



George B. Wright and Family Papers

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VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

Dear -

Jan 7. 1914.

Monday morning I discovered after shaving half my face that I was not well and although the other got itself shaved later in the day I stayed in bed Monday and Tuesday:

Today I am shaky on my pins but have given myself and my digestive apparatus two days of rest and diet and shall be stronger by tomorrow. It is almost hot outdoors.

I don't like such changes in Minnesota though Jan. Thaws all all right in Mass. I enclose \$200 and will try to send more soon without being asked by a lady.

The silence about our new proposal is surprising but I think not an indication of disfavor. We shall see.

With love
V.A.W.

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

Dearest -

Jan. 8. 1914

You will be pleased to know that my condition appears to be improving - a result due to not eating too much at all times and other times. I am still a little shaky but not much. Still I don't think I will go down this week but come earlier next week and stay longer. I find I am behind in office work and want to catch up and have things attended to. I am enclosing your Otter Tail dividend check. It is for part of a period and hence the odd figures. Your regular coupon interest cannot be paid until you send us a certificate concerning your income for government purposes. I will get the thing worked out for you as soon as I can understand it. U

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

Dearest -

Jan. 9. 1913. ^{A2} T-60

Your very nice letter was balm to your V. I shall be very glad to accept with you the invitation to meet anything conic, cubic or other geometric figures. I enclose bill for things for Thomas. At the beginning of the term I think I notified the store, in response to their enquiry, that I preferred not to have things charged by Thomas and asked them not to charge. If this is the case Thomas should pay cash. I should rather him pay the bill than to send a check.

Miss B. spoke too late. She had her chairs all done and crated and is going to ship them (6) to your address. I hope she will not be much put out. Being done it seemed better to ship them than leave them here.

I see that I must inaugurate the campaign here as nobody understands it enough to do or say anything. With love V.

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

Dearest —

Jan. 10. 1914

I am just beginning to find out what is the matter. People don't understand our proposal. Things which seem simple to me because I think in terms of Kilowatt hours are totally incomprehensible to those who think in other terms. This means a campaign of education from the beginning and that is just what I am going to undertake. Blanks will be printed and a canvasser will be sent to the houses to get the necessary data concerning their installations and then their bills will be rooted out at the city office and be refigured on the new basis and a statement mailed to the consumer showing just what his bill would amount to under our schedule. It is difficult to believe the conditions of some of the interpretations which I hear. Apparently no one has got a clear idea of what we are offering. But just the same I think they will have before we get through.

I am sending certificate for you to sign and return to me and I can then get your bond interest. Miss McLean's should be sent to her whenever she is and will you please

do it before it gets cold. If you know just what your income has been during the past year, that is, the amount actually received during the calendar year and will let me know how much it was, I can make out my own report easier. We are allowed a deduction of \$3000. between us but not each of us. Miss McLean's certificate should be returned to me or the Otter Tail Power Co.

The Presbyterian Church is in a state of schism. The majority voted to return to their church building but the minority which pays practically all the bills doesn't want to go back and some of them want

I think you can look for me ~~on~~ Thursday night.
Love to thee V.

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

Dearest -

Jan. 11, 1914.

It is afternoon and I have not done much today. The wind has turned into the N.W. or rather is being turned out of the N.W. by the man who holds the medicine hat and the temp has fallen to zero and is going as much lower as it feels like going. Mr. Taylor is racing over the flats in the faithful Ford doing more stunts and appears to be having experiences and unexpectednesses again. But that is out of my territory and Mr. Kidder is taking charge. I am going to be a literary person and write for the newspapers. I have not decided whether to use large type or small type for my articles or whether to use all the newspapers or confine myself modestly to the Journal. At any rate the creative spirit is stirring and must either be given a chance to bubble or burst. I am looking forward to seeing the two ladies of my family again on Thursday night and incidentally the two males.

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

Dearest —

Jan. 12. 1914.

I have been collecting people's lighting bills and figuring them by our proposed plan in order to show just what the saving would be. They cannot be expected to understand abstractly so we must demonstrate concretely. Mr. Taylor is still strutting and without success so far. There appears to be a trouble on the transmission line which we have been unable to locate.

Life seems pretty busy but I am planning to stay in Mpls. longer this time and do some work there which does not need to be done in F.F. — a contract to write which may need the assistance of our friend "Rome" But wishes to thank U.

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

Dearest —

Jan. 13. 1914.

There is nothing new today. I am continuing my figuring. If I can get enough of it done there ought to come something out of it in the way of public education. Every case I figure shows a very large saving by accepting our proposal.

Mr. Taylor continues also. The case is well established to be plain line trouble but apparently we shall need a microscope to find it.

I am afraid this is not very interesting to you. But it is what makes up the daily round to your U.

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

Dearest —

Jan. 14. 1914.

This is just a short one to say that
I am expecting to go down Thursday
evening. Now I must get in time
clearing up the deck and getting things
ready. So till tomorrow we
v.

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

Dearest -

Jan. 22. 1914.

Last night I went to Council meeting so I couldn't write to you. My proposal was taken up immediately after reading the minutes and the scrap lasted two hours. Leonard Erickson led the fight against us and made a speech lasting an hour in which he called us thieves and robbers and all sorts of things. But somehow he didn't even disturb me a bit. It didn't seem worth answering and I think had little effect on anybody. The real fight must be settled by figures and reasonable talk. The matter was finally laid on the table but I think it won't stay there very long. In the mean time I am spending all my time figuring people's bills to show the comparison between present and proposed rates. The statements are mailed to consumers so that they will know how the measure will affect them personally. In this way we hope to make converts. It is interesting but means a lot of work and I want an assistant to figure bills for me. I enclose check for \$100.00 which I hope will allow the - no I don't mean worth, that is, not yours but only the creditors' much love V.

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

Dearest -

Jan. 23. 1914.

Another day and a cold are though not in the real Minnesota sense. Just cold for a Mass. day. I have been figuring all day again and now have about 50 cases done. I think I shall publish the results with names attached - big and little and rich and poor.

The chief news is that Mrs. C. D. Baker suddenly died of heart failure in the Bijou theater last night. You will see an account in the Journal.

There doesn't seem to be much to write about. Probably figuring bills all day doesn't conduce to literature. Tomorrow I expect to change the program for a day.

With love to you all
V.

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

Dearest -

Jan. 24. 1904.

The days go along merrily. Last night our cousin Leonard proposed at the Council meeting that the City should take over our West Lake plant on some kind of a 50% basis. I was not there but have been told that it was apparently introduced as a burlesque on our proposal.

I have passed the day constructing an advertisement to appear on Monday.

It is all figures and I can't tell whether it is good advertising or not.

Mr. Hannal has beautiful Current Comment in tonight's paper which you had better read when you get the paper.

With love
or

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

Dearst —

Jan. 26. 1914.

There is a dearth of news. The weather is
good again today and will be cold again
tomorrow if the wind from Medicine Hat is an
indication. I have spent my time at advertisements
and letters to the Editor of the F.F. Journal. I
was going to print one today but Mr. Kidder
came along with one that I liked better than
mine so that went in instead. I shall try
again and have one more in before going to
Upps. — That will probably be on Thursday as
usual. I think interest is beginning to wake
up in our new proposal. People don't like
to be stirred up perhaps but I have to do it for
their own good. Leonard Eriksson is rampant
but we haven't yet thought it necessary to answer
him or take notice of his existence. Probably we
shall have to later as he is a tricky fighter.
With love
V.



Vanilla

Creature

Description

Location



Dear Sir -

Jan. 27. 1914.

I am told that our advertisement was the right kind. With the names attached it had the human interest or curiosity quality which made people look at it. And unless people disbelieve the figures I don't see how they can escape beginning to understand what our proposal would mean to them.

This afternoon Mr. Taylor took Mr. Kidder and me to Dayton Hollow, and afterwards to the new West Lake Station. It was the first time I had been to either for two weeks or before I last went to traps. The mild winter has been everything to us and I don't now see how we could have got on without it. We expect to light up Wendell and Herman this week or early next week. They have been patient.

U.

VERNON A. WRIGHT

FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

Dearest —

June. 28. 1914

The weather is getting pretty bad and may possibly keep me from starting tomorrow though I hope not. If I cant come tomorrow evening I will try to come down on the day train on Friday. It seems to me well to shun night trains in bad weather when possible.

Mrs. Sawbridge died a day or two ago.

Yours V.

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

Dearest -

Feb. 3. 1914

The journey was uneventful but very pleasantly passed in studying house plans. The 176 miles never were run more quickly. If only you can find a lot to fit the plan to fit the window curtains I think it will all work out finely.

Perhaps too formal for most people who are more formal in other things than we are.

The change from slush under foot in Upts. to a mild blizzard in F.F. was unexpected. This morning Mary was sick with grippe and we have fed down town and probably shall continue to do so until she is better. I have been busy all day getting the material ready for the advertisements which will be printed tomorrow for the Thursday papers. I shall also have an answer to Mr. Whitlock in the reading columns but he has the advantage of having the last say and I don't know what he may say. Rolla is thinking of moving into the Tel. Bldg - I mean 121 Mill St. but I think the chances are against it. Many thoughts and all love U.

Scampt —

Febr. 17. 1914

It seems a long time since I was here in F.F. and it will take a day or two to get down to work. I studied house plans coming up and decided that if the whole plan is made one foot deeper the office can be made into a maids sitting room and the size of the addition can then be reduced to contain only an entry and pantry. The office will then go under the reception room and the shop will be reduced to about the size of the living room which should be sufficient. The office and shop will then have to be lighted from windows in the East.



The garden would have to be sunk only three or four feet to get space for half windows to light the basement. With a low hedge the depression could not be seen from the street or any where else except from the

windows of the reception and living rooms. A shop lighted only by artificial lights would hardly do.

So you think the sunken garden would be objectionable. I can see no other way to light and ventilate the basement. v.

VERNON A. WRIGHT

FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

Dearest -

Feb. 18. 1914

I am going to Council Meeting. The indications are that ~~one~~ member has shifted in our favor and are against us so we are left where we are. I think the tendency is to have the city try out something like what we are offering instead of letting us do it. This would be satisfactory to us if they can and will do what we are offering to do.

U

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

Dearest -

Feby. 19. 1914

It was an exciting meeting as you will see by the Journal. Nothing was accomplished but the whole situation was advanced and I feel that we are nearer to some kind of a finish. What the finish will be I don't know.

No attack has been made which has shown any weakness in the main proposal and the longer it is considered the stronger it will be seen to be. So I am tranquil. In the mean time I work on accounting systems in the daytime and on house plans at night and enjoy the night work best. I hope to hear something from Walter Eggleston before long.

Chas. D. has just informed me that Madame Argas, mother of Richard and Jeanie, was cured of eczema by using Cocoa Butter. - a propos of boots

Yours
V.

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

Transit.

Feby. 22. 1914

There are very busy days and also nights for I have worked every night on house plans. It is most exciting and I like my plans. Walter Eggletun has written that the person in charge of the Clifton Ave lot is in California so I suppose there will be delay in negotiating.

The owner is in N. J. but refers the whole thing to his N.Y. representative. I shall bring the plans and a drawing board down with me so as to work on them under the supervision of the real architect.

The power game goes nicely along - not too rapidly but I think something will come out of the agitation.

Geo. M. Wright is quite ill and Geo. B. has gone to N.Y. to see him. Chas. D. thought of going at one time but received reassurance and is now waiting for a letter from Geo. B.

With much love
V

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

Dearest —

Feby. 23. 1914.

Last night I went to the Adams' for supper.

Mrs. Adams was sick so I didn't see her.

Mrs. Hannah is home and walking about with the aid of crutches. Apparently the operation was successful to some extent at any rate.

The weather continues cold and clear and I continue at my book-keeping job. I am planning to come down tomorrow night (Tuesday) unless something prevents. There is nothing new from Geo. W. so I suppose he is no worse. I have not seen Rella so I don't know whether Harve and Elsie are with you but I am imagining you starting at about this time for the Cow Bay show. I wish I were with you.

