Eva seems to be getting
the swing of things down there.
Has she written you that she
is telephone operator now? She
says she has her uniforms and
is a full fledged Hetchworthian.
We are having real spring weather
now, have started some seeds in
the house soon the work will be

in full swing. Tomorrow is Gange
night but I guess I'll have to go
alone. On Tuesday night they have
a congregational meeting at the
2nd Church with Dr. Anglam as
the speaker. I want to go but
don't know whether your mother
will be home or not. Grandpa
is feeling much better than he did.
We called on Mr. Wood the other

day and found him very feeble
but quite cheerful and we had
a pleasant call. Well I guess I
have covered all the ground
and will say good bye

Lots of love

Father

Sent Jessie a Card to Hospital
Ward DII

[March 21, 1937]

Monday morning

Dear Father:

We are having a real spring rain. After some very fine warm weather last week it snowed some yesterday and then during the night changed to rain.

I spent all day yesterday, except for church in the morning and a memorial service for Pres. Eliot in the afternoon, studying for an exam on Thursday. I brought a book home last night to study this morning but I don't seem to be able to get anything out of it - I guess I've read too much on that subject in too short a time.

much. - and one's "punishment" depends
on how dirty the book is. This is
no small task for there are over
fifty members in Cambridge, including
nearly all the chemistry professors,
and each must be interviewed in
the laboratory. Also one must find out
who the members - no list is provided
or obtained.

There doesn't seem to be very much to say -
I spend all day in the laboratory and
study the rest of the time. Friday night
Frank & I went to see "Macbeth" in Boston -
the first I had been to anything of
that sort since the first of December.
It was a horrible production (of course
I know the play is horrible, but I mean
as very poorly done) but is the only
Shakespeare that gets to Boston.

Me: it is time to go to breakfast (8:11)
me and

I had a very quick answer from Mr
T. Wood. He said he would be very glad to
let me have fifty dollars a month until
June. I expect this to be quite enough.
New mind about the \$18 dues. I don't use it
at present and may not

He is of the same mind about fraternities
that I am - that they are rather useless
and nonsensical. I did however accept
(he said I should if I wanted to) because
as I said before this is next primarily a
social fraternity. I am consequently
undergoing initiation which will end
on April 8. Each pledge must go to
every other pledge and every member and
get his signature in a notebook provided.
We are directed to keep the book near -
therefore every member tries his best to
damage - by pouring acid on it, rubbing
it in the dirt etc - my is already a

seem to be getting quite used to it.

Mr Tameedy would like to have me in New York or Danbury a day or two at vacation time. He happens to have the same week I do. I wrote him I might meet him in New York on Friday the 22nd of April and leave for Boston on the boat from N.Y. either Saturday or Sunday night if that were convenient for him. I haven't had an answer. I thought this might also make it possible for me to see Eva for a few hrs. in Haverstraw if she could get that day. Send me a bus schedule if you can although you better wait until the new time has come.

Love to all - I hope Jessie is fine by now and gone all settled. I have sent her a card and will send something more.

George.

[June 3, 1937]
Thursday night.

Dear Facka.

I wonder what plans, if any, you have made for me right after I shall get back. In a note from Mr Tweedy this afternoon he asks me to drive back to Rochester with him for the commencement there on the 20th. That would probably mean I should be away from the 18th to 22nd or 23rd. I hope you weren't planning to go to Haverstraw that week end - will the next week end be too late? I hope everything can be arranged for I don't want you to miss a little vacation before July.

There doesn't seem to be anything of news to write since I wrote Grandpa. The weather has been somewhat better here since Sunday. I hope you have had some good sunshine. The meeting on Tuesday night was quite an affair lasting from 7 until 10. I had a rather charmed life, missing one office by the flip of a coin and another by a few votes.

I thought the clipping might interest you. Please return it for I want to send it to Mr Tweedy.

I hope you're all keeping well and not overworking. Be careful when you're out at night!

Love & all

George.

P.S. Tell mother not to bother to fix the gray sacks to send back this time. I don't know what caused her to happen to them. I found them just as I am sending them back.

P.S. Thanks so much for the new cotton sacks and for the candy + cashies. We have been enjoying a large box of stuffed dates which Eva sent last week. P.

[Aug 30, 1927]

Sunday afternoon

Dear Father,

I wonder what kind of a day you are having. Another cloudy Sunday? It is that way here. It rained all day Thursday and has not been real clear since, although yesterday was somewhat fair. In the evening about half past nine there was a most magnificent display

therefore you had best tell
"Elis" to hunt up a substitute
if he wants to go on vacation
Sept. 1. I shall not be any the
~~more~~ poorer for staying here, for
Mr Tweedy insists on paying
me although I should be glad
to work for nothing. He has
also said something about taking
me to Maine to get Mrs Tweedy
but I doubt if he will.

He saw the *Dudleus* twice
after I vacated the lamina
being the same as before.

Of northern lights, the first
I have seen in years and the
finest I can remember. I
wonder if you saw them.

I'm sorry you had to take
second prize again - the elder
Mr Tweedy says you should
display at Danbury fair where
judging is according to quality.
Most of the week was spent
copying but there is yet at
least a week's copying to be
done so that if I stay for
the finishing I shall be here
quite a while yet. I think

The last time I bought a
little red rice head chain
for the baby although I
know it will be some
time before she can use it.

The package arrived in good
shape yesterday. I shall send
the clothes home in time for
washing next week. I afterwards
noticed that the stamps
I sent were "Ouskey" after
all. I hope you are better
by now but if not don't go
on the route.

Love to all
George.

Oct. 6/27.

Dear Father,

Just a few lines to acknowledge
the receipt of your letter and the
checks. I hope grandpa's cold has
left him and that he is not working
too hard trying to get everything in
the fall.

I am returning a post card
which I found in your letter and

ties wholly with you. I wish you
back a pleasant anniversary
with at least twenty five more
to come.

I am having the fountain pen
fixed and will send it in a couple
of days. It will be quite adequately
paid for if you will send me a
couple of boxes of Jacques'
Capsules.

I am mailing my laundry this
morning. I have not yet tried the
other sheets which sent but for

which is quite unintelligible to me.
I am also enclosing two checks. One
is for the $\frac{1}{2}$ of the post office
check. The other ought to be self-
explanatory, its amount and date
of arrival speaking for themselves.
The four of us want you and
mother to use it for something
which you think fitting and
proper for a twenty-fifth anniversary.
We should prefer that you spend
it for something of future as well
as present worth but the choice

The time being you needn't return
the one I am sending. Don't worry
about my getting my laundry done
here. I can easily get all necessary
pieces done at any time tho' I
should reserve these as absolutely
necessary, for the prices here are
quite excessive.

Well I must stop and take the
laundry to the P. O. and then go
to my first tutorial conference.

Love to all,

George.

M. B. VAN SCHAACK
COXSACKIE, NEW YORK

Nov. 6, 1927

Dear George :-

Wilbur and Jessie
and baby have just left and I
must write to you and Harold.

This has been the first real winter
day we have had so far. It will
freeze quite hard to night.

We haven't anything out of doors
that will hurt. The celery is
all dug but about one hundred.

We certainly had a busy week
hardly a minute to breathe.

We have most of the vegetables dis-
posed of but have the apples to see

to yet. The next week promises
to equal the last one in business.
However we have gotten along pretty
good. We had planned to have a
chicken dinner to day. I thought
Jessie was coming down early
to cook it so didnt do it myself.
When I returned from church they
werent here yet. Walbur had to
work so that made them late
consequently we had have instead
of chicken

I dont know what we are going
to do with Walbur if he doesnt
let up. They have started a truck
to Abband and he is more confused
than ever. He got home 2 o'clock this
morning and he has been dead all day.

I suppose you have received a letter
from mother by ^{letter} ~~letter~~. I don't know
how long she will stay quite comfortable
yet - if we can't get it out.

M. B. VANSCHAACK
COXSACKIE, NEW YORK

What a terrible storm that was last
Thursday. I never saw as much
^{water} fall in so short a time. There was
several places in the road that
was up to and over the running
board of the car.

I guess I never told you that
I received that commission on your
life insurance policy, it amounted
to \$12.50. I paid the whole year
this time as it was cheaper.
Perhaps mother told you how Lory
and Harold walked in on us last

a personal loss. He was a wonderful man.
 Saturday night, burned from Clinton
 as an expense of forty cents a piece.
 and did as well, going home I guess.
 Dr. Collins' oldest boy ran away from
 home a week ago, and has not
 been heard from yet. News seems
 to rather scarce as I go so very
 little. We had letters from Kaskatom
 for preacher this morning. They were
 making and exchanging of pulpits
 all thru the classes. I am writing
 this with the pen you sent. I like
 the point very much. Had a long
 letter from Eva this past week. She
 said she got 100% in an English
 test. I do hope she will make it go
 better than she did before. Trust all is
 well with you. Love, Father.

