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Mar. 29/29

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

Dear George-

Was glad to get your letter ~~last~~
~~week~~ yesterday. As far as we know the
bus runs from Albany as usual - I'll en-
close time table if I don't forget. Pa would
not want to go up so late unless there
was no other way for you to get down -
If you write again state what time the
train is due in Albany - I don't know
whether or not it will be gone by that time
or not. I'm sorry you will have to do so
much studying when you ought to have a
vacation, but if you must, of course you
can have all the time you want to lounge.
As you will be the only one home there
will be no one to disturb you.
We are very much upset this week

as two men have been here on the wiring
job since Monday morning. Not that they
have worked all the time, but after
wiring things up they have been in & out,
plaster set. Every room up stairs in-
cluding both halls, except Ed's room,
had to have a board taken up, so you
can imagine the upset. But Smith has
just told me the worst is over & to-mor-
row he will hang some of the fixtures. Of
course, we were given our main object
was to have lights, so we had to rely on
his suggestions. Besides being an old
house, it was more difficult to wire
I suppose. If you had sent your
suggestions before it might have made
some difference, but all the openings
were cut or most of them. However I
think we'll find so much difference
we'll not find fault if some nice takes
were made. As you will be home to some

I'll not ~~reumer~~ all about the work
for you can soon see for yourself. You
were all fortunate not to be here while
the work is being done. Yesterday
afternoon we went to Troy to buy the
fillies - but, too all were green & had
to depend on advice & amperher look.
I had an extra opening made to-day in
your room so you can have a reading lamp
if you want one. W. took us to Albany
in his new car - it is fine, of course,
but rather riles my spirits as he can-
not afford to - Jessie & Bessie went, too.
Sunday Pa & I went out for a little,
while so I could start practicing again.
As I had driven only once since the
Holidays, I was most like a novice
& really got quite discouraged.
The billage is actually better than gravel

on this South road - that will be a big improvement. The roads are almost as dry as summer.

I suppose it is in Newton now - He expected to leave Uta at midnight & arrive in Newton about 10 this morning. I think they mean to start to-morrow on a trip down into Peru, getting back up here about the middle of the week. Really, I am rather glad they are not coming right up to-morrow for we are so upset.

I have not heard from Eva this week. I am glad to hear she has completed her make-up work - she had not told us that. I do hope she will pull this off. If she does & does not object to go back next Fall, I almost think she might stay & visit at Mrs Boyd's a while in vacation, if Annie is to be here. Perhaps when Annie comes I will get a line on her summer plans. Please remember us kindly to Mr & Mrs Dowsley. Now I must tend to the printer.

Loveingly,
Mother.

I've read your letter - I don't
know how you are
getting on - we are on our way
to the States still hope
Dear George -

Cossackie, N.Y.
May 31/29

I wonder if it is as hot in
Cambridge as it is here. It is almost
unbearable especially for working. I
have lost all my pep & pairs about a
week - but surely it will change in
cooler again. Was glad to get your
letter on Wed. & hear of your trip - too
bad it was not a fair day - we thought
of you & concluded you will not go.
How do you visit at Cossackie? It is
nice for you to have these periods
of change & an opportunity to see new
places. Auntie is back in 3 weeks.

We are all upset here this week for
several reasons. On Tues. I cleaned out
the sitting room & pa has given the floor
a coat of ground color & one of varnish.
It is too light to suit me, but I guess I
will have to go for now - hope to get 5
nights - before Sunday. This afternoon

I must go to Catstall to Dr. Bennett's
Lamented been there since Feb. I'm
sorry I must go on the bus but pa
is too busy to take me.

Mr. Coombes passed away on Mon-
day - he was taken much worse on
Thursday last & became perfectly
helpless - all the daughters & their
husbands were there most of the time
night & day till the end as he was
really dying for four days. Very
similar to grandpa's. I had Bessie
here all day Friday, most of Sunday,
all day Monday & most of Tues. She
is good company if she only had
better training. I tried to do some clean-
ing, but it was really more than I could
stand, I was a wreck Wed. & did almost
nothing. The funeral was held at
11 Thurs morning - we all went. The
R.D. service was held at Bombardier's
near Catstall & we got down there before
dinner. There was a good crowd -
9 carriers & families but was too hot.

be come comfortable - Pa & I humbled right
in bed when we got some shocks after
five.

If you could see our lawns you
you'd have a fit - Pa started in to
keep them mowed but had to give
up - the asparagus just now takes
so much time every day & then the
little chicks, too & the planting - it
is too much yet for Pa, even tho'
he has cut out so much. I'm glad
they will be no berries to worry & work
with. This morning grandpa
burned the last butter for the present.
He will have to buy milk now for a
month or so.

The road above is progressing. They
actually began covering the stones this
week - I pretty nearly got Pa's goat
riding over them so long.

Harold is coming home on the 8th
& go back with us the 15th - that is where
we have planned. If you do not
want to stay ~~from~~ ^{after} from east of here

it would be just as cheap for you to
come home but if you mean to
attend the Senior activities do
so - it only comes once in a lifetime.
We suppose Jessie will come here
to care for grandpa, but she is so
fickle & unpredictable I wonder
just what to plan on. Of course if
H. gets back he can in a pinch man-
age, I suppose. We will probably
return on the 17th as the Commence-
ment is at noon & there will be no
particular reason to stay over. Then
maybe we can start off again Tues
afternoon - stop in Pittsfield over night &
go to Boston Wed afternoon - that will
be better than going thro in one day, but we
will probably return in one day. We really
would like to stay over Friday night &
would do so if possible. - Pa has bargained
for a new Chev. Coach as we had offered to
allow \$200 on the old car. He utz still un-
settled that will have to come later.
Grandpa cannot read at all but he is optimistic
& does not seem to worry over it - Pa seems to feel worse
about it. - Jake & family were here Sunday afternoon
Camp meeting in alt. opposite the big square here - we heard
the singing here last night. Doan & Wether

Apr. 5/29

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

Dear George -

Just a line as I am
so very busy - I wanted to say I
forgot to enclose time table of
the bus but probably you saw it
in the Union or Recorder I sent.
There is no bus between 9 + 11.15 Sat.
night so you may have quite a
wait - However if I can manage
it, I'll try to get it to meet you. Be
sure to go in the depot for that is where
Le will look for you. I'd be glad to
go too, if I were ever too tired - Hope
you have a safe journey even tho' it
may not be very pleasant.

Auntie & H. arrived about 3 on Mon-
day - They went to Albany yesterday -
They had taken a trip to Valley Forge -
It has been a busy week for me -
Auntie does not seem to be very
well & is so tired she just wants to
rest all the time. I am kept busy
trying to keep things up & get weeds.
The wiring is at a stand still for the
present awaiting the inspector - It has
been a "trying ordeal" & I will be glad
when they get this & leave for good & I
never recommend them.

Pa is waiting to mail this so I'll quit.
H & Auntie have gone to Ohio - if
I have been fine weather but raining this
afternoon. Good bye till Sat.
Lovingly, Mother.

[April 14, 1909]

Cambridge, 5:30 P.M.

Dear Mother,

Just a few lines before supper
to let you know I reached here
all right. I was quite tired
but a bath and a nap have
quite restored me. I suppose
you have all seen the woods
as they were in the Berkshire

deal for taking me to
Albany.

Fargo to mention that I
found the check on the
table and took it. I also
found to get the little jagged,
you might need some if you
think of it.

The lunch was fine and
I just the right amount. I
was very hungry by half
past twelve.
Dined at supper time.

Today but I never had. It was
just like riding thru fairy-
land. Some of the hills were
so white, ^{from the snow on the trees} one thought of walking
but the snow, - they seemed to
be mountains of snow. It
snowed part of the way and
in some places there was
two or three inches of snow.
I hope the day was as
unpleasant for you. I
thank you back a great

I'll mail this now and
hope you get it tomorrow
morning.

Love to all

Grace.

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

Apr. 19/29

Dear George -

Meant to write to you before this but you know how it goes here. It took two evenings to make up the Telephone reports - the working is to-night. The other book work I became started by working part of Sunday & this morning. The weather has been "impossible" - terrible rain so the water is running in the cellar - lucky Sargent & his man do not have to run all over the house & rick everything up from cellar. They were here at the barn a while yesterday - no ves pests yet, but Sargent said the Cuckoo Bird on Wood cannot us today so we could have lights - maybe that is so & maybe not. Yesterday we had our first view of hills. in

Sometimes & they were white like miles.
Roads out away abundant. Downsville
etc. - were impassable with drifts - probably
you saw in paper the same conditions
exist in the Buckline region. - Had a nice
long letter from E. au Duc. she wanted
to know about invitations - she must vote
next week. Guess you & H. do not have such
things - haven't heard of it if so. - Had a
letter from Grace - main news in it was
the formal announcement of Helo's en-
gagement - I'm sorry for Harry.
The nice party returned Duc. Mrs. Kitty
fell downstairs some place early in the morn-
g & was about helpless - she is in bed & in
great pain - her hip maybe cracked.
Her acct. of bad weather has not been able
to house clean as I had planned but have
accidentally odd ends of sewing. Got Eva's
room clean with Pais help & yesterday he gave
the floor just coat of paint. - To cement
the family relations with Grace, I went up
there yesterday afternoon while Pa was at store.
Pais ready to go so good-bye.
Lovingly, Mother.

