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18 HOLWORTHY HALL
CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS
21 April

Dear Family;

Well it is all over, and it was a
lot of funt while it lasted. First, true to
form I must enumerate my expences.

fares	theatre
1.93 gas for rog.	2.30 3's crowd
2.35 from Pkpsy	2.50 new Yorkers
7.26 phily trip	3.50 Grnd Hotel
11.50 home	.85 Arliss movie
<u>1.50 sbwy</u>	.25 cathedral
24.44	<u>.25</u> Met.F.A.
6.00 Hotel	9.85
6.20 food	
24.44	
<u>9.85</u>	
46.49 total	

Up till last Thursday, I ate breakfast and
slept
supper and ate at the Hutchins but worked
here at Cambridge on the Lampoon and another
history theme, but I really didnt accomplish
much. Friday ,George amd I were drive by Rog

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to Vassar via Choate School where we had lunch
in a very nice dining roommwith all the rest og
the boys.We had just enough time in Vassar to
see Leel,a small bit of the college, and a glim
pse of Sarah Raymond, a K.C. fresh man there,and
then catch the train. Rogs car is pretty swell,
I drove it most of the way as Rog was fed up
after 900 miles of driving.

[? Did Roger Lee attend Choate?]

I arrived in New YorK in time to go to see
show no. 1 on the list.The best musical show

[?Drove it from Minneapolis?]

I have ever seen. Perry, Otto and his sister Winefred all went together. Meanwhile George went to search for a Hotel some where near Grammercy Park where Adeline Taylor lives. So we stayed at the The Mad. Sq. Hotel for two \$ a night. Saturday George went to see Adie while I was with the Wittmans. Adie fed the whole crowd at the Wonomas Club. In the afternoon I went

[Collis explains who Adie is later...]

(to inside right)

with Otto to Greenwich village, china town russian brass places and generally all around looking for some thing for him to spend his money on. Finally he bought a very good porcelain chinese horse. That evening after a rather miserable expensive meal the three of us saw the new yorkers, by far inferior to three a crowd. Thereafter Winefred went to Boston and I returned home to the hotel. Sunday George and I had (supper no) breakfast in Miss Taylor's apartment, with Ann B. and Mr. (Brother) Taylor and wife newly married. By now you are probably wondering who this girl is; we met Adie on the Homeric and immediately George took a liking to her as well as Huntington. Since then George has seen her here and there fairly often and admits he likes her though there is no engagement. To continue, after breakfast I went to the station

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and took a train to Bryn Mawr. There was none till 11 so I didn't arrive at destination until 1:40. As I had arranged to eat supper with Grandpa I had only two hours there. So we made the most of it. We had a very good lunch both food and conversation then I was shown the College. It was all in full bloom and sunshine, decked in its best for me. Most enjoyable was the walk, and B.M. seems much nicer than Vassar. Saw every one in college all around on the lawn and lots of them. Jo was in her canoeing pants. Such informality for the surprised poor me an always fully dressed Harvard man. The general peace in the atmosphere was appalling. Grandpa fed me in a very nice Greenwich Village garage and then took me to Grace Church where I heard some very good russian Choral music and three organs play

[Jo Graton, see below]

[I think he's serious here.]
[‘appealing’ rather than ‘appalling’?]

Rock's Pre. in C sharp minor, and saw the
(begin insert of another four-side note paper)

[Rachmaninoff?]

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Boey
family and told them all about Harvard's
house plan, for the benefit of there son entering
here next year. Monday George and I (together,
Adie having left) went to eat breakfast with
grandpa who afterwards introduced us to Don.
Aldritch and skowed us he church of the Ascens-
cion which I like very much, even betetr than
Grace. Next we bit Grandpa good by and checked
out of the Hotel into the station. Alors to
the Met. where in true spirit of two years
ag we went about learning by nobsrevetion the
the difference between Hep. Sher. and Chip. furn.
This w as very educating, and so was the bit of
studying of the paintings ther that we did.
We had luncheon with Gogo u on a roof garedn

[Donald Aldrich belonged to Ascension]

[HPN connected to Grace, see below.]

