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Dear Mother:-

Your letter and one from Mrs. Fletcher arrived at the same time this morning. Mrs. F. is trying to get a certificate of merit for helping pull the boy over the wall of the pool, who had been injured by another boy's diving on him. (This is rather involved, but I guess you know what I mean.) Why anyone should get a certificate for watching some one swim to shore and then help ^{ING} him out is more than I can say. However, I wrote a lovely letter in which I congratulated Mrs. F. on her many honors etc. and so on ad nauseam. I asked to be remembered to her family and to Rudy. She had enclosed a form which she suggested I convert into my own words and sign. I am enclosing this with the draft of the statement I actually wrote. I could not help but feel that the statement she suggested gave the wrong impression of the events, and I could not, in common honesty, subscribe to any such statement. I think the whole thing is written ^(my) in such a way as not to give any offense but still to give the correct impression.

I certainly am glad that you had a nice time in Findlay, and sorry that you had to get a sick headache on the way back. Poor Janie. I never did go for papers on literary topics, and I hope the kid will be able to do better than I. If she has trouble in writing to the point, tell her to be sure to take Journalism some time, as this is the best training I know of. Unfortunately, even Journalism will not put ideas in anyone's head. But the first papers are always the hardest, and after that she will not have so much trouble. The ability to write clear, smooth flowing English is a trait to be acquired.

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I'm sorry you are so dogmatic about the Russian question. If you stopped to think, you would realize that making cracks at 'parlor Communists' isn't an argument. I drew my arguments mainly from two sources; the accounts of newspaper reporters like Duranty who have lived in Russia fully as long as your woman and were opposed to the Soviet regime when they first went there. Duranty is not a Communist, nor is he in favor of that form of government, but he admits that there is some good along with the bad in Russia. I also got some information from a Prof. Larnon, who went so far out of his parlor as to make several trips to Russia and travel around there unescorted by officials. I still think their word is just as good as that of any woman who observed conditions under similar circumstances.

Last Thursday George Ellis asked Dutch and Jim Bayles (across the hall) if they would take care of a girl who was going to drive his house party date up. They were reluctant, so I said I would take her for one night. I arranged to put her up at the house. She didn't get here until about 10^{P.M.} Friday, and I found that Ellis' statements about her good looks were quite exaggerated, but she had a nice personality. Bayles took her to the game Saturday, and Dutch took her out Saturday night. Since the house tax was the same whether you had a girl or not, it didn't cost me a nickel more than I would have had to spend anyway. However, the lesson taught has been important. I know now that I will not have any blind date for Carnival, no matter how much I want to have a girl. None of my three blinds this year have been worth the trouble, so from now on I'm off that stuff. I certainly never expected to have a girl this house party, even for part of the time, and it has been an interesting experience.

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Do you remember my saying that I had two hour exams last Wednesday? They came off as scheduled, and I thought I had done very poorly in both. However, the poly sci exam came back today, and I got an A- on it, a pretty good grade, compared to the general run. The comment on the inside cover was, "Very good paper, but almost illegible. Do you realize the strain of going over 90 papers when written like this?" So you see my writing is not improving any. The paper on Egypt was also handed back with an A, which was gratefully received, I can assure you. Unfortunately, there is no chance of an equally favorable outcome on the Eegy exam. The most I can hope for on the exam, and so in the course, is a B. This week I have two more exams, but not on the same day, thank goodness. On Wednesday will be the second and last German hour exam, and Friday I will have my history honors exam in Mr. Williams' office. When these exams are over I will be through with exams untill the finals. Alex MacKenzie, a freshman on this floor, just asked me to have Thanksgiving dinner with him at the home of a prof who is a cousin of his. I accepted, as there is little chance of my leaving Hanover over the vacation. I don't even want to go away, as I will need a rest by that time; in fact I do now.

We were very disgusted with the outcome of the Cornell game, and rumors are around that Cannell will resign after the Chicago massacre. After the Yale game we dreamed of beating Chicago, but with the team functioning as at present we will not even make a good showing. The Times this morning commented that the Dartmouth team seems to specialize in close loses. Perhaps a new coach will do better. All the alumni are said to be out for Cannell's blood, and we all hope they will be successful. Well, I must sign off now.

Only four more weeks till Christmas! Love to all,

William

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