[25 Apr 1929]

Wednesday evening.

Dear Maister,

My, how the time flies, but in another week the first part of the coast ~~is~~ will be over. My thesis is coming along and I expect to have it ready for the final copying by Saturday night or Sunday. It is even more of a job than I thought.

Tomorrow afternoon. On Friday, although I haven't the time, I shall go to the last symphony concert of the year.

We have been having some very nice weather lately. Friday was a holiday and very nice though quite windy. Several of us rode up to Nahant on the north shore in the afternoon in an old flivver belonging to one of these ^{fellows}. We went out on the rocks on Senator Lodge's old place and took some pictures. The sea was quite

It must be landed in a week from today. The general written examinations fall on the morning of May 8 and 9. I was to have given my talk on the evening of the eighth but I expect to have it changed so that it will come about a week later.

I hope my failure to send my few dirty slides didn't upset your plans. It completely slipped my mind on Thursday, and there were so few I thought it was worth while to send them late. I go to the dentist again

calm, but there was enough
swell to make some lovely
foam. I enclose one of the
pictures showing the rocks.

In case you may not be able to
identify me, I am in the light
overcoat, not my own.

Well, I could write more but
my hand is tired, I have written
all day, so I'll close. I got my
cap and gown today. They are
quite a "gyp", I shall have to
see the deaps on again myself,
and the dark isn't very good.

Love to all,
George.

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Maudslayi May 6, 1929

Dear Mather,

I wonder if yesterday was
Mather's Day? I didn't see any signs
of it, but Mrs. or Miss Lane told me
it was. If it was I'm very sorry
not to have known it, but it
was sheer ignorance and not
neglect ~~that~~ on my part that I

climbing six of the hills. From
the highest one, one can see
in ^{all} many directions for many
miles. It is the finest view of
country near Boston but
rather hard to get to. We got back
to Cambridge about five o'clock.
I was quite tired and, as a consequence,
didn't get any work done yesterday.

I got my thesis done on time
but I had to work very hard the
last few days. It took me the
best part of four days to get it

done and you greetings. I hope
you had as enjoyable day as I
did. The weather was lovely. In
the morning Mr Tweedy called
up to ask me if I wanted to
go with him, Harold and another
fellow for a walk. We went over
to the south of Boston to the
Blue Hills reservation. It is
a large tract of land several
miles across, with completely
wooded hills of about 500 feet
high. We walked right across it.

copied. It was sixty-nine pages
long, really much longer than
it should have been. The divisional
exams came Wednesday and Thursday
mornings. Unless I am much mistaken
they will not be so terrible. The
oral exam comes sometime next
week. That will probably be worse
for they can ask you anything
(in mathematics) then please. After
that preparations for final
exams. Well I must stop and get
over to the dental school. I expect
this to be the last time. They are
to have my money ready today.
Love to all, George.

I June 1929

THE Harvard Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa cordially invites you to be present at the Literary Exercises of its Anniversary in Sanders Theatre, on Monday, June 17, 1929, at half-past eleven o'clock.

The Orator of the Day is Governor Franklin Delano Roosevelt, of the Class of 1904.

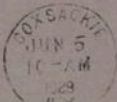
The Poet is Professor Robert Lilliman Hillyer, of the Class of 1917.

The President of the Society, Dr. William Sydney Thayer, of the Class of 1885, will preside.



To this meeting are specially invited all winners of scholarships, prizes, and other academic distinctions in Harvard College during the past year, the parents of these students, and the head-masters of the Schools at which they were prepared for college.

Tickets for reserved seats may be obtained by applying in writing to the Secretary of the Phi Beta Kappa, 60 Matthews Hall, or by applying in person at 4 University Hall, between the hours of ten and twelve-thirty.



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

George B. Van Schaack
Matthews 53
Cambridge 30
Mass.

Cape Sabine N.Y.

Dear Sec. June 5/29

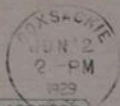
I am sending
laundry today. I think
we will wash again
on Monday as the fol-
lowing week we will
be gone all week. So
I'd better send anything
you have to be washed
the last of this week, as
usual & let my boxes
& you want them re-
turned next week or next.

Our road above is finished.
They are putting down
this week. Mrs. B. is able to
help me now so I hope to
get this material overdone.
Success in all cases -
Lovingly Mother



The Class of
Nineteen Hundred Twenty-nine
of
Hamilton College
announces its
One hundred and Seventeenth
Commencement Exercises
Monday, June the seventeenth
Clinton, New York

HAROLD SPOOR VAN SCHAACK



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

George B. Van Schoeck
Matthews 5³
Cambridge 38
Mass.

Cookstown N.Y.

June 12/29

Dear Geo -

There seems to be
no time to write a letter - So
Busy with so many details
large & small keep along to
Kentucky away so busy time
H. arrived Friday for supper -
He returns tomorrow as the
following day is Class Day.
Washed to day - Louis came
yesterday. I picked some
good pine for - hope my
land reuprated after his
last strenuous work. Hope
to see you one week from to day.
Went to Albany yesterday but
Grandpa for his eyes but nothing
can be done - He is determined to get
blind but he is a good sport
about it. - The Cheese Coach was
utilized yesterday on the trip
to Albany. As it will make us
for some distance of road - We
go Sat. after dinner - Love Mother

[June 13, 1939]

Wednesday night.

Dear Mother,

Well, it's all over but the shouting. My examinations came on Saturday and Sunday mornings. They were not as bad as I had expected, in fact, my last paper was one of the best I ever wrote. Monday afternoon and all day Tuesday were consumed

Commencement is so early there, so
that you won't have to rush to
get here. I am expecting you
here early Wednesday afternoon,
about three o'clock. You are to
stay at Miss Hayes'. It will
probably be easier to meet
you there. With regard to getting
there: You had best get onto
Massachusetts Avenue at Arlington,
just as father did last year.

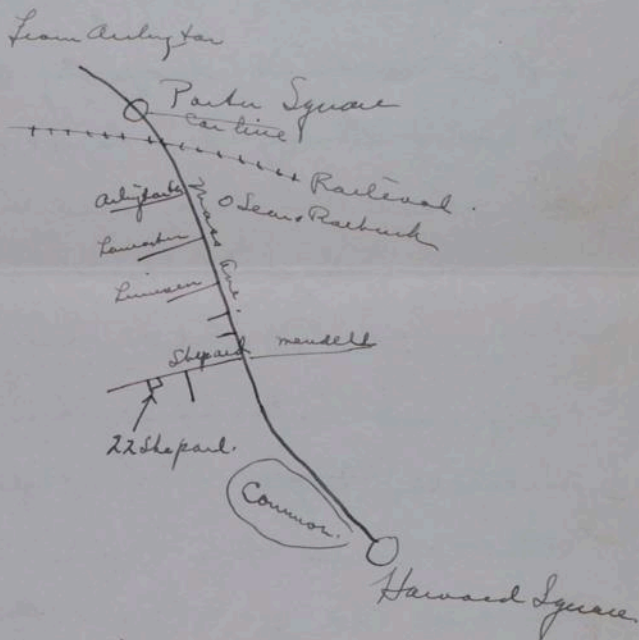
Drive into Cambridge or Mass.
Are looking for the following:

in marking papers, and making
up grades. Today has seen the
relaxation. I didn't get up until
eleven, and then was so tired
this afternoon that I slept some
more. I was at the Proceeding for
dinner tonight, and have just
come from there.

By the time this reaches you,
you will be in the midst of
preparations for your vacation.
I hope you will have nice
weather at Clinton. I'm glad

You will first come into North
Cambridge. The center ends around
Park Square - here you will
notice a fairly open place
with a car line coming in
from the left. Just after
passing thru Park Square
you go over the railroad and
then see the Sears Roebuck
Cambridge store on the left.
Shepard St. is a few blocks

Further, on the right. Miss Hayes
lives at 22.



Should I not be there when you
arrive you can get me by calling

as possible. I have written him
that possibly you would like to
drive home by way of Rhode Island
and Connecticut, dropping me
off at Danbury. We should, of course,
take back Saturday and Sunday
for this. I haven't heard from
him, but I'm pretty sure he
will ask us to come then for
Saturday night. There, doesn't
that sound like a nice vacation.
Please let me know ~~that~~
when you will arrive, and

University 10631, and asking for room 53.

Commencement will be Thursday
morning at 9:30. Thursday evening,
if the weather is fair, we are to
go with the Tweedys to Rattlesnake
Beach on the boat, and have
dinner there. Thursday afternoon
and Friday we shall see some
of the surrounding country, or
do anything else you want to.

Now as for getting home. Mr
Tweedy, (Donald), would like to
have me come to Danbury as soon

Also whether you will consider
going home by way of Danbury.

You had best bring an
old suit - case or two to take
home some of my things. Also
please bring my ^{white} flannel trousers.
Pack them loosely, so that I
can unpack them without getting
them pressed, - I don't think they
need pressing - though that is
a minor detail.

When have you heard Jean Eva?
I do hope she is graduating.

Love to all, and congratulations
to Harold,

George

P.S. Bring with you
any of my clean shirts
handkerchiefs or under-

wear or socks. It's these things that he or Lane.