V.

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

Dearest -

Mich. 22. 1914

It seems an age since I saw you or wrote to you. I got back to F.F. yesterday afternoon after a whole week of drumming. Everywhere I was taken for a travelling man as a matter of course. Nearly everyone who travels is a travelling man so why not. There was Hancock, Morris, Brown, Valley, Clinton, Graceville, Wheaton, Fairmount, Hankinson, Lidgerwood and Elbow Lake again. There are no birds in my bag but I stirred things up some and probably there will be results from some of the stirrings. Somehow it seemed impossible to write. There was ~~scarcely~~ time to kill but conditions did not favor. Also I have a cold as usual from the combinations of hot cars, cold hotels and various kinds of bad air. But it is not so bad. Today I have been working on the sketches for the Turner Home. I have made no changes but have got the drawings into shape to show the Trustees. They wanted them as soon as possible. Chas. S. is N.Y. Geo. M. got better and stirred about some and then the trouble shifted to the other leg so I think he is discouraged. Murray does not think his father intends to stay long in N.Y. but will stop at Battle Creek instead of coming back to F.F. Florence has gone home and is getting along as well as she should. The spring campaign is quiet. Mr. Windsor is running against Cousin Le. and I hope he will win. Yours V.

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

Dearest —

March 24, 1914.

It was very cheering to receive your letter —
but that there was any special need but just an
general principle. I am expecting to go down
on Thursday evening again. This will give me
only a few days here this time for I was
away a whole week on the road. The trustees
of the hospital have not yet got together to consider
my sketches. Mr. McManus says Miss Perkins
wants more than we can probably give her. She
thinks all the "help" - charts have quarters in the
new building. Also that the location of the old house
on Cascade St. would be better. So I am afraid
she will be disappointed or only partly satisfied.

Very likely I shall have to put in time on
new sketches during my next visit to my family.

Vernon F. was operated on for adenoids and I
think also tonsils today or yesterday and is said to
be all right. I have not seen Florence. She
was to look in at the new office but if she
did I missed her. V.

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

Dearest -

Apr. 2, 1914.

The schedule was maintained accurately this time and here I am again. Mr. Kidder met me in Morris and together we have been over the same ground which I covered alone the other time. Next time we ought to go in threes and keep on increasing the size of the invading force until we get results. There are prospects at all points but it is hardly likely that we shall be able to get them all. If we had money enough we probably could buy them all but since we have toicker in prices we shall have to content ourselves with what we can get for our means. I have a short letter from E.D. saying that Geo. W. has sent another \$2400. from his father's estate so I judge he must be feeling better. I know of nothing new here. Even politics lags and the vituperation is confined strictly to Cousin Leonard and Steve Butcher. I enclose a check and bill from Dawson. If correct please return it and I will pay it.

Yours with love,

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

Dearest —

Apr. 3. 1914.

The O.T.P. Co. is sending you its greetings for Apr. 1st and the Pres. hopes you will appreciate them.

He has to go down and have a conference with Mr. Kidder and "Walt," otherwise known as Mr. Fegler, on the absorbing question of lightning arrestors. The season is coming for lightning and we must hurry up and arrest it if we can. Please send me the ~~Danavane~~ bill if correct. Nothing more from W. Eggleston and I think it will be necessary to have a heart to heart get together with him when he gets back.

U.

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

Dearest —

April 6, 1914

This has been a busy day with a lot of loose ends hanging out and nothing in particular done or finished.

This evening we bring out another advertisement of preferred stock — prepared by Mr. Adams. It seems that there must be a limit to the amount of stock that the people of this community can absorb — a point of saturation — but we can't tell without trying and we don't know how far to go with our plans for extensions without some assurance that the funds will be provided. These things keep us guessing. There is a cooking club at the Adams tomorrow night but I don't go unless I am chaperoned. Nothing has happened concerning nurse homes and I am too busy to stir the matter up — at least I think I am. Still I am now going to put in some time in a possible house for the family. There was a letter from W. Eggleston this morning but no news of Mr. Sprague. V.

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

Leaust —

April 7, 1914

This has been election day and the paper says there is a heavy vote. I hope Mr. Windsor is elected but have doubts. This afternoon I had a drive out about ten miles in John Cook's Ford. It was colder than real winter and my lamb lined coat was very pleasant for your lean bank goat. We had to get out and push only twice which was not bad considering the roads. I talked with a farmer who was as reasonable as anyone but he has a damage claim for putting a guy anchor in his land and Leonard has the case so it is difficult to settle it.

We may have to try the case which seems ridiculous but then so does Leonard. I am expecting to leave 7.7. Thursday evening by local train and pass the time and the day and the time o' day and the day time and in fact a very long time till the right time in Alexandria in the society of a floating dredger. a floating dredger as you may know is one who floating dredges and he is invariably a nice man.

V.

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

Dearest -

April 8, 1914

The town went dry and Leonard was elected by 77 over Mr. Windsor. Wherefore we mourn but take consolation over the removal of two other aldermen who stood with Leonard. I am still expecting to go to Alexandria tomorrow and get the usual evening train arriving in Upps. at ten something. Chas. D. is now in Battle Creek. Florence is in Duluth and so far as I know all goes well with her.

v.

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

Dearest —

April 25. 1914

It seems ages since I telephoned to you from Alex. We covered much territory and as one is apt to do when he chases wild geese. But I think we found one goose sufficiently tame to serve the purpose of dredging our ditch and after all one dredge is as much as we can use conveniently.

The hotels in Northern Minn. are not to be recommended to invalids and fussy people. I greatly prefer to have the hotel man wear something on his feet even if the hour is 2:30 A.M. and he is very sleepy. Probably the prejudice runs in the family.

The reason why I am so cheerful is that we have found a way of getting the river level down below the Boat Lake Power House and I now hope to be able to start the new station in a few days without waiting for the dredge to finish its work. That would be an all summer job. Love to you
V.

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

Dear —

Nov. 2, 1914.

I am pleased over my new ink which Mr. Jewett wants not to rust the pen or get thick and gummy. It wipes off like grease and is very pleasant. Tomorrow is election day and the town is almost interested in the outcome. The preliminary contracts have come from Pool & Bigelow and I enclose them and will ask you to sign and forward one copy to them and keep the other till I come down. Apparently witnesses are not needed. Do you know the purchaser who as Mr. Seabury says is buying on account of the age and picturesqueness of the place. You will notice that I have scratched out the reservation of the bird-stone. If there is danger of breaking it the attempt ought not to be made. Perhaps this feeling is helped along by a growing dissatisfaction with Mr. Cook's absence of classical touch. His decorative things begin to seem pretty sloppy and I want at least a suggestion of academic quality. Mr. Barrows is only to be here two days. I shall come down Thursday night in all probability. The wonderful weather is holding and we are getting along very well with our work. It seems as if even a sudden freeze up could not delay us seriously now — for which we are thankful. The bills are not paid but at least most of the work is done. With love

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

Dearest —

Nov. 9. 1914

As might have been suspected, Murray's call on me was due to lack of funds. He asked me to apply to his father and I have done so. C. L. is going down tomorrow by day train and I hope he will pull Murray out and bring him home for recuperation.

I am sending you a contract in duplicate. Please sign both under my signature and enclose them in the envelope addressed to Duplo. Trust Co. New mind the witnesses or acknowledgment.

The deed to Amos R. also needs no witnesses or acknowledgment. Please sign it and send as soon as possible in addressed envelope to Geo. Burman.

I am enclosing Boston check for 78.²⁵ ~~and Duplo~~ ~~check for \$100~~. The Journal (7.7.) is starting a movement to send flour to the Belgians. Mr. Hardy has acknowledged my contribution for his friends from N.Y. He has taken a low salary position with his old employer in N.Y. Jane always will have the 10-2. Bill but is all right. I return it as acct. of the note at bottom of it.

No I didn't borrow \$100.00 from you for the Belgians but only a blank check. V.

{1915?}

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

Nov. 3.

Dearest —

Mrs. Kumph says that both girls will
come in Thursday morning and be
ready to go down with me
Thursday evening at 5 P.M.

Yours
Vaw.

Dust clo'

Help w. wash L

Beds

Bath

Dust

Soap ✓

4 c.

Meat

LEWIS & CLARK MUSEUM
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND

[1915?]

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

Darnt —

I am redirecting several letters which have been forwarded from Humboldt Ariz. ~~It~~ would be a good plan to notify the bank of your change of address.

I don't seem able to write a real letter. But I am hurrying as best I can in order to be with you soon. Love.
Vaw.

[1915?]

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

I find that Silver trunk is stored in
your name and I enclose the receipt.

I should say that you should date
and sign the acknowledgment at the bottom
and forward it to them with directions
to ship by express and insurance for \$1000.⁰⁰
They will want to be paid and perhaps it
would be as well to enquire what is due - V.

OTTER TAIL POWER COMPANY.

OFFICE AT FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA.

Dearest -

Jan. 5. 1915.

There was quite a bunch of mail waiting for me and some of it was for you and has just been redirected to Upts. Yesterday and today have been warm - almost to thawing - and I rode out with Mr. Taylor this morning to inspect Host Lake for the Board of Health. We think we have a way to satisfy their requirements.

Murray went back to Upts this morning. I asked him to visit us frequently and he said he would. Chas. D. has changed the dinner hour to 4 P.M. with no luncheon. As a working arrangement it gives more time. I take two hours off duty and then return to the office for the evening where I can count on not being interrupted. Mother is back in Los Angeles again - probably on account of Jennie's arrival. y.

OTTER TAIL POWER COMPANY.

OFFICE AT FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA.

Oct. 20. 1915.

Draught -

There are many things for me to do but I shall try to go down on Sat. night or evening. Probably I can't stay very long with you before coming back again. I don't think I can remember any of the things I was to do here or bring down with me so if possible you would do well to make me a list to be mailed not later than Friday so that I can get it on Sat. morning. I think F.F. people are thriving - at least I don't hear otherwise.

Yours
U.

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

My dearest —

Nov. 9, 1915.

Nothing happens here but figures and they keep busy making themselves all the time. The result is that I lose my practice at letter writing and become a human adding machine instead of type-writer. I attended hospital meeting yesterday but nothing more important happened than a discussion of a new sterilizer which Miss Perkins wants. Mr. Windsor said that we ought to get ready to build a nurses home in the spring which sounded familiar and then we adjourned. I haven't yet made plans for going to Lisecton and the law cases are still uncertain as to their dates. It didn't rain very much here and the roads are said to be all right but are wet a little further east. I will try again soon V.

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

Dearest -

Nov. 10. 1915

Today Mary P. had a wedding as at the Barber's
and we were all requested to eat elsewhere. I lunched on
an egg sandwich and dined at Kaddatz's with C.D. and
the Wernahans. It was Count week and the dinner
was not so bad. It has been dark and moist all day

and bright. It is almost as warm as last Sunday. Winter
will drop on us suddenly I am afraid. C.D. has just heard
from Geo. Miles. He is planning to stay a while longer and
make sure of his mail route - the absorbing question of the
moment over which he is battling with the government.

If the law suits will permit I want to be in Sisseton next
Monday or Tuesday and I shall try to go home for Sunday. V.

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

Dearest -

Nov. 21. 1915.

I stayed in Linton till Sat. morning and arrived in F.F. Sat. afternoon by the aid of Mr. Taylor assisted by Sam and the ever reliable Bedelia. Most of the time was put in with people who did'nt care a hoot about the matter anyway and in waiting for committee and council meetings. Not result - first reading of the ordinance. I expect to go home to W.F. Wednesday evening and shall have to go to Linton again the following Monday for the second reading of the ordinance. It is quite cold and snow is falling. Chas. D. and Ulenay are going out for dinner and have the luck to be bid to the Adamses. I have'nt y't learned about law suits but hope they will not interfere. Yours V.



Otter Tail Power Company

Hydro-electric Power Plants at Dayton Hollow.
Hoof Lake and Fergus Falls.

Office at
Fergus Falls, Minnesota.

