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Monday Night
October 22, 1934.

Dear George,

Your good letter and the surprise cheque
came last week. I meant to write above
and ever since have promised myself to do it
without delay. You must remember from
times past my habits and probably have not
wondered. I haven't written home for ten days
or more and am staying at home to-night

wears Kewter telephones. I don't know what ailed
my sense of time.

Thank you many times for the survey which
I shall try to spend wisely. It will enable me
to eat lunch out occasionally. Elizabeth does
that and I do like to do it once in awhile. I
am eating lunch this year for I believe I
can accomplish more when I am not thinking
about the next meal. I try not to eat as
much breakfast and dinner as I did last
year and in that way hope to maintain my
normal weight.

I have been doing mental gymnastics
trying to decide on a problem. I think now

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that he work on the rust (a fungus) which
 grows on the may apple, *Podophyllum*. Dr.
 Johnson did ^{not} seem inclined to assist me and
 after doing considerable reading and
 rejecting practically all of the problems I had
 jotted down from time to time, I decided to
 read quite thoroughly ~~along~~ the literature on
 this particular rust which occurs abundantly
 in the spring on the campus here. Twice I
 decided on the aspect ^{of this problem} which I would try to

work out, only to find on a careful examination
of the literature that it had already been done. The
first time I went into the greenhouse seed kept
into the fall. The next time I took two days
off for doing other work and in the meantime
decided there were other aspects of the problem
which might be worked out and that, in the
light of recent research ^{on other} subjects, many of the
former work might well be repeated. I made
a little outline of the problem as I saw it and
gave that with the pertinent papers to Dr. Johnson
to read. After waiting what seemed to me
an interminable time he read at least some of
them and gave me a little encouragement.

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In the meantime I wrote to Dr. Dodge, a
 plant pathologist at the New York Botanical
 Garden and a man of good repute in his
 field, to ask about the publication of an
 unpublished manuscript to which he referred
 in ~~one~~ ^{his} ~~proper~~ ~~place~~. He wrote that as far as he
 knew the work had never been published because
 all the facts were not known or ascertained to
 the satisfaction of the mass under whom the
 work was done. Dr. Dodge added that if
 I were working on the *Podophyllum* root (I didn't

fell been I wanted to do so) I ought to
have a clear field and that it was in a
run & which needs to be thoroughly investigated.
It is not of course, a most of economic importance
but it is one of a little understood type and
a better knowledge of it might lead to a
better understanding of its types. I have written
to Dr. Franke at the University of Virginia to
ask about the unpublished manuscript. If
nothing further happens to change my mind,
I shall start plans for the work. Since the
seed is not abundant until spring I cannot
make collections until then. There are,
however, many things to be done before then

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that I may work to the best advantage
 when the time comes. I have a *Cecid*
material preserved which I shall cut and
 stain for practice. Then we must spend
 months in protecting and feeding the
 proper *testes*. I also have some
 leaves with ^{abundant} spores. If only I can "ferment"!!!
 these to germinate by spring I shall be able
 to conduct *controlled* experiments. If not, I
 shall have to depend on *natural* infections. I

dearly hope and pray that I may rest feet
up a journal and find something like this
storing me in the face "The origin of the
binucleate condition in *Puccinia podophylli*"
by John Jones or "Sexuality in *Puccinia*
podophylli" by Mary Smith. Myotures have
taken a new slant for me.

All this means that I shall not soon
have a degree, if, indeed, ever. However, I
could not have taken one this year and
I shall have to trust to good fortune that
my work will go well enough that I may
not need all of next year to complete the work
which must be done here. N. Johnson has

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reminded me that I cannot have the assistantships another year. That, of course, I had not expected for he does me the very same thing last spring. The chances for a scholarship are almost negligible since the scholarships usually cover only part of the tuition and must be used for that purpose. If I am doing research only next year I shall ^{not} have to pay the full ³⁰⁰ tuition. As I understand it I'll have to pay \$75 and laboratory fees. The latter could be waived upon the recommendation of

Dr. Johnson, Despite this appalling state of
affairs I shall not worry. I have a great
deal of work to do between now and spring in order
that I shall be free to give ^{nearly} all my time to
research then. I must find in many hours
of reading that I may know how to best interpret
whatever results I get. The roots constitute a
large field and in my notes an extremely
interesting one. I have to give a farewell club
report on November 8th. I hope to prepare a
talk on one aspect of root study. I am
a bit chagrined that I shall not be able to
rattle up my chest and blow about my own
research, since I have been here three years.
I shall in all probability be able to stand

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the disgrace and, perhaps even throw upon it.

Syzygie took me for a drive Saturday afternoon. The weather was nearly perfect and the foliage at the height of its glory. At night we went to see "The Count of Monte Cristo". I was not as favorably impressed with it as many people are, although I enjoyed it. Syzygie and several others whom I know have gone twice to see it.

Mother wrote that she had a copy of your

paper. I congratulate you and am as proud as
success. I told Uncle Dave and he said, "That's
fine, very fine, indeed."

Now I must run along to wait this and
then go to bed. I was up late every single night
last week and I feel the need of a long
sleep. Much love and many, many thanks
for loving me and spoiling me with kindness.

Eva.

[15 Nov. 1934]

Thursday Noon

Dear George,

Your letter came this morning. You are not the only one who breaks good intentions. I have intended every day for over two weeks to send you at least a note. I have neglected everyone. Yesterday I sent a letter home and now I must send one to you and one to Sam.

As always I send my thanks all down up in love and good wishes to the best and most generous of brothers. I shall have to use part of this money to buy a pair of evening shoes. I haven't had ^{to buy} such things since I was a junior in college. I am invited to a dinner party on November 24th. It's a friend and keeper, Mrs. Rosenfeld is giving the dinner party for about eighteen people including our laboratory crowd and the Johnsons. A rabbi who left Germany the day before Dolfus was assassinated is to be there and ^{bring me something which he does not publish.}

February. Then I shall transplant some
of them into pots filled with sterile soil.
I do hope Dr. Johnson won't think I
can sterilize the soil in a two by four
unit close. The garden needs a large
steam sterilizer and we hope to get one
made this winter.

I am glad you went to Greenwell
for the holiday. I thought you might
and hoped you were with sunny winter weather
such as we had. We had snow flurries
and a raw wind on Monday. Did
Elizabeth know Mrs Gibson well? Mrs
Gibson is teaching in a college in Maine.
I think it is Maine University.

This unit much of a letter - I must
run along and work. I arrived
at four and I feel it my duty to
go.
Much love and many thanks,

Eva.

Do you know whether or not you will be
at home at Christmas time?

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Nov. 27, 1934

Dear George -

For over a week I've intended to
send you a note. I do hope your cold didn't
prove serious. I was sick for several days
last week and was quite despondent to
lose all that time. I had thought of going
home for Thanksgiving and now have given
it up. I could ^{have} been home only from late
Wednesday night until Saturday afternoon
for I'd have driven back and forth to
Elizabeth. ~~The~~ whole trip would have
consumed five days and I felt that was
too much time to take now for the
hills time at home and ^{then} the wear and
tear of traveling isn't easy for me. I
hope to get caught up on some loose
ends and have plenty of sleep. I shall

not stay around the lab too much for then
I am drawn into gadding, not to mention
joking!!

I shall be very much pleased to have
the geology books. If you wish to keep one
or two for reference or reading & so, otherwise,
send them all. I had considered trying to
get a second hand copy of Purson etc.
which is usually in two volumes. I am
very glad I didn't order one for I could
not afford it and I know I am welcome to yours.

The party last Saturday night was quite
an affair. I am very much of a back number
but was able to overcome my sleepiness and
shakiness enough to have a good time. I am
sincerely ~~for~~ ^{and} of Mr. Rosenfeldt and find
Mr. Rosenfeldt very agreeable, hence I
am more at ease ^{with them} than I could otherwise be.
The four boys called for me and Mr. Rosenfeldt's
kitchen partners and his wife brought us all home.
Rabbi Lazerus has a splendid personality and
a beautiful speaking voice. He told us many
stories of his recent visit to Germany and
Denmark.

That is how I forgets. I understand you have your car space. I am sorry to hear that you have to go to the city & my mother. I am sorry for what you have to do.

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[7 Dec. 1934]

Thursday night.

Dear George -

Your letter and the cheque came yesterday.
As always I am unable to thank you adequately. I do
thank you and I shall try to make the money go a long
ways. The books came also. I shall find much of interest
all of them although there will be much that is beyond
my understanding. I shall probably use them for bedtime
reading for a bit. The Historical Geology will probably await
next semester's work. I am unable to put the time I ought
to put on the course, yet I feel I am benefiting by it.

I enclose a list of houses supplying vascula. There are, of course, many others. These with the ones at Waverly give a wide range of prices. You will notice that the catalog date of the first two is not of the current year. I don't think that would make much difference in the prices. I paid \$5.00 for my vasculum and remember I was disgusted to have to pay 50 cents for the packing case and, of course, postage. Two of the houses, I list make no charge for packing cases. If Elizabeth Foster collects fairly large specimens ^{1/2 in. diam + 2 in. length specimens} in tin B or C from the N.Y. Bot. Supply Co. would be the best purchase. If he is interested mainly in small specimens, either any of the others ought to do although, I fear, the \$5.00 would be cheaply made. I think this measures about 16" in length. The postage would vary, of course.

I expect to go home for Christmas and shall be

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there until New Year's Day unless I find out that I can't
return here sooner. I'd be foolish to pay train fare all
the way if I could ride with Elizabeth. I feel generous
about taking the whole vacation. Perhaps my generous will
prevail!! I am looking forward to seeing you, although
I regret I will be for so short a time. However, you
are doing well to give us that much time when you
have your work and a degree in the Spring. I felt

I had already written to Mother that we must
not spend too much for gifts this year. Now you know the
means and what little things ^{and money} we have might better
be shared with the poor the needy. I suggested that each

I shall probably reach home the evening of Dec. 21 or 22.

One of us receive one gift of small value from the group. We could spend more for books and papers but I feel that "the children" can be well content with a very small gift. We shall still have the festivity and perhaps have more peace of mind and time to at least think of the unfortunate. Go ahead with the autumn idea. Do try to think of ~~constructing~~ for some of the others and please write in more detail later.

I am happy that you had a pleasant Thanksgiving vacation. No, we are not superstitious about the weather. I don't want to be. I am very happy that you have found Elizabeth. Whenever I think of you and her I have very pleasant feelings!

It is really Friday morning and I must go to bed. The many mistakes in this letter might give you as clue as to the time.

Much love and many thanks,

I am shocked at Britis Hollenbeck's death.

Eva.

[7 Jan. 1935]

Dear George -

Ever since your teeth
and the truck came on
Tuesday I have seen your
worn shirt cuffs and your
tired face. I expect it is really
your brain that is worn and
I must confess I don't let
my imagination picture that.
Please don't work too hard
and be sure to take a little
extra nourishing food. These
next two or three weeks
are particularly hard on ^{our} ~~your~~
resistance. I have been
taking two glassfuls of Mellin's
a day instead of one. Thank
you for the money. I shall
try to make it go as far as

As far as that the vines of
your shirt cuffs may not
haunt me too greatly! All
things aside, you are too
generous. If ever I get a
Ph.D. I shall be tempted to
have it put in your name, too.

I don't know how you
stand continued mental
labor. I know I could not.
I have been spending several
evening ^{studying} a week at home
because I must do the
studying and I do dislike
being out nights alone. I
find I have to have more
sleep when I study than when
I do routine work evenings.
The first few days after I
returned I didn't accomplish
much. The atmosphere was

deadenning, I felt as though every bit of vitality had left my body. I always experience a let down when I return to this climate.

I am glad you heard Ruth Draper. If she does come to Baltimore I shall surely hear her. Fizzie heard her for the second time during the holidays and was very ~~delighted~~ ^{delighted} about her.

I haven't seen Fizzie much since we reached here over two weeks ago. She has not been here to dinner. I see her occasionally at school. We had an icy road for the first part of the trip. We reached here

about 4 o'clock despite the set back in the morning.

My plans for the summer will depend on how my work goes this spring. I expect I shall have to go to Bar Harbor. If Dr. Johnson goes abroad to attend the meeting in late August, I expect he will come to me at Bar Harbor in July. He insists that whoever goes must be there ^{with the others} together for the dishes to go over the same ground with different students at different times during the summer. Of course, I should prefer to be there with other people whom I know. I do hope that we can be at home together. I don't have plan on much of a vacation but whatever I have

at home I trust will
concur with yours. Of
course, Laura wants to
see me. I dislike to
disappoint her but I
can hardly plan to take
a long vacation out there
and it is an expensive trip
for a few days. In any case,
she would have to pay
my fare. Possibly I
could use the laboratory
at Hope and section some
of the material I hope to
give this spring.

I had a sweet note
from Elizabeth thanking
me for the cookies and

the help in selecting a vasculum.
I hope her teaching work
~~has~~ too hard this next
semester. It is a shame that
she has to struggle with
that sort of a place when she
has had splendid preparation
as well as experience in college
teaching. Some times I
don't know which is worse,
the poverty and depression
among the uneducated or
the failing hopes of the
educated who are in some
cases on the verge of more
than one kind of hunger. I
am greatly concerned over
my friend, Ben Goldberg. I
am an enormous fond of him

in a big sisterly fashion. If
I could do anything for him
I expect it'll feel better. Still
I must stand by and do
nothing except treat him
squarely which is more than
I do for all my fellow men!

