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Notepaper
'15 Holworthy Hall
Cambridge, Massachusetts'

Collis's birthday

May 20 (1931 pencilled in afterward, looks like Collis' hand)

Dear Family:

Maisie: I have forgotten who opened the fudge, but as I remember it was not ~~me~~ I. I am sorry I did not get your important message, but I am looking forward to your candy, and I THANK YOU FOR the last if I have not done so before Candy is always precious here, as there is so little of it. What were you doing in the office you little RAPSCALION. How far do you go on your bike? I used to go exploring all around in K. C.

Sister Esther: You've got swell handwriting, only Lowry's can compare

(page sides seemingly quite mixed up)

with it. The shirt has not yet arrived but I thank you all for it, for the louder + warmer the better for a Hut boy shirt. As I said before you should have given me nothing but your good letters. The various Hardenberghs seem to be hitting the highlife in St. Pol + Minn.

I am glad to hear your tennis game is good. Mine is rotten. I played at the Hutchins + was beaten by Gretchen and others. Good strokes not too erratic and no backhand. Same old story. As I remember your backhand is good, if so you are lucky.

It swell your learning to drive so well. I hope you have fun instead of work driving East. I know I always have

fun touring. Jan's and my trip West was great sport. I suppose you will take at least a week to get East. The Hutchins brightly suggested you drive to Duluth and take a boat to Buffalo, from there it is only 450 miles to Intervale (I thin). I think that's a swell idea. Aggin + U.B. must have mentioned that. The cost would be no more (I think again) nor would the time + you would have a task? of sailing.

I started San Michele at A. Else's but haven't had time to get far. It is worth reading, you're right.

As to my reading I just read Return of the Native for Eng.28. [Don't let Mother forget to get a catalogue + plans of Harvard when she's east this summer] in one sitting 7PM to 430AM. It is very good. I guess I am an old heller the way I stay up nights but I take frequent naps. I also read Henry Esmond which is not nearly so good. I guess I don't like that 1850 style of novel writing.

Poor Pat feels the same way as you about Intervale's being dead next summer. You'll have to console yourselves. She's not going to drive Mrs. Herd. The whole Noyes family is to be abroad. El studying painting at Fontainebleau, while the ret travel. Mrs. Fette is dead, as I believe you heard. They bought a new car Ford for the touring in Europe.

PA and Ma - Many thanks for you letters and money. I am truly obliged to you and shall refund it but the middle of summer. At present no counting that latest \$50, I have about \$40 in the bank of which \$100 is yours as a base to draw on. But things have been that way all year ever since my 300 spree in the fall.

I see my name was spelt O.K. in this latest Lapone issue. This is art head man while president is literary head man, and treasurer, Business head man. In my

He is a good fellow, from Gr.Rapids Mich

[*The History of Henry Esmond, Esquire* by William Makepeace Thackeray, English, 1852]

[Pat Emerson, see Maisie note]

[Noyes grandmother, see note.]

+ self

competition were just Bob Irwin[^]. He is more efficient than I, I think, but we had almost exactly the same amount of credit some \$900. I got a \$50 bonus for best subscription collecting, and he the last day a \$500 contract with Hotels (which was expected anyway). I am a business man, one who runs circulation advertising and subscription work. The issue is printed in Boston so there is nothing to do there, except take the dummy to the printers and do all that negotiating with him on business and financing. The Treasurer handles all that. I got a look in at the printers and know somewhat what goes on on that end. Perry is trying for

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literary + art end (they are combined) and hopes to get on next year sometime.

I am now just starting in a small way on the competition for circulation manager next year. I guess Irwin + I are the

we boss candidates + are bossed by Winslow only competitors for that [^]. The Treasurer is a paid job + Secretary also paying when Lampy is not, as now, almost losing money – Business depression + no one will advertise except cigarettes. Bachrach, head of Red Book last year has the Treasurer's job cinched and Sheafe, popular among the fellows an an old hand will probably get the Secretary ship; he manages dinners, invitations, bills. There are dinners every Thursday evening at the building, and I shall attend my first tomorrow.

I just thought I would write this now while I am in the mood –

Mary Emerson is married June 20, you should get an invitation as I told Pat to be sure and send you one.

Please don't worry about my health, I am in fine spirits and am now able to study a good deal without becoming restless. My Democracy went off

[First mention of depression, interesting that he calls it a depression.]