Vernon A. Wright, President.

F. G. Barrows, Secy. & Treas.

Jan. 31. 1917

Dear G -

The usual amount seems to be insufficient to meet the H.C.L. so I am enclosing check for 500.

The dogs did not arrive until about 11 A.M. and every one turned out to see them so that it was difficult for anyone to see them. Some were Alaskan and some were plain dogs but ^{all} were in good condition except one that had a lame foot. This is all I have to say about dogs. For cats you can apply to Lois.

Yours v.

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINN.

Sept. 23. 17

Dear G. I am sending check to the First & Sec. Natl Bank
for your acct. for \$301.33, the balc of your Sept. money.
The bed went back to Swan Lake this morning with the
other articles. I took another look around and attached
to one or two loose ends which seemed to require tacking in.

The lake was beautiful in Sept. Sunshine.
Last night I went to the fair and found Chas. Polla
who showed me the sights or what was left of them -
chiefly vanderbilt and movies for most of the fat cows
had been removed. with love, V.

Sept. 30. 1917.

Dearest G.

I am sending down certificates for the boys to sign in order to collect their first bond interest.

The \$90. certificate is for Thomas to sign and the \$60.00 cert. for Cyrus. When they have signed them they should be returned to me and I can then collect the interest and send down their checks.

The bonds (\$3000. for J. and \$2000. for C.) are here in the First Natl. and had better be left here as they have no place to keep them safely in Minneapolis.

This arrangement puts it squarely up to L. & C. to draw on their own bank accounts for their monthly allowances instead of getting them from their "mummy."

As for mummy herself, I am sending check for \$250.00 to be put to her credit at 1st & Sec. and must ask her to wait for dividends before she gets the bal^y.

I am expecting to go down to Minneapolis the end of this week for over Sunday. With love v.

Jennie writes that she expects to come West about Oct 15.

I hope you have writ.

your letter and the possibilities
of being able to carry out your
suggestion. Charlie De Normandie
said he would write you, prob-
ably you may have received his
letter already.

From his note to me I thought
it extremely doubtful if he would
be willing to do any thing in
this matter. I found my impression
was right; he did not feel that
he could possibly undertake Lois
problems. Still after talking with
Jennie and me, his point of view
underwent some change. I think
he had no idea how Lois had
changed. He knew her as odd,
and queer but did not realize
how lacking she would become

179 Rawson Road
Brookline
January - 23rd 1918.

My dear Jack.

I know you are wondering
why Jane and I have been so long
about making our call on
Charlie De Normandie. A few days
after your letter came Tom and
Jennie went to New York as you
probably know. They did not re-
turn home until a week ago
Friday. As soon as it was pos-
sible I sent your letter enclosing
me of my note to C. De N. ask-
ing for an appointment. He answer-
ed almost immediately and yester-
day found us all talking over

in all the essentials of a life such as she should lead. Her death, her refusal to have her family come near her home made a decided impression.

He first said that the only way to leave control of Lois' affairs was by finding her means, or putting a person over her in the same capacity as an old person unfit to take care of herself and with no connections might by law have appointed. He did not consider Lois come under either head. In fact it was not the work for a lawyer. He spoke of Jim Howell as having been employed by Lois at some former time and if a lawyer's services were needed probably he would be more of the kind of man needed. He insisted that Jim Howell would be simply cold business and the better man if you should feel drawn to go to law.

He made two suggestions which Jimmie and I thought might possibly help out in this difficult problem a little at least. One was that Mr. Carr be asked to give Lois her income from Fannie's estate quarterly instead of every six months that would at least start her every three months with some money in hand.

The second was to talk over her case with Father Van Allen and see if he could

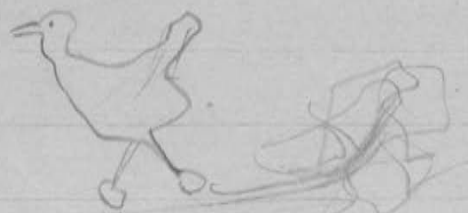
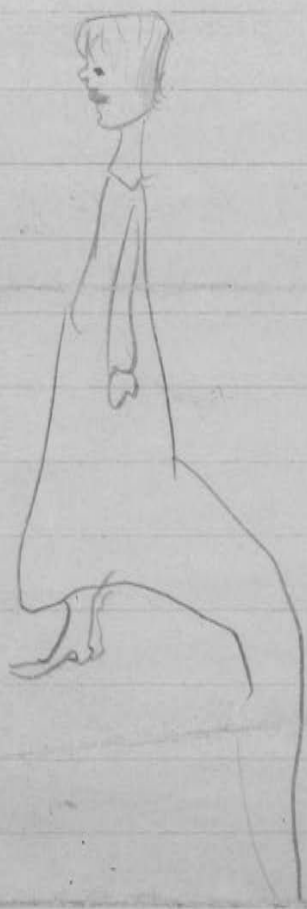
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Sunday, Aug. 4, 1918.

Dearest - I received your first letter Sat. afternoon and was much rejoiced. All is going well. Ann has continued the recovery which had begun to be apparent the morning you left and she now seems quite herself again. She has not entirely forgotten how to be cross but most of the time she is happy and she seems well. — Miss Renny and K.Y. are at their cottage. The other girls are not coming. I suppose Miss Renny needs the rest though she puts up the usual bluff at cheerfulness. — Lucy really did a lot of work on her tracing and I am going to ask her to send it anyway. I will write again from town about certain bills which I have paid but I am going to try not to bother you more than is necessary about them. Your V.

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Monday Aug. 5. '18

Dad -

Ann has continued good and we are doing well. Lucy is in town at Margaret Gray's for the afternoon and will go out with me.

I have sent \$200. to be placed to your credit in Minneapolis. Also I have paid the City water bill so as to avoid difficulties with that Department. Also Dr. Schultz 2.⁰⁰ and Dr MacNeil 5.⁰⁰ and Lucille Seyer (optician) 7.⁰⁰ and Ida Bell Carklin 48.⁰⁴ Some of these bills may have been sent to you previously which is the reason for speaking of them now so that you would pay them also.

There are a number of bills from Wpls. but I am not going to send them unless you say so. There are no real letters.

I Hope you are getting what you need. We miss you and Ann does not hesitate to say so now and then. Yours V.

Aug 5. 1918

Dearest —

Thos. left for Browns Valley today. He thinks he may be gone about two weeks but he left his wheel in F.F. as it seemed too far to ride back and forth in a day. He sent your camera and a flash light filter yesterday and I hope you have received them. Accidentally has Cy. ever received his paddle.

We are getting on very well. There must have been some misunderstanding of Mrs. Shays intentions with regard to Laura. Laura only stayed a couple of days and is coming out again the last of this week to stay over Sunday.

I have found a place where I am promised 3 doz eggs per day by going somewhat out of my way to collect them daily.

Love to you and Cy

U.

On the other hand, K seems considerably saner, and quieter. She is studying commercial illustrating in Boston, I don't remember where.

That night I went out to Aunt Jane's after supper with Miss Fry. That was Sunday night. Monday I went out to the Museum with Miss Moffat. We put in about 4 hours. I saw something there that I didn't know even existed. Afterwards she asked me to go down to her Studio for a cup of chocolate, I went. On the way she talked some about Mr. Wehley. From what I gathered, Mrs. Wehley has



147 Main St. Andover
Jan 7, 1919

Dear Mother:

We got here all right but rather late. We missed our connections in Chicago, and the next train - 3 o'clock - only took us to Albany & then went on to New York. And that was 2 1/2 hours late. Then the train to Boston was late by some two hours, we got in after 12, and up to Miss Fry's by a little before 1. In all, we lost out about nine hours on the deal. Therefore it is a good thing for us that we didn't wait till the last minute before coming.

Sunday we went out to Lincoln as planned. The only train we could get left at 2, and we had to leave Lincoln at 5. This gave us a little over 2 hours out there. We made the most of it. Most of the time naturally was spent at Farrar's, then Mr. Edward suggested that we go over to the old house. It is occupied by a Mr. De Niles, I think. He is one of the vice-presidents of the Old Colony Trust Co. They seem to be people who like the house for its own sake. They wanted to know all the traditions of the place, and we gave them as much as we knew.

On the way back we stopped in to see the Crooks. Mr. & Mrs. Crook only were at home. We stayed there a few minutes and then started back via the pond to pick up K & Jackie. I didn't know them & they didn't know us. Mr. Edward asked Jackie if she knew who we were - which she didn't. I told her I used to be called Tom Wright, and that I thought I was the same still, or words to that effect. Don't let it out, but she is developing into a regular vampire. So least, that was my first impression of her.

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GUEST WRITING ROOMS

Saturday, Jan. 11, 1919

My dearest Gassy -

The journey was uneventful and I arrived in Bat. Creek Thursday afternoon at 3 P.M. more or less. I did not stop in Chicago to buy shoes or tickets. At 4 P.M. I met the receiving doctor who turned me over to Dr. Riley and he is now in charge of me as a case. He is inscutable in the same way that Victor Randolph was. He does not seem quite American and some of his pronunciations are like Mr. Hardy's just as Victor were. But I understand he has been here a long time and he is agreeable.

The first thing is to do the tests. On Thursday they gave me a bath and a physical examination. On Friday, gastric test, x-ray examination of heart and lungs. You stand against a plate of glass and they look through you while you breath. Then blood examination, blood pressure, CO₂ tension, which consists in holding the nose with one hand and breathing through a tube & feel

long and is highly ridiculous. Also you blow through the test tubes. Then your eyes are examined very casually and your mouth is inspected for foot and mouth disease in the throat or teeth. This last I have not done yet. They also collect the usual samples. The most important examination in my case seems to me to be the colon exam. and that is the thing they are now giving me special treatment for.

They combine a slow enema with an electric current which thumps the colon and is intended to stimulate action or activity. Then they inject friendly Bacterianes. This to happen every day.

On account of the gastric test I had to get up at 5:30 the first morning but today I was allowed to sleep and I think there will be nothing more to interfere with morning rest.

This is the Sabbath at the Sanitarium and nothing is doing except a dozen services and a concert in the evening. I have not met anyone whom I knew.
With very much love &c.

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GUEST WRITING ROOMS

Sunday, June 12.
[1919]

Dearest -

Today is more lively than yesterday at this institution which observes the seventh day. Business is going ahead again and I had my last examination this morning - Ear, nose & throat. I listened to a watch tick at various distances and found I could hear it very well. Then he put an elec. light into my mouth and examined my eyes or ears - I don't remember which - but the examination was external while the light was internal.

As all the data have not yet been compiled for my case I was sent to fill in time with a salt rub followed by warm and then cold spray bath. It was fine. This afternoon I am to take massage but am also going to take time for a walk. I walked about 5 or 6 miles yesterday. Conditions are good - not too cold nor too hot - and I shall improve them while the going is good.

The most amusing performance is the evening march in which a large number of patients take part. It is a sort of follow the leader game with music to keep step and is almost exciting to look at.

Tonight I think I shall take part in it and help to amuse some of the others.

Fat and lean, tall and short, it makes no difference. You would enjoy it as a sort of institution dancing party.

I am wondering if you could dictate a very few lines to Ellen or ask Miss Gifford to drop me a word or two just to let me know how you are.

With love

V.

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GUEST WRITING ROOMS

Monday, Jan. 13. '19

My dearest —

It seems to be growing into a habit, this daily note writing. Not that I have anything to say but I like to keep you aware of my continued existence.

It is warm again — well above freezing point — and I shall presently go out and walk and post this letter. The P.C. is about a mile away and makes a good objective.

I keep wondering what is going to happen to our plans for Florida.

The more I think of it the more it seems wrong to put the responsibility on you. At present I continue about the same as at home but not good enough to be dependable for a travelling courier. It seems to me that perhaps you would do better to make some other plan to get off either alone or

with Lucy if you feel like taking her.

If you don't, you had better go
anyway by yourself even if you
don't go far — say Fontenac
for a near by place or try your
beloved Troy for a more distant one.
Of course I have not been here
long enough to know how much good
it will do me. They haven't yet
got my routine treatment settled.