Let's see news is dead. Getting on

[7 Nov. 1927]

Sunday evening.

Dear Father.

I wonder how you're getting along keeping Kachela's track. You may be consoled by the fact that there are few so capable to do it.

Did you get much of the dissections this last week? He didn't get much right here. Yesterday was quite lovely and today has been very nice but a little cold. Yesterday afternoon

whole of the harbor is visible
and on a clear day one can see
way out to sea as well as in land.
On the way out we had ridden
the best farm miles in a bus bus
going home we walked until we
could get a car, so that in all
we had quite a bit of exercise.

I mailed my ballot on Monday.
I hope Arthur King will be elected
for although he isn't perfect it
would be a calamity to have either
of the others take his place. How

few of us went way out in the
country south of Boston - Blue Hill
Section. The country is very lovely
out there, most of it being large
potatoes with many trees and small
woods. Our goal was Blue Hill
on the top of which Harvard has
a weather observatory. The hill is
very rocky and high, quite a climb.
But the view is well worth it.
Yesterday there was quite a haze and
the sun was low so that we didn't
get the full benefit of it. The

Did Frank Collier come to run for
sheriff? I thought he was out of
things somewhat.

I hope you're not working too
hard nor grandpa either. Aren't
the vegetables nearly gathered by
this time?

Since I must leave for Mrs Pray's
in a few minutes and want to
drop a line to Eva before they'll
close.

Love to all of you,
George.

P.S. Did you
get the pen?

Thursday evening
[18 Nov. 1927]

Dear George:-

You certainly have been the neglected one this time. The time is so taken up that I have a job to squeeze letter writing in. This is a wild night it has been blowy and raining, accompanied by thunders and lightning. We have been having very mild weather. We have no fire to night and it is plenty warm.

We are pretty well caught up with the crops. It has been a very good fall indeed and we are sold out of everything except a few apples. We thought we would have to send the apples to New York, but last week I put a small ad in the Union and we must have sold 75 bushels from it.

Harold this week. A nice letter for
Grandpa from Eva yesterday. Did you
know she had an attack of miserable
rheumatism. Missed a week of school
but says she is O. K. again.
Did I tell you about the election? I
cant remember. Well Arthur King and
Ed Webb were elected and the purpose
of all was the defeat of Ed Hallenbeck
for Justice. To morrow I want to
paint the ceiling in the kitchen
and next week I think I shall
paint the floor, and perhaps mother
has talked of linoleum but perhaps
the paint will do for that matter.
How do you get on with the wash
proposition? I think if we can find

I suppose your mother has told you
of her illness. It seems too bad that
she has to feel miserable while
away. But frankly I think Auntie
Melvina has much to do with it.
This is not for publication, but she
certainly is a "job" comforter.
The house work goes pretty good al-
though I wouldnt care to live this
way all the time. Its precious little
that Jessie has done they were
here one Sunday, and one other
night for a little while. She has
baked two pies and a cake.
If no one writes us out to Hampshire
during Detunk we will go out to
Medway. They always have a dinner
there for the clunk. Nothing from

The time we will wash next week.
Henry and Nell bought a fine Radio &
Walden and like it very much. I haven't
been out only one evening since your
mother went away. That was strange
night. I had the honor (?) of being
elected Master and mother Secretary.
We certainly have had a very success-
ful year. We have over \$1000 in the
treasury, besides buying all the other
things. You needn't worry about our
being trapped in case of fire as they
have made a real fire escape.
At quite an expense, but to my mind
it is worth all it cost to feel safe. Well
I must write a line to mother so I
will say good night Love Father.

Sunday afternoon
Nov. 20, 1927.

Dear Father,

It was very good to find your letter lying on my desk yesterday morning when I came in from classes.

I'm glad you and grandpa are no worse for wear and that most everything is harvested now. You didn't say anything about the celery but I suppose that

Did you know that Willie Wilson
was studying law in Boston University?
I was quite surprised to meet him in
Harvard Square the other morning. He
lives here in Cambridge and is working
some sort of a case just on part-time.
While I ^{was} having breakfast this morning
I saw Mark Richtmyer just leaving
the cafeteria. I suppose he and Mrs
Richtmyer were here for the game
yesterday. Today has been the quietest
quiet time for the past week. There
have been parades, mass meetings, etc

ment like hot-cakes. I hope I shall be
gone off for Christmas. I'm quite
starved for it, and it costs 15¢ for
a few short stacks here.

I'm glad the election went as it did.
I couldn't understand what you said about
Ed Hallenbeck tho'. Did he lose? I'm
sure that now your fire escape is
built you and meether and anyone
else who fought for it are the
objects of thanks from all the members.
I hope, however, you won't have
to use it.

preparatory to the game. I suppose
it has been this way before, but
not living in the Yard I have not
seen or heard the performances. I
haven't been at any of the games
this year. I suppose I might have
attended but there is so much red-tape
about it that I have little interest.

I hope you will be invited
somewhere for Thanksgiving. If not,
to go out to Medway. I have been
invited to go to Gloucester. I
suppose I shall go Wednesday
evening and return late Thursday.

We have only the one day of
vacation.

The term bills came out the other
day and must be paid by Nov. 20th.
There is a balance of 61 dollars over
the scholarship allowance to paid.
Thirty-seven and a half of that will be
paid back in January but the whole
sixty-one must be paid now. Since I
have a balance of eight dollars in the
bank I shall have to call on you or
someone for some money. I am

you can help me.

I had a letter from mother Friday
in which she told me of her sickness.
I hope she is better by this time. I
must write her a few lines now so
I will close this.

Love to all of you,

George

intending to ask Mr Tweedy for one
hundred dollars to cover my running
expenses until Feb. 1. when I will be
paid for the work (correcting) I have
done up till then. But I didn't want
to ask him much before Dec. 15th. So
if you can send me seventy-five
dollars, fifty of which I shall return
by February, I shall be exceedingly
obliged to you. Since there is quite
a fine for not paying the bill on time
let me know as soon as you can if

Thursday evening.
25 Nov 1927

Dear George:

I have just finished my
morning. Did everything but the shirts
and they ran up. Helped and I did
the upelling on Monday. Of course we
did not speed the things but I thought
it better to get them off of the way.

This has been another very campy day
it just poured all the afternoon. We
went up to Medway to one Thangway
dinner. I think he had just went
to please me, but I think he rather
enjoyed it as he saw several of his
old friends. There was a big crowd
and plenty to eat. I guess that is the
first the whole family was away
from home on Thangway in the
history. Had a letter from ~~mother~~

to that sort of thing. However I have
learned that in whatever state I am
therein to be content. I am sur-
prised that M. & J. have been here
so little since mother went away.
Aside from baking a little she has
done nothing at all nor even offered.
They haven't even written you written
and that seems awfully strange.
They did invite us up at Sunday to
dinner. Perhaps she thinks we ought
to go up there now, but we have not
had the time. I never was so busy
in my life every minute has been taken
up. Hopout beer, out a single night only to
Orange. Ben has is down town this
week and I think if nothing happens
I shall go and see it's My first movie

this morning and she still talks of
not feeling well. I told her I had be-
gun to believe that I could take
better care of her than that. I think
the complete change has upset her
After a life of activity to me of no
work at all is not much change.
She has talked of New York and Phil-
adelphia since she has been there and
I'm not sure they are going this
week end. I supposed of course if she
did come to New York that she would
come home from there. But not so.
She must go back to New York just
because Amber-rays co. had a letter
from Eva yesterday and it was filled
with ^{her} again. Honey I seems to me she
is giving plenty of love and strength

in two years I guess. I will envelope sheep
as you desire. This has been a particularly
good fall financially. When I bought the
year I think my bank balance after that
was \$5. I have paid all of Evans bills and
all of Harold's except what he earned,
and all the other expenses, and have
a balance of over \$300 in the bank. Of
course I would not tell Harold that but
I know you will understand and be
just as caring. We are all caught up
now with the work except some plow
ing which doesn't matter much. We
didn't know Wall was in Boston. I hope
you had a pleasant Thanksgiving and
that all is well with you. When do you
come home. T. says he will be home
on the 17th. Well I guess I have covered
the ground pretty thoroughly so will
say good bye. Love of
P.S. Will make up the check \$85 you may need a little
more

Dec. 19, 1927.

Dear Father,

I've a few lines to let you know when I'm coming. I'm expecting to leave here Thursday noon. My train should be in Albany by 5:40 giving me plenty of time to get the last bus - 7:00 P.M. I should then reach Coxsackie by 8:10. I

will get off at Millers Store and
if you don't want to come up before I'll
call you up there.

There isn't much to say except that
I have lots to do so that I'll stop
right here.

Love to all,

George.

February 14, 1928.