Dr. Johnson has been
quite amiable lately. He
actually introduced me
as "an embryonic mycologist."
Usually I am introduced
to the visiting professors
in such a fashion that one
might conclude I were
the flour wacker or the
Chambermaid. Of course,
flour wacker and Chamber-
maids aren't usually introduced
at all!

I inquired about the
appointment bureau. There
is one which is very
effective. The girl advised
me to register but she
warned me that there were
almost never calls for
biology teachers or
biological scientists. She
said most of the calls came
directly to the department.

It is nearly midnight
and I want to write a
letter home. I love you
dearly and have great
faith in you. I shall
write again soon.

Kench Core.

Eva

Jan. 17, 1935

Baltimore, Maryland

Friday Morning.

Feb. 5, 1935

Dear George -

For several days I
have intended to send
my love and good wishes
via Uncle Sam. You
have been, undoubtedly,
busier than I. I do hope
you have escaped
another cold. I heard
you have not escaped

Below zero weather and
much snow. We are
not yet rid of the ice
in the street and the
snow is falling. I
am sorry for people who
must drive cars and
for the old people who must
huddle out on the side walks.

Last week I was a
bit weary due to a
seminar report, two
dinner engagements and

& party at Dr. Johnson's ^{the previous week.} My
frame does not stand intellectual
and social exertion ^{during} and
the same period. I took the
geology exam last Tuesday. I
was curious to know how my
gleanings of the subject would
stand an undergraduate examination.
I have attended many, but not
nearly all the lectures. ^{Have} read pamphlet
in the Cleveland which you send
me, and have attended all
the field trips. Did little reviewing.

The end of this week or
early next I must take an
examination in Cytology. I have
received a letter and shall try to
do some every day.

I have been enjoying Stevenson's
"An Amateur's Progress" and "Across the
Plains", the two being an account
of his journey from Glasgow to California
Wears later - Much love, Eva

Feb. 12, 1935

Dear George,

I meant to go over to
Greenmount Avenue and
buy you a valentine. This
paper is a memorial to
my lack of ambition after
dinner. This is a beastly
night, not very cold but
raw and unfit for strolling
in the dark. I am glad I
don't have to go further than
the post box.

Your good letter came
the day after I sent you a
note. I was disturbed to
know about the paper, having

To be rewritten and continued.
I expect Prof. Moore knows best
and, y. s. t. I wish he were
content to leave the papers as
they stand and let you write
your dissertation. I trust
things will work out by the
first of May. Don't hope you
won't be a mere "shadder" on
the wall ^{by the way}. Please be careful
about eating "protective" foods
such as fruit and milk.
I am glad you have led-lives
til "jerks." When that box is
empty, buy another to last
until the remaining days
have again with their natural
vitamin B-reaching power.

The check is, as always,
most welcome. I believe I

shall have to spend it on actual
chairs. My old clothes have
worn out and every morning
when I wake up I remember
that I must assemble a
presentable costume. No one
knows what a blessing the
Stockings Santa brought have
been. I hope you have been
able to buy some shirts during
the sales. I feel ashamed
to spend ^{your} money for clothes
when you must use the scissors
daily on your cuffs.

I have decided that I'll
try to finish next year. I
know if I don't get a degree
then I never shall and,
perhaps, after all one will be

worth something. When I see
poor struggling middle-aged
women doing graduate work
I realize that in ten years
I'll be nearly or quite middle-
aged and the thought of "taking
the lumps" of University life
then frightens me. I have
talked to Dr. Johnson and,
unless he is a traitor to the
cause or I fall down on my
part, he will give me a
degree a year from June. If
I am unable to get enough
work on the side to support
myself in part, I shall have
to try to do the actual writing
away from here. I shall

try to get a small scholarship,
enough to pay my tuition and
fees which will amount to
about \$100 for the year. If
possible I shall ^{ask for} ~~ask for~~ ^{give} ~~give~~
than that. I shall ask for it
and I doubt that I can
get it. I may be able to
find work of some sort to
pay in part for my living
& expenses. The rest will have
to come from home or from
Auntie. I think I'd ask
her. Perhaps she would
give it to me but by Lit.

I shall apply for the place
Mrs. Hatch has ^{which is} teaching a
Saturday course in the

College for Teachers. If he
secures nothing better, he
will have it again. Just
I might be able to get the
apartment. Mr. Johnson
promised to recommend me
and I am to see Mr. Baumberger,
the head of that department,
as soon as she returns to town.

She is a little opposed to having
too many women on the faculty
and that might be against me.

There is one scholarship which
is about \$300 ^{and is} open to any
graduate student. That means
I do not stand much chance
of getting it but I have applied
for it. It is supposed to be
given to a student in a department

in which there are no stated
Scholarships, but I understand
that rule is not adhered to by
the Committee. Our department
has no special scholarships but
one of our men has a fellowship
and will study in Sweden
for two years. That might
influence the Committee for
our department is too small
to be granted too many favors
at once. I have written
none of this to Knott for it
is all very uncertain. You
know enough about how
such things go not to expect
too much. Mr. Hatch's place
pays only \$300, I think, that
however, would be almost

enough.

I am glad you heard
J. B. S. Haldane. I had just
seen his picture a day or so
before your letter came, it had
been more surprised at your
description of him. I had
imagined him to be "quite
otterwise" as Mr. Tuckers used
to say. I have read his
essay about the different types
of blood. That is a ^{most interesting}
piece of physiology ^{or better, bio-chemistry.} Something of
the sort has been attempted with
the "juice" of plants but no
very satisfactory relationships
have been discovered. One
very reputable American

Dr. Blakeslee of Cold Spring Harbor
Scientist, and an Austrian
woman, Miss Satina, have
found that the blood of a male
animal, ^{the juice} of a male plant
such as a male fern frond, and
the extract of a so-called
male or - strain of bread mold
give the same chemical
reaction, which is based on
the reduction of potassium
permanganate. The same
^{is true,} of course, for the opposite
sex or strain, the female
giving a stronger acid test.

I had a letter from Miss
Gibson recently. She recommended
the American College Bureau
at 28 East Jackson Boulevard,
Chicago and the Albert

Teachers Agency at 25 East
Jackson Boulevard, Chicago.
As the best teachers
agency for college
positions. She warned me
not to register with the
Albert Agency in New York
City, which is run by a faker.
The two first named agencies
are the ones you wrote of in
your last letter. I am
sorry you were crossed
off the list of the Roberts
Man. That means, perhaps,
that fate has a much better
place waiting for you. It
is too easy to be discouraged.

We'll hope and hope and
hope and in the meantime
do what can be done.

Dr. Louch arrived
to day. That means a busy
and somewhat hectic six
weeks. He is a "dear" man
besides being a good teacher.
I am glad I strove as hard
as I did to do my very
credit in his other two courses
for now I can feel a
little assurance when I
go to him and work under
him.

Next week Thursday or
Friday I have an exam

which I dread for I don't
feel I know enough to do
even passably well. However,
I shall do what I can in
the meantime to gain more
knowledge of the subject and,
thereby, have a shred of confidence
as my reply. It is not one of
Dr. Johnson's subjects and
many botanists don't take the
exam. I shall for several
reasons, one being that I am
not adept at not taking exams
and appearing as though I had.

Much love and many,
many thanks for the money.
I am sending Miss Wages a note.
Give her my love if you feel
to her. E. v.

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Friday Evening
March 11, 1935.

Dear George,

I am determined that you shall have very love
and good wishes which are not measured by the
brevity of this letter. I think of you very often and
pray that you may not have too many stresses and
strains these days. Dr. Johnson inquired for you
yesterday and says that you will be able to get your
degree and a good position, too. Your good manners
have done us an infinite amount of good!!

Dr. Couch says Hatch is practically certain to get a National Research Fellowship and, in that case, I hope I may leave his place in the Teachers' College. I have not been able to see the Dean of the Teachers' College for she has had a death in her family. I have made another appointment for Friday morning at 11:30. I do not set too much store by what Dr. Couch says. Still I am hopeful.

Dr. Couch and I have been "taking the bumps" over my problem. Perhaps, at times I thought I was "taking all the bumps". At any rate, I am to go on with it for its present. I think it's better have something else in mind that I may take up if this one doesn't prove feasible within the next few weeks. I have had to

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trials with the Plant Physiology Professor for a test soon
in his end of the greenhouse. He and Dr. Johnson are
diametrically opposed on all points and Dr. Huntington
has to take out his hard feelings on the lesser fry.

Dr. Havens jumped out of bed in such a manner
that he strained the facial ligaments in his leg and
may be lame for the rest of his life. He was in the hospital
for over six weeks. I think he is back at work now.

It is said that he took delight in procuring the
most risqué books he could think of and for his
wife to read aloud. When she hesitated on the

crack of a printed iniprofity has thundered, "Go on, read it"

I took the examination last Friday. It came up to my expectations of difficulty and I labored ^{hardly} all day over it. I haven't heard the result. I have been trying to be philosophical ~~and~~ ^{by} not thinking of what might have been (had I sludged harder) or what may be. I have been very busy with other things since Friday. This week-end I hope to bring my work for Dr. Coe's course up to date that I may start Monday morning with one clean slate.

Much love and many, many good wishes to the best of big brothers. & va

I am going to my first lecture in Historical Geology this morning. On the way I must stop at the P.O. to mail a package of seeds to a Professor Doctor in Japan.

Baltimore, Maryland
March 14, 1935

Dear George,

I know you are very busy and I hope you aren't as aware as I am of the length of time since you sent the check and the good letter. I have been extraordinarily busy. That is not sufficient excuse for my bad manners, not to mention neglect of the best brother in the universe. I do love you and thank you and at the same time

Resolve not to neglect you
again.

I shall try to make the
money go a long way. As I
write that I remember that
my shoes need resoling - Some
of it at least will go a long
way! I do walk, I suppose,
more than I need, ^{to the} but I hate
to spend money for carfare
if I have time to walk around
for I know this exercise keeps
me fit. I don't dare put money
on the back for not having
had a cold this winter I
shall probably have one as
soon as warm weather comes.
I seem to be ^{more} susceptible to
summer colds than to winter

Cold.

I hope to see Peggy to-morrow.
She and Dick are to sail from
New York for Columbia, S. A.
on Saturday. I haven't heard
definitely from Peggy. One
does not expect that from Peggy.
I did hear that Dick was
to be in town and Peg wrote
a week ago that if Dick came
to Baltimore she would
surely stop. Dick has a
two-year appointment with
An oil Company.

I saw Dr. Baumbarger
and she was not "agin"
having a woman teach
the Botany class in the

College for Teachers. I think
get a National Research Fellow-
ship and Dr. Pappenfuss
gets the Johnston Scholarship
which will enable him to
stay abroad another year, I
may have the place. There
can be nothing definite
before ^{late in} September for the course
course cannot be given if
less than fifteen registers for it.

I have started another little
problem in case ^{the} Podophyllum
rust one doesn't work out.

It is scandalously late and
I must get up in time to
read a little German. I shall
write soon.

My ch. love and many,
many thanks - Eva

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March 27, 1935

Dear George,

I am thinking of you very often
these days and hoping that something will
turn up for you for next year as well as that
this year's work is going well.

My last two or three letters have
contained news which contradicted itself, I fear.

When I so joyously wrote of my little fungus,
Aspergillus niger, a week or so ago I thought
I was on the right road at last. Within the week I
have found a very recent paper on that problem. Dr.
Carroll says that this good paper proves I was a
good problem. However that may be, it doesn't
help me. The more I think of the problem the
more possibilities I see in it, hence I am
going ahead with it as well as with
the mayapple problem. I used to wonder
how ²Pygmy went on and on, and attributed
her perseverance and lack of perturbation to her

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southern dipanther which found it easier to go
on than to take a new path to stop, entirely. Now I
realize that one goes on in a more or less dumb fashion
with a vague notion that one's luck will turn.

Spring vacation started Saturday night. Dr.
Johnson left early that morning taking Dr. Louch
with him. I went to bed about midnight +
Friday night + and slept + almost continuously
until Saturday at 5:30 P. M. I was invited out
to dinner and, therefore, awoke myself enough

to wash and dress. I wasn't very gay company for it
was 10:30 before I felt awake. I took Sunday for a
vacation day also. I was invited to have dinner at
a home in Roland Park. I had never been there
before Sunday though I have known Eleanor
casually for two years. After dinner we sat
on the back steps and smoked our pipe. Then we
went upstairs and sat on the floor in her study
and looked at books and pictures. She finally
told me quite a bit of her trip to Tokyo several
years ago. Eleanor has the whole third floor
of the house to herself and ^{has} books of all sorts.
She is taking botany for fun and work every

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He takes from me ^{two} ~~two~~ ^{afternoon} ~~day~~ a week. Eleanor and
Suzie are good friends and Suzie has always intimated
that I didn't belong in their class. Hence, I consider
an invitation to Eleanor's quite an achievement!!

Last night I went to hear the Bach Mass
by the Westminster Choir and ^{the} Baltimore Symphony
Orchestra. I am not a critical listener. I only know
I was in another world and not bored for a moment.
I feel that something beautiful happened to me
and if music can do that, I am sure it is

went where to go to listen ^{to} ^{it} even though I was was
nearly understanding it. Rex bought the tickets thinking
the date was March 16. He went away for the first
part of the vacation so I went with several others from
the lab.

To night I am having a guest at the
boarding house. I asked for a small table. I
haven't had a guest for months. I am having one of
the boys who is down hearted. His problem isn't going
well, he hasn't a job for next year and he had
planned to be married in June. I don't quite under-
stand how he could have planned to be married
when he had no fortune in view, but I
am hardly in a position to judge that sort of action.

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Perhaps a good dinner will serve his spirit for the moment.