Wayside Inn,

New Milford, Conn.

June 27, 1929.

Dear Mather,

This is the third and last
nights of the canoe trip. We
reach our starting point again
tomorrow afternoon. We
have had wonderful weather
so far and only hope it
will continue. Tuesday
was overcast but yesterday

own breakfast, as we have
been getting our midday meals.
We are staying tonight at
a station about three miles
from the lake. We were
fortunate in securing a
ride in tonight and shall
get a ride out again tomorrow
morning with the same
person. Wayide Inu is
quite like the Kakosaki.

We left Tuesday before
the mail arrived so that
I have had no word from

and today the sun shone
very strongly, as a consequence
of which I have burned
my arms and legs, but not
so badly that they will blister.

We spent the first night
at a house on the shore
of the lake, getting supper
and breakfast there. We
spent last night in the
open, sleeping in a small
tent which we brought
along. We had supper at a
nearby village, but got our

Auntie. I am writing her that
I shall reach Keosauqua
later than Wednesday noon
and possibly Monday noon
or even earlier. I may stay
here ^{here} over the week-end, though
possibly I shall go to New
York on Saturday. I am
writing Grace that I shall
spend a couple of nights
with them if convenient.

Well it is late, and I must
write the two notes I mentioned.
I shall write more fully when
I get back to Ball's Pond. Mr. Tweedy
sends his kind regards. Love & all
George.

Ball's Pond, Dauling, Camer.

July 1, 1929.

Dear Folks,

I have a little disappointment
for you. I shall not be
home until next week-end.

It seems that I was invited
here to stay until after the
fourth of July. Donald asked

just wouldn't make it.
She made me such a sweet
and appealing invitation to
stay until Friday that I
didn't see any good reason
why I should refuse her.
^{Since} I haven't see her and Donald
again for a long time,
possibly two years, I
think I have a right to
change my plans and stay.
I'm sorry to disappoint

me a long time ago to come,
roughly, for a week. But
Betty meant that to be a
week at Ball's Pond, was a
week galavanting around
the country. The trip took
four days and Saturday
was spent in New York. I
had planned to leave here
today or tomorrow and go
with auntie to Coxsackie by Wednesday
evening. But when Betty
heard this last night she

amitie but I shall be at
her beck and call all the
rest of the summer. I have
written Harold that if
it is possible for him ^{to}
to so that he bring
amitie home Wednesday
afternoon and go back on
Thursday. Otherwise I
shall bring her on Saturday.
I have written her that
under no circumstances
is she to be alone;

especially at the fourth
of July time.

I was to have stayed
here alone on Saturday
while Donald and Betty
went to New York, but
Betty felt so badly that
I went in her place. The
morning was taken up
with shopping and the
afternoon with a play. I
talked with Mrs Pierce

due to a strong south
wind on Friday.

I was awfully glad to hear
of Eva's success. It was
great that she had "haves"
and very nice that she
received the prizes. I have
had no time to write her
since I got your cards on
Friday but shall do so
today.

Unless you send something
out Tuesday afternoon

and tried to see Harold but
he was not at his room.

I expect to see him on
Friday, and shall stay Friday
night with the Pierces if
convenient. Should arrive
get home before Saturday
Luncheon was come home
until Sunday.

The canoe trip ended in
good shape although we
had to change our plans
and curtail it somewhat

there is no use to write
me here for I shall be
gone Friday before the
mail comes. But you can
write me in care of
Harold or the Pines.

Well I must close this
for I want to send it down
to Danbury with Mrs. Purdy's
Chauffeur who is coming
up any minute to go right back.

Apology to you all for my
carelessness. Love to all,
Grace.

The Curtis, Ocean Park,
July 16/29.

Dear Mother,

We have just had dinner and
auntie is resting while I write
you a letter. We reached here
about nine o'clock last night.

I had not expected to find
such bad roads. The road from
Birmingham to seventy miles

she left the car - she couldn't
stay in the same place long
enough - finally I tried to find
a parking space - but that took
me quite a time. The weather
was wonderful and we had
a fine view from a hill
near Miltonham - We could
see Mt Monadnock, at Keene,
very plainly from there.

Everything is pretty good

this side of Keene is quite
good, a great deal of it being
little more than ordinary country
road. We made very good time,
however, after leaving Concord, -
though there is little concrete
road, the asphalt and macadam
roads are very good. The distance
is quite a bit more than 240
miles - The speedometer
registered 267. We got a late
start from Albany because
I couldn't find a car after

here, though a little too much
like a girls' camp, with all
the rules lacked everywhere.
Auntie has the ^{corner} room opposite
the one she had last year,
and I a smaller one down
the hall. The bed was very
uncomfortable but this ^{morning} Mrs
Sauls changed it for a new
steel one so that I think it
will be all right now.

We had breakfast at about
quarter past eight this morning
and after that I walked
Old Orchard and back. I
went in the water before
lunch today while Auntie sat
on the beach. I know I
can't tell you anything about
the water or the beach, but
I was very much surprised
at the "feel" of the water. It

mirage crossed Portland -
that whole neck of land
jutting out to the north seemed
piled on top of itself. It was
most interesting for I had
never seen a mirage before.

The paper says there was a
remarkable one at Marblehead
yesterday.

Auntie has not found anyone
she knows yet. - The Buzzells

is quite cold - 58° - but
doesn't feel the same as
cold fresh water. It makes
one tingle all over. In some
I shall like it so well I
shall want to leave. The
water was very quiet this
morning so that there was
little surf but what there
was was few. There was a
very clear and extensive

are expected today. Did you know
the Pencers were coming here? —
I did, but forgot to tell you —
they left on Sunday.

Well, now I must go and mail
this and then call auntie —
She wants to go to Old Orchard
to buy groceries etc and then
possibly to Portland — I don't
know.

I'm glad you can come later
on — but it would be nice to
have you here now. Love & all
George.

[27 Sept 1909]

173 4 Cambridge St.
Cambridge, Mass.
Friday afternoon.

Dear Mother,

I know you're expecting a letter before the week closes. I have had so many people to see and attend so many meetings that I have been very busy. After tomorrow things will settle down and life will be more regular. I have my room quite settled and arranged and have only to take my trunk and a couple of boxes

with more money than ambition.
They have a radio which they have
going at intervals. Most of the time
they keep it toned down so that I
am hardly aware of it but at times
it is quite annoying. I haven't
spoken to Mrs. Raw about it yet
but if they don't keep it toned down
to conversational level I shall ask
her to have them do so.

Monday was registration day. Tuesday
morning the department of mathematics
held office hours for interviewing
any students who needed advice with

down to the cellar. When I came to
open my boxes I found that by
chance I had been fortunate in
putting the box of books on top
of the box containing odds and ends
I had not thought of the floor ^{of the} cellar
being damp or of water getting
there during the summer. I found,
however, that water had seeped
into the lower box and wet things
an inch or so from the bottom. Nothing
valuable was ruined, however, so
that I was quite lucky.

The other room on this floor
is now occupied by two fellows

because the head of the course
was there. Tomorrow morning,
however, I shall be in charge
of the class now assigned to me.
There will be approximately seventy-
two men in it.

Wednesday afternoon Professor
Osgood had all the instructions at
his house. Curiously, a buffet
lunch was served as soon as
we got there, 4 o'clock. Then we
were lectured to by Professor
Osgood for an hour and a half.

the records office off one's heels,
such as recording absences, keeping
records, etc.

I applied for practising work
as soon as I was registered and
have already been appointed a printer
at an exam on Monday afternoon.
The work is quite boring, for one
has nothing to do, and may do
nothing, except look at the
candidates for three hours to see
that no one is cheating.

Father's letter was welcome and
also the check. I am now returning

receiving more advice than you
could stick in an encyclopaedia.
Following that there was a
meeting of the tutors at which
more advice was given. Some one
suggested afterwards that the best
advice was to disregard everything that
was heard. As a matter of fact the
instructor is left quite on his own
to teach as he sees fit, he is only
required to produce results. There is,
however, a frightful list of details
which have to be attended to keep

any of it with this letter but hope
to do so next week after receiving
my first salary.

Well it is time for supper. The dining
room has been in operation since
Tuesday. I have been taking all my
meals there. The breakfasts and
dinners are good but the lunches
rather light. At dinner they have
adapted the system of putting
everything on the table and letting
one have all he wants. I doubt it
that will last more than a short
time for they cannot afford it at
\$8.50 a week.

Love to all
George.

Catsackie N.Y.
Sept 29/29

Dear George-

Pa and Eva have just gone to church but we don't know who's going to preach. It is a beautiful day, quite like summer. I realize this is my first letter to you but I have been very busy and could not seem to get a chance to write. I have missed you so much and think of you most all the time. Hope you are getting used to your new sphere and will like it. Do I understand that the job of being "Proctor" means extra work? I would not blame you for complaining about that "radio" - it must annoy you when not tuned low. Eva & I were both "all in" last week end after such a strenuous week previous. E. was in bed all day &

except long enough to eat meals.
After supper she had one of those
Mad talking spells Mrs Boyd told
us about - I put her in grandpa's
bed & she was all right next day.
But I cannot keep her from being
active most of the time. This past
week has been another busy one.
Monday we cleaned out the clothing
room and put everything on the
line. I was annoyed & surprised
to find moths had made some
headway during the summer tho'
I saw no signs of them when I
cleaned there in the spring. Pa
burned sulphur up here after the
clothes were put back & every thing
was looked over & crushed. I managed
to get four books in a smaller box &
put it in on top of the others. Mrs
& Mad we washed & ironed - Mrs B
came for 2 hrs & did the shirts & a few
other things. On Thurs. She put her

Foot & we loaned her a crutch called
the doctor - have been too busy since
to go over. We made 30 glasses of
grape jelly - Pa & I went over to
Cliff Kennedy's & bought 25 lb. grapes.
The rooms upstairs are not cleaned
out yet but Pa has had several
bon fires of the trash. It is some job.

