

Technology Chambers,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Papa,

It is now Friday evening so that I can take a little time off to do something besides sit up and look at books of varying degrees of uninterestingness [sic].

Both your letter and card arrived all O. K., I judge from your card that you changed your plans at least as far as going to Ormond for the automobile races, I suppose that if the weather is half way decent you will be mighty glad to get back to old Annapolis again, I would like to be able to arrange things so as to get down there some time [sic] this spring but from the present outlook there doesn't seem to be much chance of that, from all that we can tell now I wont [sic] be able to get away from here before the middle of June and then I dont [sic] know where we will go although the chances are that it will be to the New York yard on account of the work they will be doing there on the new Connecticut, I expect however to run down to New York over Saturday and Sunday sometime next month. Are your plans still to stay in Annapolis till the spring is pretty well along and then take the launch up to the Lake, if I am able to get up to the Lake at all this summer it will probably be the last two weeks of August and possibly the first two in September, I wonder what the rest of the fellows expect to do in that way, I wish Jim could get east and we could all have a sort of reunion there but guess that anything like that is hardly possible now that the crowd has finally gotten so thoroughly scattered to the four corners.

The routine wheel has been turning here in just about the same way that it has for the rest of the winter, in about a month it will be time to be looking forward to the annual exams but until then there is hardly likely to be any changes as far as studies are concerned, this afternoon we went down to the Fore River ship yard as we do every other Friday to look over the plans of the ships that are under construction there and then go down on the shups [sic] themselves and see how the work is getting along; Congress really did themselves quite proud in the number of ships that they provided although just to show uncertain anything is until it has finally passed the whole provision for new ships was nearly thrown out at the last minute because they couldn't agree as to the best size to build them, I suppose that you know also that the Construction Corps was incresed [sic] in size from forty six [sic] to seventy five [sic] so that there was sort of a general increase, the only effect that it will have on us will be to have more men below us in the Corps, as far as actual pay and promotion are concerned it wont [sic] have any effect, but if they hadn't done something like that I dont [sic] know what they would have done for they certainly haven't nearly enough men in the Corps to do the absolutely necessary work and now that they will be building all those new ships it looks as if every one [sic] will be kept pretty buisy.



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In your last letter you told me not to forget to date my letters and answer questions, I know that I am guilty of the first charge but what questions have you asked in any recent letters that I haven't answered. I saw in the paper the other day that he [sic] chances were that there wouldn't be any base ball [sic] game between West Point and the Academy this year on account of the disagreement over eligibility rules, it will be too bad if they allow things to fall though after every thing [sic] has gone along so well for the past couple of years on any little question like that, I suppose that if there is no game this spring it will end things for good.

Well Papa guess that I had better say good night now,

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Sid

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