Dear Fachu,

Mother's letter came today admonishing me for not writing. I'm really very sorry for being so negligent. Last week was so busy, however, I couldn't seem to reach a time when I could sit down and write. At such times I promise myself to write at such and such a time but

Budget and its solution.

Board 16 at 8.00	\$ 136
Fare	25
Misc. 16 at 3.00	48
Room - April Bill	60
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	\$ 269
On hand	124
Required up to June 10 th	\$ 145

Now exactly where that \$145 is coming from is as yet unknown. I think I can get it from Mr Tweedy but if you feel that you could advance it in installments at the proper time I should

always when that time comes there is something that simply must be done.

Well, to get the unpleasant part of this letter over first, for money matters are always unpleasant to me, I have the following to say. I suppose you have been wondering why I haven't sent the money I promised. The only reason I know is that I haven't got it. To avoid the necessity for further elucidation let me propose a

he very much obliged to you. I
discussed the matter with Mr
Tweedy at New York, and although
he didn't say he wouldn't he
said he would rather not give
me any more this year because
he, Mrs Tweedy, and her sister
are paying the expenses of a
nephew at school this year. If
you feel you could I should
then in June be indebted to you
for this year \$245. Unless something

Five pieces of art.

I had hoped the sea would be high or at least rough but I had never seen it calmer. We were out-does all day so that we had a good hike in the fresh air.

The Spring vacation will come the week of April 8-15.

I don't seem to find any more to say just now except that I have lots of work to do so I'll

close and do some of it. How
is grandpa? Tell him I'll write
him a letter soon.

Love to all,

George.

unforeseen happens I should
be receiving \$175 in June from
the University all of which I
should hand over to you. I'm
afraid the other \$70 would have
to go on the book. The \$175
would come from correcting
papers - \$50 - I have about sixty
instead of forty-five papers now -
and from scholarship remainder -
about \$25.

Please to Frank in telling me
how you feel about this. If you

in Radcliffe. The course is the same as one I am taking as it is I shall be kept on the jump as times but shall get good practice.

Exams went off as usual. I Laneau's inquired my marks herdin under the impression I have seen A's and B's. I'm glad Harold came out so well. I hope Eve made grades which will not discourage her. It was fine that she stood all the exams. I think it is a foolish system to allow ^{or} anyone to take all his exams in ~~two~~ ^{one}

want to go only part I shall try to get the rest from Mr. Tandy.

I spent this afternoon at the dental school again having that gold filling put in for the third time! It came out about a week ago. I hope it sticks this time.

Well the new term has begun and promises to be lively enough. As I said above I have more papers to correct. I have a large elementary class about fifty-one or two, and am correcting also for a class

days.

The midsummer week went surprisingly quickly. On Friday Frank and I went to Salem and Marblehead. He saw the exterior of all the major jobs of interest but I should like to go and look more. They have a very fine museum of marine and oriental things at Salem, the marine things from the shipping formerly active there and the oriental things from the sea captains who certainly got hold of many very

M. B. VAN SCHAACK
COXSACKIE, NEW YORK

[21 Feb. 1928]

Monday evening.

Dear George:

Here I go to make good my promise to write a letter tonight. This is quite a winter night and the wind is blowing quite hard. I had quite a little snow on Saturday and it drifted some. But the snow fences kept it back so that it interfered with traffic very little. Yesterday was a fine day, we took a sleigh ride in the afternoon and called on Mr. & J. Bessie is very cute and

learns very fast. Can walk a little
with help but doesn't say a word
yet. She seems remarkably quiet
to us. Last week we dried the
wood from with the truck
and have a nice pile. We want
to get someone to saw it as
soon as possible.

On Thursday we were surprised
to have Mrs. Tompkins come to
visit, she was here to supper
Lillian coming for her later in
the evening. She told us that
Pauline's husband was a brother
of Albert Smith of Cornwallville
our Mail Carrier friend. So we don't
wonder that they think him nice.

We were quite shocked on last
Tuesday morning to hear that
Loe Seemuel had been killed
in an auto accident. He has
been running high sail lately.
He was with a friend of his from
Bambury, N.Y. they had spent the
night in Schenectady and were
returning home in the early hours
of the morning. I had letters from both
Eva and Harold; they both seem
to be getting on all right. I have
not received Es. marks yet.

Am reading quite a bit now. For
a word I am reading Red Rock by
Page a story of the Reconstruction
Period. Wapuly of an American by

Pis and Trumpets & Jubilee by
Pompe this has to do with
the Beecher family and their
contemporaries. The Thursday
evening there is a Banquet at
the Second Church with Dr.
Wofford as the-speaker. I have
two tickets and expect to take
Wilbur. W has another dog, it
is a Beagle hound just that he
traded for a tie. The business
goes on apace with no very
startling happening. I spoke to
Frank the other day about the
job next summer and he said
he thought that Dutch was going
to camp again. Of course if he
does you can have the job if you

want it. As I have been writing
this letter ^{MR. B. VAN SCHACK} has partially
^{COXSACKIE, NEW YORK} solved the financial problem by
handing me the enclosed check.
Anyhow I was going to say that
I thought we could swing it.
We have both term bills paid and
still live to tell the story.
We are wondering if you are not
working too hard with those ex-
amination papers. Now don't over
work just for the sake of a
few dollars. Might better give
up some of them. You are en-
titled to a medical examination
from the Postal Life Insurance Co.
if you want to bother with it.

It costs you nothing and is a very
good thing. If you want it I ~~will~~
will apply for it. Mother says write
Harold a line for the seeds to let
to get letters. Love Father

Tuesday Aug -

Dear George

Pa stopped short so I'll
finish up. I want to tell you how much I
appreciate the thought contained in
the Valentine card. Eva sent me one too.
I am glad you went to Salem. I felt just
as you do about my trip. I want to go again and
have more time - also at Marble Head - perhaps
you & I can go together some time. I want
to emphasize what Pa wrote about Sam work-
ing too hard. - please don't overdo - it wouldn't
pay to break down and you are not made of
cast iron. - I did not mean to admonish you
but only suggest that a card at least once a
week would help me from wondering why -
Harold has been having some very loose blood he has
to go to a doctor in Utica. He seems to want
more letters. Love to Pa to go so good bye. Lovingly Mother.

M. B. VAN SCHAACK
COXSACKIE, NEW YORK

[15 Mar 1902]

Wednesday Evening.

Dear George:-

How the days fly here it is Wednesday night and every day I have been going to write. Things move about as usual. Spring seems to have come with a vengeance. Only two or three days ago we had quite a bit of snow, and now there is nothing but mud. I don't think I ever saw the roads much worse than they were to day. Of course the County roads were all right but not so the cross

roads. On Monday night we
went to Gaule and made the
first step toward a Hall I appointed
a building committee. Next Wednesday
night we go to Echo Gaule for
a combined meeting to work
the third and fourth degrees.
Mother was out to Masonry
meeting this afternoon and now
she is doing book work for
the firm. We were up to see
Jessie and baby a little while on
Sunday. She has learned to know
us now and is very interesting.
The community was shocked yes-
terday morning to hear that
Archie Wilkerson had been killed

in an auto accident. He was
going toward Cheesack and Harry
Hafas with Chester Robbins was
coming toward Coxsackie. There
was a dense fog and they came
together just above Jeff Peas.
Crisis was instantly killed and
the others escaped with slight
bruises. Crisis car was a complete
wreck, the other a Chevrolet
sedan was not so badly damaged.
One of Anna Spoor's brothers (Will)
was buried yesterday, and it was
the strangest thing they never
let - grandpa or Uncle George know
anything about it. Have had no
letters from any of the children this

week. Rather dread to get one
from Eva for I guess she is pretty
well broken up. Grandpa cold
is better, but he coughs very
much yet. I have been reading
a very interesting book, "Here's
Ireland" by Harold Spearman.
Also reading The Promised Land by
Mary Antin an autobiography of
a Russian Jewish girl. Even my
reading days will be over for a
while. But I don't expect to have
such a big schedule this year, for
grandpa is getting too old and I
can't do everything. Well I'm to the
bottom of the sheet I don't know whether
you can get my sense out of it or not. As
Grandpa has been talking all the time.
Love Father

Thursday evening.

[29 March 1928]

Dear Father,

I suppose you are expecting some word from me. Well, here it is. I received the application O.K. on Friday.

I will explain mother's two questions when I get home.

I am as usual very busy but even somewhat busier just now. Since it had become so late, that is it is so

Buter come one for three hours
samples for an exam tomorrow. I
refused at first but he said
it might lead to more later so I
thought best to take it. So I have
just a few minutes now before
going over to the fellow's room.

My train will get into Albany
at 8:25 P.M. ^{Saturday, Apr. 7.} I am coming on the
Boston and Maine. From the tone
of Mother's letter I shall expect
either the her or one of you to
be there for ^{me} to come home with.

near Easter, I had concluded we weren't
going to have any bare exams before
the vacation, but yesterday and today
I brought the announcement of four for
next week, two of them on the last
available days, Friday and Saturday.