I did not get the Slack scholarship. I may be given \$75 as a University scholarship. That will pay my tuition fee. In order to be granted the privilege of paying \$75 instead of \$300 I shall have to take my written examinations in September. Only Haeckel gets a National research fellowship. I may be given his place here. He may hear about the fellowship within a week or so.

Now I must run along and tend to my
cultures. I hope you will find time to go out
in the sun occasionally. A week ago Saturday
I went on an afternoon field trip and, since
I was too weary to walk, I found a sunny
spot and basked in the sunshine. Fortunately
I can do that on my own window sill once
in awhile during the noon hours.

Much love and all sorts of good wishes.

Eva

Baltimore, Maryland

April 4, 1935.

Dear George -

I have been on all fours crawling about in the woods looking for early stages of rust infection on the May apple. All the fresh air and sunshine I am getting is certainly helping to keep me very cheery and well. I wish several times a day I could send some sunshine to you. Yesterday I creaked in every joint from spending the day before too close to the damp earth. I am quite better again. I have found a few early stages of infection but cannot yet tell whether I have anything different than has been found by others.

By to-night I hope to have my glass case ready for use. I had a

Greenhouse benches. Yesterday I sterilized the
clippers for the bottom and to-day I scrubbed
the interior with formal solution. It might + 2
shall get the nucleus on the ends. I have
sterilized enough soil and glass pots lately to
make me wonder why I didn't stick to a petri
dish problem.

I think when I last wrote to you I
didn't know definitely that I could have
\$75 to pay my tuition. I am glad to have
that much settled, but through it.

Last Friday Eleanor took me on a picnic.
It was a lovely sunshiny day and we
rambled through the woods turning over rotten
logs in search of small creep-jungi. We had lunch
and a good sunning in a delightful open spot.
The spice bush, blood root and hepatics were
in full bloom and the violets not far from
full bud.

Last week Dr. and Mrs. Johnson
went as far as Charleston, S. C. to see the
legales. It was the fulfillment of a life-
long dream and the effect has not yet

I wrote to Dutton last night + asking him to collect some fig dung or fig manure (I don't know which is ~~more~~ ^{the} correct usage!!). I am in hopes he will not consider that request to slow down. I hope to find another species of *Acrodennis* on such "seeds" for sure. At least, it has been found on that.

Yesterday night I gave myself a great treat. I went to hear the Boston Symphony Orchestra. I went alone but fortunately met a girl whom I knew just before I went in and we planned to walk home together. I was greatly pleased and enjoyed ~~very~~ the music in my undiverted fashion. I have been in a state of joy for ten days for I had the anticipation, the music and the memory of it.

I went out along town and work until five for journal club. Goldberg is speaking, hence I was a surly attend. I do hope you are well and that you will soon how get through the work. Don't try to write to me. I know you think of me and that is enough for now. I shall probably send you ten notes full of accounts
 The *Acrodennis* notes I have written are all ^{scattered} ~~scattered~~

Two Symphonies Heard At Lyric

Boston Symphony Orchestra Plays Works By Sibelius And Beethoven

By DONALD KIRKLEY

A PROGRAM of unusual splendor was offered by the Boston Symphony Orchestra at the Lyric Theater last night under the direction of Dr. Serge Koussevitzky. The prospect of hearing two major symphonies drew an audience which filled all but a few of the seats, and the response was enthusiastic.

The seventh symphony of Sibelius, placed in juxtaposition to Beethoven's fifth, afforded a study in contrasting styles, which gripped the imagination of the authors. The two composers followed diverging roads in search of beauty and both found it in abundance.

In Baltimore as in Boston and other cities, Dr. Koussevitzky has played the missionary for Sibelius, and has made converts in large numbers. Many persons hearing the Finnish symphony for the first time last night—it was the first public performance of the work in this city—were tremendously impressed by it, and said so emphatically during intermission.

"Austere"—"profound"—"stunning"—these were some of the terms used to describe it, and it is, indeed a composition so subtle and so closely woven that a single hearing can scarcely do it justice. Sibelius has been accused of coldness, and there is perhaps something of the hard, glittering brightness of ice pinnacles about it.

This writer likes to think of the Finn as having captured in his music—and in the seventh symphony in particular—the frozen, shimmering, pastel colors of the Northern Lights.

Beethoven

THE FINNISH OPUS prepared the way for the sublime emotions of the Beethoven fifth. Perfection is the word to describe the manner in which this tremendous work was played.

Dr. Koussevitzky and his men held to the broad, sweeping lines of the symphony, maintaining an exact balance between the major parts, and presenting the smallest details with exquisite clearness. The complete harmony that existed between conductor and the musicians—playing as one man—represented the symphony orchestra at its highest point of development.

Every small solo bit was polished to perfection, and the great climaxes were indescribably thrilling. It was a magnificent achievement by what this writer believes to be the best of the major orchestras.

The program opened with Handel's fifth "Concerto Grosso," No. 5 in D Major for string orchestra. It served as an agreeable prologue for the other works, and was given a smooth and careful performance.

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[9 AM 1935]

Tuesday 1:30 P.M.

Dear George,

I have been feeling pleased and jubilant all week-end over your completed thesis and your vacation. I fear the latter may have been spoiled a bit by unpleasant weather. We have had beautiful weather here ever since Saturday morning. However, I am sure you enjoyed your vacation and the feeling of

having a completed
case at something definite. I can't imagine
that you will not do well at your orals. I know
you will review thoroughly and I hope a
little fairy will direct you to review best the
questions you will be asked.

I know Elizabeth enjoyed your visit. I
often think of her and hope the pupils aren't too
tiring.

Since my letter last week Hatch has
received two scholarships, one to study in Paris
and the other a national research fellowship. He
did not get an official notice of the latter and I

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Hope there is no mistake about it. When the Committee on the French scholarship sent him the third telegram requesting his acceptance or non-acceptance he phoned to the secretary of the N. R. C. in Washington and asked whether he was to receive a fellowship. He wants to study at Harvard under Weston. I have not heard anything about the place in the Teachers College. I think it was only this morning that Hatch

Notified Dr. Bamberger of his inability to teach
next year. She will communicate with me, I
suppose. Dr. Johnson was excited ~~all~~ day
yesterday and chased his coat tail around all
day without accomplishing a thing. 2 Hately
were made chief advisor to King George Dr. Johnson
would think justice had been done.

I cashed your check but shall try not to
spend ^{more} ~~the~~ ^{up} ~~it~~ ^{month}. Please don't send me any more. If I
really need some I'll ask Laura for something extra.
I am sure you cannot spare more now. With my
board and room paid until the first of May and

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My days spent in old clothes working on *Puccinia
Jodophylli*. I may be able to slide through
these months without extra expenses.

Next week Thursday I must give a journal
club report. I decided last night on a paper
and whatever time I can spare from *Podophyllum*
must be given to the preparation of that. So it
goes. I dislike such interruptions.

I have been out-of-doors for an hour to-day.
The ground is soaked. I had not been out
since Saturday and felt I must see what progress
the naturally infected plants were making.

I had a letter from Mother on Saturday. I
know she missed having you ^{at home} but I think
she let the good news about you their comfort
be somewhat. I picked some fungus in a
snow squall early Sunday morning and
mailed them to her. I hope she received them
on Monday. Much love and many, many thanks for
all your kindness and goodness to me. Eva.

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Tuesday Night
May 7, 1935.

Dear George,

I think of you several times a day and try to send you helpful thought waves. Don't try to write to me while you are rushed. I imagine you are overwhelmed with what you think you ought to know. Try to sleep sweet and to

Eat nourishing food.

We are just emerging from a week's rain. I haven't felt really dry since a week ago this noon. The temperature has been low and I have been very comfortable cool when I had to collect in the woods. This afternoon the sun came out and the whole world took on a smile. Despite the dull weather the garden has been lovely for the dogwood and azaleas are in full bloom.

I saved the money which you sent last month. Do not send me any this

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month, please. I shall get along very well. When my period week is over I shall have to buy a hat and one or two other things that I may pass as George's rather than nobody's. Another ten days and I shall have about finished collecting. Every one in the lab is frightened when I think that perhaps I shall not find the significant stages in the

material, ^{which} I have collected. Of this problem
facts, I shall fall back on Academicis. However,

I think I must surely make something
out of this rest. I have made several
observations which I have not found
recorded in the literature and that makes
me feel I am making a more careful
study than my predecessors.

To-morrow I must start a seminar
report for Friday. This will be the sixth and
last report for the year. I have to talk about
several groups of Monocotyledons, the largest being
the orchids. Much love and good wishes for
the best of his mother, E. W.

[14 May 1935]

Tuesday

Dear George,

The package of maple
sugar came Friday and
reminded ^{me} once more of
your wonderful thoughtfulness.
I am being very selfish
with the sugar and eating
it hot by lit. The next
time Jean comes to dinner
I shall treat her. There
are four young people besides
myself on third floor and
I am not generous enough
to share with them. One
couple has been married

few minutes, the other few years.
I don't see much of them but
I do enjoy hearing their chatter
and laughter. I believe
poor old Mr. Wood all is glad &
dare not come around.

From maple sugar, to
ghosts in one paragraph!
Thank you for the candy
and the love.

I'll not repeat my admiration
of the last letter. I think of
you and pray for you very
often for I know I can
help you in that way if
no other now. Were I with
you I'd probably satisfy my
worthless instincts by giving

You too much to eat and
you'd never be able to study.

I saw Dr. Bamberger yesterday.
If the course is given - that
is, if fifteen students register
for it, I am to teach it. Her
salary is \$600 with a 5% cut.
Hess for some reason did
not give the 5% and Dr.
Bamberger said she would try
to make the same arrangement
for me. I shall have to pay
tuition and whether or not I
may keep the \$75 scholarship
is not certain. Since I am not
sure that I shall have the
\$600 I believe it is wise to keep

still about the 75. I 2
came up for a degree next
June I shall need \$100 and,
hence I shall try to keep
all I can get.

My work keeps me busy. I
can not be certain of any
positive results until I cut,
I am and study the sections in
the fall.

I took last evening 76,
the first in some time except
for Sunday evening which I
habitually take. Mrs. Christie
was in town and spoke before
a small group at the nurses'
home. I had not seen her
since I was at the Remade

nearly four years ago. I was particularly eager to have first hand knowledge of the health of Mrs Jones. She has suffered for years with arthritis and her fine spirit of endurance has been a marvel to me. I can't of course except all of the tenets which Mrs Jones and Mrs. Christie hold but I do love and admire them. They don't have the "I am better than thou" spirit which is so characteristic of many religious workers.

I put on my summer clothes this morning and felt quite carefree. On Saturday I found a spot on the nose where

I felt it safe to indulge in
a sun bath - not your kind -
Bessie's kind!! As I lay
there I thought it quite
likely that Auntie would be
passing through town. I felt
constrained to arise and go
within reach of a telephone. I
left to go at that and when I
reached home at 6:15 - found
she had telephoned at 4:30. I
suppose she went on to Washington.
I had had ~~no~~ word from her
and only indefinite word from
Mother, hence I do not feel guilty.
One cannot help an intention!

Now I run & run along to
Puccinia podophylli - Much
love and many good wishes -
Eva



George B. Van Schoede
Hollis ?
Cambridge
Mass.

Tuesday

Dear George,

7 June 1935

This tiny note
carries a load of
love and thanks.

I was glad to have the
long letter and to
know you were able
to take a little recreation
and think about
your exam coherently.
I have had a man
on my hands 2 1/2 and

on for a while. He is all
upset. I have often wished
he had your good sense.
He left his wife and
family here to his Ph. D.
was given to my lot.

I cannot thank you ^{enough}
for the money. I don't
think you ought to try to
spare it.

I had a half day in the
woods on Saturday. The
season was lovely.

Much love and a letter
soon. Eva

Thursday Night.

Dear George,

[June 7 1935]

Every morning
when I awake I
wonder, "Is this the
day?" and each night
I hope it was the day
and that the strain
is over for a bit. I
am proud of you
and certain that you
will do well no matter

How you may feel about it.

Mr. Hammond passed
his oral exam to-day, had
his paper accepted by a
reputable journal, hence
he is in good spirits. He
thinks I helped him
tremendously which, of
course, isn't true. I
am glad I took the
trouble to try to
encourage him for

that was all he needed.

Our Laboratory is practically deserted. Dr. Johnson and Goldberg are the sole occupants.

I spend most of my time in the other building.

Lately I have spent the evenings working in the herbarium. Dr.

Johnson will be here until the 20th and I want to keep up

appearances, at least, while he is around the place.

I have taken legs a bit easier for a few days and have regained my energy. The weather has been cool and far more pleasant than two years ago when I was here at this time.

Much love and all sorts of good wishes to the best of brothers -
Eva

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June 15, 1935

Dear George,

The good news made me very glad and happy. I hope the exam papers were not too much of a trial and ^{that} the party for Professor Moore was a great success. I know you must be quite worn out and I do hope you won't have to go on and on without relaxing. I am hoping fervently that the

Articles positions will be given to you.

Thank you very much for the cheque which I had cashed today. I shall try to make it cover a multitude of necessities and pleasures.

It is very hot and I am a little surprised that I mind it as I do. I find working at school a pleasure for the room is very warm. I had a warm place at school also, and have moved to the big lab in Gilman Hall ^{temporarily}.

I think you are a dear good boy to encourage Mother to come. I will mean much to her.

Much love and many congratulations and good wishes to the best of big brothers, Eva

[19 June 1975]

Dear George

I sent you
a little book yesterday
which I hope you
may enjoy using.

