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Standish B 31
Cambridge, Mass.

[No date!]

Well Ma :

It seems we take turns
in having fits of writing. I hope
your Sunday letter is on the ay
despite these other unheralded/ones.

You might nudge your husband
sometime and tell him to write me [I believe Maisie said elsewhere Clarence wrote few letters]
a line so that I know he is
still kicking. I don't believe
I have heard from him since I
left. Oh yes here's a note.

Inclosed is a small present. [This might be the history note, see below.]

George C.S.Benson - 75 Perkins Hall [Who Brown?]

I have seen him somewhat. Cambridge

John is in his gov. section – He is [John DB Q, Maisie thinks]

a section a man, thereby saving enough [I suggest we now call the job a teaching assistant.]

(to back)

to get along here comfortably.

I got on the Gleeclub. So did
John. He got 79, I got 76. 70 is
passing, many got 80, few got 85,
many got pro, several were told to
not bother coming again (17 to be exact,
according 3rd ass.manager's figures)
about 70 were retained, + 40 passed.

[probation?]

However Collis foolish boy
never learns, has now an E up to
his credit, in History 11. There is no
hour exam in this course. Instead
the only marks on what we make on
Homework until mid-year exam. ~~Writing~~ For
a 6 pages essay on Criticism of Bacon's
Essay on Henry seventh, I received

a flat e. I reviewed, more than
used my own opinion, and did not
thoroughly cover the subject. [Class goodbye]

[What could this mean?]

I inclose his criticism. Right now

[sic]

I am supposed to be hard at work

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writing an essay on

the Early English Renaissance centering

around More's Utopia. I have read

[sic]

that dry illustrious book and

four others have I perused. After

going through the Encyclopedia for

a few more Biographies I shall

try to begin. All that junk doesn't

seem to help much. This History is a fine

lecture course, but hard on the outside.

Armistice, a holiday, is now at my

disposal so I shall not have to rush

the theme as I did the last one.

English C+, in which I can do

better If I work a little. German

was a C+, a lot of foolish mistakes

which I shouldn't have made. German

exam is like Math so I am sure I

can do better, at least in the Grammar

perhaps not in sight. F.A. C+. I didn't

[sight reading? F.A = Fine Arts]

do so well in the exam but have a B

(turn over)

average in Drawing.

So it all boils down to the fact

that I must do a little work for a

change.

Aunt Elsie is helping me with our

curtains so we shall soon have the

Room actually complete. 2 mos. moving

in is pretty slow, but sure nevertheless.

I have tried to call on Mrs. Merriman
but haven't struck the right time yet.

The Emersons advised making an

appointment which I shall do

as soon as I go to the dentist again.

Tutorial work has now begun.

My tutor, very good as compared with

others, said to go into Bos.Mus.F.A.

and pick out 10 good pictures, not
what I should like but which I really
did like. So I did, he approved
the list and has set me reading
modern paintings. He will have me
work backwards in painting. I shall
do more architectural work than I feel

like in college, and then get it all later.

That's the best way to do I think. Eliot

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Noyes is going to be an arch-
itect. He knows several good people who
are going to send him to Germany
and learn all this new fangled stuff.
He's still concentrating in the classics.

The Washburns, Aunt Bessie, Hutchins,
all seem to know people who could perhaps
help me in the profession. I like it.
I am sure I would rather do that hat
be a doctor or a lawyer.

[What about a miller?]

I hear Alice finally wrote the
Hutchins, although I get no word
from her.

That Game with Michigan the
most heartbreaking one that I
ever saw, but it was much more
interesting than any this year. Barrie[Barry Wood married Mary Lee (Leel) Hutchins--see below.]
was great. Imagine missing a field
goal twice and then making it on the
third try from the most difficult position
he had had yet. way off on one side.

And then with the game won, to lose it.

Things look better for the Yale game.

We will all go down I guess. I
may go with the glee club, as a singer
not managing.

Love

Cog

[Where did the nickname Cog come from?]

Note enclosed, torn off his Henry VII report.

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*This is hardly satisfactory.
You show evidence of having
read the Bacon, but your paper lacks
unity and falls
short of the acceptable
standard in style. You
coin many words, and many
of your statements are confusing.
You express many of Bacon's
judgment without giving your
own reactions thereon. Did
you read Busch?*

*You conclude your paper
too abruptly, and as though
you had or should have had
more to say.*

Bibliography?

Maisie note 1.Mar.09

On #8 Not much new from me on #8 except for the Bensons. You do need to review your letters: John we never really identified, he was the John DeQB who asked Al to a football game (see my comments) Barrie Wood married Mary Lee (Leel) Hutchins as we've said before. Yes "sight" = sight reading. Cog is short for Coggie which I might imagine was a baby trying to say Collis but saying Coggie??

George C.S.Brown has to be George Charles Sumner BENSON.

The Benson boys were sons of old friend of HPN, I think from CA. They came east to Harvard and HPN took them under his wing. Eugene Huntington Benson, called Huntington, appears at Concordia in 1927. I had a crush on him. He spends Xmas with HPN at the Hotel Marlton in NYC. George Charles Sumner Benson, the younger brother called Sumner visits at Kearsarge Hall with skiiers.

Collis bicycled in Europe till Sept 1929 with Sumner. He must be in Perkins Hall in Nov of 1930. Collis must have "seen him somewhat". Don't know what section man means but in the context it would seem to have to do with scholarship or something: the Bensons did not have much money. didn't seem to go back home to CA for vacations that I can find. I find all the talk of being an architect very interesting. Love M.

Second Maisie note

Yes, your minister in Mendocino, CA [found on Google]: Rev.Eugene Huntington Benson must be the father and would have been a friend of HPN and no doubt not rich but anxious to send his sons to Harvard.

William Barry Wood, Jr. May 4 1910 - March 9, 1971. Born in Milton, went

to Milton, graduated Harvard summa cum in 1932 as an All-American quarterback, baseball, hockey, tennis teams. MD from Hopkins in 1936. A lifelong family friend remembers that Barry's family wisely sent him to CA for year between Milton and Harvard of relaxation, growth, horseback riding. She remembers at Vassar with Leal seeing his small, clear script on envelopes from CA that arrived regularly in the mailbox for Leal. Letters came all through college..not much chance for dating if one played varsity football in fall, hockey in winter, baseball in spring and also studied. The Hutchins, Woods, other Boston families summered in East Edgecomb, ME (a place we H'berghs all loved to visit). Leal and Barry married right after college. They spent 13 years in St.Louis after he got M.D. from Hopkins. (Leal warned him never to mention Johns Hopkins in St.Louis!) They came to my wedding with little children from St.Louis to Mpls. Barry very famous as doctor, teacher, researcher;, held endless important positions in Medical world. Everyone loved him, he always made you feel good and important.