Just before that, on Tuesday, I had
taken on a tutoring job for four
days this week and two next, having
to go into Boston every day, which
consumes about two hours. And
then this afternoon a man came to
the room and asked me if I could

I hope everybody at home is feeling
much better with the improved weather.
I haven't heard from Eva in a long
time but am glad to hear she is
feeling more cheerful and much
better physically.

Well it's about time to go so I'll
close,
Love to all,

George.

P.S. Had a nice long walk with
Mr Tweedy last Saturday afternoon.
G.

May 18/28.

Dear Father,

Very glad to get your and mother's
letters this morning. I'm afraid
I've got pitifully little to write
in answer. It's very lonely
weather and I'm taking advantage
of it by doing something outside
two or three afternoons a week.
Tuesday afternoon, ^{a fellow} took me to the

"welcomed" here tomorrow but I'm
very sure I shan't be in the
missing time.

I was, of course, rather surprised
to hear that "Dutch" isn't going
away, but I'm afraid I'm not
as sorry^{as} I should be. He can
hardly be "beaked" for \$75 at
this late date and there's probably
be plenty to do around home.
I see no reason why I shouldn't be
home for the dates you mentioned.

Archie wants to try to teach me
something about the game. Yesterday
afternoon he and I went way
out in the country beyond
Waltham. If tomorrow is nice,
which it seems probable to be,
I shall try to get Mr Tweedy to go
to the Arboretum. I haven't been there
yet this spring. Just now the
lilacs and rhododendrons are
coming out, among other things.
The Bremen fliers are to be

It is highly improbable that the
book will be ready for the index
before the first of August tho' I
might go to Danbury for a short
time in June nevertheless. I shall
however plan to be home then being
time and for the convention.

Tell mother I send thanks for
the new pair of socks; also that
there are two new pair of black
socks in the laundry this time. I
have plenty of money owing to me but
my bank acct is getting low. If you can
send \$25 in a week or so I might need
it. Love to all, George.

[Jul 21, 1928]

Bells Pond

Saturday morning

Dear Father,

Just a few words to
let you know when I'll
be home. Mr. Preeedy is
planning to go to N. Y. for
a day soon and will

here. But on returning
the weather began to
change and by night it
was distinctly cool
here.

The pond is almost
unbelievably warm. It
was so much warmer
than the air yesterday
that it steamed just as

we Monday thus if
nothing happens. I
shall then leave N.Y. some
time on Tuesday - probably
on the West Pointer.

We leave once to
Pokepsie yesterday
morning and found
the Hudson valley many
degrees cooler than

hot water does in ordinary
air. It's just like taking
a warm bath & go in
swimming. I have been
in at least once every
day and twice I have
been in before breakfast.
Hope you are not working
and carrying so much.
Am going to take Mr. O'neely.
Jason Jason now and on evening
bath shall go for a long
walk with Donald. all, please.

(17 Oct 1928)

Tuesday Evening

Dear George:

Mother just reminded me that I had not written you a letter since you left.

The evenings seem so long since the old lute, and I haven't really got settled to reading.

I'm taking the New York Times from now until Election. I like to get the viewpoints from every side. Grandpa is listening to the notification speeches of the State Democrats tonight. In fact you can hardly sit down to the radio without hearing someone talk politics. New York State is fortunate in having such fine men as candidates for Governor. Mother went with me on the route today. I wanted her to learn

to shift, and also to learn to ^{protect}.
She really does real well, but she
a long way to go yet. But I really
think she will be a very good driver
in time. We have been out for a
little while every day.

The frost has beautifully killed the
flowers and the junks look real
pretty yet. Dig the glads yester-
day. They had not multiplied very
much there were 92 of them.

They seemed to be of good size.

I dug up the ground for the tulips
yesterday. I counted myself to 100
Darwin tulips, and I counted our
own and found there were 300
of fair size and a lot of little ones.
This ought to give us a nice lot
of blooms. The flowers in the cold
frames have grown quite a little
but it is very dry here now and
they might be watered more often.

Was up to Charley Meads on
Sunday the dahlias were very
succif but there were several
buds that will not blossom
at all. He gave up his idea of
having the Grange affair.

Tomogrow is Baboest Home up street
We have quite a notion to go. Rev.
Boyer and Dr. Sugham of New
York are the speakers.

The latest news is Vern Horse is
in jail for thirty days for being
drunk and disorderly.

Did Eva write and tell you she
was going to the Clinic on last
Saturday. Have had no word
from her and we are anxiously
awaiting some word. I can imagine
that Harold is having the time of
his life in the political discussion.
Hamilton Life says that about half
of the Faculty are for Smith's wedding

Prof Saunders, and of course it gets quite a kick out of that. I told him yesterday I didnt want to ~~be~~ to interfere too much with his lessons.

The business is going about the same we had the usual bad spell at the end of the month, but things are running smoothly again. The W & P were here Sunday evening to supper. Jesses seems awful grouchy, but otherwise all was well.

The cow has got the habit of running away and we are having some left to the her securely. Well I seem to be sort of out of news. Saw Walt Wilson the other night in sheet.

We heard today that George was dead, what a strange thing his disorder was to cause his death. George is going to bed and I guess ~~my~~ my the mail route was pretty steep for work - so we will let him in good night.
Father

Matthews 53, Cambridge 38, Mass.
October 17, 1928.

Dear Father,

Dear, dear, how I'm slipping into
my old habits, - but what has
happened to all of you at home - I
hope you're not sick - The laundry
didn't arrive until Monday, which I
attributed to the holiday, but now

inside, however, and robes, with
the music, I soon forgot the
orchest. I intend doing the same
again this Friday though I hope
it won't ^{be} so hot, and hope still
more that it won't rain.

Heaven passed the Harvard
Square Monday noon. I thought
it a shame to let him go by so
close without getting a glimpse of

that I haven't had a letter this
week I'm beginning to fear someone
may be sick. [#] It has been quite
warm here for several days, in
fact distinctly uncomfortable. I
rushed Symphony last Friday
afternoon, standing in the sun
from 12:15 to 1:20 with the
thermometer at 90° - I was almost
a green spot when the doors were
opened. It was nice and cool

him and perhaps hearing him
give a short talk. So I joined
the several thousand other fools
in standing around and waiting
for him three-quarters of an hour.

At last he came but was so
late he couldn't stop. The occasion
only served again to prove that the
camera has become so general
that by the time one sees the
real article there's no thrill left.

He looks exactly like his
best pictures, though Mr. Hooper
is an improvement on any I have
seen of her.

There was a paragraph in the
paper this morning giving the
names of forty Harvard professors
who have signed a resolution favoring
Smith for President. I am
much less sure than I was a
month ago that Hooper will be

pen was satisfactory. It will be
more than adequately paid for
if I can have a few good apples
when you get time to send them.

I had a letter from Eva last week
in which she said nothing she probably
hadn't already written you. She said
she was feeling some better than
she had been. She said something
about going to the clinic last

week. When one sees these staid
Cambridgeans coming out for
Smith one gets quite a jolt.

Mother sent a "Harvardian" paper
this time in place of the "Union" I
think. Does she want it back? I
couldn't find anything in it that
it should have been sent to me. Well
I'll send it back anyway with the
Saturday tomorrow. I'm glad the

Saturday.

Tonight I shall be at the
first meeting of the mathematical
club. I'm afraid my tale is rather
short this time - nothing much
happens except that I do a lot of
studying, which isn't very exciting
material for a letter. I shall go
mail this now so that you'll get it
tomorrow - and while I'm out buy a
small candle hair brush to pair
a toothbrush which I have been
making in connection with Math 14.
Mother will explain how is grandpa
and how are my seedlings Love to all, George

Thursday Evening.

Dear George:

[9 Nov. 1928]

Just finished the book
work and it is after nine o'clock
but here goes a few lines to you.

Mother is writing to Harold on the
other side of the table. No word from
him, but a card in next two weeks.
Too much politics I suppose, I can
imagine that he is in the dumps
over Smith's defeat, but I guess
he'll survive.

While the Republican victory was so
complete in the nation, New York elected
Roosevelt and the State ticket which
will appease him some. We have a
very disagreeable day today some
rain, some snow, but not much
of either. We need a good rain very
badly, cisterns are going dry and
the ground is too hard to plow.