Thursday morning I had a telephone
call from Anna Betty that she was
coming Sat. for 2 weeks. Not a
very convenient time for us to have
company but it can't be helped.
So Friday we hustled to get cleared
up downstairs. We moved the high
dresser from our room into grandpa's
& have Anna settled in there. so she
will not need to go upstairs at all.
Grandpa sleeps in it's room. They
brought Anna yesterday before I had
started the dinner dishes - she was driving
a fine Packard & had Frank Measfield
& Eldon with her. They staid at home & were

- Father stopped at 466 Desaiis on Tuesday
for a few minutes - Auntie was in bed &
Wt. said she had a bad heart attack
& had the doctor - she had overdone
she told me all about it, she went
to Dr Van Wert in Delmar & then he called
in her. Guess she is better - We are going
up this afternoon, take H's trunk &
some other things, clock, etc. Harold
was to go to Uteca today & I suppose
will not be back till to-night. Wt. & I
are up at North Creek - went Sunday
to attend Ray's wedding there to-day.
We do not know where Bessie is.

Pa & I plan to go to Halcott to Pomona
next Sat. It is 75 mi so will have to
start early to get there by noon when the
meeting opens & will have to stay there till
next day. H. is coming down to see route.
Grange puts on a clay bake for 200 for Farm
Bazaar this Wed. Pa promised to help but
I did not & cannot. Eva expects to stay in Albany
a few days to do shopping & fix Auntie's vestments
etc. - Now I must get dressed. Hope you keep well
Haven't heard from M.H. yet. Regards to her &
the Tweedys. Lovingly Mother

P.S. No. 2 -

Eva wanted me to explain
about the new hat in your Wash Case.
Grandpa bought one for each of you
bought a box for E & J - from Paul.
He was selling them for his girl who
is very ill again.

At last we have a Hoover - Eva
insisted on getting it Friday & we
cleaned with it - My! How dirty we
must have been - I never imagined
such a heap of dirt could be in just
2 carpets -

Now this is the end for sure, I
guess -
Mother.

Sunday Evening

P.S. -

We got started for Albany before three - it was raining & poured most of the way up. Found Auntie alone and very weak. Eva staid with her & may have to stay all week. On our way home we stoped to see the Dr Van Hook in Delmar - he said Auntie's condition is not dangerous - it is a result of overdoing & if she will relax & rest she will be all right.

We also stoped a few minutes to see Mrs Ballard. She is very hopeful of Mr. B's recovery in time -

It poured all the way down but has not rained enough here to wet the ground under the trees. - Lovingly
over - Mother

[Oct. 1, 1939]

Tuesday afternoon.

Dear Teacher,

Your letter came this morning. You seem to have as much going on as ever. I'm sorry auntie is sick, though we all thought she was going it pretty hard. Miss Hayes spoke of how badly she thought she looked. She thinks auntie has angina pectoris. Several of her family had it and she thinks auntie shows the

Three of them are Boston Jews. Two of the latter are not so bad but the third promises to be a dreadful boor. He's quick, but very lazy and sloppy, and prefers to talk about anything but the subject in hand.

We had a fine week-end also. Saturday afternoon Sam and I went out to Harvard by way of Concord, and back by a southern road. It is very lovely out that way. There is a back road from Cambridge to Concord that goes

some indications they did.

Life here is settling down gradually. I lectured for the first time on Saturday. I had the rather questionable honor of having one of the professors there to see how I got on. He made a few criticisms afterward but said that on the whole I had done all right. In a course for freshmen, where there is more or less discussion as well as lecturing, one has a peculiar feeling of pressure - there are always so many wanting to ask questions. I have met all fine of my success.

over several swamps then which
it is lined by overhanging willows.
The colorings are very lovely now -
it wasn't dry enough here to
spoil them. Sunday afternoon
we went over to the Blue Hills,
climbing the highest. We were caught
in the edge of the terrible thunder
storm which raged over Massachusetts
Sunday evening, but stopped at
Newton Center to get supper just in
time to avoid getting very wet.

Yesterday afternoon I spent practicing.
There is, of course, extra remuneration,

a dollar an hour I think, but the
job is the most tiresome and monotonous
I ever did. One has just to stand
and look, nor should one appear lost
in thought.

I'm wondering when you sent my
laundry. I'm not in need of it but
it hasn't come and I thought it
may have gone astray. I asked at
the post office today but they haven't
got it there.

I'm glad you're going away this
week-end. I hope the weather will
be fine. You should have a very

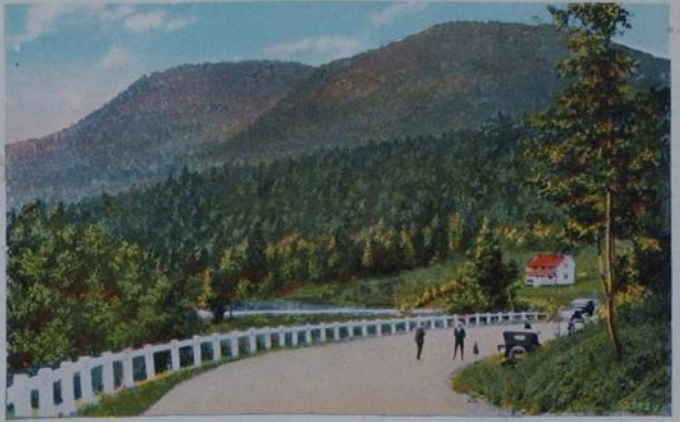
mine trip.

I'm also glad you have a Hoover as
last. It will save you a good deal of
work.

Remember me kindly to Anna. Love
to all,

George.

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POST CARD
THIS SPACE IS FOR THE ADDRESS

George B. Van Schaack
1734 Cambridge St.
Cambridge,
Mass.



Thurs. P.M. Oct. 27-7

Dear Geo
Glad to get your letter. Anna
+ I went to this. Con. in Catabell
to-day with 14 others from up street.
I start your work last Friday - you
ought to have it - if not, investigate.
Had a long letter from E. D. Any-
way, Annie is not much better -
she has pneumonia also stomach &
bladder trouble. Pi is going fat,
but my going is a question. Geo is
not coming home. Love
Worship

Oct. 10/29

Albany, N. Y.

Dear George -

Here I am stationed
in Albany again as house-keeper
and nurse - We exchanged jobs -
day. Harold & Eva came down to
Harriet Home supper and I re-
turned with it. Eva was questioned
out - it was some strain on her to
keep her nerve & patience there 10 days
I go back again Monday & E. says
she come up then with it. Annie
is quite weak but much better than
a week ago. She likes Dr. Van Wert
& Pelham & thinks he is going to fetch
her up as good as ever - I think so.
Her stomach seems all out of order -
she eats only soft food & liquids
& even these do not exactly sit good.
Eva fixed up here with curtains
etc. and the healer is going so it
is warm & comfortable. Adeline
wants me to tell you your letter
came to-day & she thanks you for it.

I read it to her but she cannot answer it - it may be some time before she will write or attend to any business.

Pat & I had a delightful trip over the week end. We had arranged to go to Pomona at Halcott Center but it looked as if I could not go. On Friday Anna offered to stay with Grandpa so we went Saturday with the ladies of the Grange with us. Was very entertained at a farm house ^{near} night & returned Sunday morning at Ashokum & Dawn & reaching home at 2 o'clock. The two days were perfect & the foliage on the mts was just colored and to be beautiful.

I have been very busy but do not seem to accomplish much of lasting benefit.

Albany, N. Y.

Except for cleaning
the clothes room up
stairs, I did not get
anything else done
up here. Mrs. B.,
could not come to
iron, so I had to hustle
to get everything done before
leaving home this week.
Anna helped some, but
she is not very well & has
had a bad cold since
Friday.

Glad to know you are
getting accustomed to the
platform & hope all will
be off. Also that you have
a chance weekends.
The Hall is slipping by

and before we know
if the holidays will
be here: I hope next
week if nothing new
turns up, I can get
some house cleaning
done. Pe has been
pecking apples &
when he gets that done
he can help indoors
some.

He & I are going out
now to hunt up a goose
& do some errands - it
is after five so good bye.
Lovingly,
Mother.

1734 Cambridge St.
Cambridge 38, Mass.
October 18, 1929.

Dear Mother,

Friday is here already again,
and I haven't written you this
week. Nor have I heard from you
since
Saturday, except for father's note.
I acted on his suggestion as
one, sending the application
back Thursday afternoon. The

the Muth Club habits first meeting. This year is its twenty-fifth anniversary and there are plans for a celebration and banquet on December fourth.