[Whom did she marry?]

either good or bad, if they like my big simile about the wall of English tradition keeping out hnew Democracy in England and not in America, they may give me a fair grade, if not a poor one. Chances are I'll a C as I have on my last 3 Hist papers. As to Matthew, he was not bad at all. I think I got the idea pretty well and wrote about 3200 words (3000 asked) but of that 1000 was quotation. Of course some quoting is necessary, but he might think I was padding somewhat. If he doesn't I might get another good grade – I got a B+ on that last paper – on Milton.

Well after getting an A- without doing any of the reading in 1C a month ago, next, without cracking book again I got a flat A (Rathbone + Wittman D) on the last test of the year. It's all so unfair

this system of section men + different meetins. Rathbone knew more than I, had read most of the reading but was asked to write on "Squashioni School" which neither he nor I have heard of. I was asked to write on Raphael, child's play for anyone. Both of us knew our slides well and I guessed better than he. But he got 0 for general questions while mine was O.K. just by happenstance. However taking the opportunity, I hope to make a good B in this course, for I've study the prints every night. There are about 150 things in the Boston Museum + Fenway Court as well as F Fog ptgs. to learn. Then there is all that reading I did not do for the last 2 or 3 tests. I have 5 full days before my first exam – 24 – 1st which is Fine Arts so I can get that pretty cold. Also in German I hope for a fair mark. In English there is a change, if my theme was O.K. (They are returned Monday) and I can bull well enough on the exam. In History I shall not even hope for more than a C. and won't waste too much time on

[*Encyclopedia Britannica has nothing on this*]

it. There are some 1000 pages for the reading period but I shall make use of Heinie's (Veatch) notes.

[See Maisie note.]

Lowry expects to get a dog for this summer.

Why a "happy 19th!"

As to packing I shall go easy. I wrote J to that effect. It didn't take me long to get used to cycling and I shall bear up under packing all right I believe. My sleep is all right, I average at least eight hours, usually nine. Who knows, I may be a second M.Baker!?

[Myles Baker, hutman befriended by HPN.]

I get through 5PM the 10th. Start work the 13th. That gives me one day to clean up all the moving to be done here, and one day to get to Pinkham. So no Intervale for mke Hope I can get a glimpse of Al. Our

(This last is written transversely at the top of the first page)

Dates never fall together. I have exams the 1st, 4th, 8th, 10th of June, so I can't go up + be in Intervale during exam period.

Thanks all again, Love

Cog

Questions for Maisie (or others!)

In an earlier note Maisie wrote that MBNH and CMH (2?) drove the Ford in May to Bryn Mawr College for Alice. So Esther was cut out of driving, apparently?

Maisie note 20.Feb.09

Chalmers: I don't understand about Esther driving East. She would still be in School in June, probably taking college boards and I have very definite in my notes that Esther, Maisie, MBNH, came to Concordia July 1 via the Soo Line in 1931.

Poor Pat is Patricia Emerson who was exactly Cog's age and would have been going to Radcliffe to get A.B. She might have been living at home which was 64 Sparks St. (Emerson home until 1998 according to Rufus Wanning, local friend son of Pat). The Emerson father was a psychologist, with Mass.General

for some time (not at Harvard as I may have once said). So Pat was part of that group that were all in college in the early 30s. When the Emersons summered in that "Obama" house, I believe the story went that it was the first kiss for either Cog or Pat. I don't remember which. Possibly Pat was later employed by Mrs. Hurd as a driver?. Her older sister, Mary Emerson married Leonard Stevens. Charlie & I bumped into them when climbing one year.

CPD thinks Heinie's (Veatch) notes was like referring to "Cliff Notes" nowadays.

Myles Baker was one of the many hutmen befriended by HPN, visited Concordia in 1924,5,7.

Mrs. Fette was the grandmother, of Eliot Noyes and Migret Noyes, who built the Noyes house before Nichols built on Neighbors Row..

The Nichols knew the Hurds in New Haven when HPN was very friendly with Yale boys. They built the skirunners house and encouraged the Nichols to build in Intervale (though off the highway in a less conspicuous place). They did have a tennis court I found, as well as bowling green. Alice preferred to build in Intervale (rather than in Randolph which HPN would have liked being close to Presidentials) where the railroads, hotels, etc. would provide culture, socialable contacts. The Hurds had a daughter, Marjorie Hurd who built the little red(?) house on the Hurd property next to Curries (Lenox Lodge).. Marjorie Hurd was famous climber, whitewater canoer, editor of Appalachia and among AMC's first leaders in the conservation movement.

Hope you find out about "Squashoni School", such a miserable story for Perry.

Enough, Maisie