

October 18, 1921

Dear Mother, Father, and Pete:

I have five minutes to pound until the ten o'clock bell.

I was very glad to get the telegram from you today, Mother, and also to hear about Father in your two letters. Is he a well-behaved patient?

Pete, I don't know what is not clear to you about the games. I wrote to you as explicitly as possible, saying that I would go Princeton with you on the fifth, but that debate is on the twelfth and that I therefore could not go to New Haven. I am going to try out for debate and I ought to have a good chance of making it, therefore it would be ridiculous for me to say that I would go with you and then probably not be able to leave college. That is what I wrote to you on Sunday. I did not care to mention debate in a telegram going from the messenger room in college because it would sound too conceited. I thought that the understanding was all along that I would go the Princeton Harvard game on the fifth, but not to the Yale game on the twelfth. I am very, very sorry to have caused you any trouble. Why not take Grace to the Yale game?

I had a busy day today, lots of work, two hours of lab, and a class meeting.

I also had my conference with Miss Ellory. It was most interesting--if I were given to hyperbole, I might also say inspiring, but it was not quite that. She went over my topic briefly, told me that it was excellent, and that unless she was very much mistaken I had gotten a great deal of pleasure out of doing it. She was not mistaken. I thought myself it was a good topic. She said, moreover, that unless she was very much mistaken again, I got a great deal of pleasure out of things of the mind, and out of using my mind. She said that she realized she knew me only slightly, but that she had listened to me debate on several occasions and realized that I had a very logical mind, etc. The funny part of it is that she is so extremely scholarly that she is not given to flattery. I almost

popped. She asked me about my outside interests, my plans for after college, which unfortunately I could not tell her anything about, and just what I wanted to get out of the course. Among others things we decided that I was to follow as my line of side-work and year's topic the literary movement of the period, thus keeping up my French. Don't you think that is a good idea? She then proceeded to show the various ways I could connect that course with my English one. It was a great half hour.

The cold medicine came special from Welsh's. Thank you for it. I had a box here--I guess I did not make that clear, but I wanted either another box or the prescription for future use.

Love, Fannie [Over]

I am sending my laundry - Wed. A.M. there is a note in it - darn, not mend, woolen stocks. they are bad but will do for hiking, golf, etc. Also mend leg of flannel pajamas