Anyway and in all cases believe
in the love of your
V.

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GUEST WRITING ROOMS

Tuesday. Jan. 14. '19.

Dearest —

The most important thing which has happened in the 24 hrs. was the arrival of your first letter. It was food and drink and spiritual uplift and helped more than anything. Otherwise I am getting on. The swimming feeling in my head seems to be clearing up and while the head itself is still of not much use it is a relief to have it feel decently.

I marched with the troops last night about 20 minutes. Then listened to a question-box lecture on sanitarium ideas until 8:30 when I had a bath and went to bed pretty well tired out.

Today I have had my regular shaking out of the colon and a massage in the forenoon and with the necessary

resting there has been no time to get out doors yet. Now after more resting following dinner I am going out for a walk and have to be back at 4 for a bath. It keeps me busy and at any rate I feel as though my system were getting cleaned out.

I am mightily glad you expect to be ready to start by the 19th or 20th and think you should go whether I do or not. I hope to go and think I probably can but shall know better in a few days.

C. R.'s letter has not yet come now the others you spoke of though they may arrive this afternoon. You may open anything you want to and I shall send back C. R.'s letter as soon as I have read it.

With much love to you all
V.

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GUEST WRITING ROOMS

Wednesday, Jan. 15. '19

Dearest Y: -

There is something to learn every day and last night I learned that the Dr. Riley to whom I have been going is not Dr. Riley at all but an assistant (one of two assistants) while the real doctor is off duty on account of sickness. The real doctor R. is 70 years old thorough and has been here a long time and ranks, I think, next to Dr. Kellogg. Today the assistant told me that all the data for my case are now at hand but he has to wait for Dr. Riley's returning up and as he is expected to be on duty again in a day or two I shall not have long to wait. In the mean time I am in observation. As it takes several days

in any case to go through the Tests
and get all the reports together &
don't see that it has made much
difference to me so far though I should
like to have the Dr's advice now
without further delay if it were
possible. However I must wait
a bit.

It is amusing to watch the stout
ladies doing the march in tight
corsets and tiny high heeled slippers.

I don't see how they do it but they
manage pretty well.

The days keep warm around
the freezing point and this afternoon
there is a good sun again.

C.R.'s letter has not come. I think
I have written every day beginning last
Sat. so if you miss any you will
know it. Very best love to you all
V.

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Thursday, Jan. 16. '19.

Dearest G: -

Dr. Riley is still off duty but I got my report today from his under-study (who is not the person of unknown nationality I first saw) who appears to me very competent. He went over the record and finds nothing organically very wrong but says I am a person who expends faster than I accumulate.

That is about the substance of his diagnosis and it agrees, I believe, with Dr. Truborn's view. He wanted to know exactly what I ate at home and I went over the three meals a day as well as I could. He thinks you know how. His only real criticism is that I appear to eat too much bad stuff which has a nervous

effect. at breakfast, for instance, why eat bread or toast if I have a fair allowance of porridge? If I eat a potato why fill starch on starch by eating bread also? These things require the secretion of hydro-chloric ~~while~~ my stomach there's a 50% over acid condition.

Finally his advice is to conserve more than I spend and he thinks that I ought to give them a little longer time to observe me and in fact give them a fair chance. When I asked how long a fair chance means he said two weeks or a month. I don't know whether the time begins to run from now or from the time I arrived but suppose the latter.

If you have got your mind and trunk ready to move on the 20th, I don't much approve of your putting off your departure. How does it strike you? Without accommodations arranged for it probably would be impossible

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to go straight to Florida though it might be easier to get to some other Southern point where I could join you a little later.

Or if you could endure it you and L. might come here and stay a few days with me before leaving. We could then talk it all over.

I think I shall move over into the Annex which has the air of a quiet and somewhat dignified summer boarding hotel instead of the very institutional and busy character of this main building. We could be comfortable there, I think, unless the Battle Creek idea is too much for you.

As ~~the~~ for the food I like it and

it certainly is good of its kind - not
cheap stuff. I am sorry I have
not been able to settle on a definite
place but it seemed necessary to give
them time to get at my case before
deciding anything.

Rolla's letter is still missing at this
date. but I am hoping to get it
today and to hear from you again
as ~~soon~~ as you can get to it.
My love to the
v.

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GUEST WRITING ROOMS

Friday - Jan. 17. '19

Dearest -

as this is Friday I suppose that this letter which would naturally be delivered Sunday morning will not reach you until Monday morning. That seems a long time as the actual going time in the other direction (N.Y. to B.C.) is considerably less than one day. As the time approaches for your possible departure I shall probably take to telegraphing unless I hear from you. If you come to Bat. Cr. which now seems to me the best thing to do the way to come is to leave at 7:20 P.M. by Northwestern Ry. which arrives at a clean station in Chicago at 9 A.M. Then you take bus to the Michigan Central Station and arrive there at about 9:30. You have

To get your Pullman seats the first thing at the ticket office and then wait until 10:30. The train gets to Bat. Cr. a little before 3 P.M. Your trunks would probably be checked through but if not they can be transferred on the train before reaching Chicago and then re-checked at the Mich. Central station.

Of course I am presuming that you take kindly to my plan. But if you don't just let me know. If you would rather wait a few days longer in Upts. before leaving do so by all means though I have felt that you ought to get away if you are well enough to start.

Correspondence is so unsatisfactory at long range and I have heard only once from you so far. But I love you very much just the same and will appreciate you more when I see you again.

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Saturday - Jan. 18. '19

Dearest G—

Here it is Adventist Sabbath again. I hardly know what to write as it is getting so near the day when you may be starting. So I think I will write you tonight. I take it for granted that the reason you have not written is that you have all you can get through in the day's work without writing letters to your relations by evening.

I have run into a streak of looseness in the abdominal regions which takes the jump out of me but it is not a bad case and is improving.

The day is perfect. Temp. about 40 with blue sky and some breeze. Just such a day as you expect in well foreseen March or April. Love U.

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Sunday - Jan. 19, '19

Dearest G. -

The long silence was broken this morning by three letters and your telegram. I cannot tell how happy it makes me to know that you prefer Florida with the old man to some other place without him. It was impossible for me to decide as long as I was not sure that you were ready to go. I will try to secure accommodations for Jacksonville tomorrow morning as this is Sunday and nothing is doing in ticket offices. Travelling and

living expenses are awfully high
and I shall have to take advantage
of your offer and ask you to
bring along as much ready money
as you care to travel with and
your check book for future use.
I am going to wire C. D. to
forward my mail to N.Y. until
further notice. With love
B.

Then there is another scheme.
A Mr. Lewis lectured here last
Sunday. He has charge of a
camp on Long Island Sound con-
ducted for boys from the
slums of New York. What
would you say if I went with
him? I am going to look
into the matter anyhow,
Also I am going to look into
the H.C.O. & see if there is a
chance there.

With love,
Tom.

147 Main St, Andover.
Jan. 21, 1919

Dear Mother:

I got the package to-
day. Everything in it was all
right - except that they stuck
me \$7.1 for it. It's not the amount,
but I thought you said that
it was prepaid.

The picture of the Sahara
came yesterday. To me, it
is worth the \$5.00 I paid for it.
There are others here that
would like a picture of a
movie actress better. That
doesn't appeal to me, some-
how, though one or two of my
Egyptian pictures would be

just as scandalous if they were brought up to date. Age makes a difference, doesn't it?

You asked about Miss Mary. As I remember, she seemed to be well, but not strong. I'd almost hate to stay with her Easter, only I know she would be broken-hearted if I didn't. Easter vacation starts eight weeks from noon tomorrow. Not very long, is it? And a week goes quickly here.

Ask Ann if she will send me a key to her hyroglyphics. I got her letter this morning but was unable to decipher it. Even Pol's ^{or} dominant "e" failed to give a clue to the meaning.

We have a foot or more of snow here - all since I got back. And it rather looks now as if there were more to come.

I haven't bought any clothes yet. I haven't had time to get to Boston, and they cost like sin out here. I have enough for the present, though none to spare.

I sprung a new scheme on Cy the other day. What do you think of the plan of going west by boat next summer? It would land us in F. F. or nyp's, as the case might be. just about July 1st.



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Chicago.

Tuesday, Jan. 22. 1919.

Dear Sir — I had just finished writing to you and was intending to start for the Blackstone when your message came to this hotel. I was unable to get in at the Blackstone last night or at any of the Lake front hotels and only after a long wait was able to secure a few rooms at this rather undesirable place. It is all very unfortunate and I am quite at sea.

It seemed necessary to ~~apply~~ immediately ~~release from~~ the for cancellation of tickets and reservations and after going to the Blackstone when I found two messages I went to the ticket office and they gave me back my money without formalities.

But what to do next? I don't want to go back to Bat. Creek and the cost of staying here is about the same as going

back and forth to Uxls. I don't feel
like laying another straw onto the
burden of an already crippled house
force so perhaps the best thing to
do is to stay here. The chief
difficulty is that I fear that by the
time the dentist has finished his work
he will have left you in no
condition for travelling and that
it would be better to wait still
longer. Perhaps by tomorrow I
shall have more light on the subject
and feel more capable of making
the best decision. In the mean-
time I am with love
U.



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Chicago,

Wednesday. Jan. 23. '19

Dearest G - This morning I went out to Lincoln Park to see the Saint Gaudens statue of Lincoln. I read a few days ago that the St. G. statue is over refined by way of comparison with the Bamard statue. Perhaps it is not as rough as the original was but it is a good figure. The thing that struck me most forcibly was the monumental character of the figure with its settings. - or the settings with the figure. The total ensemble is entirely adequate. By comparison other figures in the park seem unworthy incidents which have just happened to be set down there and might as well be anywhere else. I have not been to the art museum yet but am going - perhaps today.

I feel for you with your dentistry job to get through with. May it do you lots of good without doing you up completely. You say in your telegrams Jan 29 and I hope it will not be longer but don't want

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you to rush yourself unnecessarily. A week
more here will be a long one but I
can probably endure it. If I can't I shall
pack up suddenly and go home. It will be
an advantage to be here when the time
comes for getting tickets and accommodations.
As a matter of fact there were no lowers
left on Monday for the Thursday trains.
It was only good luck that on Tuesday by
being here I was able to get ~~more~~ better
than upper berths. My idea is to get
round trip tickets to Miami and return for
there is a saving of about \$25.00 over one
way tickets. There are unlimited stop-over
privileges and we can also come back from
Jacksonville to Chicago by another route if we
wish. I also had taken one section and a
lower as I did not think you would want to
have to sleep two nights with Lucy in
succession. If however you think Lucy
would not like to sleep alone perhaps we
could divide her up - each taking one night.

If it is possible to see your way in
advance with certainty, I ought to have
four days and perhaps five would be better
in which to make sure of reservations.



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Chicago,

Chas. D. wrote that he was holding dividend letters for me and for you — G. E. — and J. & J. — etc. I had just wired him to forward all mail to Repls. so that you could bring it along with you. If you have received such a bunch it will be just as well to hold them and bring them along when you come rather than to forward them at once. There might be a chance of missing some of them especially if I should get too homesick and start home.

I am trying to follow your prescriptions for good health. Much love

U.

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Chicago,

Thursday, Jan. 23, 1919.

Dearest — The day began auspiciously with two letters in one envelope from you. Two letters ⁱⁿ one day are better than one but one each day would be still better if I may be critical. I am glad you say definitely Thursday evening Jan. 30 for starting time from Chicago. But I shall wait until Sat. morning before taking tickets. If I hear nothing different by that time I shall take it for granted that you will leave Wflo. Wed. evening. Hooray for the day!

This morning I went to the offices of the Commonwealth Edison Co. to ask for a pass to see their largest power house. I was sent to the 5th floor where in time I was interviewed by a most colorful important person who apparently sized me up as being all right and not a German spy. This person finally

wrote a note which he sealed and gave me with instructions to take it to someone on the 17th floor. There I met a young man who said he would see the president while I waited.