Last night the first symphony concert in Cambridge this year was held. I went "rust", paying a quarter for a seat on the stage where one can't see anything but where one hears excellently.

Tonight the Cantata Club meets for the first time. I am planning to go but don't

package came this afternoon. Thank you for sending the books and other things so quickly.

Life is as busy as ever. It seems difficult to get an evening in which to work. Tuesday evening I spend tutoring in elementary physics. I must find out whether I have a right to do this. I hope so for the fellow I am tutoring will need help all year and the remuneration of two or three hours a week for a year is not to be despised. Wednesday evening

know that I can keep it up
all year.

We did not go to Mawalwack
as I wish we intended to. But
we went considerably further.
We could get up a party of only
three. We left here at six o'clock
Saturday morning reaching
Chicama village a little after
one. It is about 125 miles from
here. You will find Chicama
on the map northeast of Lake
Winneposauke! (I don't know how
to spell that, and haven't a map here).

We went by way of Pakenowit
and Racketta. The mountain
is surrounded on all sides
by mountains as high or
higher than it. It is 3500 ft
high, but the base is 1000 ft
above sea level. We started
to climb it at 2:20 - rather
late, though the sun was
shining brightly and we did
not expect unusually early
darkness. We had a map of the
district with the trails marked.

All about us were mountains
most of them covered with
trees in many colours. The valleys
were one mass of colour broken
here and there by lakes. The
effect is very different from
the Windham view, the rise being
so steep. One looks almost
straight down a half-mile.

We started down the mountain
at half-past four but darkness
came very soon. The trail is well
worn, however, so there was
little danger of getting lost. I

The one we took was nearly
four miles long. The last mile
is over rocks with very few
trees. By the time we reached
the rocky part the sky was
clouded over and a stiff cold
wind was blowing. We continued,
however, but did not go quite
to the top, the last seventy-five
feet being a hard job. We
had expected to see Mt. Washington
which is only forty miles to the
north but it was too cloudy.
There was a marvellous view, though.

had some concern about meeting
a bear or something of that sort
but there are so many people who
see the trails this time of the year
that I reckoned the larger animals
decided that mountain for the
less frequented ones. As it was,
we didn't see any animals except
birds, and were back in the
village by six-thirty. We had a
good dinner and got to bed early
in a house where we had got
a room before climbing. There
were quite a number of people

there over the week-end so
that we were fortunate in
getting a room.

We started back the next
morning at ten-thirty. The
car had not washed very well
going up so we cleaned the
flugs before starting. But we
failed to get up the first hill
so that we went back and bought
two new flugs. We got along
then fairly well for a while.
We went back on the west
side of Lake Winnebago ~~to~~ then

swam near to go so far again
with such a car. I should have
insisted on starting Sunday afternoon
but not until Friday evening.
did I know we were was going
to Monadnock.

The lesson from Dausel was
mailed in Bunk, Austria on
October 2nd. They were on
their way over the Alps. They
are probably in Italy by now.
They are having a fine trip
but are tired of driving on
such poor roads in a strange
land. Dausel says he will

Camard and Manchester. Just
south of the Lake the car
began to act up again. He
finally decided one of the valves
must be turned out. He went
to a garage, took off the cylinder
head, and found that to be the
case. He put in a new valve
and got started again by three
o'clock. There was a great deal of
traffic on the road so that it
was nine thirty before we got
back to Cambridge. I have

never do it again.

Well, I must stop and get
dressed. Since I started to write
I have been out to dinner. I
hope you are all well and that
Auntie is much better.

Love to all,

George.

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

[18 Oct. 1929]

Thursday Evening.

Dear George:-

This is really the first we have gotten to our old style of living since the middle of June. There is just the trace of us at present. Sadi's Campbell and her son from Meranda have just left; they bought the Rhode Island Red pullets there was 42 of them at \$1.50 each. We are just going to keep the White Leghorns. This has been a very windy day the first real blast

would this fall. Luckily we have
the apples all picked. There was
a nice little crop about 75 bushels.
We have been pulling cabbages
today. Grandpa has the corn all
husked so our work is in pretty
good shape. It is very dry again
but wonderful weather to live in.
I am glad you are able to get
out and enjoy these fine fall
days. How beautiful the foliage
is. I thought sorry to the dry
weather that it would not be so
brightly colored but it is simply
wonderful. On Sunday we took
Anna for a ride also took Jay and
for a wonder Grandpa went along.

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We drove from here to Freehold
by way of Greenville then to East
Durham and back to Bill and so
home a distance of 50 miles.
Quite a bit of it was new coun-
try for me. Anna went home
on Wednesday, Amy met her
in Albany and I guess took
her home. She drew one of Clark's
Packets and could just as well
do it. I guess Anna thought I
ought to take her home but I
couldn't see it that way.
Eva is in Albany went up on
Monday and will probably stay

until the first of the week. I guess
we are in for a long siege of helping
Auntie. She is better but doesn't
seem to have much pep.

Doctor says she is getting into a
stage of comfortable illness.

The flowers are all frozen now
and the place looks rather drab
you ought to have seen those
asters the ones by the road.

They were very fine and such a
variety of colors. Gave up the idea
of getting more tulips this fall.

Don't worry about the finances
I guess we can get along with
out the \$5.7. You don't realize
how impossible that amount

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is until you examine it. I shall probably send you mine to wear till Christmas and then you will have to get a new one. We can arrange it all right I guess.

Wilbur and Jessie are in the Adirondacks this week and took Ralph with. Left an entirely new man in charge can you beat that. I'm giving it very little attention for it is no use until he wades up.

When we sent the books could not find the eye shade but mother says she noticed it around the

house after you left - Better buy
a new one and if this one heats
up, mother will use it. The people
down to the corner have dissolved
partnership and Sula is going away.
I guess we have finally got the
electric light rate fixed. It is 2.15
plus the number of Kilowatts we use.
That is our bill this month was
3.20 for 30 Kilowatts, so you see
it is 3 1/2 cents a Kilowatt hour.

Friday noon - Pa left this for me to finish.
Let me know if you want me to send any
of your mail in next laundry. No word
from Albany to-day. Expect to return Eva
either Tues. or Wed. Evening.
Love - Mother & Father

Oct. 24 '29

Albany, N. Y.

Dear George -

Here I am in Albany again - came up with H. Lulo. evening. H & E. went down home to supper - it rained & I hoped they would not start - it poured "cats & dogs" all the way up. We reached Sunday & I managed to get most of the ironing done - I left your clothes all ready to be mailed & suppose you have them by now. Mrs. B. has been very sick again, so I could not get out to help. Auntie improves every day - the doctor does not come any more. She does not get up till after she has her breakfast, but then dresses & stays up most of the time. She naps on herself & reads but does nothing else yet. She walks out

every day - a little fresh each day. I expect to go home Sunday and I think she can get along alone if she will be careful. I do not think she will overdo in the house, but she is liable to attempt some stunts at either shopping or long walks etc. If she had obeyed the doctor at first, I do not think she would have had such a hard time. Pa is coming up Sunday morning & I'll return with him if every thing seems O.K. as at present.

Yesterday I went down to see Dr. Elmer & had my eyes tested. He said they had changed & needed attention - the new glasses will cost 17.50 but I can't help it. I ought to have gone to day to get them but I did not. It looked stormy & did rain some & I was really too tired to start out. I ran around the shopping district yesterday quite a good deal

mostly to look & find out prices -
some for Auntie & some for my-
self. This morning we took quite
a walk & I had to hustle to get
dinner for H. before 12. He
has a part time job at a Standard
oil station - the big one corner
Madison Ave & Park St. - just where
Dellawan Ave begins. He worked
12 hours on Saturday, 8 on Sunday
& 3 Wednesday (5 to 8 P.M.) and went
off at 6 to - night to work till 11. He
is quite tired at getting 50 Can. or.
So he is not here much as he must
put in the rest of his time at the Home
Library. They have plenty of study-
ing to do - that is looking up cases &
getting familiar with all the details
but he seems interested & does not
complain at all. Auntie is glad
he has a chance to earn some
money but no doubt is disappointed
that he cannot take her out more.

However the job may be only temporary. She plans all the time what she must do (like go to New York) but she is not able & will not be for some time to do much fadding. I guess E. got pretty tired out here, but she is more particular than I am - I just let things go. The real work is not so hard with all the conveniences.

Yesterday I saw just the sort of pup I liked for the string room at a place on Hudson Ave, quite reasonable but good appliances - I want to take her there some time. Last week rather this week Monday he varnished the floor in your room all but a center space 9×12 - I hope next week to get that room fixed up & let E. sleep in there till the Christmas time.

This is a very quiet place but I do not sleep well - I don't know why. I think

Please tell Miss Hayes I was glad to get
her letter & will answer when I get more
time - I have been very much pushed
of late.

Albany, N. Y.

Amelia will have to get a radio -
she will be very courteous if
H. is away very much as he has
been of late. She had a caller to-
day - a near neighbor who
seems very nice. While talking
found out she knows a woman
here who Amelia knows - someone
who was with her in Florida 2
months. So now she will not
doubt renew that acquaintance
ship -

I was much interested in
the account of your week end
trip to the White Mts. For talk
tho' you had so short a time
for it. What would you have
done if you had met a bear?
Last Sunday we had a very

Line (apparently) Candidate
to preach in First Church.
Everyone was pleased - this
was to be a Congregational
Meeting Wed. night - I
wouldn't wonder if they had
called him - He said he
would not go - I certainly would
not if I had been home.

