

U. S. Navy Yard,
Mare Island, Cal.
Sept 30, 1906

Dear Papa,

Your letter enclosing check for 88 29/100 came several days ago as you will see by the difference in dates between returned card and this letter but writing on week days seems to be an impossibility. I guess you are glad to be able to turn over every thing [sic] at last and end the guardianship as at best there is a deal of trouble for which there is no great amount of thanks, the only reward being the feeling that you have done what there was to be done well – after all that is probably the only reward there is for the great majority of things we do – I'm sure that we all appreciate both the faithfullness [sic] and love with which you have looked out for what was left to us – now that we are all of age and scattered pretty much to the four corners it is of course best to divide up what there is but it seems to be sort of breaking another link. The last two or three years ~~have much~~ have seemed to connect more than any others in a way – Will and Jim and Rob married and Reg and Frank about starting out on their own hook as [?] makes it evident that the days of being kids are over and that each one has really started out on his own hook – it seems too bad that the different ways we have started out will always keep us pretty well scattered but that is probably the universal fate of all families of boys in this day and generation- I can hardly realize that I'm not only far from thirty myself now and Will is miles beyond it. I wish it were possible to me to come in for Wills [sic] wedding but there is no hope of that now – I dont [sic] know what I have been counting on but I had a feeling that something might turn up but is too late for that now – when I come East which is a decidedly uncertain date I'll have to arrange to stop over with them but you like to look back at having been at the wedding for some reason – but such is life in the Navy.

I'm sorry that you have given up the idea of coming out here this winter but you are wise as I have no house and the accomodations [sic] in the vicinity are miserable – altogether a trip to Italy would be away ahead of a trip to California and I would like to be able to join you – but no such luck.

You probably saw about the tennis tournament in the A & N Journal, as usual I came out very early in the game but had a good deal of fun out of it and thats [sic] all I ever expect as there are too many people who play tennis all the time for a person who can only occasionally [sic] play to expect to win.

Dorothy and Aunt Lena have both been away for quite a while visiting up in the country but will be back pretty soon – with lots of love Aff Sid.

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