Wada letter from Eva today not very
cheerful news, but she seems to
keep up her courage. I do hope she
will feel better soon. We packed a
box of apples for them today. Will
send you some in a few days. The
wash case was so full there was
no room for any in that. Mailed
it today. Forgot to tell you that
Wicks & Spoor's barn burned a couple
of weeks ago, he lost everything.
There had been four barn fires in
this locality in the past month.
Wilbur returned from his hunting trip
Saturday night. He said he had a
good time but all they brought home
was a live raccoon which they
have in the store. He was foolish
to stay so long but by gones are by gones.
They were here last night for a skunk

We were in bed, but grandpa was up
yet - Bessie is very sunny now and
can talk quite well. Etta Sherman
had to give up school as she could
not stand to work and study, too bad.
We have three very bright theological
students down at the Second Church
lately. The last one a Van Dyke was
particularly brilliant, but he had
an anti Catholic sermon which seemed
to me to be unnecessary, and uncalled
for. Tomorrow night the Annual Mission-
ary Rally is up at the first church
Dr Mitchell is one of the speakers I
guess I'll go for I haven't heard him
in some time, he used to preach
in the old First Church in Albany.
This has made him self very opposi-
tion in the political campaign.
Told Wilber that grandpa had lowered
in his estimation, really I ~~was~~ because

he voted for Smith. Really it is none
of his business. The flock bed looks
as dead as can be in fact - I think
the country generally looks more
like winter than usual for the time
of year. Got the tulips all out
in good shape and will cover
everything up in good shape when
the ground freezes.

Don't get much time for reading
but did read Tess. I hardly know
what to think of it, somehow it was
so sad that it really worried me.

We got the book "Undergraduates" from
state library, it is a resume of college
life in all its phases. Quite interesting
to any one who has children in college.

Well done very well filled most
two sheets and now I'll say good night

Love Father

[16 Nov. 1928]

Sunday Evening.

Dear George -

Your mother says
it's letter-time again & that would
we do without her. Perhaps you
would not get so many letters
and I might miss the pleasure
of writing letters. How the time
flies & so much work has sped
by and it seems like a day.

This has been a blustering day but
despite that we went for quite
a drive. Mother must keep
in practice, she ought to take
her test this week, but perhaps
won't be able to. Wilbur has not
yet fixed the car & must be
gone this week. Was going to
last week, but other work

came in and so it didn't get
done. While we were out-digging we
had one of the hardest snowfalls
I ever saw. We stopped in to Wilbur
for a little while, for a wonder
he was home. Here we pause
for station announcement - as the
announcement says. We just listened
to Pres Coolidge read the
Thanksgiving Proclamation from
the study for the White House.
Last week our radio refused
to work, and Wilbur bought
down a second hand Atwater Kent
with speaker. It hasn't very
much volume but still it does
very well. Heard part of the
game yesterday. Harvard put it
all over Yale didn't they?
Strange that Harvard and Hamilton
should ^{both} have such successful

seasons. Hamilton won 5 games
tied one and lost one. While speaking
of Harvard I better say that we
were all tickled to hear you
would be the proud possessor of
a Phi Beta Kappa key.

I trust the possession of it may be
a harbinger of success in anything
you may attempt to do. The note
appeared in the Times Union, Harold
heard of it some way, and he
said that if any one asked him
if he made Phi Beta Kappa, he
could ^{no but} say he had a brother
who did. Rebecca was pleased
and me to congratulate you.

Harold comes home Wednesday it seems
a bit foolish but it pleases mother
and grandpa. Of course I wish you
might all be home. I think possi-
ble tho I may be down for dinner on
Thursday.

Grandpa is feeling real good now.
The jetties are playing now she got
fifteen eggs yesterday. The other day
we got two pigs Stoneham Mass
spencer in near Cambridge they
are just getting acquainted.

Did we tell you that Mrs Ballard
took it upon her self to offer the
Ballards resignation, to take effect
Dec 1st. I presume they will try
to get a new party as soon as
possible. Mother thinks I better send
you some money so I'll enclose
a small check. If you want more
say so. I don't know much more Eva
will want before the first of the
year. She is certainly a problem and
I hardly know what to say about her.
She was going to try school again
last week, but has she made out
we haven't heard. I do hope she will
get thru some way this year
With Love
Father.

Mathews 53

Cambridge 38, Mass.

November 19, 1928

Dear Father,

I believe it's time I addressed
a letter to you, but this particular
one is to be received impartially
by all of you. It is now quarter
of eleven (P.M.), and I have just
come from a little bridge game.

the news with a little more joy
if it hadn't carried with it an
additional financial obligation. The
initiation fee including the key
and banquet is twelve dollars,
with the necessity of hiring a
tuxedo for the banquet. The
initiation banquet will be held
the evening of December the fourth
at which time we will be presented
with our keys (after having paid for
them!), meet the president B

One of the players is now dressing
to go to a dance! But he is the
only one of the four of us who
was not elected to Phi Beta
Kappa today. I wasn't surprised
at my election though I had by
no means expected to find my
name third in the list. That places
me eleventh in the class, for the
eight highest were elected last year.
I probably should have received

the university, and go through
other more or less embarrassing
performances. Don't you think it
would be better not to tell Eva
just at present, unless I course
she is elected as Hape? Of course
she should be elected and will
be, if there is any justice, but
I sometimes fear there won't be
enough. I know, of course, that,
consciously, she would only glad
over it, but with all the trouble

this year it might unaccountably
depress her. If you decide ~~not to~~
tell her now, tell Jessie and Harold
to be sure ~~not to~~ write it to her.

The apples arrived in good shape
on Saturday. Many thanks for
them - I have been enjoying them
ever since. Saturday afternoon
was very lovely, so that I couldn't
resist going for a walk. Another
fellow and I took the bus over

a fellow owing me \$7.50 for
suturing. But that wasn't last
long now that this extra expense
has come up. On Nov. 30, I shall
have a term-bill of \$60 to pay
and shall then have to have
money to get me to February first.

Early this fall Mr. Tweedy wrote
me offering help if I needed it.
I have written him recently and
told me that if he wishes he
can see me through a couple of

to Belmont and had a nice climb
over some of the hills and that way,
returning through Waverly. I
imagine you went through the
same territory last summer on your
way to Maine.

Well, there doesn't seem to be
much other news but there is
one thing which must be taken
up at this time. The financial
problem is ever with me. I
have seventy-five dollars worth

hundred dollars this year. I haven't
had an answer, in fact there has
been scarcely time, but I'm sure
I'll do it; though I didn't ask for
help at any particular time. I
told him how I should stand
through the year and should
let him choose his own time. But
I shall still need about two
hundred fifty to finish out the
year. If you can see me through
this I should be able to repay

year one hundred seventy-five of
it next June.

Of course this can't go on forever,
and it won't. In fact, I have
quite decided to let this be
my last year in school for the
time being. I have recently found
out that it is quite difficult
in one's first year of graduate study
here to get much financial aid,
so that I should be in as bad

now. I wish I could be home
with you all next week on
Thursday. I haven't ^{yet} received
an invitation for dinner that day
but I still have hopes.

Much love to you all, and
goodnight -

George.

P.S. Frank was among those elected;
in fact, sixteen out of the forty
live in this dormitory!!
(over)

if no worse circumstances next
year as I am this year. If I
can get a reasonably good job
searching somewhere, and I think
I should be able to, I could
save enough in three or four
years to come back and get a
higher degree.

Well, that's that, and it's time
to go to bed. How are grandpa
and his menagerie thriving just

Tuesday morning: Martha's letter came
this morning before I mailed this: She
said that Eva is still at Miss Bayle's
nursery. Has she stopped school for
the present? I don't remember your
saying anything about it.

With regard to the tennis shoes, I
stopped wearing them for exercise
because they blistered my feet and
I presume Harold would have the
same difficulty. You may send them
to him but with a strict instruction
that if he finds them uncomfortable,
and therefore doesn't use them, that
he return them (for they are good for
other purposes) rather than give them
away or throw them away. Well this is the
end of my paper

end of my time
end of my paper

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[6 Dec. 1928

Thursday noon.

My dear boy:

I meant to have sent you a check yesterday but in the scramble of many duties it slipped my mind. Mother said probably you would not have any dinner today, I hope it is not quite as bad as that. Very nice here today a little cool but a good air. Wilbur is fixing the car now. I had Dutch's car two days and today have Wilbur's. I think he will get it done today. Mother says try her test tomorrow. Glad you had such a nice experience with your Eastman friends. We are trying to clean our bedroom today but Mother doesn't feel very spruce. Well there is lots more to say but no time to say it so good bye. Glad the time is so short when we shall see you again.
Love Father



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Matthews 53

Cambridge 38, Mass.

Friday afternoon, Dec. 7.

[1924]

Dear Father,

Your letter with check came this morning. Thank you for sending it. I was beginning to worry, however, for it was so long in coming that I thought something must have happened to all of you. I wasn't worrying about the money. As a matter of fact I didn't need it but I shouldn't have worried anyhow. Mr. Tweedy's

Thomas Nixon Carver, Albert
Bucknell Hart, the historian,
Henry James, the son of Wm
James and others of less rank.
After the dinner there were
speeches by various people. Fortunately
they have done away with the
practice of having each new member
speak, as was the custom
in former years. Mr Tweedy had
to go then that in 1912. The
occasion was by no means
strenuous though it as tired
me that I'm only now recovering.