Perhaps you will
meet a little wild
flower in Maine

Whose name you do not
know. I expect you
may be too busy
to care about little
strange flowers. I
do hope the week
won't be too strenuous.

I had a letter
from Mother this

Morning and I
suppose she and
Father are on the
way to Cambridge
at the moment.

Give them my love.

I shall think of
you to-morrow
and ^{shall} be very, very

proud of you. I
know you may be too
worn out and sick of
the whole affair to be
proud of yourself so I
shall be doubly proud.

If you should see Miss
Hager this week, please
give her my love and
good wishes.

Much love,
June 19, 1935 Eva

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July 31, 1935

Dear George,

I cannot let July fade away without writing you at least this note. I am deep in the Ascomycetes. I want to finish the laboratory work on that group before I go to the Haunsteins this week-end. Then next week I can study my notes and take the exam before leaving here.

I am working on the herbarium at odd times
and hope I shall have things in fair shape
though I expect no matter what I do there will
be something I ought to have done. With
nothing certain for next year I am prone to
think that putting plants on paper is a tolerable way
to earn one's bread and butter.

Laura plans to reach Washington August
9th or 10th and will leave for me on the
11th or 12th. I may possibly meet her in
Washington. It will depend on what her
brother's people and his family do to entertain

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her. I shall not, however, leave here before
Sunday, August 11th, and I expect we'll
reach Holland on Wednesday or Thursday.
I plan to cast aside all care for those few
days for as soon as I am settled at Lamsai I
want to put in several hours a day of studying.
I expect the best way to do that will be to
get up early as I have been doing here.
Please forgive me for not writing sooner.

I have been too tired at night to make my fingers
work, much less my head. I think of you
very often and always with a deal of
love and pride. That reminds me that I
have ^{not} congratulated you on securing a
position. I do it now with a most grateful
heart and a proud one, too. I have felt
infinitely relieved since Mother wrote about
the outcome of your trip to New York. I hope the
first few weeks of getting settled at your work and
in suitable living quarters won't be too hard.

I probably shall not write another
letter this week, hence I'd ask you to

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Give my love to Mother and Father and
Harold, too, if he is at home.

Much love and best wishes for
a happy week-end over August 11th.

Eva

The birthday letter with your good wishes
and Donald's, too, came on the 19th and
here are my thanks to you both. It was good
of you to write to me on the first free day you had
had for weeks. I knew you were busy and did not feel

missed. Eva



[10 SEPT 1935]
Near George,
I shall be thinking
of you on Thursday and
sending you love and
good wishes. On Saturday I

I send hugs, Happy Birthday, Please.
shall see you. I was surprised to
hear from Mosher that you are to be
at home this coming week-end and
distressed that I shall not be there
until Saturday afternoon. The train
reaches Albany 3.27 P.M. If no one
meets me, Ed takes the next train to
Coxsackie. If you take the bus you
will need to rest Saturday morning. I
can scarcely wait to see you. Much
love to the best of brothers, Eve

Monday 5/30 P.M.

(23 Sept. 1935)

Dear George,

I'll meet you in the
lobby of the Pennsylvania Hotel
at 5 P.M. (N.S.T.) Friday. I
shall probably take the bus unless
it is raining. If I take the
bus I'll get off at the Pennsylvania
Terminal at 4/30^{P.M.} N.S.T. and
have just time enough to check
my bags and clean my face
before meeting you. If I take
the train I'll probably take the
West Shore for that is easier
at the end.

Don't care I don't get that I
can take the 8:05 ^(E.S.T.) train which reaches
Baltimore 11/30. That is 20 d too
late and if you'd rather I'd take
that and have more time with
me, please + so. I'd take a cab from
the station and shouldn't mind
getting in at 11/30 P.M.

I am now reflecting a good
bit in the way of reviewing
although I don't spend all my
time so. I can't remember her
as much when I sit at it for
hours at a time as I do when I
do it in days. I think I did the
harder part at Harvard.

I must go to Jesse's to-night
for Ma and Pa are going to Quincy.
I had to go there some evening
and shall try to think it's

I had thought of the possibility
of seeing Mrs. Gibson and having
her have dinner with us. I'd be
very happy to see her and if
you can get us touch with her
and she can come I'd really
rather have her visit + Marcella.
Otherwise I'd as soon have just
you unless you feel we ought to
have Marcella. I am a little
nervous about the next month
and I'd rather not talk to Marcella
about "education in general". However,
she has been kind to me and I don't
want to hurt her feeling and I
could probably well see her. Let
take the 6:45 (E.S.T.) for Baltimore

Yesterday was a lovely day and the two boys enjoyed themselves.

the evening to do, &

George, Ernest & Anne were here Sunday night & supper. Arthur couldn't come.

I do hope your cold is better and that you didn't have to miss the festivities at Durham.

Miss Johnson is an instructor in the English Department at Burnard and lives in one of the halls. That is all I can tell you.

Oliver is a character certainly here. I have been down in Uncle George's woods looking at the many apple plants and called at the house and a Uncle George in the field.

Much love from all.
Eva.

Sunday morning
September 29, 1935

Dear George,

I have thought of
you very often since eight
o'clock Friday evening and
each time with love and
gratitude and joy and other
good feelings. You gave
me a very splendid "send-
off" and if I don't keep my
head I'd wonder he your faith. (I
think I'd better rest/take up
simplified spelling just yet!!)

I was very happy to have
a letter from you and wish I
could reply. She is a dear lady and I
am many a heart to her. I

Thank you were and are a dear
boy to have hunted her whereabouts
and given in the treaty
eating Sa. gishes and Chattering
bun nose.

Contrary to my assertion
that I'd study on the way to
Gallatin, I settled down and
quite pleasantly did nothing except
think happy thoughts. I probably
dozed a bit for the few hours
went by very quickly. At 11:40 P.M.
I stepped out of a cab and went
2833 St. Paul. I was a bit surprised
to find that nothing had been
done to make my room even
fairly clean and fresh but I
was too weary then to do anything

more than with a few jumble cases
 as I took a bath and crawled
 into bed. Betty and Samia are
 settled in the front room upstairs
 and have the bath room between
 my room and theirs all speck and
 span with fresh paint and new
 founel rocks etc. They had left a
 little note of welcome and I
 added a "thank-you" in the corner
 and the query "Is this the bathroom
 I left behind me?" For the present
 I have been put at a table with
 them. Mrs. Woodruff says she needs
 the room as the big table. Lizzie
 Kirkwood has been taking some
 dinners here and will also be
 arranged to our table. I haven't
 seen her and don't know what she

will think, say or do.

I stayed indoors all day yesterday.
 I made little attempt to get settled
 for none of the three boxes which I
^{had sent and} ~~thought~~ would be delivered before
 noon were here and further more,
 I hoped my room would be cleaned on
 Monday. I studied yesterday morning
 and part of the afternoon. I took a
 nap before dinner and after dinner
 a long walk. I stopped at the
 market and bought a few flowers
 to take to one of my old ladies. It
 was a blow to her when I did not
 sit down beside her at the table and
 hence I made her a little visit last
 evening. I came in about 9/30 and
 studied a couple of hours before bed time.

In the last letter which I
 had from Laura she sent her

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Good wishes for your success
and happiness in your work.

Mr. Bennett asked about
you and hoped you would
like your work and associations.
I nearly fell from the dentist's
Chair at all that conversation
from him.

I meant to ask you
about table linen? Do you
have any napkins or doilies or
trench cloths for your little table?
If you do not and would
like to have me get you something,
I'll try to do so within two or
three weeks. If you have doilies
with color on them and do not

want plain white or cream colored
linen. Tell me what colors you
have on your dishes. If you want
to look for something you may I
shall not be offended.

I shall stay at home to-day
and make the most of solitude.
I shall need to take a walk toward
evening and may go over to
the University. I suppose D.S.J.
will be on hand to-morrow morning
and I shall then try to arrange
about the examinations. I shall
probably spend part of each day and
all the evening in my room for
the next two days for I can
accomplish more here and I

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Do not want to spend the time or
energy needed to visit with
many people. I shall spend
part of each day at the laboratory
in case a prospective student wants
to ask about the course.

Fortunately the weather is a
little cooler. I see & practically
all my ^{light weight} clothes by mail or express.
My room is very pleasantly
^{cool} this morning and I see &
straightway make the most of
a bracing atmosphere.

Much love and many
thanks to the best of my brothers.
Eva

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P.S.
for some reason which I cannot guess
the cookies were not very crisp. Mother
made them according to my recipe and
we could not account for their lack
of crispness. If you want to bother
you may try putting them in the
oven for a few minutes. We made
them on a damp day and they may have
taken up moisture before I put them in a
tin box.

Please try to eat plenty of fruit and
vegetables and drink milk. If you
can possibly afford it you ought to
take cod-liver oil in some form during
the winter, at least.

Love mine, and love -
Eva

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Thursday 30 P.M.

[3 Oct. 1935]

Dear George,

Your good letter and the present
came yesterday. You know you must not
try to do that for me this year. I shall be
very happy to take from the five dollars
the amount I shall have to add to the
five I already have in order to buy the
Ames camera book. The balance you
must let me keep to spend for you
when I have a chance to sleep a bit. Do
you like the antimacassar sets which I
bought for our new furniture or would
you prefer a plain linen set?

As far as I don't know anything
^{Two had registered on Monday.}
definite about the course. As soon as
registration closes I'll send you at
least a partial summary of the verdict.
I think registrations in the College for
Teachers does not close until Monday

as its date.

I have had to make several applications
and am constantly having to stand and
wait to have an audience with someone.
I have applied for reduced tuition fees,
for aid from the National Youth Administration
fund in case I do not have a salary, and
for acceptance as a Candidate for the
Degree of Doctor of Philosophy. Mr. Johnson
looks well and has been more amiable
than I have ever known him to be
except on one or two occasions in Jamaica.
He will probably not be able to refrain from
sarcastic remarks about the use of the
microscope when we have to cope with a shortage of
microscopes despite the usefulness of his
latest notion to my tale of woe. However,
I am thankful for present reassurances.

I was quite warm on the first few
days and a bit nervous. Now I am
remaining as calmly as possible and
keeping to myself as much as possible except
at meal times. I go to bed early.

The first two or three nights on the
warm and wetter made me look distressed
and I was very nervous. I was very
nervous and I was very nervous.

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Comment from Mrs. Woodruff. I have
spoken to you of the mattress ^{never} had a spark
of enthusiasm from her. This time she
sent it to be kneaded and in the meantime
I am sleeping on Mrs. Jan Henry's mattress.

I am glad you saw the ferns.
Some time we'll go together to see them.

I am sitting at Hatch's old desk in
the bacteriology laboratory. So far only one
student has come to interview me. I shall
study here until the bacteriologists make
themselves a nuisance. They may not appear
for another week. After that I shall use
this desk for my work in teaching and
probably do my research in the other building.
The other lecture room is very crowded and
it may be difficult to move over here, especially
if the ^{lect} ^{over there} ~~desk~~ is a problem. At any rate I shall
have more peace than I have had heretofore.

Mr. Johnson paid me for the work this
summer. I shall have \$78.30. I don't
know what persuaded him to offer me
90¢ per hour. He has never before paid 2

was much more than half that amount. He asked me whether I had headed in the full number of hours and I said I had not for I had not given him my best time and probably worked slowly because I was tired. He added twelve hours to the 75 I had reported. Godberg was given 55¢ per hour. Of course I tell no one here anything about the whole affair. I am very glad to have the money for I can live on that several weeks and, if I don't get the teaching place, I'll have a chance to look about a bit for other part time work.

Don't worry about my exams. I feel well disposed toward them and shall not worry unduly if at all. There is no equipment for the course which I may give and, in case I have to spend several days preparing for the first laboratory class, I shall take only one exam before October 12. I want to have both of them behind my back before October 19th and shall do so sooner if possible.

I hope you are well and not bothered by that abominable radio. I thought two or three nights last summer I'd lose my mind before midnight when the people in the apartment ran there.

Much love and many good wishes,

2833 St. Paul St.
Baltimore, Md.
Nov. 13, 1935.

Dear George,

I sent a letter home on Sunday
hoping it would reach you ^{there while} you were home. Mother
answered it immediately and I know my
letter didn't get to Crossachic until Tuesday. I
 presume Mother wrote to you yesterday when she
wrote to me and that you knew I am all right.

I have had a rather bad experience. I
knew ^{all} along that I ought to write and I couldn't.
For days I did nothing but eat, sleep and
keep up appearances. At first I wasn't able to sleep
without bromides. That didn't last long and now
I want to sleep for long. I feel certain I shall
be quite all right now and you need not worry
about me. I was quite all right until I
had written two quarters of the examination
and then something happened. The paper and pen
were an inch apart and every stroke was a
great effort. Fortunately, it seemed to be my
muscles and not my memory that failed me
for I could think quite well what I ought to
write. All this was nearly three weeks ago. I
managed to teach the class each Saturday,
although the first Saturday of the

examination I was too hoarse to lecture and had to keep the class busy at laboratory work.

I don't know why I should have been ^{grossly} tired enough to act this way. I had a great satisfaction to me that I have been conscious every minute and after the first few hours very calm. I was not noticeably brought up before the examination and fully expected to have little difficulty doing it, although I knew I was tired for I had not ~~really~~ slept for nearly two whole nights. I didn't try to study when I didn't sleep and lay quietly. I expect I brought to have taken something strong enough to make me sleep. I took pyramidal which probably only worked me.