In the course of more time he returned and presently introduced me to another young man who invited me to go down to his room on the 6th floor. There he pulled out maps and proceeded to explain the lay out of the system while sending for some one else who was finally introduced as Mr. Sims. After more conversation, Mr. Sims took me in charge and as it was getting toward lunch time said he would show me the sub station in the basement and the lead dispatcher's office on some other floor and then take me to lunch. These things he did — incidentally solving the problem of where you and Lucy can lunch which had been troubling me — and then one of the company cars was found duly waiting for us and we proceeded several miles out to the North West station.

My impression of this station is quite similar to the impression which Niagara gave me.



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Chicago,

as my one and only visit. The combined simplicity and complication and at all times the vastness of the scale of the plant and the operations leave me quite beyond the possibility of appreciation. About the only fact which I have been able to grasp is the one which I already knew — that I own five small shares of the capital stock of this giant corporation. and am duly proud thereof.

The trip took most of the day and it was five o'clock when they left me at my hotel.

Therefore this letter is not written in time to fit the evening train and will probably be delivered to you on Sat. instead of Friday.

You might send Rolla's letter or let Ellen do it altho I think you had better keep the dividends and bring them with you. One a day is best to preserve equanimity.



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Chicago,

Friday, June 25, 1919.

Dear Sir —

The time wears on and I am not yet worn out but waiting is a slow business. Today, however, is a beautiful day. The sun actually penetrates the canyons of Chicago and there is real light and shadow to be seen in the streets — dimly defined of course but still real. So I hired me to Lincoln park this morning to walk by the lake and visit the zoo.

Both the walking and the zoo were good and also the ride on top of the motor-bus in the cool air. Tomorrow morning unless I hear from you in the mean time I am going to stake the tickets and that will secure a mile-stone on the journey.



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Chicago.

Sunday — Jan. 26. 1919.

Dearest G—

Your letter enclosing Chas. Rolla's was delivered this morning which helped mightily to pass an otherwise lengthy day.

Last night Murray called me up and I discovered that he had been occupying the room corresponding to mine but two floors higher up ever since I have been here.

Apparently things are not happening to his jaw very rapidly. He had to wait a long time to get prints of the X-ray negatives from Rochester because his dentist wanted them.

The prints have now been delivered but Murray did not feel like seeing his doctor Sat. so he decided to wait until Monday. I am afraid that something or other will continue to obstruct action but perhaps not. Murray seems to me a little more normal than he appeared in N.Y. But there is no

indications that he wants to do more
than exist comfortably.

Chas. Rella asks for Mrs. Jackson's address
and if you have not sent it to him I
hope you will do so as it may secure
a job for Mr. Jackson to build the
proposed armory. I shall try to write
to Rella approving of the selection.

would it were Thursday evening.
Until then time will mostly stand
still. Your v.

I have written Chas. Rella
that he can get Mr. Jackson's
address from the ^{repts} Tel. Co.
book in 7.7. so you won't
have to write.



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JACKSON BLVD. DEARBORN & QUINCY ST.

Chicago.

Monday, Jan. 27. '19

Dearest G- I am writing at the hour that you are in the dentist's chair and I am wishing you well. There are not many more days but they are long ones. Last Sat. evening I heard the Chicago Symphony Orchestra. The program was not particularly interesting to me, the chief orchestral number being a symphony by Dvorak, a piece whom I don't get at. I think they played very well. The audience at any rate was most enthusiastic and recalled the conductor two or three times after the symphony. That would be very unusual in U.S. or even in Boston, I think. The soloist was a pleasant Frenchman who performed on the pipe-organ. The number I liked best was called a choral prelude by J. S. Bach - sustained and successful.

throughout except for the occasional very effective reinforcement supplied by 3 Trombones who were directed by the conductor of the orchestra as ceremoniously as if they had been a whole band.

I think I have everything ready here as far as may be except laundry which is promised for Wednesday. If it doesn't come I shall be helpless.

With love
V.



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JACKSON BLVD. DEARBORN & QUINCY ST.

Chicago,

Tuesday, Jan. 28. 1919.

Dearest -

Today I am just marking time, and tomorrow it will doubtless be the same story. Only I shall have to tell the story because this is the last one which you could receive before leaving.

By way of marking time I went to the Automobile Show this morning but did not stay long. It was quite uninteresting. Just the same models you see on the street in any city.

The designs seem to have become standardized almost completely.

This evening I take Murray to dinner and shall invite him to lunch with us on Thursday. With love,

(over)

I received your letter written Monday
and also Cyrus's letter and Lucy's
movie of a little girl's day.
all of which was pleasant and
cheering to our old party. v.

June 4. 1919.

Dearest —

I imagine you at this hour in the bed of pain, and hope that before this gets to you the bed of pain will change to the bed of roses or something else quite painless.

It is sold and quite well in F.F. but otherwise the same old town. Mr. Whitney of S. Cloud came up in the same train to visit his fellow public servants and sympathize with us. However the April statement which is just out is good so I shouldn't worry so much as sometimes.

I will see the Scott ladies soon and learn your fate from them. Chas. D. is pretty well — well enough to go to the Coking Club last night. Murray is still here.

With love

V.

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINN.

June 10. 1919.

Dearest - I am going to try to finish up tomorrow (Wed)
sufficiently to take the coming train. If I can't make
it you may look for me the next day. A delegation from
Milbank is expected tomorrow and they may take so much
of my time that I shall be unable to get away. It is
quite likely that they will not come on acct. of weather
or roads. I hope so for I don't look for much to be
gained by their junket. With love
V.

June 24, 1919

Dearest G.

We are getting on at Swan Lake but shall be glad to see you as soon as you find it not too difficult to get away. Miss Renny's house was damaged and she has moved into town to look after it. So there is no one to leave Lucy with and I have to bring her to town with me which means that I don't come until afternoon and don't stay long enough to do anything.

Leslie Ames appeared at Swan Lake last night, having been sent by his father to see if we were all right. Mr. Hannah says that no nurses are needed or wanted. There is a tendency to come and look at the ruins which they are trying to suppress as too many people merely hinder work. The town is under military guard and it is necessary to have passes to get in or out.

Many people have been killed but I have not heard of any one with whom I was particularly well acquainted. No one in the Otter Tail Power organization was injured but Mr. & Mrs. Taylor had a narrow escape and Mr. Sorenson lost his house. The power plants were not harmed.

The storm was no worse than many others which we have seen at Swan Lake and we worked through it getting our beds ready for the night and had no idea of what had happened in town. No one had a chance to be frightened. We shall be glad to see you when you are ready.

With love
V.

Oct. 3. 1919,

Draught -

On account of the school question I took Lucy
back to Mrs. Kummer's yesterday afternoon (Thursday). Lucy
wanted to go to school and ^{it} would have been too far for
her to walk from Mrs. Hamsh's and I didn't want to
change schools again. Dr. F. said Lucy had better not
go to school today but she might begin again next Monday.
Ann looks fine and Lucy and I will dine with her
at the Adamses on Sunday. A note from Miss Underwood
says that Donald & Franklin Gray are staying with her and
that she had written more fully to you. Also a note
this morning from Mr. Howard says they are going home
right away. "Accepting your hospitable suggestions" I hope
it will not disturb ^{you}. I understood your first letter in
the same way i.e. that they might move in at any time.
much love U.

147 - Main St, Andover, Mass.
Oct. 4, 1919

Dear Father:

In the first place, thanks for the check. It came along at about the right time.

I landed here Sept. 16, without breakfast. I wandered about for a while like a lost soul until I found the office & registered. (I ought to have said "we.") There we picked up an ex-Blake boy & got our bearings. We learned the nourishment was to be had at the grill - if you are willing to pay the price, just at that time we were willing - exceedingly so.

After breakfast came chapel, (9:00 A.M.) where we filled out a lengthy pedigree of what, why, when, where, and how we had been. After that we had nothing to do, & so loafed about the campus taking in the situation. On the whole it wasn't so bad as it might be. Another meal at the grill end the day. "And the morning and the evening were the first day."

The next day (Wednesday) I got my schedule made out. I continued to loaf after that, and in fact to 5: P.M. Thursday. Then classes began for me. I am taking German, English, Physics, Algebra, and French - 6 1/2 hours of work each week. I guess mother told you I'll have to stay here two years. I am beginning to see the advantages of so doing. The first year you don't get in on any of the school activities. The second year

you are in on everything.

Well, I'm getting on to the ropes pretty well now. On the whole I like it a good deal better than at Blake. There is more work, more freedom, and more spirit. And a lot more respect for the teachers. In Blake I've known boys to sass a teacher & get nothing for it. Here it would probably mean expulsion.

I am rooming in a house lately acquired by the Academy. It is the house in which America was written. But I have not got the room in which it was written. Mine is on the north-west corner. When I first saw it I thought it looked rather shabby. I've got it fixed up to a certain extent now. I have the wall over my desk covered with necessary papers and a pyramid of O. T. R. Co. pictures that I got 2 yrs. ago. On the opposite side I have a panorama of the sky from $+50^{\circ}$ to -50° in latitude. Also a map of the north polar region from $+40^{\circ}$ to 90° .

It sure fills up an empty space. On my desk I've got some books, a German beer-Stein and a 50¢ statue of victory. Some combination !!!

Did you know I had an 'offinity' as Mrs. Hawson would say? There is a boy in the same house with me who seems to have taken a shine to me. The shine isn't returned beyond a moderate degree. He has just left the room.

Mother has been out here twice. She expects to go west in a few days. Both times she brought very welcome edibles. She has offered me the

use of my grandfather's desk, I have accepted.

There is one fact here that galls me. Right near the School is Abbot Academy, a girls' school. Among other things, they have a telescope. So near and yet so far. It is impossible for me to use it, can you beat it?

There was one amusing incident tonight. There is one boy here who is - or was - raising a mustache. It got on our nerves. So we called him into one of the rooms and gave him the choice of shaving it off inside of fifteen minutes, or having us do it for him. He went out. Five minutes he was back, and minus the mustache.

Well, there is nothing more to say - for the time being.

With Love,

(Toms)

Dearest -

Sunday, Oct. 5, 1919.

The principal event of the day was the arrival of a very nice long letter which furnished cheer & yarn only. In the afternoon Lucy and I went to the fair and as she had already been there she was able to show me the interesting things and didn't have to stay very long. So presently we took a drive over the Wood Lake loop where I wanted to see some work which is being done. Then we drove down to Pisgah for a short visit and on the way back stopped to see Ann. She is looking extremely well and I think she must at last be realizing the benefits of her operations on herself. Lucy and I are invited there (the Adams's) to dinner today. Lucy is looking very well again but may have lost a little in pounds. The fair was quite successful in the number of people it drew and Chas. Belsa says they will come out a little ahead financially. Mr. Barrows arrived yesterday. Water is fairly good in the river and there is still a chance of rain so all is more or less well with the C. & P. Co. and the President. Love, Love, Love. V.

Oct. 7. 1919.

Dearest -

I received your long letter telling of your plans for moving on to N.Y. and also about your first visit to Dr. Lincoln and it is all very pleasant. Perhaps it won't be necessary for you to come up to T.T. as soon as you get back. Could not I manage to take Lucy & Ann down all by myself?

A note from Annie Nelson just received says that 37.⁶⁵ is not enough and she should have about 38.⁰⁰ more. Unless she had received some advances I should think she must be right about it but I have asked her to wait until you get back.

I saw Ann again today and she looks fine. We shall all welcome you home but I hope you can go to Wilmington & N.Y.

V.



147 Main St.
Oct. 8, 1919

Dear Dad:

As I remember it,
Cy & I were supposed to pay for
all athletic equipment ourselves.
I don't see that the present case is
any exception. Seeing this is the
case, I think it is up to me, or rather
us, to pay for this. Therefore I will
send a check to Mr. Foss when,
as requested, I have given the
bank time to collect the money.
That is, in a day or so.

As far as I know, the fill is
O.K., but I will ask Cy first.

