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Monday afternoon

Dear Mother:-

I was going to write yesterday, but I'm glad now I didn't as I just got your Thursday's letter this morning. I don't think of any reason why you should have felt worried Thursday as that was one day when nothing exciting happened except that I botched up a French quiz. For some reason or other, that course is going over my head, and I expect to have some hard work to do for the hour exam next Friday. And speaking of hour exams, I have some good news for you. The papers for the Poly Sci exam came back Thursday and I found that I had got A in it. I was so surprised I nearly fell over, as you know I thought I had done very poorly in it indeed. Poor old Bobby got E, and Francis got C. Of course I got an awful razzing for saying I was going to get a low mark and then crashing through with an A. It was one of the pleasantest things that have happened this year. I think I told you in my last letter that I had an A in the Latin exam. The history papers have not come back yet so I do not know what I got on that. I hope for the best, but I am afraid that the exam was so easy that the grading will be very strict and that I will get cut out. However, they don't use the sliding scale in history, so that everyone who does A work gets an A no matter how many of them there are. The Chem exam is a week from Friday, and then I will be through till the first of next month when there will be three more.

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Well, the big social event of the fall season is now over: I refer to fall house parties. They were said to be the least wild parties of all those we have ever had up here. They were certainly much more decent than I expected, though of course there were lots of people more or less tight. The play went off very well indeed, and there was a fairly good house both nights. General comment says that it was good, and I am glad to know that for once our efforts have been appreciated. The lighting crew got especial praise in the Dartmouth, the writing mentioning "the technical perfection" and "the skillful blending" of the crew. We have a good bunch of Freshmen this year, and I think the crew will be as good as ever. Even the great Mr. Bentley came around Saturday night and told us how good we had been the night before, and said that all we had to do was do as well again; and for the great Bentley, that is fulsome praise indeed. I suspect that he had had some of that good old Yale liquor which he think is so superior to the local products.

After the play Friday night I got into my tux and went up to the house where I met the girls of some of the fellows and danced with a few of them. Dick and I left after the intermission at 2:30 and went to bed. Saturday night the place was crowded with men from other houses as we have the reputation of having smooth parties. Dick and I could not hold out so late that night,

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so we retired about 2.00. Last week was certainly hard on me as I didn't get to bed a single night before 1.00 and often not then. The rehearsals lasted later this time than ever before, and I was so tired I haven't quite caught up yet. It's a great life! I seem to have a better stand in than any other of the sophomore members of the crew, so I ought to get a job at the end of this year.

I was glad to see that Bo Bolton had gone Phi Psi. That ought to put him in the running all right. I wonder how the Phi Psi's rate at State? They are very good here, and several of my friends belong to it. Also interested in seeing how the girls went at Wesleyan. How did the KKG's do at Denison? I haven't heard, or have they had their pledging yet? I would be very glad to get Mrs. Taylor's remedy for the heat rash as I have not found anything to cure it and it is as bad as ever.

Well, some of the boys want me to go to the show with them so I will close this letter without reading it over. Please excuse the numerous mistakes. Please give my best to all the folk, esp. Betty, Aunt Mamie, and Grandpa.

Love,

*William*

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