I am in a demured mood now with nothing accomplished and another examination ahead. However, I feel much better and am able to walk the streets without feeling that the redoubtable ~~was~~ wind about to hit me in the face. I ventured downtown this afternoon, thinking the rain to and for in the bus would be a pleasant diversion. I looked about a bit for doilies ^{and} matching napkins for you and shall get them soon. I shall have to go downtown again within a few days. I bought a set for your chair. There were no very plain ones to be had in sets, so I bought two small and one larger oblong which I think ought to do. If not, return them. I saved the slips. If you prefer seren or cream

Colored ones, return them. I thought the paucis white ones in the less expensive quality looked better than the com ones.

Since Mother has given you ^{large} referrals I'll wait until the linen sales to buy a half dozen or so. Mother's stock needs replenishing. There will be sales late the month.

I bought stockings for Mother and for me the afternoon at a suburban savoy, hence my trip was worth while in several respects. I shall feel greatly relieved to think of you learning a great clean linen racket than that soiled climax.

Last Sunday Eleanor invited me to dinner. It was the first I had been out to eat in nearly three weeks. Going to Eleanor's is less of a strain than during anything else of the sort here. I have had a most astonishing appetite and have not missed a meal at the boarding house. I have lunch two or three times a week with the girls on the third floor here and the other days I go out to get something.

I received my paper from H.S.J. to-day. I had 9 on three questions, 9.5 on one and 10 on two which gives an average of about 94. I started to-day to review for the next examination. I feel as though all I knew had been brushed out of my head but I expect I shall remember many things as I go along. I have a journal club report next week Thursday. I have chosen a topic and have most of the material

read one paper then for.

I have twelve students in class. My salary was cut from \$70 to \$50 because I had fewer than fifteen students - however, I can get along very well on \$50 and I may be thank ful to leave that much.

You will not be able to go home for Thanksgiving, will you? I hope you will be invited to a place where you really want to go. I don't suppose there are more than one or two such nearby. I think I shall decline any invitations and eat here for, if I am as strong as I hope to be by then, I shall be very busy and, if I am still weak, I shall not want to go out. Eleanor's is the nice place ^{to which I} care to go and she will be out of town.

I have thought of you thousands of times and always with much love and great longings for you to be happily situated. Do you still go to the ? (coffee or brass?) petite + eat lunch?

I took card from Gibby. As soon as I see safely past the next milestone I'll write to her. I have written to you and to Mother this week. Next I must write to Laura for she has had nothing for weeks except one card a long time ago.

Much love to the best of my brothers,
Eva

Baltimore, Md.
October 16, 1935

Dear George,

I have known
since yesterday that I
shall have a class this
year. Eleven students
appeared on Saturday
between 9 and 9/30 A.M.
When I started to teach
there were only five
and as each of the
other six came in
I stifled the desire

to embrace her. She too then
was among the first
five. At first Mr. Johnson
flatly refused to let me use
any of his microscopes and
I have several times barely
managed to choke him. He
is having work done on his
teeth, hence the bad humor,
I suppose.

There have been difficulties
about the examinations.
Within the next two weeks I
hope to have the whole thing
over.

I think of you very often
and always with a warm
feeling about my heart. Much

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November 24, 1935

Dear George,

I have intended for eight days to write you a note thanking you for the special delivery letter, ^{which came} a week ago yesterday. I found it when I came in after lunch. Please do not worry about me. I shall shortly be quite all right. At present I do find keeping up appearances and doing the most necessary things ex haereticum. However, I am much better and within the next two weeks I expect to improve wonderfully. I shall have to attend ^{no} ~~to~~ ^{the} ~~summary~~ ~~or~~ ~~journal~~ club this week for we have the Thanksgiving holiday. Neither shall I have to teach on Saturday. I shall have two days to finish several unfinished jobs - among them the written examinations. The second thing you lent I have not taken because I have not dared to risk the strain when I had other things which had to be done.

I could not find an easy way
I being exempt from the journal club report

and it seemed more diplomatic to give it than to
sterify a glass trying to be exact.

I inquired at the treasurer's office and
found the \$75 scholarship is being saved for me. I
have been granted the privilege of paying the special
\$75 tuition fee instead of the regular \$300 fee and
have been excused from paying the \$36 laboratory fee.
The letter was granted upon the recommendation
of Mr. Johnson. I managed that letter affair the
first few days when he was in a good mood. I
did not know until the other day, when I was
sent given a written notice that he had seen the letter
which he promised to send. He has been in too
despondent a mood to be interrogated on financial
matters. I think he must be half sick.

Yesterday Gleason called for me at one
o'clock and took me home with her to
Lunch. I stayed until four o'clock and then
returned to the Laboratory to look over the
giving papers which I had the class write yesterday.
It was their first written giving and I was
not too disappointed over the results. It is ^{stems}
difficult to give a course to a group of people ^{some of}
whom have had no previous training in biology and
others of whom have had courses in general
Biology, Embryology, Comparative Anatomy &c.
And three hours and a quarter a week is a
very ^{limited} short time. I feel that the class ought to

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start at 8/30 and not close until 12/30. However, I
must do what I can from 9/10 - 12/15 and not
worry.

I must go downtown to - narrow to buy a pair of
shoes. The Cauldwell store is going out of business
and ~~his~~ ^{its} final sale has been going on for a week.
I must have a pair of flat-heeled shoes and, if I
don't get them before the store is exhausted, I
shall not know where to get a pair. I shall
write you, probably directly from the store, a
set of four daisies and six ^{small} ~~roses~~ or perhaps
five daisies that you may have one for the center
of the table. If you don't like them, return them
to me. I'll save the slips. I shall also stop
in a reputable ~~store~~ ^{place} and have my glasses
straightened. They seem a little out of shape.

Thank you for all your good suggestions
about seeing a doctor. I don't think I need to
do that. After all, I was under a strain and
the amount of sleep I lost before the examination
was enough to exhaust me. If I were not getting
better or much rest and ~~the~~ ^{the} work then would
be done for worry. I shall write a note soon to
reassure you. I hope ^{that} wherever you are -
I will have a happy day. Much love,
The Hunt

[1 Dec, 1935]

Wednesday Noon

Dear George,

I was glad to have
your letter this morning. I
have intended for several
days to send you a note
to assure you that I am
improving in health and
sports. I have had to
do practically nothing for
several weeks. I realize
now that nothing matters
except that I regain
my composure. I

plan to go home for Christmas and
may stay two or even nearly three
weeks. A month ago I'd have thought
such a plan was an indication of
sheer madness on my part. I
shall have to teach Saturday,
December 21. If I were to
leave here early that afternoon
I could not reach N. Y. before
night. I might leave early
Sunday morning and spend
the day with you and the night
at the Paerces'. I'd be glad, of course,
to go home late that night but
I expect I ought to try to see
them. Or I might stay with
them Saturday night. Perhaps,
it would be better to visit
them on my return. They might

be very busy with Christmas
preparations.

Do you suppose you will
be home the week-end between
Christmas and New Year? There
ought to be a fair of one and
one month the usual rate. I
heard the B. & C. gave such
fair for the Florida gaming
holiday and that is an
good indication for ^{the} Christmas
rate.

To-morrow I plan to take
the other exam if Mr. Johnson
hasn't forgotten to make it
out. If he has he can do
it then and there. His
elder son is leaving to-day

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we become in not that
nervous. Please tell Santa
not to spend much. A good
thing would feel the bill.

I'll send you a note
when the exam is over.

Much love,

Eva.

I was greatly relieved and
very glad when I read
your letter telling of your
plans for going home.

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for my neighbor has the stove. A
tea party in honor of having
passed an exam on Organography
ought not to be a solitary
affair, I am certain.

I am taking bromides which
keep me composed and don't
make me sleepy. I took one
last night and shall take
another to-night and one in
the morning.

If Santa were to bring me
an Atlas I'd be delighted. If he
doesn't have one at least (not a
very expensive one, please) perhaps
he has a little ^{size} sapper bag for wild
articles to put in one's suitcase. I
don't mean a very swarting one
either, room for things I don't

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[13 DEC. 1935]

Friday

Dear George,

I took the examination
yesterday. It was long and quite
difficult though not in the least unfair.

I registered and arranged about my
fee to-day. I think I wrote you that
I was granted a scholarship, \$⁸⁵ to pay
my tuition fee and was excused
from paying the \$³⁶ laboratory fee. I
am supposed to help train the new
assistant for that year.

To-morrow is another Saturday
and I must hasten home to dinner and
then to bed. My voice gets very husky
when I am tired and I want to be
able to make myself heard to-morrow
morning.

Much love and many
many thanks for all your concern and
good wishes.

Erna

[17 Dec, 1935]

Dear George,

I have just finished tutoring for the first time in my life. I have a student who is trying to complete the year's work in one semester and who has not made any white the sun stone. I shall have to run every day. I have no right as an instructor to be tutoring, I suppose, but I think I shall not be apprehended. No one else in our department knows what she ought to know.

I have considered the possibilities for my trip and think it would be unwise for me to try to leave Saturday. After making preparations to teach, teaching and cleaning up the laboratory I am ^{almost} too tired to make as much as I'd have to do to reach N. Y. by supper time. I expect the Bureau would find room for me. Won't you think it would be better for me to plan to spend two days with you at the end of the vacation? If you have no plans for the week-end of January 4th I might leave leave Monday, Jan. 5th.

Meet you in New York after work. If the Pierce-Covered
can accommodate us then, perhaps they could
New Year's Eve and you and I could spend New Year's
Day together. In either case I could take a late
train for Baltimore, that is, either New Year's night
or Sunday night, Jan 5th. If you are to be
busy both New Year's Day and the following
week-end, let me know and I'll plan to leave
here Saturday and stay at the Pierce's Saturday
night of this week. Then we can spend Sunday
together. If I do not leave here Saturday,
I shall leave on the 7/43 Sunday morning
and reach the Pennsylvania station at
11/05 A.M. I can take the 7/40 P.M. from
Wheaton and reach home at * 11/46 P.M.
You may make any plan you choose for Sunday.
If you prefer to meet me ^{about} an hour later I can
leave on the next later train.

I have several things in my list for
Mother - a cocoa felter, small mittens,
socks, etc. I'll get one or two of them. I
think she wrote that you would get Father
something. Would you get Bernie something
or do you want to keep Mother, Harold
and me? I thought I'd try to find her a
knit sweater and send out fit or a
knit sweater.

woolen clothes. She asked me in September for a book with large pictures of fairs, princesses, etc. If I guess aright, she meant an ^{illustrated} fairy story book. There are lovely ones to be had of course. Perhaps we could get her both a book and a prettier outfit. Let me know what you think or want to do. We must not spend too much money, I know.

I had thought of an electric coffee mill for both Father and Mother. They would both appreciate one. I'll see what ^{you} ~~the~~ costs. Let me know how much in addition to what we have ^{planned} for each.

I have not done a lot of shopping this far. To-morrow ^{or the next day} I will send a little package to Uncle Sam although I don't yet know what it will contain.

I heard Mr. Coulter of Princeton give a very fine lecture on embryology this afternoon. There was a graduate student dinner for him to-night here & I could not go. I feel too miserable last week to plan for it and I don't want to overdo now. I feel better at last. The miserable tightness has gone from the base of my skull and I am no longer dizzy. I look like a different person, quite blooming, in fact.

I appreciated the special delivery letter which was waiting for me Saturday evening and the messages of love from you and

(Jan 1936)

Thursday night.

Dear George,

The train was on time
despite the many passengers
and the uncertain weather.

I stopped at the station long
enough to send a night
message to Mother. Kitty
met me at the door of
2833 St. Paul. I found
my room in order and
decently clean. I unpacked
and went to bed. Tired
enough to enjoy it but
not all warm out as I
usually feel after making
the whole trip in one day.

I enjoyed using the better
travelling cases and want
to thank you for choosing
such satisfactory ones. For
the first time in my wanderly
existence I maintained
a semblance of order in my
travelling bag.

I spent to-day putting my
Caddy back to rights. I had
not touched it since August.
To-morrow I shall start cultures
and then the battle is on. I
washed fabric dresses enough to-day
to start several cultures.

Please send me a note to
let me know how you feel. Much
love and many thanks for the
happy memories of my vacation
hours with you, I va.

Mother wants this clipping returned.

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Feb. 3, 1936

Dear George,

What a long, long time
since I wrote to you! I have
thought of you every day and
have delayed writing a note because
I expected to find time for a real
letter.

Last week I kept
scandalous hours and to-night
I am at home to get extra sleep so
I must not visit with you too long.
The trouble is that I am not sleeping tonight.
I took a long walk to-day and
I shall probably sleep well as soon
as I get about it. On Saturday
night I collided with a door and
have a black eye, the second within

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less than a year. That is quite a record for a lady who leads as quiet and as respectable a life as I do. My head has ached to-day and when I couldn't work I walked down town to do a few errands. I came back on the street car for the weather was nasty and that is. We have had little snow but almost continuous cold weather and ice everywhere. The official thermometer registered 10 below zero which is cold for Baltimore.

Since I wrote to you I have had to give two reports, one in Journal Club and one in Seminar. Those took precious time. I suppose I shall have to give at least two more in Seminar this year but I hope not to have to give another in Journal Club.

I am glad you are taking

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Adex tablets. I caught some after
having a cold. I had a sore throat
for the first week that I was back in
Baltimore. I thought little of it for this
climate usually affects us that way
when I return E. I. I didn't take the
proper precautions against developing a
head cold and finally was quite sick.
I stayed in bed one whole day and
in the house two. Within three
days I consumed the juice of sixteen
small oranges and three grapefruit
as well as quantities of water and
sometimes a little bicarbonate of soda.
It was the first cold I had had in
fifteen months and breaking that
record frouted me almost as much
as the discomfort of the cold.