No, this isn't school paper.
Mother gave me the paper & I put
the seal on it.

With Love,

Tom
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I don't know whether you heard what happened on the night of the "Prep" parade. In the first place, "Prep" is the word that they call all the new fellows by. The other are called "Old Boys," or "Old Men." Well, any way, they lined us up in front of the dining hall or Beanery as it is called, and made us pull up our left pant leg above the knee and turn our coats inside out. Then they gave us old tin snips and weeds etc. to carry in our hands, holding them above our heads. Then they picked out all the boys with bright sleeve linings or fancy garters and made them go in front of the procession. Because Tom was extra big they made him roll a hoop all the time as we marched. After all preparations were completed ~~and~~ we placed our hands on the shoulders of the boy in front of us, then as we went down the street we all had to shout as the left foot came down, "We are Fresh Preps." First they

15 Taylor Hall Andover Mass.
Oct. 8, 1919.

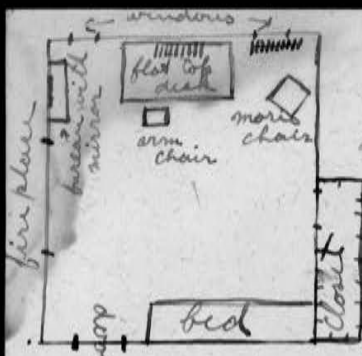
Dear father,

I received your letter with the check inside last Saturday. I am very glad it came, for I was almost down to my last cent. I haven't had a chance to cash it yet, but I am going down to the bank today to start a bank account, and of course I will put it in.

My room is quite a nice one. The only trouble is that it faces the north west, which cuts off all, or practically all sunlight. I have a nice fire place in it, and Mother bought me some cute little andirons for the big sum of \$2.00. They look sort in the fire place, but they are good enough for all my needs. They are made to come apart, something the way beds are fitted together, so they will pack nicely. They look something like this in the fire place.



This looks sort of crude, but I hope you can get an impression of how it looks. On the next page I will try and show you the shape of my room.



Over my desk there is a light. I took out the bulb and put it in my reading lamp which mother also got for me because I was out of the cash. It is time for lunch now so I will explain the rest later.

4.10 P.M. This is the first chance I have had to finish the letter. It is all out of proportion ^{meaning the reply}.

but it will give an idea how my room looks. The only trouble with its looks is that the walls all look so bare. If I only had some pictures or penants to tack up around the room it would look a lot better. I have a picture of Franny Thayer, and a picture of the buildings which came in the catalogue. How to tell what some of these things mean. The funny thing to the right of the desk is a radiator. It is all right except that it doesn't give much heat. I guess that is why they put in fire places. We need 'em. Last night in bed I was all right but this morning the room wasn't warm till about ten o'clock, so I had to sit there and freeze. I'll try and get a map of the grounds which I will send to you with my abode marked on it in some way or other. If you can get hold of pictures penants or war posters just send 'em along and I'll put 'em up.

I am coming along all right so far as I know, but I don't go very far. I wish I did. I would like to know what I am getting. I got an 80 the other day in French, but the day before that I got a 40, so it about reverses it up. I don't know anything about my other work except that I seem to get thru it all right.

Mother was out here Saturday. She brought us some Concord grapes. She went out to Lincoln and saw Miss Mary Farrar. She said she would send us some apples. I know they'll be awfully good. Mother also brought us some Huntley and Palmer biscuits they were good too.

led us down in front of Abbott and Tom had
to roll his hoop around the drive. After he
had finished this we all were started
to the square in Andover itself. Here we
were made to do all sorts of foolish stunts
before the admiring eyes of the populace.
I had to do the hoola dance and so forth.
While I was in the process of making myself
foolish some body hit me in the eye with
a ripe tomato so I was alone to sit down
and wait the rest. Tom was told to get out
and sing but he couldn't think of
any thing. I don't blame him, so he just
stood there. After he had finished his solo
some other fellows had to do a lasso
stuff I can't remember what. By this
time it was growing dark so we were
marched back to Abbott to serenade.
I was made to hoola dance again in the
light of an automobile headlight. We
staid here about an hour then we were
alone to go home. I for one had had enough.

But next year "We" Preps can't get our chance at some
poor prep who must suffer in silence. I wonder what the
first prep would get if he could be alive once more. I
think he would wish he had staid dead.

I hope that you will keep well during
the winter. I hear Lucy is in the hospital. I hope
she gets out soon.

With much love
Cy.

P.S. Thanks for the money. I was in need of it.

Good bye,
Cyrus.

Love to all

Dearest —

Oct. 9. 1919.

Yesterday I took the boat which you sent up to Lucy and took her off for a ride to look over some work in the West Lake region. On the way back we cut some red oak leaves or branches. Lucy looked very well and appears to be enjoying her school. Later I saw Ann and delivered the furs. Ann was much pleased with it.

I also had a letter from Tom which was quite chatty and had an air of satisfaction with his conditions.

If you think you could risk letting me bring down Lucy and Ann I will try it alone but would rather hear from you on the subject. With love
C.

Oct. 10. '19

Dearest -

Just received your card written
before starting for E. Orleans. I wish I
were with.

In 7-7, life is not all material.
By the enclosed clippings you will see that
in between Fossens Grocery and the
uprising in Moscow we take time to hit
up poetry. You had better do the whole
program and take in little old N.Y. too.
V.

Dearest -

Oct. 17. 1919.

Your long are came this morning reflecting much
pleasantness but also telling that you would not start back till
Oct. 25. We are happy enough and well enough so I think
we can wait a few days more. I had dinner at Mrs. Kneeney's
last night with Lucy and Aunt. We had a good time and
I got Aunt back to Mrs. Adams at 7 P.M. so it was not a
late party although "little" Madame Adams wants to come
up to N.Y. and if she can be persuaded to wait long enough she
might like to come with you - if you come. I should be
well to enquire when you arrive. I am very busy with
things which hang fire and don't get anywhere. I suppose
I shall remain in the same condition for the rest of
the year but it is impossible to foresee a month in advance.
I am glad you are taking in N.Y. also even if it is getting
rather long since.

With love V.

Dearest -

Oct. 19. 1919.

Lucy came to Mrs. Hamal's on Friday afternoon for the week end. I am to go there to dinner today and Ann is also invited. Lucy is now at Sunday school with Helen Doughty.

The Eschweilers are at the Adamases. Dorothy is thin but cheerful. Business goes on and keeps me guessing and moving. The dredge is in the river just behind my office and is the most fascinating attraction to those who have time to tarry. Generally the Mill St. bridge is lined with curious people looking over the parapets.

The McCall and Nichols drawings are here and an interminable process of getting them framed is delaying progress. What will be the outcome is hard to say but I hope for some result. The only urgent thing is to get possession of ground for the municipal building group and other purposes before the buildings which were destroyed by the cyclone are rebuilt. Chas. D. has a cold but otherwise seems fairly well. He says nothing about going away. I can bring the children down about if you would rather but we should be very glad to see you.

Is on the right. It is composed entirely of translations. The other set is history taken from translations, & not ⁱⁿ the original form.

I'm getting my room into good condition now. Cy got the pick of the posters, But I managed to get two good ones. Then I have started cutting pictures from magazines & putting them up.

Well, I've got to study now.

With love,

Tom
H

147- Main St, Andover,
Nov. 6. [1919?]

Dear Mother:

For the love o' mud don't worry about me! I'm getting along all right and shall continue to do so. I'll tell you if anything serious happens.

So much for that.

I had a little talk with Cy just now. He says he can't keep within his allowance. I don't see why, if he gets only what he needs. For instance, ~~he~~ told me he had ordered a fanner that costs about \$3.25. Does he need that? I suppose I'll

pay for it as a Christmas present, but just the same I don't think he should have bought it. I wish you would write to him about it. He might take it more seriously from you than he would from me. I don't want to help him out any more than I have to. I should advise him to allow himself only his monthly allowance.

Then about the Exeter football game. Cy ought not to pay for the ticket if his finances are in the state he says they are. Shall I help him out? I don't know how much it costs, but it is more than he ought to pay for it. The

game is the 22^d of this month.

We each got a shipment of apple from Co. Lincoln. They sure tasted good. Therefore they are very popular with the other boys. So they go fast.

If you haven't sent my mandolin etc. yet, I would like to change the order. I haven't room for the desk cabinet, so don't send it. Instead, if not too inconvenient, please send the following books. 'Nile Gleanings', 'The Mummy', and 'Records of the Past.' There are two sets of this. Both are over the piano. The one I want

Dearest -

Nov. 10. 1919.

I have a policy on your E. Orleans house of \$400.
and on furniture \$100. - Total 500. - made
Aug. 12. 1918. - Expires Aug. 12. 1921. - Warren G.
Smith, Agent.

A first class blizzard is raging with much
snow and wind. Our lines are down in
two or three places and telephone lines pretty
generally down so it is difficult to get
information. Otherwise all is well

U.

Draught —

Nov. 11. 1919,

The storm was a bad one. Fourteen of our
trams were without light ^{all} last night and seventeen
for part of the night. Tonight all but three or
four will be light again and possibly all but one.

The town plan seems to be gaining impetus. The
joint committee of Council, Park Board and Cam.
Club recommend it and are arranging for a
banquet Friday of this week. Rolla will make his
formal offer of a Community House on this occasion.
Mr. Hewitt is wanted but is still away.

back with the understanding that I will take
Picero next year. If I drop back into "prep"
later I will probably get off "non ex. and
"pro." I hope so.

Well how are things coming out there. I
wish you would send me the German book I
had last year. It has a classification of nouns
in the back of it that I would like to have
very much. The name of it is "Essentials
of German" by Vos. I am back one too so
do not send me his. If there are any
clothes left behind that would fit me
please send them as I am short of them.
I lost quite a bit in the first bunch that
I sent to the laundry, so I ~~am~~ had to buy
some shirts and B.V.D.'s. I bought ones with
collars attached so I don't need any of them.

I'm awfully excited about my paddling tomorrow.

Good bye. With love to all
P.S. Let Aunt Bess see this too. Cyrus.



15 Taylor Hall
Andover Mass.

Nov. 14, 1919.

Dear Mother,

I have just come back from a big
mass meeting at the Gym. It is the night before
the big game with Ester. If we win every prep
gets a "ragging" i.e. gets paddled till he can't
sit down and then till he can't stand up. If we
lose this place will be so dead that it is
not worth living in. Most of the fellows go
home over Sunday. I wish I could.

For the last two days we have gone out and
cheered the team when they practiced, clapped them
when they came into chapel etc. Tonight's mass
meeting was for cheering and singing. It started
with a few tunes and discords by the Orchestra,
then a lot of cheering, a few speeches by former
P.A. men and last of all for a wind up and
send off a speech by Mr. Hinman. He
told of some of the former victories and

so forth. As the school paper says. "The worm will turn. It has a most peculiar habit of turning and that to when it is least expected. Exeter has beaten us for six years. It is time for the worm to turn. All betting (5 to 1 in favor of Exeter) is against us. The worm turns when least expected. The "Sporting world" favors Exeter. Therefore the "worm" will turn." I bought a copy of the Lawrence Telegram Tribune in which we are given a big write up but in which they also favor Exeter. I am going to send you this but also make a few corrections. The statistics are somewhat queer in one or two places. I will also send ~~a page of the school paper~~ in which ~~we~~ you may find out one or two things about the team and so forth. It is interesting to see the way in which the Tribune favors yet disfavors Andover. I hope I get paddled.

I am sorry not to have written before, but I have stayed up so late studying that I could hardly find time, still I could have written one

by fits and starts, a little here and a little there.

I am not coming along very well in my studies. Last rating I was twelve hours down which put me on the "no excuse" list. This rating I think I will be thirteen hours down which will put me on probation. I am working awfully hard. I didn't know what studying meant till I came here.

They've got it down to a science. Every second counts. They allow seven minutes between classes. If you get there ahead of time that means one or two minutes more to study in. It's very hard to get your studying arranged so you don't waste any time. You have to learn to study. It's an art.