I'm having a little tutoring

check came the next morning
after I wrote you so that I'll return
yours with this letter. Thank you
ever so much just the same.

Tuesday night has come and gone.
There was a meeting at six-thirty
the chief business of which was
the presentation by President Lowell
of the Keys. After the meeting
the banquet was held. There
were about seventy-five there,
among them some "notables". The
chairman was Chief Justice
Shante of the Supreme Court of
Massachusetts. Other persons
were Taussig, the economist.

again which will help out
my finances somewhat.

Next week will be a busy one.
I shall be at a concert on
both Monday and Wednesday
evenings. And then on Monday
there will be another exam
exam in "my" math class so
that I shall have another set
of bluebooks to correct.

I hope Maude is feeling better
and that she came out successful
in the test today.

Love to all,

George

P.S. I think the laundry is over at the P.O.
I have a notice of a package. Guess it's over ^{there} ~~now~~.

[Dec 13, 1927]

Dear Father,

Just a few lines before I go out
to town.

I mailed my laundry this afternoon.
Dad's return is next week for I don't
need the things here and may need
some of them at home. I put in it
a package which I got ^{ready} to send to Eva
but which they wouldn't insure
here. Will you please send it on with

day, Friday, or early Saturday morning
as they are unlikely to see you
had better telegraph me because it
would be easier and cheaper for
me to stay here until Sunday.

I do not know whether the
Pineapples are going to Danbury for
Christmas, but you had better send
them card then unless you send
it very early - within a day or two.
The Danbury address is 10 Terrace Pl.
The Rochester address is 48 Giston Pl.
Well I guess that's all now.

^{\$5.00}
insurance, or put it in whatever you
are sending her at this time? Is
it a Christmas present - is it her
her watch which I have kept so long
because I wanted to get a new strap
for it.

Will you please find out if the
buses are running from Albany late
on Saturday night the 22nd? I can't
get to Albany before 8:30 that
night. If they are running I shall
plan to come that way - but if
it should stop on the preceding

Must go out for an hour and
later.

Love to all

George.

216 Jan 1929

Wednesday noon

Dear George :-

Your welcome
letter came yesterday and was
enjoyed by all of us. Was so
glad to hear of your good
fortune and trust nothing may
happen to hinder its accomplishment.
We are having real winter wea-
ther now. The temperature this
A.M. was from 8 to 20 below zero
and there is about three inches
of snow, but not enough to hinder
traveling. Did not wash till Tuesday
because H. forgot to send her
clothes in tubes. Everything seems
to be running fairly smooth at
the shop. Hold that big order to

Jeff Ray the first of the week.
Grandpa kept on until he got all
the wood home, and now we must
get a saw as soon as possible.

Yes Eva told us she was going
to school for the present. She
is quite a problem but not by worry.

Tonight is the annual Mens
Banquet at the Methodist Church.
I have a ticket so suppose I'll
be there. Mother finally got her
book from the League. It is very
nice and well written and interesting.

We are keeping well but they say
there is lots of sickness about. Hope
the flu doesn't get you. Leonard
Gunnars passed the exam for sub-
village carrier, and is carrying
for Elv now. Well its time to go and
I must stamp up an ad for the Union.
An enclosing check for \$5. Love
Father.

[30 Jan. 1928]

Wednesday noon.

Dear Father,

You card received this morning
Sorry to keep you in suspense
so long. I was in some suspense
about you at home. I have been
quite well but very busy. I had
my last exam this morning. I
shall write you a letter either
today or tomorrow. In sending this
ahead in case I don't write tonight.

but hope she will be our own.

Love to all

George.

Several of us are celebrating this
afternoon by going to a play.

I am again returning you checks.
Thank you for it just the same.
I got some money from Harold
in time now to meet it. I now have
also my big check from Harold,
so that I'm all well April.

I haven't had any word from
Eva since I wrote last. I hope
she was able to finish without
trouble. Larry Jessie is sick

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Thursday noon
Mother: Don't come
if you haven't sent
the check and we
will have it done.

7 Feb. 1929

Wednesday Evening

Dear George:

As I am the only able bodied one
the task falls to me to pen you a letter. Mother
has been sick since Saturday, not dangerously
sick but very much as Jessie was. She is in
bed most of the time set up for a little while
tonight but is now in bed. I think perhaps she
was so over although she is blue and discouraged
just now. Jessie has about gained her usual
health I guess. Bessie's birthday went by the
board this year. Eva was the only one who
remembered her. I think Milbur said it was a
box of beads, or something like that.

Weather been having pretty stiff winter weather
lately, and tonight it is trying to snow, but
doesn't make out much. The roads are in
good shape for the auto and I make my usual
good later. Had quite a surprise on Monday when
Dutch told me that this was his last week as
he leaves Sunday for Baltimore Md.



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will be the new one. If the old list is still good I'm going to see the first chance. Personally I wish he might get it but a good kid. Frank was out for a few days with what the doctor called chronic appendicitis (some spelling). Harold came and went as per schedule. He spent some money and split nearly all of the wood. On Saturday evening grandpa and he went down to Uncle George's for supper. Harold got his marks yet but guess he passed all right.

The garage has a sort of home latent entertainment at the Rose House this Friday night. Hardly think mother will be able to go. I sent the epigraphs away and they replied that they would send me one for \$5 a pair. The clock just struck nine that reminds me we got the new clock from Gowers to night and it is taking away the hours in great shape. So mighty busy that I don't get much time to read. We have just started the novel "Shoddy" by Brunnett, will try to read it together. Also also reading "Fresh Fields" by Burroughs which gives me a fine idea of English bird life and nature in general. Geo Wallenberg the old fellow that lived just back of Carlton is dead, also Mrs Newell. Minnie's mother she was buried yesterday. Grandpa had good time yesterday Mel Hansen came to see her and he enjoyed it so much. Business is pretty dull at the store but Mel Hansen seems optimistic and plans to build a building to house 4 autos in the rear. The new old warehouse lumber which will clear the lot and rest of the year. Am wondering what you expect to do this week's work. Love Father.

Sunday Evening

Dear George:

[29 April 1969]

We are having
another big rain it is pouring
out now and everything will
be soaked again. It is nice
and cozy inside however and
we are enjoying the lights.

We must try and get a reading
lamp soon it will be much
pleasanter and less expensive.

I hardly know when we will
get anything done on the land
We wanted to spray tomorrow
but now that will be impos-
sible. It is very discouraging
for those who depend on the
soil for a living.

Have not done one thing in the
flowers yet - neglected to sow
the - silver seed so I'm afraid
we won't have many of them.
The hardy garden is looking
real well and growing nicely.
The poorest plants are the Can-
terbury Bells. but they even
show some growth. I want to
get the other seeds sown
just as soon as possible.
Helped mother with housecleaning
this week and she had Miss
Berlinstry for one day. I washed
our bedroom floor and the next
we went to Fred Coonley's ^{allison} with
the intention of buying a rug
if we could get a better one.
Instead we bought a bedroom
suite. It is somewhat out of style

but a dandy It consists of a
frass bedstead (very fine) a birds
eye maple dresser and a pair
birds eye maple chiffonier. The
chiffonier is something mother
has wanted for some time.

We just-thrust in our bedroom
so we rest in style as well as
in peace. We just-the-quite
that was in there in Evass room
It has certainly been a move
time. We gave the kitchen lamp
to Mary and took the Mantle
Lamp out to George when we
move to the new hall I think
we will give it to Mabel.

I have been spending quite a little
time at the store trying to clean
up and I will say they have
tried to clean up this great place
you wouldnt know upstairs

for they have cleaned ^{out} the track
and put things in order. The
rainy weather is against business
and I wonder how it will all
come out. Beauty is the proud
mother of three pups of doubt-
ful parentage. The road work
progresses slowly but surely.
They drew the last load of coarse
stone yesterday. Harry Jordan
passed away last week. They
tell me that Allan did not go
back to Harvard and Frank
Worden thought possibly he might
go in the bank as teller.
I was the only one who went to
church today. Received a card
from Mr. Dumont telling us of
seeing your name in Herald
tribune such is fame. He is not
a bit well and had been fighting
pleurisy all week. Well here I am
at the end of news and just Love Letter



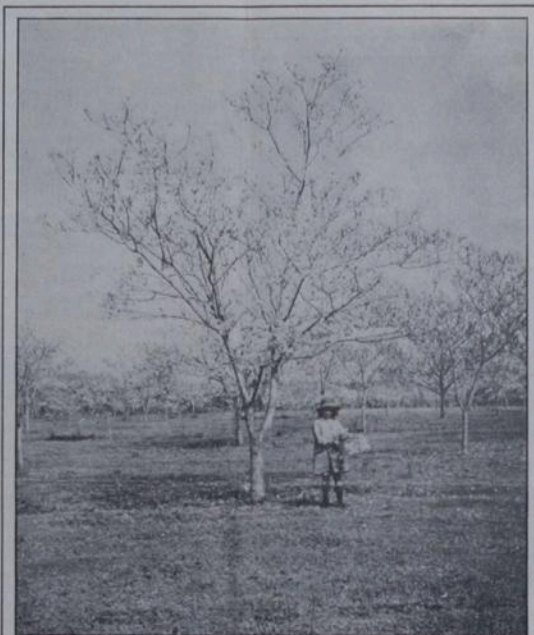
THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Mr. Ingram B. Van Schaack
Coxsack
N.Y.

