

P.S. Since I wrote this letter I have gotten my bill and sent it, it includes the board here during vacation which is extra.

[St. Stevens banner]

Annandale, New York  
March 8, 1899

Dear Papa,

I received your letter safely yesterday and am much obliged for the cheque [sic] that was a very interesting letter of Jamies [sic]. The Personnel bill has at last become a law and Jim is an Ensign. I am glad that Dewey has been made an Admiral. I have a copy of "Messages of President Buchanan" which I have thoroughly read but have not Curtis's life of Uncle James though I should like very much to have it. I am sorry that Miss Hetty is dead; I see that on Feb. 10, Alexander Moncrief Proudfit died, was he one of Miss Susie Proudfits [sic] family? I have not heard from any one in Albany, Saratoga, Sandy Hill, L.G., or any where lately. Our regular examinations come off in about three weeks and examinations for make-ups about a month later. I congratulate you on your birthday, were you not thinking in 1903 of having a reunion of your old class of Princeton, do you know where the members are or how many of them are living?

The weather here lately has not been pleasant and the ground has been covered with the worst kind of slush. It is too bad isn't it that Mr. Kipling and his two children should all get very ill as soon as they strike New York? I am told that Munsey's Magazine has a good deal in it about Cousin Harriet Lane Johnston. I do not know whether the bill for this half term has been sent yet but shall see. Much obliged for the Palm Beach Daily News which I received alright, there seems to be a good deal of golfing at Palm Beach. The Personnel Bill has made a great many promotions though Jamie is little or no higher. I do not exactly see the sense in their making 18 rear admirals as the lower nine correspond in rank and pay to brigadier generals and that is what a commodore did at least in rank; this just seems to amount to calling commodores rear admirals without giving them the rank of rear admiral, which properly ranks with major general.

Good bye

Your affectionate son

Reginald Buchanan Henry

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