Monday night we have a masked
affair at Grange - I will be Little
Red Riding Hood + Pa a clown. I
must try to find appropriate
false faces some where. I wanted
Dys. too, but she would not promise
till it is next time & I guess I'll
go to bed. - Annie is reading yet but
will no doubt stop soon. I'll mail
this now over on New Scotland Ave.

Loveingly
Mother.

[Oct. 29, 1929]

Thursday afternoon -

Dear Mother,

I hope you haven't been
worrying because you didn't
hear from me. Last week end
was so full and I was so tired.
Sunday night I was so tired
that I went to bed at half past
eight. I got to bed early last
night also, so that I'm feeling

me where to go in Barton to
get ^{her} two tickets for Symphony
that evening. I was really too
busy to go but hated to refuse.
I tried all over to find someone
to go along but it was pretty
late and in the end I had to
go alone. Among others I
called up the Preweds. They
asked me to come for dinner
on Sunday. A future brother-in-
law of Mrs Prewed's brother
was also here. I stayed until

more or less today.

I gave an exam in my
course today so that I have a
set of books to correct and grades
to make up before Thursday. That
will have to be done today for
tomorrow is full, with tutoring
and practicing in the afternoon
and Math Club in the evening.

Saturday afternoon I showed
Mrs. Pray for the first time
fact. She asked me to come up
Sunday afternoon and also told

from across and then went
directly to Mrs Pray. She has
an apartment on the sixth
floor facing the southwest
and looking right up the
Charles River for several miles.

It is the only place in Cambridge
where one can get such a view.

The sun was just setting as I
reached there, and the view
was lovely. She says they
enjoy it so much it is hard
to get any work done in that

room. I had a very nice
visit with her and was there
until after six.

On Friday evening I was at the
Cantata Club for the second time.
At the first meeting there were
over a hundred persons but
only about seventy at the second.
There are not many familiar
faces except for my former tutor
and Julia Bryant. But the company
is fine and the chance to join
in, stimulating, so that I like to go.

balls sworn to and wait is
and this. I hope another is
sufficiently measured so that
you and Eva can get a rest.

Dave's work has had some

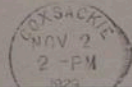
to all

George.

We have been having some very
nice weather with quite cold nights.
Somehow or other my room doesn't
warm up very quickly in the morning
but is always comfortable otherwise.

I heard from Donald today.
They were in Italy last week and
are now back in France and, in
a few days, will be settled for
several months near Nice. Mrs
Preedy is not well but insists
on going there with their plans.

Well I must go out to a meeting.
On the way I shall get my



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

George B. Van Schaack,
1734 Cambridge St.,
Cambridge 38
Mass.

Saturday Noon
Dear George -
This is just an
apology for not
writing a letter. This
has been a very full week
and as I have not
felt very peppy the
work has not pro-
gressed very fast. You
know around the fires
of us. means the duties.
Quintie improves daily -
I have heard only once
since I left by Sunday.
All o.k. Don't hope to send
a letter soon. Glad to get
yours and look for Mother's.
Don't be too busy. ^{read all you can}
Love - Mother

Wednesday evening, Nov. 6/29.
[Nov 6, 1909]

Dear Mother,

Eva's letter came yesterday saying
that you are getting back to normal
again, though I have never been able
to see that normal for a Van Schaack
meant a regularly ordered existence.
I had thought ^{this year} life would be more
regular and I should have more
time for ordered study. I probably

lecture last.

Saturday afternoon Sam and I went over to Boston and tried to get in several theatres before we succeeded in finding one which wasn't sold out. We ended by seeing that negro play "Porgy", which I thus saw for the third time, however, without any regret, for I enjoyed it as much as the first time.

Sunday it rained all day, and having an exam due today, I studied

spent more time over my class than is necessary, but at any rate I am succeeding in getting the pupils to do a great deal of work, and that, on the whole, rather well, better than I had hoped. Last week was particularly hectic, being exam time. Besides my own exam I am with consequent papers and grades, I had three practicing jobs. At the last of them I was in charge and got quite a kick out of being boss of a hundred twenty-five people in a huge

all day. Monday evening there was
another fire caused by the
Sbradiarius quarter. It was held
in the stone courtyard of the
museum here. Whether the
acoustics were bad or not, it
did not strike me as being
unsuccessful - in fact I could
scarcely hear the bells at all,
though I was only twenty-five
feet from it.

Friday evening the Cantata
Club met at the home of one

of the fine arts professors. He has
a magnificent house on a slight
elevation surrounded by a large
yard. The house is filled with
objects of art of all kinds. The room
we saw in, the library, is nearly
as large as our whole lower floor
together. The walls are lined from
top to bottom with books on art,
huge volumes, which as you know
are very expensive. I should say
the room was worth at least
fifty thousand dollars and probably

Despite plenty of sleep I have been feeling so tired afterwards that I decided I needed a good walk. So today I staked out a quarter of four and did seven miles, going outside the city and working around one of the large reservoirs. The weather has been fine for several days, quite warm enough to go without a top-coat. On the way back I stopped at Miss Hayes', but she must have been out at the show, for though the parlour was lighted, no one answered the bell. I have not

several times that. We had a fine rehearsal, possibly due to the surroundings. We are singing some very lovely religious music written two or three hundred years ago. For the immediate future we descend from the elegance related above and will have our rehearsals in the Phillips Brooks House in the yard. The P-H house is the headquarters of the various sectarian societies, the social service work, etc. It is of ample proportions but rather drab. The familiar atmosphere will be lost.

see her for quite a time. I suppose
when I see her again she will say as
always, that she was expected to
see me again. She seems to think I
have nothing to do except eat.

From something Eva said about
Flash I gathered he has "game
before", as they say. Is that so?

I hope the election was successful.
We got a new mayor in Cambridge, a
protestant for a change, but Boston
got rid of a scamp only to get another,
Jimmy Walker style.

It is time for bed, and I have a
fuss as usual tomorrow. Love to
all,
George.

[11 Nov. 1929]

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

Dear George:

Sunday Evening.

Here we are around the sitting room table. Mother is looking through the digest of the League, looking up points for tomorrow's meeting. It is election of officers and I shall probably step down and out.

The net for basket ball did not arrive till last week the delay was due to scarcity of time.

They have it nearly all up and they will be able to use it for basket ball by Wednesday I think.

I was two nights helping with the
cutting pipe etc. We have the
dedication on Dec 9th at which
time the State Master will be with
us. On Friday we went to Lakeville
Hosken and Eva went to the dentist
and she had a wisdom tooth
pulled. She seemed all right when
we reached home, but later com-
plained of pain. She became so
nervous that we called the doctor
Mott came and gave her some
thing to quiet her. She is better
now but is still a wreck.

To your ^{surpr} they have made a mistake
with the electric light bill again
I paid the last bill at the new
rate that is \$2.15 for service charge

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and $3\frac{1}{2}$ cents a kilowat. Although there was some question whether it should be \$2.15 or \$2.50 for service. The present bill was 2.50 for service and six cents a kilowat. which made it nearly a dollar more than it should be.

I shall keep at it until it is right if it takes a year. We have been along the extra wiring we spent 7 in the summer. We know have a three way switch for the beam light right over the water pail ^{in kitchen}. Also a switch to the hen house in the same place. I turn the light on at 4 A.M. and it runs till

daylight. We also had a light
put over the sink where the
angle lamp used to be, and a
plug put in our bedroom. We
and in good shape now but what
do you suppose the bill was only
twenty five dollars.

Well the ~~result~~^{result} of the election was
good, bad and indifferent. Webb was
elected by 11 votes and Ruiz was
defeated by 203. There was several
runners for it. Having it as long
which was a very poor reason.
The Callotico went down on him for
some reason and all the things
together proved too much for him.

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Albert Peerie was elected Assessor
over Roy Flourens by over 190
votes. But the thirty that pleased
us most was the wonderful
majority of Judge McNamee.
He had a 2,500 majority in the
District which is nominally Repub-
lican. It comprises the Counties of
Albany, Rensselaer, Columbia, Green-
schuhen, Ulster and Sullivan.
The county has a Republican majority
in the Board of Supervisors. They have
found another indictment against
Arbogast and the outcome is in
doubt. ::

Kelly Biggs husband is very sick
with appendicitis and may die
If he should die how strange it
would be. Biggs the gladiolus
and find that there is nearly
200 of them with dozens of little
ones. Auntie and Harold were down
on Election day and stayed over
night. Harold and Eva went
to the Community at Catekill
Auntie is planning to go to Thurston
the last of the week. She shouldnt
go alone but she insists. Pauls
girl died about a week ago it
is too bad I supposed they had
written you about Flashs death

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COXSACKIE, N. Y.

For about three weeks before he died
he seemed to have lost his mind
somewhat. He barked all the time
and howled. He had all the dogs
in the neighborhood here and
was quite a nuisance. One day he
followed some dogs on the railroad
tracks and was hit by a train.