Mr. Philips my Latin teacher says that the best thing for me to do is to drop back into beginner Latin and get my constructions. He says my translations are not so bad, but that my syntax is entirely off. He says I will get

Dearest —

Nov. 14. 1919.

I have neglected you for a couple of days but they have been very occupied days. Complicated relations of dredging the river and building bridges at the same time required a special meeting of the city Council and considerable negotiation. I think it is now arranged. This evening the Commercial Club has a dinner and public meeting to recommend to the Council the adoption of the Morrell city plan. Chas. Rolla is to make his statement and I am to offer my river banks. Mr. Morrell will be here but not Mr. Hewitt. I return the with tickets with check for \$4.00. You can exchange them for real opera tickets if you desire. It is real winter. Snow and ice and temperatures below zero. Mother has instructed me to send furnish the funds for travelling to California so I suppose she will accept the offer and travel with love V.

Frank —

Nov. 15, 1919.

The show came off brilliantly last night. Mr. Morell talked with difficulty and without the inspiration which he shows in private conversation. Mr. V. came next and "stood on his head and tried to make a speech" Catharine Amos should have been there to see and hear — I think it was she who made some such remark about me. Chas Rotta followed and wearing a sweater offered his 60,000 to 75,000. to build a Community House if the City will support it. Jim Brown followed with an oration — The subject doesn't matter if it's only idle chatter of an oratorical kind. — I enclose permits for Thanksgiving time off for the boys. I think you have plans for them. Apparently I have to be here the day before Thanksgiving and a lot of official meetings. V.

My dearest —

Sunday, Nov. 16. 1919.

As I said yesterday it looks now as though I should have to stay here until a week from Wednesday which is the day before Thanksgiving day. There are tax matters to be taken up with the County Commissioners and they meet Nov. 26. It is now reported that the City Blue project is a dark and dangerous underhand scheme to get the City involved in debt so that it will be unable to purchase the Hot Lake plant in 1927 when the city will have an option to buy.

There is no telling what a man who quicksilver darts will do to fair his day. It is almost ~~not~~ warm again but probably not for long. The ground is covered with snow.

I am wondering if William Dean Howells has yet been heard from. Chas. D. has something the matter with his mouth or teeth which makes him talk as if he were trying to manage a hot potato.

the preps, who were not allowed to resist. Some we lucky & got off without losing them. I was one of these, though Cy lost his. There was no individual attention on side of this.

"And then we all went home," most of us to a feed of some kind or other. In my case, we each chipped in a dime and got some coffee & cake - at 11:30. I didn't get to bed until two in the morning. Some life!

With love,

(Hans)



147 Main St, Andover
Nov. 16, 1919.

Dear Mother:

You asked me to see about a change in my eating place. I don't see why. In my opinion, the food at the Beanery is pretty good. I know I get enough of it. It isn't as good as we got at Blake, but I am satisfied with it. I don't know about Cy.

Of course there are those who find fault with it, but they would find fault with nectar and ambrosia, and there bad reports circulate as bad reports always do.

Then there is the item of expense to consider. It costs about three dollars a week less to eat at the

Beanery than at any of the boarding-places run by private individuals. I waited at one of these over Sunday one time & didn't see much difference between food there and Beanery food. but it costs more. Personally, I wouldn't be willing to pay the increased price. This may be because I am rather impartial as to what I eat, or it may not. I don't know.

So much for that.

The Andover-Exeter game came off yesterday - I told you the wrong date in my last letter. Just for a change, Andover won - for the first time ~~in~~ since 1912, with a score of 19 to 0.

Last night we celebrated. We paraded down-town, the old men carrying torches, the priests in

pajamas - with regular clothes underneath, thank the lord. For about half an hour we stalled all traffic and three street-cars. We went to Stbot and gave them a snake-dance. Next we marched to the homes ~~of~~ three of the Profs - He wasn't in town - and got them out to speak to us. Then we went to the old Campus & started the Bonfire. All the players were called upon for speeches.

I forgot to tell what the fuel of the fire consisted of. For the most part it was wood and persosure. But now and then a suit of pajamas would fly through the air & into the fire. These were ripped from

147 main st, Andover.
Nov. 17, 1919

Dear Mother:

This is a business letter. In the first place, I am going to take fencing instruction this winter by way of athletics. The last I knew, there was an old foil down in the cellar. I don't see why I can't use that. If possible, please send it before December 1st. The lessons cost \$10 for the whole winter term. Not so bad, considering.

I can wager that Cy will be swimming for a sport. He ought to make the club team. If so, he won't have to pay

anything, even for a swimming suit. They don't use 'em,

Secondly, Instead of sending you money, I am paying all my own bills, and keeping track of the total amount. Even then, I may be able to send you some, though not this month. My book bill came to \$7.40, so that doesn't leave much.

Thirdly, Cy & I have been invited out to Framingham for Thanksgiving. You can bet your bottom dollar we are going, too, even if Aunt Jane asks us to come to her house. I just come, first

served, But don't tell Aunt Jane.

Well, that's about all the business for the present.

With love,

Tom.

P.S. Please send the foil or notice that you can't find *quam celerime*, ^{et} *toute de suite*.

campers and had a huge bonfire where we
had our payamas torn off and fed to the flames.
The pile of wood was twice as high as any
two fellows standing on top of each other.
About 15' high. Kerosene was thrown on in
great quantities to get it started then we all
had to skip around it and let the old men
snatch at our payamas as we pass them.

The team was down there in a big motor truck
and a lot of the men gave us a talk on why
we had won and who had been the leading
lighter in the enterprise. It was great.

When we got home we found that our
house master had fulfilled his promise
that he would give us a feed if we
beat Exeter. We had hot coffee (I hope
you don't mind this) hot dogs with bread and
butter and mustard. It went just to the
right spot as it was a very cold night
and had been a very cold day. I didn't
lose any sleep that night as it was after
1 o'clock, I slept till about 8 next morning.

15 Taylor Hall Andover
Mass.

Nov. 24, 1919.

Dear Mother,

I am dropping back in later. I
just got my transfer card today. I am sure I will
be able to do better now. I hope to get off the
"no excuse" list this next rating. The "no excuse"
list is composed of fellows who are down in
nine or more hrs. They can not get excuses to
any place except to games with Exeter or on
Thanksgiving. They can't get excuses into
Boston or to go to Abbott etc. I have been
studying till I can't keep awake at night.
It is far harder here than any course Blake
ever thought of giving. "Late to bed and
early to rise" is what one has to do to get
through.

We are starting on winter sports now.
The first thing one has to do is to pass
certain tests. If he can't pass these, he

has to take gain till he can pass them. One has to get 60 points on these and score in each event. There are five events, $\frac{1}{2}$ mile in certain time, rope climb using hands only a certain height, swim a certain distance, a stunt on the bars so many times, and high jump a certain height. They grade you thusly: A is 20 points, B is 10 points, C is 10 points, D is 5 points.

event	A = 20	B = 10	C = 10	D = 5
swim	100 yds.	75 yds.	50 yds.	25 yds.
rope climb	15 ft.	10 ft.	12 ft.	9 ft.
$\frac{1}{2}$ mile	2 min 10 sec	3 min	3 min 10 sec	3:20 sec
bars	16 times	12 times	9 times	6 times
high jump	4'3"	3'9"	3'6"	3 ft

They grade you A. B. C. D. as you happen to be able to do these different tests. Good bye till after lunch.

5:15 p.m. I had to go straight to the gym from lunch so I could pass some of my tests and then get a chance to study for my 4 o'clock class. I pass high jump 4'3", rope climb 18', 100 yds swim. yesterday I did my

half mile in 2 min. & 45 sec. That makes 80 points and I still half to do the stunt on the bars. That is the hardest of all, I think, I'll have to work upon that as I can't do it very well.

Perhaps you know how the game came out with Exeter. We beat them 19 to 0. Maybe they weren't kind of flabbergasted. They had it all cooked up to win, with a dance at the finish and everything. We took the wind out of their sails. They had to have the dance because the girls were all invited but instead of a victory dance they had a dance of some other kind. We had a "prep" parade in our pajamas. We put on enough clothes to keep warm and put our pajamas over them. We met at the gym. All the old men carried torches. Lead by the Anclover band we paraded around Abbott, the town and had a grand time. There was no paddling so we were well off. We listened to several talks by different teachers whom we visited on our rounds, and then went down on the old

I woke up then and as I couldn't sleep any more I got up and went to breakfast.

Breakfast is from 8 to 9.30 on Sundays. We always have beans and fish cakes. They are about the best things we ever get at the "Beanery" as it is called. I just met a boy who used to go to Blaine, named Harry Schroeder, a New Yorker. He lives down in Tom's hang out at 147 Main St. He isn't a bad fellow but rather rich and none the better for it.

I received your letter letter and Ann's this morning and one from Dady this afternoon. If we have an invitation and a written consent from home we are allowed to go Wednesday right after our last classes. Tom and I don't plan to go till about three or half past so as not to get there till well on in the afternoon. Tom says he is going to the dance whether he can dance or not, & I told him he would be foolish and impolite if he didn't. I think I could learn quickly if I had the chance, but

There is neither time, chance or cash. I wish I could though because sometimes it is rather embarrassing if you don't know how to dance. I intend to have a good bath a good feed and plenty of sleep for once. I am rather short of sleep just now, likewise food and baths. We have plenty of hot water in the shower but a shower is not a bath. I guess I didn't appreciate what a bath was at home, but I have learned to since I came here. It is now time for supper which is at 6 p.m. Good bye till after supper.

6.45 Saturday the Harvard-Yale game was played. Harvard winning 10 to 3. Braden made a wonderful 53 yd drop kick, the only score for Yale. Two fellows down in "Tom's dorm." had a rather unique bet on. The one that lost had to roll a collar button with his nose from the front room of the second story down the stairs and down to the side and down to the nearest cross st. It was to be performed between 11 and 1.30 on Sunday morning. Tom told me about it and so I went down to watch it. It was the funniest

thing I ever saw because he had to get down and scrap his nose on the side wall pushing the collar button along. To make it more embarrassing for him several girls came along at different times during the show, while one with her fellow watch him from across the street. He took it good naturedly however so it came off all right. It was great fun watching him to make some awfully good pushes which were supposed to correspond with big gains in the Harvard-Yale game. One boy took some pictures of him, which I hope turn out well as I want to get a copy of them. It will be good.

I am going to enclose a cartoon on the Andover-Exeter game which I want you to send back when you have seen it.

With love to all for a happy
Thanksgiving

Cyrus.

P.S. Send this to Dady and let him know what I am doing.

Draust -

Nov. 18. 1919.

Last night at council meeting the City Plan was referred to a committee which means nothing in particular. There is opposition from business interests who think they might be injured and from the people who are afraid they never can buy Hort Lake if they spend so much money on a Civic building. I am going to keep out of it as much as possible. So is Rolla.

Otherwise nothing in particular happens except the daily grind. The mild weather has shut down our steam plant and for the moment there is nothing whatever to complain about. C.

Dear —

Nov. 19. 1919.

There is nothing new today unless it is that we began today an experiment of having a daily cabinet meeting at which any fellow is asked to bring up any question on which he wants help.

The idea is to develop teamwork. The meeting is called at 11:30 and of course it stops promptly at noon so we can't waste very much time. Dinner has to be given first place.

I hope to be home a week from tonight and I am beginning to count days.

B.

xi. 23.

A mouse.

A J W

A cat ran after a mouse, and
he got it, and it ran out of his
mouth and he cried cause he
wanted it.

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Frank -

Nov. 20. 1919.

It was good to hear from you. I was beginning to be disturbed as I think that was the first time since I came back to F.T. I have just written Cyrus asking him to write to you and I hope he will do it and keep it up.

Nothing ~~new~~ new here — just accounts and figures and that sort of thing. The daily cabinet meeting for a half hour before noon has been interesting so far and I hope it will be useful.

Much love
V.

Dearest —

Nov. 23. 1919.

