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(yellow 8 1/ x 11 folded small, typed all typos Collis. Double-spaced but I used single, sorry.)  
(by hand)got all balled up on inserting the sheet, so this is continued from the bottom of this very page  
or at the Hutchins, if I stayed here,I should make it a point to  
do nothing but get at least one of these themes done.Freshman year  
I stayed at college and did the same thing to a certain extent. spring vacation (by hand)  
Nov 24 1931 (by hand)

Dear Ma and Pa;

News of import: Sacks is to have his tour on the 28,29  
and 30<sup>th</sup> of December,not in the spring;that is, not the real one. He  
says that there is a chance that there may e one then but he will  
not know about that for some time yet.All of whaich means that I

[Sacks?]

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now ask in a not^the-least-plaintive voice if I may stay here xmas.  
And now that you have breathed a long sigh I shall proceed.I am not  
in any way so firmly embedded here in the east that I look upon going  
west as the bane of my existence. I think I should have the besttime  
thus far

[Did anyone talk about Will  
Harvard and dying there?]  
Hallowell staying at

I have had^this xmas if I should go home, with Gret there and Esty  
home again.So if you refuse m, that will be all right. However if I  
should stay here it would mean of course that I should come home midyears  
or if not then, later, at spring vacation. If I did that it would be quite  
so I could skip a few days

[Remind me about Esty?]

necessary for me to get on the deans list^. There is no doubt but that  
this trip to the better private collections of New York and Phil. is  
an experience in itself, besides making it easier in the Fr.pt. course.  
to

If I should go home and try to go on ^ that at the same time I should not  
day

be in Minneapolis more than the whole of Xmas^and the better part of the  
days on each end of it, which I think is hardly wort 110\$. Now, I have  
to write a thesis for 5n(FR.PTG.) of not more than 30 type written  
pages,which will mean that if I plug more than I ever have before(I  
never wrote more than 20 scropt pages in any theme before in my life)  
I may get up to 25 pages.I have not yet chosen a subject. What is more  
thesis

[\$110, wow!]  
[underlining by hand]

ihave exactly the same thing to do fore 9a.Both of these^ have to be  
finished before the midyears examsn begin,the 22<sup>nd</sup> of Jan.Although I  
have more or less been invited to go up the mountain by Brad during [Up? Maisie thinks Wash, but in January?]  
the vacation,and could spend time with Janin weston,at the Morses [weston? Where Uncle Don lived.]

and it worked to a degree. This time I should get a good bit of work done. That time I was writing a history theme and got a B out of it when I had only been getting Cs right along. By doing this I should not be so rushed right up to the exam period with stuff other than the exams

preparation for them^, all of which should put me in fine line for some decent grades for a change. Now if I should not crash through after that my name would be mud. Enough for that. I don't have to sight Rog's and Goodges and perhaps Ellies staying east.

[He means 'cite' I think]  
[Ellie Jones, per Maisie.]

Yale weekend was quite a success from the fun standpoint. We all had more swell times than any other college weekend. However, when one considers 10\$ for the game 5\$ for the play and %\$5 for the meals, to say nothing of the automobile, one feels less jovial. But one

[These prices!! Charlie sez abt right.]  
[Poor Collis! Or this a front for Gramps?]

its all in a Yale game, pathetic as that^ turned out. I wrote about it to Aggin; which reminds me, of course I write to all people in Minneapolis, Dad Mother Esty Gret Aggin and perhaps other Hardenberghs, but seldom do in return

['to' added by hand]

['do' added by hand]

any letters come back^. Once I figured on 2 or three letters to me to one I write west, and now it is seldom that the situation is even as good as the opposite. Latest news is a cake from Aggin, however, at which I cannot complain and of course calls for a letter from me. That's a good plan you ought to try it. Well any way I hope my letters get distributed for that would be a very poor excuse for saying that you have not ~~written~~ heard from me—that you did not see that other persons letter. And now after that diversion, only details that i have to add to what I have said on the before mentioned topic  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; it has been as warm as summer here for the past week. Ever since last Monday it has been warm enough hardly

to ~~just not even~~^ think of a coat. Up to Saturday morning there was no sign of the sun. Then it cleared of swell for the game about 10, and all said twood be sure victory if the sun was shining. We put

the top down on aunt Esthers car and kept it down from then on, and even in the evening it was not the least uncomfortable. It is still midsummer, and the sun has not been clouded since Saturday. A cyclone or some thing is going to happen. Other details; Ellie is very beautiful, not very dumb either. She came down to the game, went with one Stanley Smith. Mr. Jones is due home in two days, from abroad. K. Balch was great, they all congratulated me on my choice, or have I said that already. The Lampon Dance was much source of joy though it was just about as crowded as a room could be for dancing.

[Esther Morse, again.]

According to the latest letter from Al, received one hour since, she is driving up here Wednesday night from Bryn Mawr with E.H.B and Jo Granton + expects to arrive about midnight. If that is the case I'll not see her till next day for I am to be at the Somerset that night. I had planned to meet her at the train and then leave her. Friday night we go to see Maude Adams and Otis Skinner\* in the Merchant of Venice, after dining at the Gratons. I mentioned that too.

[K. Balch. See Maisie comment.]

[Choice?]

[E.H.B. = Benson.]

C +

I got an A- in that Iconography exam. Perry got a C, others ^D. There is an element of luck involved in this business of getting marks. This make does no more than give me a little prestige and a chance to graduate and still a chance to get honors. The other divisional comes spring of senior year.

What is wished in the line of xmas presents? If you want to make worthwhile me a ^ present you can all chip in and give me the history of French painting by Wilenski, a very recent book with many illustrations and good simple style.

Guess that's about all. I'll send a copy of the H.A.A. News which the so you can see what its all about

[Harvard Athletic Association?]

Lampy took off in this last number^, and incidentally there is not a copy left over; in fact there are 1000 copies of it being made up extra.

Yours,

[Closing by hand, no 'love'!]

Cog

\*Chalmers note. I inherited in The Distribution of 1978 a signed note from Otis Skinner to Granny, regretting he could not accept a visit from her during the run of a play in Kansas City. I have since left it in Concordia, site of history. Skinner's daughter Cornelia spent a little time at Bryn Mawr in the early 1920s.

### Maisie comments

I really wish we knew what Sacks means. Would it have to do with art museums? It seems to be a key to other things to follow, but we don't know, alas. [Chalmers thinks Sacks was professor at Harvard.]

Esty, of course, was basically at Northrop School... whether "home again" refers to a possible jaunt with the Brown twins out west, I don't know. Brad Washburn was inviting him to go up Mt. Washington. Weston is the same as Newton where Uncle Don lived and where Jan would be. Yes Ellie Jones. Charlie says the costs for Yale game weekend about right. "aunt Esther" would be Esther Morse, yes.. I spent some time on K. Balch. She MIGHT be the Bostonian friend of Gratons who went to BMC, but would be distinctly older than Coggie, i.e. she got her A.B. in 1929, so I don't know.

Now comes E.H.B. which as usual stands for Eugene Huntington Benson. A very satisfying DISCOVERY on the Bensons: in 1906 when HPN was minister at Holy Trinity Church in NYC, Eugene H. Benson Senior was HPN's curate.!!! This explains the Benson connection...his curate went out to CA eventually having those sons who went East to college and were HPN's charges and our friends thereafter.