Glenville Apr 22/29
Dear Mr. Van S. Louch,
In
today's Herald Tribune I notice
George's name among the
Scholarship men of Harvard
College. I congratulate
him and you also.
I know how proud you
must feel. Best wishes
For a week have been
fighting pleurisy. Did
not preach yesterday. Not
am making good gain
and. Sunshin and air, the
weathers are a great boon
Yours cordially
N. A. Duron

FLORIDA'S NEW OIL CROP

ADOPING A TREE known more than five thousand years for its uses in the fine arts and commerce, Florida has planted its seeds, nurtured it for 22 years, gathered its first crop a few days ago and now gives it, the oil of the tung nut, to the United States as a new industry that reaches to every corner of the earth. This, at least, is the claim made by Aloysius Coll, writing of the new crop in the St. Petersburg (Fla.) Times. Recently, he says, the first crop from 4,000 acres of the Chinese tung trees started through the processes which



Courtesy of the Florida Department of Agriculture

THE "OIL-WELL OF FLORIDA"

"Above ground, not under it, and a source of wealth more certain than the discovery of a gold-mine." A Chinese tung-nut orchard in blossom in Florida.

extract the oil from the nuts and start them on their way for use in high-grade paint and varnish manufacture, for insulation in electric factories, for hardening and drying rubber products, and thousands of other uses which will increase in number when the supply can be made to meet the demand. To quote Mr. Coll:

"It is believed that the tung-nut tree grows faster, makes more fruit, and thrives in every way far better than in the land where it was first discovered. It may, in fact, become the 'oil well of Florida,' above ground, not under it, and a source of wealth more certain than the discovery of a gold-mine. For 22 years the U. S. Government, the Florida Department of Agriculture, the University of Florida, the chemists and plant experts of the paint and varnish industry—all have poured in money, time, training, and experience to make certain what seemed a miracle. It is said that around \$1,000,000 would not cover the expenditure made so far to study this tung tree, to plant it, study its habits, its characteristics, its demand for nourishment, the effects of fertilizer upon leaf and fruit bud, for the groves already planted, and the seed collected for extensions, and for the plant which at last is extracting the oil.

"There has never been a time when there was a sufficient quantity of tung-nut oil. Paint and varnish makers have been compelled to change formulas because they feared lack of a supply at critical times. The oil is used in all electrical insulation, because it is the best weather-proofing material known. Even where the cellulose paints and varnishes have come into

use, tung oil must be used as an undercoat, or the other grades of quick-drying materials will peel off."

The United States, Mr. Coll tells us, is far ahead in the consumption of tung-nut oil. This country imports about \$15,000,000 worth from China. To meet the demand, Florida should plant 100,000 to 400,000 acres in tung trees, becoming a possible barrier for a monopoly on tung-nut oil just as she is looked upon as a possible field for the production of rubber. To quote again:

"Conditions here are superior to anything afforded in China.

The capacity of the new plant at Gainesville is 60 gallons of oil an hour—equal to the employment of 1,000 Chinese coolies, who work the crop in the crudest of methods. The tree bears transplanting very well. Out of 134 trees with three-inch diameter, planted January, 1927, practically every one survived, and by November, 1928, many of these bore 25 to 30 nuts, showing little tendency to halt in production.

"The tung needs no long and tedious process of grafting. The nuts ripen in October and November in Florida. They are allowed to lie on the ground just as they fall, to dry and cure. Rains will not hurt them, even in long periods.

"The tung tree in Florida has a strong tap root, four or five feet, giving it strength against the wind and a feeder for moisture at depth. It throws out a very thick network of feeding roots close to the top of the soil.

"The tree does not like lime, preferring a slightly acid soil. This is of enormous advantage, because most Florida soils have an acid content.

"The Gainesville plant is the first of its kind in the world. There was on the market no machinery built especially to remove the hulls from the tung nuts, no screens to fit the size, no press especially adapted to this use. Machinery for handling castor-oil beans and peanuts has been installed, with modification to suit this peculiar operation.

"As the industry proceeds and grows in this state, it is planned to allow the nuts to drop in the groves, cure on the sands, and then harvest them in a process similar to the short-cut taken in the modern wheat field. The hulls will be discarded, and left in the grove for humus, and the cleaned nuts will then be transported to the nearest mill for grinding and extraction of the oil. The oil will flow direct to large tanks, to be loaded into tank cars or barrels."

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Babies taken in a hurry were returned for many reasons. Nowadays, says *Hygeia* (Chicago), more discrimination is used, and babies can not be had for the mere asking. Home-finding societies investigate the economic condition, the environment, even the attitude toward education and general outlook on life of the foster parents. Babies are thoroughly examined, and not given out unless they are in good health and of normal mentality. Dr. A. Levinson offers some practical advice to prospective foster parents in the magazine named above, which runs in substance as follows:

"The greatest attention should be paid to the health of the child. It is wise to have the family physician examine him in addition to the examination made by the society. It is not desirable to adopt a baby in the first few days of its life. Some abnormalities may not manifest themselves so early. The average child is better off in the home of younger parents. It takes strength and energy to take care of a baby, and persons over fifty—many of whom wish to adopt children—usually do not possess either. Childhood finds its normal expression in the home of young parents. Foster parents need to be warned not to spoil their children. They are usually more worried about the children than are natural parents. In their fear of not doing enough, they overdo. They must learn to treat the adopted children like human beings, training themselves to love without pampering and to discipline without fear."

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Friday May 17/29.

Dear Father

Oh dear this academic life is strenuous. The general exams are over and the oral exam as well. The former were fairly easy. The latter, which came yesterday afternoon, was more of a formality than anything else. I had to prove a couple

I could come home and help you. I should love to be home for the next month. I have put in my application for commencement tickets. We can apply for these but generally receive only 500.

Before I forget it, I want to ask you to send me an operator's license application blank.

Last Saturday afternoon several of us went up to Waltham to go canoeing on the Charles. It was a wonderful day but ^{there were} very many ^{canoes} on the river. The water

of the river at the black beach before three of the professors, two of whom I didn't know.

All that I have left to do now is get ready for two final exams on June 8 and 10. But that is more work than it sounds. It will take six to eight hours a day until then with no time left for sleep. Some of the seniors don't have to take any final exams and have finished everything else. They get a month's vacation. I wish I had the same, so that

was quite cold but we ^{saw} several
people in swimming. I have
been invited down to Cobasset
for tomorrow night and Sunday.
If Sunday is a nice day we
shall go for a ride out on the
Cape. I have never been down
there so that I hope we shall be
able to go.

I am very sorry that I forgot to
mail my laundry yesterday. I had
my oral exam on my mind and
near thought of the laundry until
six o'clock. I am mailing it today.
I hope ^{mathews} ~~mathews~~ ^{has} ~~has~~ ^{received} ~~received~~ ^{from} ~~from~~ ^{her} ~~her~~ ^{call.} ~~call.~~ Love to all, George.

Ocean Park, Me.

Aug 28 1929

Dear George:

When I am sitting on the porch of the Curtis in the sunlight. It is a beautiful morning not a cloud on the sky for yet all the weather has been fine so far.

If human nature could only be as bright and sunny as the weather everything would be ideal.

It is some job to keep peace in our crowd in fact I do not try to for it is impossible.

It is some mixture with Auntie Miss Taylor and Eva they all pull the opposite way.

Perhaps you'll think this a gloomy
picture forget it for I am having
a good ^{time} and it all rolls off your
like water off a ducks back.

Auntie does ^{not} miss a meeting of
any kind and really looks fagged
out. She thinks the preacher
wonderful but he really is very
mediocre. Have been in the
ocean twice I find it rather
cool but very noisy. Eva went
in yesterday for the first.

Have been getting our dinner at
the hotel restaurant just why
no body knows. The food is alright
but the service is poor.

Night before last we drove to Bedde
ford P.O. and Auntie traded in ~~Bedde~~
She seems to think I don't know.

how to buy anything but I should
worry. Today we go to Portland
Dublin at the 11. W. of course
and then a rail on Corco Bay
to one of the Islands. Miss / says
will go along and instead of the
rail will go ~~to~~ to hear the
Municipal Organ.