His upper jaw was cut clean off
but he never knew what hit him.
Mother and grandpa didn't want
to see him. I went and got him
and gave him a decent burial
under an apple tree. We all felt
pretty badly. I cried when I threw

the dirt on him, and when he
came home and heard it he burst
out crying as if his heart would
break. Last Saturday who should
come in but Jack Foster, he was
here about half an hour, was going
to preach in Skodock the next
day. Still nothing definite about
a pastor, but we have had a
fine young man by the name
of Van Fleet for three Sundays.
He has been called to the Westholm
church. Mother says it will be nice
and that if you can read this
well due to her a nice lot of news
anyway. To get to say Milton is all right
today they are in Syracuse
Milton has been all about for the last two -

Fall
1900
Milton

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COXSACKIE, N. Y.

Dear George - I suppose you wonder why some of us do not write, but conditions are the same as ever, here - always busy. We surely have too many irons in the fire, consequently some of them must be neglected. But you know we have not forgotten you. We hope the overcoat reached you all, and that it fits O.K. too. Alas that the mark has been received. To-day we are cleaning the sitting room & Eva is making a clam pie for dinner. Yesterday we went to Albany and actually purchased a rug at last - we hope to receive it to-day. We had numerous odd & ends to get & did not finish shopping - at 5:30 we drove

up to H66 Outains & found H. washing
his dishes - He has been getting all his
own meals since Auntie left on
Wednesday morning. She went by
bus to N. Y. & expected to go to Keaton
Thursday afternoon. I thought she
meant to come back about Tuesday
but Harold says she means to stay
down there till after Thanksgiving.
Mr. H. seems happy & contented.
He did not work at station yesterday
and was going to a social function
at law school last evening. The
evening before he had Clinton Cole
a fellow student at law school & a
! hope graduate (Eva knows him) to sup-
per - guess they had a great time - H.
said Cole scrambled eggs just as you do.
We took up his trash, some firewood
(to start heater in case I need) a battery for
car, eggs, cubed pie. Auntie had
left plenty of canned & boxed food &

I guess he won't starve. He is thinner
but looks & feels good.

We reached ^{the Langwicks} ~~Langwicks~~ at 7:30 & had
our usual cycle stew for supper.
Milbur has invited us to a turkey din-
ner on Thurs day next but hadnt said
anything to Jessie about it, so we
dont really know yet what is what.

Bessie spent Wednesday with us
and we all enjoyed her company. I
managed to get her to sleep after dinner
& she slept over 2 hours.

Last Sat. day five puppies appeared
in the barn but since 2 have disappeared.
Beauty's great company but quite a care
& too big a dog for the house - but - we
dont know what to do with her.

Business continues to drag along -
just enough doing to help pay some
bills - think really it is in better shape
in some ways than a year ago - that
is the case bills have been cut down

so it is now solvent instead of, in-
solvent. However we all wish to
get rid of it as soon as oppor-
tunity offers.

We enjoy your letters & like to hear
what you are doing - glad you
have some good friends to
give you pleasant times.

The country was white yesterday
A. Y. for the first - just a foretaste of
what is coming.

If you see Mrs. T. says please
tell her I am going to answer her
letter soon.

Loveingly,
Mother.

Monday, November 25, 1929.

Dear Mother,

Your note came Saturday and I meant to have one go out to you that day. But this week-end has been very hectic. The Harvard-Yale game took place here on Saturday as you probably know. It was the occasion for much hilarity and 1734 did not escape it. One of the fellows in the next room started drinking

to the movies. When I came home
the party had broken up and gone
leaving the host so drunk he could
hardly get upstairs. They finally
persuaded him to go to bed. But
his roommate brought others in
during the night so that by morning
the room was full of slowly sobbing
fools. Yesterday the two held open
house again with more drinking and
gambling. They are still at it and
Mrs. Row is at her wits' end to know
what to do with them. She just
told me that unless they quiet down

on Friday and has been drunk almost
continuously ever since. He is a graduate
of Yale and after the game invited
about fifty fellows and girls here to
his room. Of course Mrs. Row wouldn't
allow the girls upstairs so he said
he would hold the party in her parlour.
She was powerless to prevent him unless
she got in a fight with him, so she
and Mr. Row had to spend the evening
chaperoning a party of drunken men
and women. I came home after
dinner to study but there was so
much going on I saw and I went out

soon she will put them out and
and for all. She has never had any
thing like it before and won't have
it any longer.

Yesterday was cloudy but otherwise
quite nice. In the afternoon Sam,
a couple of others and I went for quite
a walk out in the country. We took
the bus to Beltsville. We walked several
miles ⁱⁿ the direction of Carroll and then
cut off to the right to Lexington. It
was most dark when we got there
so we rode back.

You could hardly guess what I

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am going to do samples. The English
Folk-Dancing Society got my name
thru Mrs Tweedy, as one who might
be interested in folk dancing having
learned about it from Donald Tweedy.
They wrote me a couple of weeks ago
asking me to join a couple days here
in Cambridge. I wasn't particularly
interested in the folk-dancing but
rather in the Morris dancing, a
traditional men's dance of Wales. So I
communicated with them and had
them put my name down for the

so alone as if that were not so.

I wonder if you felt the earthquake last Monday. I felt it and remarked it, but only because it lasted so long - about three minutes. The house is shaken so much by trucks that a short quake would hardly be noticed. Though this quake was so long and severe the motion did not seem to me so distinctive as that I feel last summer.

I have heard from the Pinedrops again. They are settled for several months in the southeastern corner of

next beginner's class which might be formed. They telephoned me Saturday that an advanced class would begin in few weeks and that if I chose I could join a mixed beginner's class now and possibly transfer to the advanced class. I'm afraid their hopes will be dashed to catch two. I am going over samples to attend the beginner's class and find out more particulars. The teacher, Louise Chapin, is well acquainted with Donald so that I don't feel quite

France within a mile or two of the
Italian border. I will give you their
address now so that you may send
them Christmas greetings. It is of imposing
length - Villa Ciappes - Fleuries, Ciappes
de Castellar, Menton, Alpes-Maritimes,
France. Now that they are settled
and getting used up this Tuesday is feeling
much better.

I didn't see anything in your letter
about the outcome of the Grange
election.

The laundry arrived sat. with some
very nice apples. The coat also arrived.

It fits quite well indeed. I haven't had
any occasion to wear it yet, however.

I haven't had any invitation
for Thanksgiving yet as I've given up
hope. The fraternity is not coming down
that day. Saturday is fraternity
initiation - I shall again be assisting -
the only thing I do for the fraternity
from one year's end to the next.

Well, I have several things which must
be done before dinner, so I'll stop and
take this to mail. I hope you all
have a pleasant holiday. Love to all,
George.

December 4, 1929.

Dear Mother -

Just three weeks left Christmas and another semester nearly gone. In Boston it is usually not so easy to believe Christmas is so near as this time of the year. But we have been having some real Christmas weather. It snowed most all day Monday so that we now have six inches of snow.

to the Harvard Union at one o'clock and had a turkey dinner with all the fixings.

Sunday was a fine day and in the afternoon I walked down to the river to see the new buildings that Harvard is constructing - a large gymnasium and two huge dormitories, each of the latter covering an acre and a half or two acres. They are in connection with the new "House Plan" whereby there will eventually be new dormitories for the two standard upper classes of the college, who will not be required

It has also been quite cold for more than a week.

Vacation starts here the morning of the twenty-third so that I can get home on Saturday night. Can you send me the current time-table of the bus line? I shall probably get into Albany about 7:45, too late for the train. The schedule in the Union is incomplete, the only bus leaving Albany at 9 PM being marked "A", the meaning of the mark not being given.

I spent Thanksgiving mostly in my room reading. A Jewish friend and I were

to room in them and take at least
two meals a day in their dining halls.
In each there will be living accommodations
for several unmarried instructors and
for one professor and his family. Though
I am not scheduled to live in any of them
I am going to make an attempt to get
into one of them next year, if possible.

I ended my work on Sunday at the
Tuesdays. They were having some
friends for tea but they left shortly
after I got there. I don't think I
dressed them away!

I attended the music class again
this Monday evening. The dancing is
very strenuous for a beginner and
requires tremendous concentration. For
the first twenty minutes I did
scarcely anything right except to keep
moving. The basic steps are simple
and so are the figures but to do
the feet together, keep in one's place
and out of the way of the others, and
keep until the music is a feat. Actually
the first night I scarcely heard the
music at all, I was so engaged with
making my feet do the proper stunts.

meets again - we shipped last Friday.

The box came ok. and everything in it is very nice. I have put the apples down in the cellar so that they won't spoil - the heat here dries them up very quickly.

Well it is dinner time so I must close. Love to all

George.

My underwear was quite thoroughly soaked at the end of an hour!

This week is a typical December week - there are always so many things to do the last few weeks before Christmas.

Last night I spent making out an hour exam for my class for next week. It has to be done so early for the printer needs a week to print it. Tomorrow

the math club meets and tomorrow

afternoon the mathematical colloquium.

Tomorrow evening I shall catch Symphony here in Cambridge unless the weather is too bad. Friday evening the contra club

December 10, 1929.