I had a card from mother yesterday saying that family would leave N. Y. on Dec. 12. or as to get to Cal. in time for her 82nd birthday on Dec. 18. I ought to send her something. Chas. D. shows no signs of going away this winter and Murray continues to sit tight at home. Chas. Rolla is going to Duluth for Thanksgiving and may possibly go down on the Wed. evening train with me. It is getting to seem a long time since I saw my family and I shall be glad to meet them again. The city plan lags somewhat as there is no one to push it. Chas. Rolla can't urge acceptance of his gift and I am in a lesser degree in the same position. But I think there will be a public meeting soon at which discussion may be brought out. I am going to write to Jimmy now and tell him he must write to his mamma. U.

Dearest G.

Nov. 25. 1919.

I am glad that I have only one more day to stay here. Chas. Rolla left for Duluth this evening and will be in St Paul the first of next week. I told him to come and see us. It is not likely that I can go to Swan Lake. The weather has turned cold. But the preserves are to be left with Jim Slicker to be packed and shipped by express.

My love to thee
U.

I dined with the Hammahs last night.

free of charge. How shall we pay her
for them in such a way that she
won't know what we are doing?
It seems to me that that ~~is~~ is the only
thing to do, but I don't just see how
to do it.

Well, I must go to lunch now.
With love,
Tom



Nov. 30, 1919

Dear Mother:

We went out to Fram-
ingham as planned. And we had
one gorgeous time. I real bed to sleep
in, and a big dinner the next
day. Isn't it a grand and glor-
ious feeling?

But the fun started when we
started home. Dr. Stone's mother &
father were there, & he was taking
them back to West Newton, so Cy & I
went along with them. Of course,
seeing we were in a hurry, the car
wouldn't go as it ought to, and
finally refused to go at all.

Dr. Stone sent for a car for his
parents, & Cy & I picked up a ride
into Cambridge, & thence to the north
station via the Harvard Subway.
We got back to school at 10 P. M.,

Instead of 8:30 as we should have. If it wasn't for the fact that Dr. Stone can prove where we were & why, we would be on our way to Minnesota by now. So it is, I think the storm will pass without doing very much damage.

The foil came through all right. I passed the gym test, so don't have to take gym work. This leaves me free for fencing, for which I am very thankful. There is another boy in my dorm that fences, so I expect to have some practice during the winter.

Where am I going for Christmas? Is it to Aunt Jane's? I would like to know beforehand so I can make plans accordingly. One of them you may think is a waste of perfectly good money.

I am thinking quite seriously of taking a few dancing lessons. During said vacation, provided they don't cost an overwhelming sum. What do you think of it?

When are you coming east? You said you were going south via Boston. Slim gittin' ankshus to see you-all agin, as Nigger would say. He come from Memphis, Tennessee, so you can't blame him much for what he says.

Thank Ann for her letter. It was very interesting to one who can read her language.

We each got another shipment of apples from Lincoln the day before Thanksgiving. They were just as good as the first bunch. Now, I don't like the idea of her sending so many apples

[Dec. 1919?]

Frank -

I arrived without incident and found the C.D. family much the same. It rained more or less during the night and snowed this morning and now the river is running joyously and the steam plant is shut down at last temporarily. I have paid Dr. Pader \$24.⁰⁰ which I assume is correct and I enclose Frankovic's bill for approval because I had an idea it had been paid. If right please return and I will pay it. The boys' board is paid to Dec. 18. and they should then go elsewhere. With love &c. (to new letters from boys)

2.30 P.M.

You know I wrote you sometime ago about the gym tests. I have taken them all and passed with an A in all so I have a hundred points. We started regular gym work today. First we did a lot of things on the bucks. These are leather covered, and padded bucks which can be raised or lowered. Then we put these away and did a lot of arm exercises. Then we lay down on our backs and did some foot and leg exercises followed by five laps around the indoor track and then down for a shower and a plunge in the pool. We get out and get dressed just in time for dinner at one P.M.

after lunch I played foot ball for about half an hr. and then came in.

They are having hockey practice all ready on the ice and a lot of the fellows have been skating. I don't know how strong the ice is but it is evidently strong enough to hold them. We have had some very cold weather lately for this time of year. My room was like a barn. I burned some wood in the fireplace but it didn't help any. It got warm today, but is getting colder and is showing a little now. Love to all. Yours.



15 Jan

Andover Mass.

Phillips Academy

December 5, 1917.

11 a.m.

Dear Mother,

Tell Ann I just received her letter this morning. It was a very nice one indeed and I was glad to read what it said. I hope you are all well out in Minneapolis. I don't believe I ever felt better in my life even if I don't get much sleep.

I am just getting accustomed to Mr. Hinman my new Latin teacher. He is something of Mr. Mead's type. He gets very angry, kicks one or two fellows out every day and makes you work, but when you finish you feel that you have learned something. He surely can drive it home with an ability that is unequalled by any teachers I have ever had. He marks hard too. Three or four mistakes and it means a zero for the one who is the victim.

Today he kicked two boys out because they didn't write out their sentences. After they had gone he laughed at some joke he pulled off about them. He pulled

out a letter from one of the boys parents and made a remark that "little Willie was getting such poor marks now and wondered why this was, when he used to get a hundred and five with his other teachers." It was really funny the way he said it.

One boy made a funny reply to a question. He was asked why "cum virtute was abl. He didn't know, so Mr. Hinman said it can be only one of two things, abl. of accompaniment or manner. He wanted to know which one it was. The boy replied "Abl. of time." It was one of the funniest things I ever heard. Mr. Hinman only laughed and told him to sit down. "asked him if it's black or white and he'll say, pink." This was his remark on this subject.

Outside of class he is one of the finest and best teachers hear. he leaves off his class room attitude and takes one better suited for the outside of class. It's awfully nice outside of class.

I had to take an exam with the rest of the class after I had just entered it. I didn't know that he marked so much on long vowels so I hadn't studied them. I got five on that exam, mostly for long vowels. When I found he marked heavily for them I studied them and got 51 on a make up exam. This was still poor and I surely will make better when I learn how to mark them, but at present I am flunking.

Everybody is anxious to know what the term exam schedule is because many will be able to get out ahead of time if the schedule is suitable. Many have to make their reservations to get home and it means quite a lot to them. It doesn't matter much with Tom and me, but I would like to know when I can get out just the same. I have got to stop now and go to gym class, so I will write more latter.

try - and it would be easy enough to get away - it would dishonor the name of the society. We had tried a similar scheme at Auburn and Sing-Sing and in both cases it was a marked improvement over the almost-Mexican system in use before.

I've still got some studying to do, so I guess I better stop till later on.

With love to all,

T.

147 Main St. Andover
Dec. 7, 1919.

Dear Mother:

If things go as planned, we shall be home the 20th or 21st. I don't know just which. There is a boy here who has a good drag with the R.R. Co. If he can get 24 boys to go together, he can get a special car, for Andover boys only, as far as Chicago. We put in a bid with him. If we can't go with him - that is, if he can't get enough together - we can't get home before Christmas, and in that case it would hardly be worth while to go at all. I will let you know as soon as I can whether or not. Please send the money anyway. If I

can't come & will return it - or its equal - intact. If I come, I would advise you to get reservations for Mpls. - Boston.

A number of the trains have been taken off and the rest are likely to be crowded. I would advise a train that lands in Boston on Jan. 4th or early on the 5th. We have to be back at 8:45 on the 5th. Probably the former would be the better for us at this end. Here's hoping we can get home for Christmas.

Examinations start the 15th. I get through the 17th. This will leave me Thursday morning free - but not to pack, as that will probably be done before that time. I am going to try to get in to see Aunt Jane

that morning, but I sadly fear that I won't be able to get out to Lincoln as I would like to.

Commander Thos. Osborne, the Prison Reformer talked here today. The thing that interested me was his system of reform. In the main it consists of putting it up to the men themselves. He has the men form themselves into a sort of club for their own benefit. In the case of the Portsmouth Naval Prison the number of guards was reduced to four sentries around the dead-line and one at the door to keep undesirables out. Under this system the men don't try to escape because if they did

Dearest G.

Dec. 7. 1919

I hope the concert did not prove disastrous. I had my doubts. A mild turn of the same affliction has fallen on me. My throat is sore and I am not much good for business but it has not been necessary to give up and go to bed and I hope it will not be.

Chas & Mummy are much the same. Mary goes every day to Dr. F. to have her eyes treated. They are in a bad way I think. She can hardly look at a white table cloth for glare and the sun is painful in the extreme. It is sunny today and the wind blows cold. But the water is still holding well in the river so what's the difference. Thomas' card is not so bad. Much love &c.

Dearest G.

Dec. 8. 1919.

I have just been to a hospital meeting - the first for a long time. The institution seems to be flourishing mildly. It has been necessary to raise rates but they are still low compared to many others. The nurses have plans are done and bids as construction are expected soon. They will probably be too high as usual. My cold is not getting worse and if I keep low it will probably wear off. I hope yours and Lucy's are improved.

With love
U.

Dearest G. —

Dec. 10. 1919.

There is nothing new. It is too cold for anything to grow new or old. I am trying to make a proposition for a new steam plant grow but that too seems to be affected by the weather. Something has to be done but it is not easy to do it. I spend most of my time in fussing a fitting very little accomplished.

The news that the Wfls. franchise failed to carry has just come. The scheme was like mine of last summer which also failed but I did not mind greatly. Rella says that Elsie and the baby are getting along well. They are still at the hospital but nearly ready to go out.

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147 Main St. Andover,
Dec. 10, 1919

Dear Mother:

I got your letter and check today. It will seem pretty good to see you all again. I like it here, but there are disadvantages. Now don't bank on this but there is a rumor afloat that there is to be a two-week addition to the vacation and no vacation at Easter, but it is only a rumor.

I spoke to Mr. Daly the other day and he said Dr. Stone's note was satisfactory, so we won't get fired on that score. He told you about the special car to Chicago. That is still doubtful, but I am going to speak

to Talmadge about it tomorrow. If that is off, we don't get home at all before Christmas, in which case it would hardly be worth while to come at all, unless the rumor I spoke of materializes. The reason is a coal famine.

Cy doesn't want to take a trunk, while I don't see how I can get all I want in a suitcase. We are still wearing light clothes here without noticing it. What do you say to the plan of shipping ^{at trunk} ~~it~~ early by express, or would that cost too much? Cy is afraid it won't get there in time if we check it.

I got through my exams Wednesday night. If I can manage it I am going in

to see aunt Jane Thursday morning. This ought to be time enough to get a trunk across the city - The train leaves about 2:00 o'clock. See if you can persuade Cy to change his mind & take his trunk along.

With Love,

T.

Dearest -

Dec. 11. 1919.

Most of my time is passed in ~~the~~ conferences - in other words - talk. We are trying to come to rather important decisions as to what we are going to do and what we are not going to do. The first thing is to find out what we want to do. Next what we can do. And next what we had better do under the circumstances.

There was a long talk this morning with Mr. Adams at which we got ^{on} more amicably than sometimes. He is much disturbed and disappointed with Sam and says it makes him difficult. Mr. Barrows has also written a many page prospectus for consideration. altogether

not trouble - V.
but interesting

Dearest —

Dec. 13. 1919.

Many returns of the day - by proxy.

I am enclosing a card from mother with her check for \$30.⁰⁰ for Christmas purposes. It is easy to provide for Thomas' part but I have to put it up to you for the other children. If you run across anything which would be a likely present for my mother I wish you would secure it and let me pay for it. I did write to Geo. Burrage about the pot.

Love to the U.

Dearest -

Dec. 18. 1919.

I am working on plans for the new Steam Station which we hope to have at Hot Lake. It is the most like architecture of anything that has happened to me in a long time, and is very good fun as a change from accounts and depreciation and such nonsense.

I do not know yet just when I will come down but it may not be until Monday. The boys should get there about Sunday I should think. Ellie is reported doing well and the baby is said to be exactly standard in every respect. I hope you a successful trip &c.