Too bad that you can't get
any rain we had a wonderful
rain here Friday night and
just a nice shower yesterday.
The country round about looks
so green and fresh. The flowers
are wonderful and so many of
them everywhere. Auntie doesn't
want to leave till Wednesday of
next week. I suppose we will
going to start home on Feb 2nd.

In fact she would stay the whole
7th week if we should consent.
I'm going to try and get them
to start Tuesday evening after
supper and that will make the
trip easier. Miss Bayes leaves on
Labor Day she has been very nice
and I like her very much.

I hope you will get on all right
I surely appreciate what you are
doing. Wonder if the jeans will
need patching before we return.

I wrote Slim about helping pick
them up if necessary. There is a bag
six or seven bags - and you could
pack them if they don't too - let
them go. Will she really go? Ann
closing check for election night see that
Joseph has what she needs ~~and~~ you'll
all my love Father

P.S.2. Thanks for the apples. The Eve the candy was
so good the wind found it and stole some!

P.S.3. Kindest regards to the Peeres. G. G.

Dear Father,

[Sept. 1929]

I thought of you last Saturday
morning starting for Halvick. I
hope you were backable to go. You
should have had good weather, we
did here.

Quite a while back you spoke of
my overcoat. I know it is pretty
bad but I think I should wear it
some more. As a matter of fact
the way Jim & he paid won't give
me any money to buy clothes with.

is a bore. Thank you for offering me
your coat. I could use it until
Christmas and then use mine afterwards
if you don't think mine would stand
a whole winter. What do you say?

There are several books I should
like to have you send me with
the next laundry, or with the
overcoat if you send it before that.
They are all with the books marked
put away this fall. I list them
in the order in which I want them
most, i. e. the first I want first
if you can't send them all at once -
they are rather large.

I am slated to be paid in twelve
monthly installments which means
that I should have now \$300
coming during the summer. But I
shall need it before that. I may be
able by special petition to be paid
in ten monthly installments, which
means my last check would arrive
on July 1. I figured out yesterday
that even that way (with the \$60
which I now owe you) I shouldn't
have much of a bank balance before
the first of May. Do you need the
P.C. badly? This financial business

Physical Optics - Wood. Green cover
Electricity and Magnetism - Starling Red
cover.

Elements of Physical Chemistry - Jones.
Green cover.

Spectroscopy - Baly. Pinkish cover

I should like also my green eye shade
which I must have left in my room. If
you don't find it there don't bother.
Also, mother didn't send my heavy
gray flannel shirt. I should like it
for week-end riding or hiking this fall.

I haven't heard from Lauce this
week. I hope you're not having any extra
trouble. How is Auntie? I wrote her
yesterday. Love to all, George.

P.S. I expect a will coming with the Thirty on Saturday. I am
sure they will send it to you but I
don't know. They will send it to you but I
don't know.

22 Shepard St.
Cambridge Mass.

Monday 6:30 P.M.

Dear Father,

[Sept. 15, 1937]

I arrived safely and slightly
late. The train was quite hot
which made the trip unpleasant.
I had quite a wait in Albany
so I went to the Alling Rubber
Co. and the Albany Hardware

Miss Hayes has put me
up in the attic so that I
feel quite at home. She
has already talked me deaf
deaf and blind.

I phoned Mr Gaylard and
he wants to see me at eleven
tomorrow. I could have
taken a later train had I
known it.

I have shaved and changed

and then and am having
them send you estimates
on the basketed meeting. They
will reach you the latter part
of this week. I also called
at Bacon & Stetson and said
"hello" to Jake. I saw George
Jake in the station a few
minutes. He was on his way
to Dartmouth by way of
Greenfield.

my clothes and feel quite
refreshed and will now go
and get some dinner.

I have written mother at
Albany so she will hear
from me tomorrow.

I hope your eyes are
much better by tomorrow.

Don't use them too much for
several days and don't work
too hard.

Love to all
George.

M. B. VAN SCHAACK
ELMSHADE
COXSACKIE, N. Y.

[1930s]

Friday afternoon.

Dear George

Just a line to you before I go by street to get some things. This is a beautiful day here, nobody could wish for anything more. Mother is improving slowly. She has been a bit discouraged because it is not fast. But I read the Dr. this A.M. and he said she is making satisfactory progress also that there is nothing radically wrong with her.

Of course she has given up going to State Camp next week. I shall take there a few vacation days and go now and then. Earl is going to act as substitute.

I be assured quite pleased to do it. These
are busy days, the only reading lately has
been the comic strip in the paper.
I never I never had more outside
duties than I have had the past few
weeks. Yesterday I was borrower of another
with checking at Clancy's Garage. I shall
soon apply for a salary. Grandpa
is much better in fact he went with
me to the meeting yesterday.
Nothing from W. J. writing him again.
Letter from Eva and everything seemed
to all right I suppose Harold will
be down this weekend. Auntie doesn't
know about your mother's illness
yet, but will find it out next week
and then O Lord! This week from
yesterday we have our church banquet
I have secured a speaker Prof. Dawson
one of our teachers at Hamilton was
of Vassar College. Well I might write
a lot more but no more time I must
close. I guess everything will come out
all right. Love Father

February 14, 1930.

Dear Father,

Mathee's letter from Syracuse came the first part of the week. I'm so glad you had such a fine time there, and that you were able to stay the whole week. We had some very cold weather last week but fortunately it didn't snow much. It is quite warm here again and reminds one of spring, but the groundhog must have seen his shadow again today so I guess

another physician. They sent me a "change of address" blank which I filled out with my present address. That means that they will send notices of premiums to me. I see no reason why I cannot, for the rest of this year at least, stand the full expense of the insurance, so that you will be relieved of it.

On Tuesday afternoon the Chairman of the tutors and another member of the faculty had a meeting with the instructor-tutor to try to determine what we think is the matter with the tutorial system, and how we

there is no hope yet.

I haven't got the insurance straightened out yet. I have paid the premium due Jan 18 so that the policy wouldn't lapse. I decided, rather arbitrarily, to take the whole shooting match, wherefore I have to be examined. The company sent me a check for a Dr Greene here. I called him on the phone but he said was no longer examining for them and would, therefore, not examine me. I have written this to them but have had no answer. I suppose they are trying to find

I think it can be improved. The meeting
was very successful - most of us had
ideas and the discussion was very
enlightening. Most of the ideas were good
but my own happened to meet with
the most favor, principally because
they had all had it vaguely in the back
of their minds. I prepared that every
student should write a thesis every
year, the underlying reason being that a
college education should not be a gathering
of facts and in function primarily, but
should be an acquiring of ability to put
those facts into words on paper so
that science or else can understand them

and their relation to the whole subject.
Factual instruction is, at least, most
efficiently given, and possibly best given,
from a lecture platform, but training
in coordination and expression can only
be given individually and it is this
for which the tutorial system should
exist. The two faculty members took
so heartily to the idea that I believe
before many weeks have passed that
it will be adopted by the decision.

On Sunday evening Julio Bryan called
up and wanted to know if I would
go to the Tharps' for a sing this evening.

obligation to call there - though I see
little real reason why I should -

I have had a partial banister from
my job over in Brooklyn. Mr. Brickley
was quite stunned by the magnitude of
the month's bill - \$52. He didn't object
to paying \$3 an hour for labouring
but he thought that charging \$2 per
hour for travelling was exorbitant.
I was quite within my rights, however,
and, in fact, his wife had agreed to
the price, so that I stood firm. They
paid me but decided that one
evening a week, with two hours

I said I would on the promise that
there would be a crowd. But it turned
out that there were only ten! There
so that any feeble attempts betrayed
themselves most grossly. The Tharp's
were unknown to me. Mrs Tharpe
was at Nassau when Mr. Dudley was
starting there. I believe her husband
is a very prominent lawyer for he
was raised to a high position in
some Swedish honorary society by the
King of Sweden for doing some diplomatic
work for Sweden. Mrs Tharpe is a very
charming woman - and I am now under

each evening would be enough
for the future. Though I didn't
feel them so I was very much relieved
to have my engagements thus cut
down, for two evenings a week,
like those are too much.

I have at last found out that
I will not be able to live in the
new dormitory next year. Professor
Coolidge, the warden, said he would
be glad to have me if I would pay
\$4.00 for a room, but I thought
that about \$1.00 too much.

I have had two letters from
Donald Jean Egypt, the first

from Cairo, the second from Thebes.
I enclose one of them, which consists
entirely of postcards - Please return
them when you write again.

I am enclosing a check for \$75.
One third of that is for your Syracuse
trip. The rest is one half of what I
borrowed last September.

Many thanks to you for the box of
apples and cakes. I wonder when she
starts for Halland.

Well, it is dinner time, so I must
stop. I hope you have recovered from
your cold and that all the rest
of you are well. Cantata Club started

again last Friday and we have the
second rehearsal this term tonight.

Love to all

Georg.