I have examined some of the
material which I collected last spring
and I am not quite as discouraged

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problem though I have not yet found
anything very promising. The teliospores
do not germinate and that is discouraging.
However, since Mr. Johnson is opposed
to my choosing another problem I see
nothing to do but stick to the one for another
two or three months. Since I couldn't possibly
finish and take the rats this June, I
suppose I can run my chances and
choose a new problem later, if necessary.
I am feeling very well. Until to-day
I have not had a headache since
I returned.

From what Mother wrote I
imagine you were offered the place
in New Mexico. I do hope you will find
a really splendid position. I know you
can be trusted to make a wise decision.
I only hope the chance to make as well
come and that very soon.

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I have been out very little except to church and to the University. I had lunch ^{at Eleanor's} a week ago Saturday and she told me all about her trip south with Chase Lighter, the woman who makes the wood cuts. Even Georgia was wrapped in ice and scarcely a negro was to be found in the open. The trip was a disappointment from that angle but a great success otherwise. I am glad Eleanor could go for she wears of attending to the financial wants of her mother and Aunt and, since the depression, she has been too poor to make long trips.

Mrs. Pierce sent me the collar and cuffs which look very well on my black dress. I felt quite dressed up yesterday and with a black eye and a new collar had much attention.

I hope you are well again and not too unhappy. Much love to the best of my brothers.

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March 9, 1936.

Dear George,

I have thought of you very often lately and have felt ~~badly~~ how I have neglected you. I hope you are not ill. I try to think you are busy. You are probably trying to think the same about me. I have been very busy and too tired to think when

I had ^{to} stop. For several days I didn't
go to work because I had excruciating pain
in my side. I think I caught cold. I am
feeling very well now.

I do not know how to thank you for
the blue shade. It is worth far more than
I can say. I am certain. You are always thoughtful
and remember to send the things you
promise. Thank you for the thought and
the deed.

The days fly by and I don't think
there is a chance of my getting through this

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June. I think, perhaps, I might get through
by fall though that is doubtful unless I
am able to work nearly all summer.

Everything in regard to appointments for next
year is uncertain. I am not worrying. I
suppose I ought to join an agency. However, I hate
to leave here without a degree for I seem to
need ^{money} all my time to get one and Mr. Johnson's
'age' makes the situation more precarious. I
shall do nothing but work hard for the next few

Weeks. Then if it seems feasible, I may
join an agency.

I must go to a genetics seminar
now. I forgot about it and planned
all day to write to you this evening. I'll
send this message with much love and
all the good wishes in the world for
you and your success in finding ~~another~~
partners.

Eva

[14 April 1938]

Dear George,

I was very glad
to have your letter on
Saturday. I was a
bit weary about
you and I am
glad to be near

Certain of your state. I
know you have had a
much worse time than
you admit and my
heart aches for you. I am
encouraged that the
diel has helped you
in no short a time.

I think of you and
pray for you each day.

It is still early in
the season and I
trust you may find
a position for next year.
I shall think of you
especially on the 19th
and if the position is
not too undesirable
and it is offered to

you I think you would
be wise to take it. You
could resign if something
near to your literary career
later.

This is only a note to
send you my love and
good wishes. Please don't
try to write to me. I
can come at any time if
you need me.
Much Love, Eva

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Dear George,

I have wondered whether you are able to go walking in Central Park on Saturday or Sunday. Perhaps the week-ends have been too unpleasant for that even though you had the strength. Last Wednesday and today have been lovely beyond description. I have felt on each day how fortunate I am to be working where I can enjoy spring. I hope with all my heart that next spring will find you where you may enjoy the new

leaves and early wild flowers. Three or
four weeks ago I spent Saturday afternoon in
Hermit Hill Park. My errand was to hunt for
marked ferns. In the pulpit carnis and long
before the afternoon was over I was weary. I
worked in a brick covered hillside overlooking
one of the worst sections of the city. On my way
home I saw the most beautiful bloodroot I
have ever seen or ever shall see. The pale pink
of the unopened flowers was exquisite. I wandered
and pined on that account, I suppose, I sat down
and wept. All the disappointments of the winter
and the uncertainties of the future lost their power
over me for that little time and have seemed
less terrifying since then.

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I have started to collect ^{the} may apple root again and perhaps I may find the stages which I missed last spring. At least, I am able to choose the stages of infection more carefully than I did a year ago. I am "running up" the material as I go along for I want to select it as soon as possible. I have given up trying to make the spore germinate in culture dishes. That part of the problem will have to remain unresolved for the present unless someone else is more fortunate or more clever than I.

I haven't decided definitely about the
Summer. I plan to spend two weeks at
home in June, probably the latter part of
June for I shall be collecting until the
middle of June. I think it would be wise
for me to spend most of the summer here.
If I get the appointment for next year I shall
probably do that. The only other alternative
would be to go to Holland and work in the
Hope College Laboratory where I could use
a microtome and to live with Laura. However,
I doubt that I could use the Laboratory
there and since Laura plans to move to town
I might be in the way at her house. If
she suggests a plan of that sort I may

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considers it for I dislike the expense of living here during the summer. However, I have saved enough to do that if I can look forward to a salary next year. I'll have to pay tuition next year but that won't be more than \$1.00. Perhaps, if I have good luck I can write a paper and have it accepted by a journal before I come up for a degree. Then I'll not have to pay the \$1.00 deposit. I have no right to be very hopeful about finding enough to warrant writing a paper but I am hopeful. I have a right

to be hopeful after that harsh experience of last fall
for I am very well. You, too, must not be utterly
without hope for whatever your physical trouble you
have taken it in time and your luck in finding a
position may change at any moment. I thought of
you during your interview and said a little prayer
for you both.

I have a ticket to see Uncle Tompkin in
Cyrano de Bergerac Wednesday afternoon. I am
interested as a child and shall probably
stay blissfully awake Tuesday night. I have been
even more of a "stay-at-home" or "stay-at-work"
this winter than usual and I am never very
frivolous, you know. I have had the pleasure
of Kitty's radio Sunday evenings and

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Sunday afternoons occasionally and have lived in anticipation of hearing the Boston Symphony concert or the New York Philharmonic Orchestra. I never know ahead of time whether or not Betty and Laurie will be at home, hence the uncertainty and rest of the anticipation.

I do hope that you are feeling less nervous and are not in pain. How I long to do something for you! Please remember that I love you very much. If for any reason you need me

or want to see me please let me come. I need stay
with Miss Johnson, you know. She will not be at
Barnard next year and I am very glad I had that
good visit with her at Christmas time. She is a dear
body and a clever one but not a very good teacher, I
suppose. My fondness for her never lets me criticize
for long her shortcomings as a teacher. I have had only
a valentine from her since I saw her. This news came
from her a through Mrs. Pierce. My collecting does
not require that I be here every day and I could
leave for a few days quite easily.

Much love and all the good wishes you
Ever love -

Eva

J. H. U. Sabaratory
Baltimore, Maryland

May 5, 1936.

Dear George,

I was very glad to
have your letter last Thursday.
I ^{had} hoped some of the flowers would
reach you in good condition. The
pink flowers were red here on
Judas tree blossoms. I thought
you might never have seen them for
the tree does not grow as far north
as New York. A single spray
even in the best of conditions does
not give one an idea of how lovely
the tree is, especially in contrast
to the white dogwood. The
violets which I mailed to you
on Sunday were picked on

Saturday and May have been
 two ves to reach you in an unforced
 state. It is one of the few lovely
 wild flowers which one may pick with
 a clear conscience. I picked those
 at the place where my students
 and I spent Saturday morning.
 One carload stayed for lunch
 and after lunch I stole away
 and picked those. Our trip was
 quite a success from the teacher's
 point of view. We shall go on
 at least one more. I am tempted
 to plan two for a single
 morning is all too short. However,
 there are other places, ^{the subject} which I feel
 I must finish and which cannot
 be done in the field.

I am delighted to know you
 are gaining weight. I try to
 feel you are not taking a risk in

am running to work. I suppose you
 are under less strain than you would
 be at home and you
 can feel more independent if you
 continue to work. Don't keep it if
 you might not be do so. I would
 plan to be at home this summer and
 help amuse you and keep you
 away from the family or keep them
 from you. That sounds impossible
 but I think I could do it.

I have been just fully busy
 for the past ten days. I suppose I
 have not been nearly as busy as I
 felt. I am over that rushed
 feeling temporarily, at least, and
 shall probably accomplish more
 because of it. It is too early to
 find out whether or not I have
 found anything in the material
 collected this spring. I failed
 to bring about the germination

the species and that and that
 which depended on it were important
 parts of the problem. I have recovered
 from the disappointment and in fact and
 am full of fresh ideas for next year if
 I am here, or indeed, if I am anywhere
 where *Podophyllum* grows and
 where I had leisure to give with it.

I have collected some material of
 two other rusts, ^{one of which} may be
 of use, and possibly with may be useful.

To-morrow a trip to the Falls
 of the Potomac is planned and I
 think I shall go. Steamer
 asked me to ride with her and
 that is an inducement for P.S.F.
 charges car fare and Steamer
 does not. I haven't been on a
 trip with the crowd since early
 last fall and this will
 probably be the last one this
 year. I visited the falls one

The elements of November instead
 thirty-one. It was a hot day
 and I have the most pleasant
 recollections of the trip. The climb
 is a bit difficult. I shall be
 glad to see the spring aspect of the
 place. Do plan to start at nine
 o'clock and return not later than
 five which will give me time to
 do what I must do here before
 and after the trip.

Walter writes that you were to
 spend last week-end in Danbury.
 I hope you were not too tired
 afterward. Please remember me
 to Mr. Tweedy when you write to
 him or see him. I still plan to
 call on his friends, the Skalshilds.
 I find very little time and
 have less energy for keeping in
 touch with people. I have kept
 to myself more than ever this year
 and shall have to do so until I
 have finished my work here.

I am enjoying the lovely wild
flowers, these days.

It is time now to finish the
work which I started several
hours ago. The various processes
which the plant material must
undergo before I can study it are
tedious. Last year I did not
try to "run up" the material as I
collected it but I am doing that
this year. I hope to still save me
time in the end, since I am
not collecting as extensively as last
Spring, I can do work the whole
job now with little extra effort.

Don't try to write to me until
you feel stronger. It is good to
have a postal card come in and it
should not expect even that. I
think of you very often, many times
a day, and trust that you are
improving and are not too uncomfortable.
A burning pain can be worse than a
sharp one. Much love to the last
big brothers. Love

(19 May 1938)

Dear George,

I have just sent a note to Mother to let her know I am thinking of her especially when she stays alone evening.

I hope Father won't wear himself out "sawing the soil." Ah

least there is one job
for ^{you} which he is being paid.

I think of you many
times every day and
trust you are as
comfortable as you can
be at this stage of the
game.

I had a letter from
Miss Gilm. She was
sorry not to ^{have} seen me.
Some one who was.

Supposed to have taken
a year's leave of absence
changed her mind and
that leaves no vacancy
for Miss Gilman at Barnard.
She was filling such a
vacancy this year.

I took my class on a
splendid trip on Saturdays
and I wished every
step of the way for you.
At the end of the trail

we found the showy
orchid, *Orethys spectabilis*,
which I had never seen
in bloom. Do you
remember the first
orchid which we
found together above
the Brink Perry farm?
Weren't we excited?

With love and
a thousand good wishes
for your well-being.
Monday night. E. v. d.

J. H. G.

June 9, 1936

Dear George,

I heard
from Mother this
morning that you
have accepted a
position in Rochester.

Please accept my
best loving

Congratulations. I don't
know anything about the
junction but I trust
it will be more to
your taste than your
present one. I was
greatly relieved at
the good news and
had a private little
"weep" as I finished
my belated thank post.

I awake this morning
with the thought that
last commencement &
day at Hopkins I
had been worried about
your oral examinations
on the next day. I
shall go to bed with
much happier thoughts.
I had not attended
to attend ^{the} commencement

degrees this year, although
I know a greater number
the graduates than in
preceding years. Lizzie
asked me as a special favor
to go with her father and,
although I knew she had
asked nearly everyone else
she knows before asking me,
I could do nothing but
go with good grace for
I have been entertained at
their home and have

accepted many favors
from Suggie. Four
of my students received
B.S. degrees in the
College for Teachers.

I plan to go home
for two weeks. I must
be back here July 5th
for I have promised to
take charge of the boarding
house July 6th August 1st.
That is, unless Mother

Needs me at home. I
fear she has not been
very well. I think I
can do my duties as
housekeeper before noon
and shall have the
afternoons and evenings
for work. I shall
probably have one or
two half day mornings
also for I don't intend to
go to market every day.
I shall get no more

than my room rent and
three meals a day. At least,
I plan to take lunch here
which I do not get now.
Since I shall not receive
extra pay in cash I do not
want to spend too much
time at home keeping for I
cannot afford to do that.

Will you be in N. Y. and
free to see me the
week-end of June 20th?
If you are to be out of
town or otherwise
engaged I shall plan

to go home on Thursday or
Friday. If, however, you
can visit with me on
Saturday or Sunday I'll
plan to leave ~~either~~ ^{that} day
which suits you better.
If you were to be leaving Saturday
and Sunday perhaps we could
meet for dinner Thursday
or Friday night and I could
take the late train home. If
you are too tired or feel too
unwilling to make any effort
please don't hesitate to tell
me. Much love and many
good wishes. Ever

P.S. I shall have to return here on July 6th.

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Dear George,

Monday Night.
{15 June 1936}

I shall leave Saturday
morning in time to reach N. Y. at
11:00 E. S. T. or 12:08 E. S. T., whichever
time you would rather meet me.