[What happened in 1929-trip to Europe?]
[Hepplewhite, Sheraton, and Chippendale]

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over looking Columbia, the three rivers
and all the north end of the island. Gogo
seemed very well and is looking forward to
the probable visit of Dad and Alice which I
told her about. She took us over to Fosdicks
church showed us that, a fine building in
which I could Have spent more tim. Grants
tomb was not over looked. Thence George went
to visit a friend, Gogo to one f her homes.
and I to Col. arch . school, which I scanned
scantily and got some pamphlets and proceded
to the Cathedral. there I spent many a long
hour in lawfully observing the inside from
the floor and then going under the rope in
Haliburton style and ascendig a dark winding
staircase to the top most turrets, climbing

[Harlem, Hudson, East]

[No mention H'berghs owning land nor Henry H.]

[Church retirement homes]

[Where HPN was rector, retired '22. or another relative
ML visited the cathedral many years ago.]

[Richard Haliburton?]

f
around the sca^olding for this was after all

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had gone home and putting my neck through the
great rose window as well as attempting to
cl mb the dome over the crossing. Next I desc.
into the black cript and groped around until
I decided to go out and then climbed up through

a window under the portals. From the cathedral, I proceeded unmolested to town, with very dirty hands and face. There while waiting for George to finish his meal with his friend, I went to George Arliss in the Millionaire, which was fair. At 820 I met George in front of the theatre and we proceeded to get our tickets ordered by Postal telegraph, the only way we could get any tickets. Grand Hotel was very good, especially the acting, and I enjoyed it much more than George who by this time was bit logy from no sleep and his cold which he had had since Wed.

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I held up very well, only needing a good nap to restore me to health yesterday when I returned though I did average only 6 hrs. there.

Hunting to we did not see for he was a cruise and had not returned so far as we could find out by calling the ~~hectel~~ hotel hospital.

We took the train at 12:30 and arrived here

in Boston in the morning.

That is the end of the story
Yours truly, good bye

/s/ Cog

[Two enclosures:

Grace Church in New York, Sunday evening musical service, 19 April 1931.

Trinity Church in the City of Boston, Easter 1931 service.

I am considering offering them to the respective churches.]

Maisie notes

Don't know if Roger Lee went to Choate; it looks as if he drove the car from Mpls. to Cambridge. Once again George Charles Sumner* Benson and Eugene Huntington Benson were sons of HPN friend in CA, came to go to Harvard in 1920s and HPN had them under his wing always. What I only vaguely think I remember (no way for me to check) is that they both ended up doctors and maybe back in CA eventually. Cog went on the bicycle trip with them in 1930 to Europe on Cunard line Homeric where they all met Adie. Collis saw them off and on at Harvard, they were definitely older. They went thru med school and were in hospitals by this 1931 letter I would judge.

Fun to read about trip to BMC, comparing to Vassar, etc. Of course by this time Collis knew Jo Graton (later Chase) as Alee's great BMC pal, hiked in Rockies etc. with them. Yes,

[Eugene Huntington Benson Jr,
elder brother of Charles*]
[A physician?]

Rachmaninoff's Pre.in C sharp. Grandpa Nichols (HPN) was rector of Holy Trinity Church from which he resigned Feb 22, 1922. He was connected with Grace Church where Russell Bowie was rector and Ted Evans was his curate. Ted Evans eventually married Jean Bowie. All were friends of Donald Aldrich of Church of Ascension.. The mention of Gogo's "homes" refers to the many church homes she visited and helped with (sort of old folks homes). Yes, Richard Haliburton. We don't understand why so hard to get movie tickets. My email has run out of space. Nice vacation! Love M.

*Father was The Reverend Eugene Huntington Benson, per cursory Google search. Sumner not included in George's names on same site.

Maisie follow-up

We knew Jean Bowie Evans because of Ted and they appeared in Intervale quite often; but not in modern times. Jo Graton Chase we all knew all our lives from Kelsey to us, in Mexico, Oregon, ultimately at Parker Ridge where she died. Her family mostly lives in the area in Maine now.

Thank heavens David was here for Thurs-Sun when we had terrible washouts on York Rd.right below us, many problems he helped us to live through. Thanks to Direct TV Charlie can now watch golf and get other channels. Tough weather.