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Behold the marvelous new
stationery! Perry and I had
the die made for ourselves
and then expect to rent it
out.

Allow me, Mama, Papa
and all others concerned, to
berate you for your
negligence in not writing
me. I have nursed two
weeks mail. If you are

(to fourth fold)

are doing this for spite, your
blood be on your own head,
for I can play at the game
too, as you well know, by
now

Poor Al has been getting
summons to the Dartmouth
and Yale games, and refusing
proposal after proposal, till
she finally wired me, to
know what their game is.
It just happened that El Noyes
+ John De Q B wired the
same day for different games.
After she already refused John
once.

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I asked Ellie down from [Ellie Ragsdale Jones Lovitt, Noel Ragsdale's mom, a love from KC] Smith for the Yale game but she had already been aske.

I just asked Benny to the theatre for this Saturday. I have been going to do so with Larry for some time but he is too busy with social activities – has been to as many deb parties as 7 (6) and infinitely more suppers beforehand. But he seems to be studying.

Hawkeyes is to be at the Hutchins tomorrow

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night and UD Jan and I [Uncle Don, MBNH brother] are to be there too. Larry is to be at a dinner.

I ate luncheon at the Washburns again, seeing Mrs. Martin there, who of course asked about you and sen greetings, as did everyone that I have seen else ^ who knows you, Ward, Morse, Emerson, Ranny Hubbard, etc. Mrs. M said Dad was looking great all summer. We played "Answer Yes or No," a book of ask me another, you should try it.

Grades thus far are fair -

Love

Cog

Questions for Maisie:

1. I have certainly heard all those names (Ward, Morse, Emerson, Ranny Hubbard). Would you tell me more about them?
2. Benny Nichols is related to ?
3. The Washburns. I'm having trouble sorting out the milling Washburns from the clerical

Washburns from Sherry Washburn, Larry Nichols' roommate at Harvard. Would you help?

4. Who is John De Q B?

From: Mary Dethier

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Subject: letters

Chalmers, I don't remember much accurately, the first letter I could go to my sources (mostly from my notes done for writing "Concordia By The"), but this Oct 29,31 letter is harder. Would be fun to know who John DeQB is?? The only "B" I remember is Bontecou (related to Jones family of K.C. and Nova Scotia.)

The luncheon "again" would be at Ben & Henrietta Washburn's I surmise because of the attendees, i.e.the clerical Washburns of K.C. etc.as described before., who had moved back East. The Morse family were LOVELY Bostonion area people I remember. I believe Esther Morse and husband were in K.C. for some years before returning to Boston. We called her "aunt Esther" but no relation. I believe it was her daughter Susan who was at BMC '35, later married a Putnam. That connection would have brought them together in K.C. (Note that I am "thinking" and "surmising" on this letter.) The Emersons would probably be the ones who lived summers in Roddy Woodard's house (where you met Obama). They were Harvard professor connected, the Emerson family were Mary, Ashton, Patricia, Eugene in my era

Ranny Hubbard we have talked about before: one of HPN's "boys", loved climbing, went on the big family Glacier Park 1930 expedition, was a dentist, in later life he and Vivien lived in Intervale/Kearsarge Rd. area.

Benny Nichols was the younger brother by 7 years of Fezzie Nichols (who was minister at Episc.Ch.living in No.Conway for years, on the west side road.) Their father was Charles Fessenden Nichols, HPN's older brother (1846-1915). A VERY interesting man and a favorite uncle of MBN. Preceded HPN at Harvard. Went all over the world: 1864-66 in Heidelberg, Germ., 1870 Harvard Med School. At some point he was in Japan, Hawaii (the Queen's doctor); he always brought/sent little Margaret presents from his travels. He was a beloved Doctor in the Boston area: in 1884 he married Grace, who I believe was a socialite. One child, Cherry (1887-1980) who eventually had those 4 daughters.

Charles F.N. DIVORCED Grace, and that broke off relations with HPN from then on, and we didn't know about him. He married 2nd wife, his nurse I believe, Jenetta in 1901. Two children: Fessenden 1903-1989 and Benjamin 1910-1986). Bennie, I remember, was a bit slow, came summers to Concordia with his raucous cousins. (Later in life he went south and had lots of children, one of whom came to the Nichols reunion I believe). The offspring of Cherry can tell you lots about Fessenden that we don't know: viz Bob Arundale and a Giese in AZ who keeps in touch with us.

Enough for now. Love Maisie