Much as I'd like to spend the
night I don't think it would be wise.
You know you ought not to "jazz" about
two days with us. You must be in desperate
need of a rest. You didn't mention your
Stomach's recent behavior. I don't think
it would be convenient for the Pincers to
entertain me for they must have troubles
enough with Aunt Doll. She has been
laid up eight weeks with an injured
ankle. If I were not to see you
at home the first few days of July I'd
be at a loss what to do on Saturday
for I'd not like to think I could count
on seeing you only six hours. I shall

E. S. T.

Have to take the 6:40 train for Coxsackie.
I have longed all spring to see you and
I can hardly realize that I shall see you
in less than a week. Many times I was on
the point of rushing to N.Y. when I realized
that you were probably too miserable to
bother with me. If only I had been able
to "negotiate" traveling ^{alone} in New York City and
had had enough money to stay at a hotel I'd
probably have hovered over you when you
wanted nothing but rest and quiet. When
you are at home I'll try not to tie myself
down to housework too much and, perhaps,
we can have a few happy hours of comparative
calm to-gather.

It has been a very hot day and
I fear the preceding jumbled paragraph
proves my head up in a whirl.

I am very thankful that you
are to have a good vacation and I
cannot tell you how ^{gladly} I have been over
your new position. I am eager to hear all
about your trip and what "every body" said
and all.

[22 June 1936]

Dear George,

I slept nearly all the way from Newburgh. Before that I enjoyed the view of the river. It seemed more magnificent in the twilight than in full sunlight. I followed your suggestion and used the railroad as a protection against the open windows in front of me. Sister met me at the depot and I found Mother in quite good spirits in the living room. She is thinner than I have ever seen her but quite well.

I think you made a good selection.

Auntie has just arrived
and I shall have to stop
and be polite. It is nearly
time to get supper and—
this is grand night so you
may imagine what an opportune
time this is for Auntie to
come.

I am looking forward
to seeing you on July the
first. In the meantime
I shall do what I have to
do that we may have a
little leisure to-gather.

I hope the weather will be
fine enough for a "fest"
trip as Peggy would say.

Mother and Father send
their love with mine. Mother
may write later in the week.

E. W.

Monday 5th 71.

Baltimore, Md.

July 22, 1936.

Dear George,

My birthday
letter from you came
on Saturday and made
me feel very wealthy in
love and good wishes
not to mention money.

Thank you very much
for the love and the gift.
You must not be that

generous toward me now
when you have many other
demands on the little funds
you have. I shall keep the
money until I am quite
sure what I want more.

I thank you, also, for returning
the loan. Since my horse
keeping didn't cost me I
am paying board and
manure and send the
ten dollars for that immediately.

I spent a good lunch day
at the laboratory. I didn't
come home to dinner at seven

for 9 dishes particularly Sunday dinners
here. The atmosphere on that occasion,
no matter what the weather, is always
stuffy and I feel clobbered with the
plover breast and turkey that has been
served in that dining room at least
two hundred times. Of course, we don't
have those in the summer time. In
the evening after preparing and eating
a good supper I went to call on
Mrs. Miller, my one old lady of whom
I am very fond. I took her to the
hospital a day or so after I returned to
Baltimore and have been to call
several times. Next week she is too ill
to see anyone.

Mr. Fambleroy has been at home a
week and Mrs. Woodall, who is sick, is
expected as soon as she can travel.

The extreme heat kept me from
accompanying much the first week.
Since then I have spent part of each
day at the microscope. I find it
very tiring and can do nothing
in the evening. This part of the
work must be done and it is

well that I can do some
got when I have no other
wearing duties.

I did not write last
week for I thought you
would be in Rochester. I
think you were wise not
to go for you and
Glenn will be able
to look for a place more
surely than you have ever
had a good rest.

I tried to take an
Sun bath yesterday

and no sooner had I
struck out on the
ground on what I hoped
was a selected spot than
the sun went under a
cloud and stayed there
quite obstinately (as it
seemed to me!) until I
was fully dressed and
back at the microscope.

I have thought often
you will visit the
Brooklyn Botanic Garden

I do appreciate the effort you made
to take me there and I am glad
we had a good visit. I think
the two ladies, especially the one
in the lace blouse, and their
art will always stand out in my
memory.

Oh Grace, Miss Morgan's friend,
is not in town so I shall have
to wait until fall to make
myself known to him. I imagine
he may not return at all but I
do not know that.

Please give my love to
Mr. Duncanson. I am sorry he could
not have been at the garden with
us. Get all the rest and sleep
you can and have a happy time
running the errands etc. If it
is as dry at Balli Pond as it is here I
think gardening must be discouraging
work. Much love and many thanks,
Eva

{27 Aug. 1936}

Dear George,

I hope the card which I sent on Monday reached you this morning. I am sorry now that I did not send you a telegram on Sunday for I didn't want you to be anxious. It was a shame that you had to send a telegram. I'd never be so thoughtless again.

The trip was not as uncomfortable as I had anticipated. I slept until we reached Ulica and awoke with a queer idea that a great meter was counting off the distance a hundred miles at a time. I was vaguely conscious of being in Syracuse and Rochester. At Buffalo I opened the box of candy and enjoyed ^{eating} several pieces in preparation for the long stretch to Windsor. I

Could scarcely believe the night was over
when I awoke near Windsor. Laura
met me at Grand Rapids. I have never
seen her as tired and worn-looking as
she is now and her joy at having me
here makes me ashamed when I remember
that I didn't want to come. I shall do
all I can to make her happy while I
am here.

Laura was very much pleased to
receive an announcement of your
marriage to Elizabeth. She and Daddy
think it was very thoughtful of you and
I am beginning to think with Uncle
James that Elizabeth has married an
angel. All joking aside, I do think
it was sweet for you to send Laura
an announcement and I want
to thank you, too.

I have been very tired since I
arrived and ^{have} slept many hours. I
arose in time for breakfast this
morning and picked up apples in
the orchard until nearly noon.

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I must try to take a long walk to-morrow for I began to feel groggy. I think walking will be pleasant to-morrow for we had a good shower to-day and the parched vegetation has taken on a less lopsided aspect. I have never seen it as dry as it is here now. The strawberry plants are burned to a crisp.

On Thursday I saw the Thompsons for a few minutes while Sam attended a General. I must go to the Thompson's one day soon and talk to Mr. Thompson about my research for I know he is eager to hear about it.

I don't think I told you last Saturday how glad I was to have your letter last week. It made me feel very warm about the heart to have that good letter from you. You and Elizabeth were very sweet to me on Saturday and I regretted that I did not feel that I could go home with you as you wished. Laura and I are enjoying the excellent country

And thank you for it.

Mother told me to give you two
dollars to pay for ^{standing} Harold's package.
Perhaps you have not sent it or perhaps
you sent it express collect. Put a note
on her desk and she will pay you
or let pay you later. If you see
Frank Point you may tell him I
have not received the change (in stamps)
from the \$2.00 which I gave him to pay
the postage on two packages. Cost ^{Friday} Saturday.
He promised to mail the stamps and
receipts to me here.

My glasses have been broken several
days and my eyes are too tired for me
to write more now. I hope your
stay at Glen Head Farm has been
peaceful and that you have accomplished
some of all that you planned to do.

My love to you and Elizabeth and
good wishes to you both from Laura.

Ever

Holland, Michigan
August 26, 1936.

If you see Miss Hays in Cambridge please remember me to her.

The Johns Hopkins University
Baltimore, Maryland

[Sept-Dec, 1936]

Wednesday

Dear George,

I think you were a
dear to offer to do the shopping.
I hope you haven't been jolted into
repenting of your goodness every
few minutes or so. You must
be sure to let me know my share
of what you spent. I think I
shall go to morning market
to find something for Laura's father
and for Beanie. For a week ^{or day} when
my eyes were unfit for work I
prepared some things such as I put in
a box for you and Elizabeth. Then I
found some hay found candy boxes
in Woodmont which I shall pack for
the people to whom I usually give a

letter yesterday. I sent Mrs. Johnson this
morning for I don't know where she
may be during the holidays.

I was glad to learn that your
talk went off well and I am certain
it was far better than you think. I
shall be thinking of you again to-
morrow afternoon.

P. S. F. appears in his report
nearly any time before he leaves for
Trinidad. I shall give him of our message.
He always beams when I mention you but
I don't want to run any chances with his
present wild state of mind.

Quintus did not stop in Baltimore
or if she did, I don't know it. Mother
wrote that she expected to do so. I am
glad Mother had the grace to occupy her
mind last week. It was a frightfully
unpleasant week here, rain and an
ill wind which reached my very marrow.

Much love and a great
many good wishes for to-morrow.

E. v.



Mr. George S. Van Selsack
Capehart
New York

Kalamazoo, Mich
September 10, 1936

Dear George,

This tiny
note paper will carry
my good wishes and
much love for your
birthday. I am sorry
I shall not be there
to deliver them on
Sunday morning.

I have made up
plans about leaving.

As you may imagine
things here are a bit
 hectic. I am waiting
 to hear from Professor
 Pass at Alfred and in
 the meantime trying to
 get some rest.

Laura hasn't sold the
 place and hence will not
 move now. She thinks
 she may have a cousin
 and her husband is going
 to let her this summer to
 help look after Daddy.

and should the paths.
 These cousins and their
 family were here over the
 winter-end. They returned
 to Iowa ^{to stay} for several weeks.

I think I wrote you
 that I heard from Mrs.
 Kirkwood that I could
 have Betty's room.

Thank you for your good
 letters from Cambridge and
 the Chicago. Tell Herdier I'll
 answer her letter soon. Love
 to you and Elizabeth and
 the rest of the family.
 E van

606 Somerset Rd.
Baltimore, Md.
September 28, 1936.

Dear George,
This blue notepaper
is not an index to my feelings.
We have had beautiful clear
weather and that plus a very
pleasant man have kept me
from having the let-down

feeling that usually overstates
me as much as I must believe.
The letter which you sent to
Holland was here when I
arrived at eight o'clock Thursday
night and I brought it to
my tent. It was a very good
letter and I was glad it reached
me here. I shall be careful
and take the proper precautions to

keep well. Eleanor's mother
is to arrange to-day for me to
have my eyes examined by a
competent ^{oculist} ~~man~~ at a Presbyterian
Eye, Ear and Throat Clinic in
which she is interested. I shall
see about the other matters to-day.
My eyes have been terrible. ~~Although~~
I have not used them for close
work and the strain of that may
be what causes the trouble.

I spent Friday and Saturday
getting settled here and at the
Laboratory. Yesterday I went to church
in the morning, had dinner at
Eleanor's and spent the afternoon
visiting with her. I went to
bed at eight o'clock and slept until
seven. Now I am on my way to Rogers.

I was very happy to hear news
from that big work with you and Sheehy.
I hope you are well settled by now. I
shall write again very soon. Love to you both.
Eva.

[2 Oct 1936]

Dear George-

I know you as answers
should see and I trust that the
news I have just sent make you
too answers. I have a clear
case of diabetes and shall have
to diet and take insulin, the
former for the rest of my life and
the latter also unless I find
after a few years that I can ^{regulate my} diet &
live ~~to~~ ^{to} do without insulin.
The doctor thinks that is improbable.
It is all so new and strange
that I wake up thinking I have
dreamt it, when I am ^{fully} awake
I am able to face it with a
glad heart because of insulin.
I cannot foresee how these
new difficulties of insulin and

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an expensive diet of eggs, cream etc
are to be solved but I know they
will be. I have arranged to
pay only a small part of the hospital
bill when I leave. I am in the
so called free ward which is \$3
per day to ~~the~~ non-residents of
Baltimore. It is far more
comfortably arranged than the
large wards which you may have
seen in the City Hospital. As
soon as I am on a regular
diet and have the proper amount
of circulation daily I think I shall
be allowed to be ~~up~~ out of bed and
perhaps on the porch.

I don't know how long I shall
be here. ^{I came Thursday morning.} The time required for
regulatory renal cases varies
from a week to two or three.
The doctor told me this morning

that he thought I might not be
 hard to regulate. I have managed
 to leave here to teach Botany 10th
 because I am not through by that
 time. However, I think I shall
 be able to take care myself by
 then. I shall be taught & how to
 prepare my food and how to give
 myself insulin and make these
 daily tests of urine.

I went to the Eye Clinic on Tuesday
 and found the better doctor was
 there on Fridays. I was sent for from
 the hospital. I stopped to see if
 the urinalysis could be done at
 the dispensary but there was no
 service for graduate students.
 I had to choose between going through
 the clinic or going to a private
 physician. I did the latter, ~~and~~
^{was} recommended by the ~~hospital~~
^{superintendent} of the hospital. At
 ten o'clock on Wednesday I

Called at his office and left a
specimen to be analyzed. I never
felt as looked better and I thought
as I walked over to call on Mrs. Miller
that, perhaps, I had been a little
foolish. The doctor was kind and had a
little skeptical and something in his
manner made me feel that he thought I
had imagined my symptoms of three
weeks ago. I called him Wednesday
morning and he said there was
considerable sugar in the urine and
that I must enter a hospital at once.
He arranged for me to enter ^{the} ~~there~~
the next morning. I shall have
no more to do with him except
to thank him and pay whatever bill
he may present. I imagine it will be
small and perhaps he will send some.

The Parkwood brought me to the
entrance and I had little difficulty
in being admitted to the great
John D. Soper Hospital. Yesterday

was a little strenuous, for I had a violent reaction from the first insulin and the weakness from that plus lack of food made me a little uncomfortable. I need a letter to Mother, before the reaction overtakes me for I know she would be anxious.