Dear Mother,

I'm much too tired to write a letter, -
I started this ten minutes ago and then
saw and looked at the blank page. I
have just spent two hours of the
most exhausting labor with a member
of my class who has been ill for
some time. I tried to put into two
hours the substance of nearly two

concert by the Gle Club, Radcliffe Choral Society and Symphony orchestra in Symphony Hall. I haven't heard the Gle Club in concert for two or three years - their programs were getting rather stale, but this combination promises to be very enjoyable.

Saturday afternoon Sam and I went into Boston to do a little shopping. The crowds are something terrible. He struggled all afternoon with the fatal result that we each got some Christmas cards and Sam

week's work. I have been on the "go" all day getting practically no work done. This afternoon I was at the first of the Tuesday afternoon symphony concerts.

Last night I was at the marriage dance for the third time. We take up so many new steps and figures each time that it looks like a hopeless job, but I seem to be getting on to it slightly though very slightly. It's very good exercise, both for the body and the brain, though I don't need much of the latter.

Thursday evening I shall hear the

a pair of shoes and some socks - but a
very good success.

I'm very much ashamed of the brevity of
this letter but I've tried to write more.
It's after ten o'clock so I'll take it down
to the Square so that you'll get it tomorrow.

I hope you have a very pleasant
birthday with many years of happiness
before you. Much love to you and an
appropriate number of embraces -

Love to all,

George.

Catsackie N. S.,
Dec. 1st 1929

Dear George -

Here it is Dec. already and that means you will be coming home before another month rolls around. We are having real winter weather and it begins to look as if Old Man Winter was here to stay. I wonder where you ate on Thursday. We missed you from our circle. Did someone tell you we were invited up to Millbus to a real turkey dinner. I went up about 10 o'clock to help Jessie. Harold came down about the same time. They only others present to eat were Mrs Cooley & her son from Depause. Harold came home with us for supper. He meant to stay one night but he had let the fires out and it was getting so cold we had to get up to pack & get the house warm on account of the water pipes so he left at 7.30 - The

Family up stairs had been away for about a week
Auntie was to reach Albany yesterday by bus from
N. Y. where she had been from Thurs. night.
I guess she had a nice visit at Newton but was
tired out - I sincerely hope she will not be ill
after it. I do not know just when I can go up
to Albany but want to go about the 12th for a few
days. - Don't see how I can get away before then.
Don't mean to wash till Tues. as Eva has other
plans for to-morrow - even a week ago I ordered
the electric washing machine but it has not come
yet. Hope it will show up to-morrow.

The garage dedication takes place Dec. 9 - it has
meant considerable detail work for the arrange-
ments - I wonder why will do everything when Pa
steps out next month.

While I think of it I want to tell you what Eva & I
have been talking about in regard to Christmas. We
thought it would be nice for us to "pool" our cash
and purchase presents together - what do you think?
Do you want to do this? We thought of a brief case
for Harold - do you want to join in this? What do you
think, one would cost suitable for him? We would
want you to purchase it, as you know best about that.
Have you any ideas for Pa? We would probably
want you to buy that too & if we think of anything
we'll let you know; there would be time enough on
10^{da} or 2 wks. - When do you come home? If
you want to join us also for Wilbur & Jessie we
will buy those gifts. We don't know what to
say about a calendar for grandpa now that we
cannot see it - what do you think? We think
he is getting more blind even than he was. Eva
thinks we ought to "pool" for Auntie, too - she? -
We'll think of something for her & get it. This will
simply be shopping for us all & be just as well.
You surely had some "kisses" with that number ^{Edward}

We are wondering what the outcome was.
This has been a beautiful day - We
went to church - Rose preached.
Jack Sailer was at 2nd church today - I'd
like to have gone to hear him. This
afternoon we went to Willard's ^{of} Tuesday
making a call in each place & I did all
the driving.

The 1st Church is financially strapped -
no wonder. The Ladies are going to help out
with a chicken supper on Thursday ^{this week}.
Next Sunday a candidate preaches.

The radio is speaking "right along" but
very easy to write (for me). I haven't written
to Miss Hayes yet - I get so little time for my
personal letters - so much to do all the time -
To-morrow is day for bills again. House
cleaning is not yet finished job - perhaps
some of it will have to hold over till Spring.

Thank you for Stalpers' -

Lanny J. Mosher.

DEDICATE LAMPMAN CHAPEL

Union Theological Seminary Heads
Open Last Refectory Unit

Union Theological Seminary yesterday dedicated the newly completed Lampman Chapel, presented in memory of Dr. Lewis Lampman, a director of the seminary for twenty-five years, by his son, Leonard. The new chapel cost \$20,000 and is the last unit in the refectory opened a year ago. It includes an organ and three stained-glass windows with representations of Luther, St. Theresa and St. Francis.

The ceremonies yesterday included an academic procession of the faculty and the student choir. President Henry Sloane Coffin opened with an Armistice Day prayer in the James Chapel and was followed by the Rev. Dr. Anson P. Atterbury, who delivered a eulogy of Dr. Lampman. The procession then moved to the new chapel where the Rev. Dr. William Adams Brown pronounced the dedicatory prayer.

Dear George -

What are your thoughts concerning
Mother's birthday gift? I've extracted
\$2 from Harold although I don't think
each one of us need contribute that
much. If you have no plans of your
own, let's put together. I had
thought for toaster, a pair of warm
gloves, a spread for her bed, or
a Camp for her dinner. We might
get both the camp and the spread.
These suggestions may serve
for Christmas, also. You probably

Have something to add to the
list. Let me know as soon as
you've had time to "cogitate" a
bit.

Love

Eva -

MUKERJI SEES DEEP SPIRITUAL AMERICAN LIFE

Indian Author Says It Lies Under Nation's Materialism.

Under America's materialism lies deep spirituality and respect for health and cleanliness, in the opinion of Dhan Gopal Mukerji, Indian author who spoke last night in Chamberlains' hall.

"There is no conflict today between the nobler values of the east and the west," Mukerji said. "There is only conflict between the noble values of each and the ignoble values of the whole world. Americans' love of cleanliness and health implies a high ideal of humanity.

"In the east holiness is the most valued thing. In the west extension of comfort, health and prosperity for the many is the ideal.

"Teach us twenty-five per cent of your restlessness and take from us some of our freedom from tension, peace in the face of disease and poverty, and a happy medium will result."

Mukerji described life in his home land relating the place of women there, and their fast developing freedom from the caste system.

"Within the past two months feeling against British oppression has intensified. Unless something is done about it there will be bloodshed. Britain can, of course, always put uprising down because she has the power."

"I was not invited to your homes for four years," he said, after reciting many poems and prayers of his native land. "I judged your land by your market places. They are horrible. With Wall street they are imprisoning the American soul. Wall street is well named."

Mukerji said he has observed a strange cleavage between the young

and the old in spiritual matters. Here in the West, he said, old men who have attained spirituality are uninterested in the spiritual development of the young. In his land, he said, youth is trained in religion from their earliest days. The home centers about the mother, in whom falls all the responsibilities of each day's events.

Albany, Dec 2/29

Dear George -

Here I am in Albany again - Came up on 3.30 train yesterday and expect to stay till Sunday. This morning I went down town on bus at 9 o'clock and had a good chance to look & shop before the crowds got out. I started at Hudson Ave where I got off the bus and went in most all the stores up to Lodges. But one morning was not enough to finish up - I got back at 1 o'clock & Auntie & H. were waiting dinner for me. Auntie seems to be feeling more like herself than in some months. If Sunday is a nice day Pa is coming up for me. H. still looks at station and so keeps very busy, only here to eat & sleep. He has an

Expect on the 21st the day you
came home. If you wanted to,
you could come here to stay
all night - but you'll see by
the time table you can get a bus
down at 9 o'clock on Saturday.

I think we will leave it to you
to get the brief case for H. - I don't
feel like spending so much
but he has helped himself so fine
this fall & really needs the brief
case I think - but he has not said
anything about it. We will
have Monday & Tuesday for
final shopping & I thought per-
haps you & E. could go to either
Albany or Catskill if you want to.

We have the electric washer &
will use it next week. I will not
send any of your clothes unless
you say so - would perhaps not reach
you in time owing to the Texas rush.

I wish you might have been
at our Dedication Ceremony on
Thursday night - Everything went
off fine without a mistake & pa
& I felt quite proud as we made
all the arrangements. The State
Master came & we met him at the
6.30 train & took him out - he is
very nice & everyone seemed to
like him - He staid with us all
night & we got him off next morn-
ing on the 6.30 bus for Albany. We
had over 200 people out some
visitors from 6 other parishes and
some friends of members. Eva went
out with Ralph & Mary & I was glad
for she seemed to enjoy it.

On Saturday last pa & I attended
the Pomona & had a nice time
It was up at Echo Orange Hall - Pa
was elected the new Master for Pomona
for a term of 2 years - He was

also elected delegate to the
State Convention at Syracuse
in February - that means he can
take his wife, too. We hope we can
go but don't know yet just
what arrangement we will make.

It has been very cold the past
week, real zero weather & snow
enough to make it real winter.

Saturday coming home it rained
& froze in midshell & we had
some time getting home.

Wilbur went over East again
last Saturday & was not back yet
when I left yesterday. It's surely
is a big problem.

I hope you are keeping well &
will not spend much time work on
Churchia preparations. I am looking
forward eagerly to seeing you.

Loveingly
Mother

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