You need not worry about me as the difficulties to be ~~so~~ met. For the present I shall ^{be} well cared for and the immediate future seems clear. I have enough money and shall go about my work slowly. The most important job I shall have will be to keep cheerful and learn how to take care of myself. Changing my string, fling off the bundle me into a well-faired young woman will be a job. I've been reading a book about diabetes which

one of the doctors took out of the library for me. It is intended for diabetic patients and is not hard to read or to understand.

I should have many visitors for the visiting hours are very limited - three days a week for one hour in the afternoon and four days a week for one hour early in the evening when most people eat dinner. We are lent the Kirkwoods, Glenora and Dr. J. F. Brown I am here.

My room at the Kirkwoods and the whole arrangement there is most satisfactory. There will have to be a little change in my breakfast, I suppose.

I have heard nothing about the registration. The registration file is in a cabinet and we cannot find out about registrations for particular courses.

I hope you and Elizabeth are well settled by now. I trust you are busy at the University and I trust you like the work. You may write to me at ¹ Johns Hopkins Hospital (Order 4), Baltimore, Md. If I am not before your letter reaches me it will be sent to the University.

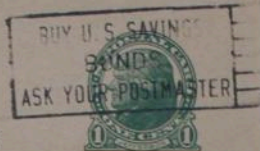
Much love to you both,

Eva.

October 21, 1936

The doctor says I need not worry about my eyes. When I am well regulated as to diet and exercise the mistiness will clear up. I shall have them tested for I may need new glasses. I must do that unless I am regulated for a test

after this. For some time at night the tears.



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Mr. George B. Van Schoate
255 Oxford Street
Rochester
New York

Saturday 8.30.21

Dear George, After I
waited your letter yesterday
I was moved to a
room by myself in a
special diabetic clinic. I
had a very good sleep last
night and am getting on
top of the world. Mrs.
Kirkwood came last night
and brought me flowers. I
thought that was dear of her for
she hardly knows me. I
shall be here for a week or
more but shall not be kept
in bed all the time. I have
arranged to leave Detroit 10th.
I'll write again very soon.
Much love to you and
the whole - E. W.



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS



Mr. & Mrs. George B. van Schaack
285 Oxford Street
Rochester
New York.

Sunday noon.

The special delivery letter
came about ten o'clock
and I do think you will
write as my heart. I
had a letter from Harriet last
night ^{and} a telegram from Peggy
Katharine, and Eleanor
called in the afternoon, so
you may be certain I
am well blessed with
good wishes and attentions.

I am still being kept in bed.
Mr. Wadsworth has just been in
to see me and assured me I
am ~~getting~~ well. I had a
very thorough nose and throat
examination yesterday and
today & today. Much love
to your household - I am.

[6 Oct. 1936]

Monday, 20th.

Dear Elizabeth and George,

Your letter came
yesterday morning and the
beautiful lavender and gold
Chrysanthemums, about two o'clock
in the afternoon. I cannot begin
to tell you how I hugged the
love and good wishes to my
heart and have feasted my
eyes on the flowers. Last night
I sent some of them to a new
patient from Richmond, Virginia.

I know you will be glad your
gift brought pleasure to a
stranger who had no flowers as
well as to me. I ~~hope~~ was
allowed to ^{be} up on them this

Morning and I spent part of it
tending my flowers. Glenn brought
me a bag dozen Salicaria roses on
~~Friday~~^{Saturday} and the little bouquet of
tiny asters and lilies *Chrysanthemum*
which Mrs. Kirkwood brought as well
free. My eyes have gone into reverse,
so to speak, and I cannot do close
work for a time, hence I keep company
with my flowers many hours ~~at a time~~^{each day}.

Dr. Harrup assures me that I am
doing well. I have had a little less
irritation, which has kept me from
having severe reactions, and I enjoy
the meals. I shall be up again an
hour to ~~renew~~ this afternoon and
twice as long to ~~renew~~. I'll not
try to write more now for my head and
hand make many mistakes.

I am in the best of spirits and send
you an abundance of love and thanks.

P. S. Dr. Harrup is the best man
here and I am very fortunate to
have been moved to his special clinic.
It was opened Thursday and there is

Friday night
(19 Oct 1936)

Dear Elizabeth and George,
Your letter sent
to 606 Somerset Road
reached me and I
was glad to know you
were nearly settled. How
I wish I could see
your apartment and
how much more
I'd like to see you.

I do thank you with
all my heart for your
invitation to visit you.
Perhaps sometime later
in the year I may do so.
If I need a place for
a little rest I'll surely
let you know.

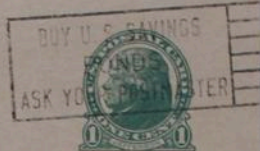
George's note reached
me yesterday and
at the same time

a letter from Mr. Jweedy. I
think Donald was extremely
kind to write to me and I
wish you loved thank him
for me. I shall do so later,
Just now I cannot read
nor can I see what I am
writing and I feel
very uncertain about trying
to write to anyone whom I
don't know well.

I am not taking much
rest and my case is between
mild and medium. Diabetic
cases are clasped as mild,
medium or severe. I
went to school today for
four hours and shall meet
my class in the morning.

I may be here another week.
The flowers have been a great
blessing and are still lovely.

P.S. I wish to cats so do not worry them! I shall to hunt.
Mich. Oct 10 - Eng.



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Mr. George B. Van Schoate
285 Oxford Street
Rochester, New York

Friday

I have had two very
good letters this week,
the first from you and one
from Elizabeth. Soon
I shall be able to
write one to you both
for my eyes are improving.
The weather has been
wonderful and I have
walked all I dared. If
I have to return I shall
teach. If the weather is fine
I shall try to take the children
& trip. Love to you both -
E. M.

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November 6, 1936.

Dear George and Elizabeth,

I think of you very often and
each day I plan to send you a note. My eyes are
still not fit for close work and I have become very
lazy and let the days slip by with scarcely a
regret at my lack of accomplishment of even the things
I could do. I have no trouble with far vision

and took advantage of that fortunate star by going
to see "Plumes in the Dust" Monday night. Mrs.
Kirkwood's sister, Miss Jacobs, took Florence and me
in her car and that saved us the expense and trouble
of getting downtown at night. Although I bought the
tickets Monday noon I was fortunate enough to get three
seats in the center front of the second balcony. Someone
turned in the tickets for those seats while I was telephoning
Miss Jacobs to find out whether she would sit in the first
row on the side. I enjoyed the play immensely and
the fun of being on hand to see how Patterson received
a play depicting the life of Poe made me all the more
thrilled. I don't know enough to find the flaws in

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the lines on into acting. You may read in the
Sunday paper that the play is poor and ^{that} Henry
Auer acted badly. Walter received him very
enthusiastically and he made a charming
little speech after his review in English which led to bow.

I spent Sunday morning at S. H. H. and
went to go again this evening Sunday. I am
feeling alone very well and in time may not have to
take insulin. If I become less active I suppose I
may ^{also} have to take a small amount. I shall not

be able to walk three or four miles a day when the
bitterly ^{cold} days and icy sidewalks make walking less
pleasant. I am taking seven units of U 40 prothamine ^{injection}
now and that is less than half of what I took only three
weeks ago.

I taught the class all by myself last week and
am preparing to do so to-morrow. By working a few
minutes each day I am able to prepare for our lesson a
week without hurting my eyes.

When you write to Donald, Georgy, please tell them I
have not forgotten his thoughtful present in sending me the letters
and the set of cards. Soon, perhaps, I shall be less of a
sluggard and write a few letters.

The fall has been lovely. I think of you

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on your walks. I often walk in the morning.
There are quite pretty walks near Innermost Road
and I have several different routes to school.

Now I must run along and read this.
I do hope it reaches you in season. Love
to you both.

Eva

606 Samuel Road
Baltimore, Md.
December 9, 1936.

Dear George,

I found
Elizabeth's letter and
yours when I reached
home last evening. I had
been thinking of you as I
walked home and
regretted that I had not
sent you a note on Sunday.

I was glad to know your
talk is scheduled for
to-morrow for perhaps my
good wishes for the occasion
will reach you in time. I
shall be thinking of you

this Thursday afternoon
and also next week Thursday.
I know you will do very well
and I hope you will not be
too nervous either before or
after the talk.

I was sorry to know of
Mr. Royer's death for I know
how you valued his friendship
and he was the sort of man
the world can ill afford to lose.
Sometimes the academic world
seems hopelessly crowded with
insincere and second-rate
people and the loss of one
fine personality and able
man seems a tragedy even
to those who did not know him.

I reached here Friday evening at 6:40 and came directly home for I was very tired. I decided to give the class an hour quiz which I had made up before I left and I made the necessary preparations for the laboratory work Saturday morning.

On Sunday I went to communion service, called on Mrs. Miller at the Women's Hospital and had my mid-day meal at the Oracle Cafeteria.

It was a frightfully unpleasant day with a raw air and a steady downpour of rain. I

was glad to reach the warmth and comfort of my room.

On Monday I reached the Hospital at 7:30 P. M. and did not leave until nearly supper time. I forced myself to go walking in the afternoon and became thoroughly chilled which started the trouble in my chest and shoulder again. I shall have to be careful not to get chilled for I seem to have acquired a tendency to neuritis or neuralgia or something of the sort. I haven't heard the result of the tests made Monday. I returned to the hospital yesterday for an examination of my eyes and shall have new glasses within

a few days. The near-sightedness
 of my left eye and far-sightedness of
 my right eye have become
 exaggerated and the result
is that I may have a feeling of
 antagonism between the two eyes
 when I try to wear glasses. He
 advised me to wear them
 faithfully for the first few weeks
 and then to notify him of the
 result. There is, of course,
 nothing very seriously wrong with
 my eyes.

Dr. Johnson is planning to
 return in June. The president
 will not insist to D. S. S. is pleased to
 let him teach another year.
 He will be secretary in July

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and had planned to teach
next year since the college
year is from July to July. Several
instructors are to be appointed
in place of one professor of botany.
At least, that is what Mr. Johnson
told one of the boys. The hopes that
Hatch will be one of them. If
my eyes and general health do not
interfere with my work from now
on it behooves me to hustle.
Dr. Johnson does not plan to
stay in Baltimore for any length
of time though I presume he
would be here for several
months prior to his retirement.

Mother expressed a desire
for a small flashlight, ^{printed} stationery,
a set of book ends (those at home

are (Harold's) and a snook.

I think Father will get the flannel. It is not to be sent and pruned that. I expect it is too late to order printed stationery. If she does not get it for Christmas she will get it ^{for her} later. I know she will be pleased to have a snook from Elizabeth. Book-ends are rather heavy to mail and I doubt that she will give Harold his this time. She may do so for the apartment which ~~Harold and Harold~~ they have is unfurnished and they will probably gather up their belongings. I remember that Mother ^{after} pressed a wish for little traveling cases such as you gave me last Christmas time. I think she ~~heard~~ that little paper sewing kit which

Elizabeth had. After this try to time I doubt that she will need such things before next summer but I suppose she and Father will go on frequent trips after he retires. If you think you want to mail book ends and have time to get them, do so. Good. Did get something else here and let you share the expense.

The only things Mother suggested for Father were good little books and a case for his shaving thing etc. when he is away from home. I don't know enough to buy the latter and don't know whether we could get one for what we can afford to pay. Do as you please about that and let us know.

Please send me photos. Miss Mary and address.

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Don't bother to write a letter.
A postcard will do. Be
sure to send me your St.
Louis address. I am relieved
that you are not planning to
drive.

I intended to write a
note to Elizabeth but I
have to keep an appointment
and I want to mail this
in the hope it will reach
you to-morrow noon. Please
show this letter to
Elizabeth and give her
my love and thanks for

her good letter. I am sure
the chicken was very good.

I am sorry I was not able
hard to enjoy the chicken
and bacon sandwiches.

I was very happy to
be at home with you both.

I depend more than you
realize on your interest and
affection and the knowledge
of your well being and
happenings adds tremendously
to my happiness.

Much love to you both,

Eva

P.S.

I wear size 10 socks. Please tell
Santo we to be too generous. E.

On the train

December 24, 1936

Dear Elizabeth and George,
Best night

When I packed my bags I
opened the package from you
and chose the two feet
socks to take home to open
to-morrow morning. The
two bulky packages aroused
my curiosity and I was
only by thinking of the
fun it would be to ~~come~~^{take}
to open when I return on
Monday or Tuesday that
I was able to resist from
peeking. I take it they
do not contain socks!

It was very dear and good of
you to send me all these
things and I do thank you
with all my heart. I ought
to thank you for your generosity
but I can only be glad that
you want to be generous.

I decided to go home
partly because my eyes are
not very stable and glisten
no more for whole days at a
time and partly because I
was drawn to the decision
by the feeling that I must
go. I suppose that my Aunt
Sarah wonders how I could
have regarded five days so
lightly. Nevertheless, I do
not sorry I am on the way

and trying to be industrious when I return. I bought
a new pair for my microscope lamp which I
think will save the strain on my eyes. I tried it
for a bit when yesterday afternoon and it seemed
satisfactory. I have ^{had} a bad cold which ^{was} pretty
responsive for the present difficulty with my eyes,
I am certain; so I am not unduly worried that
I shall have to spend another several weeks at
avoiding my thumb. In another day or so I
expect to be back to normal once more.

I shall not try to write more now.

When we reach New York we have an hour
in which to get lunch and go to the 42nd
Street ferry. I have learned more about
choosing food and didn't carry a lunch
this time.

Please remember me to Mr and
Mrs Morgan. I know you are having
a good visit. We shall miss you at home.

Much love,

Eva