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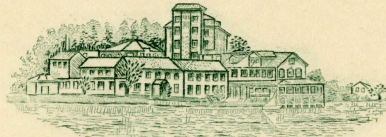
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HOTEL FRASCATI
BERMUDA

November 30 - '25

Dear Freeman:

I am extremely glad to have your letters. They are concrete and real and interesting. Yes, I have had a letter from Edwin, but I didn't get much kick out of it. It is filled with high and noble sentiments to impress his author-uncle, and after being around with Phil and Rosalie and Florence and a few others, you can imagine about how eager I am to have somebody pull noble sentiments on me. But it really is not the poor kid's fault -- he has never had the kind of opportunities that you and I have had and I think he is really trying like the devil to do something worthwhile. Though you are actually several years younger than he, mentally you are several years older.

I am glad that your marks are coming up -- but I am a darned sight gladder that you have had the nerve and sense to be perfectly frank with your father and myself about the difficulties you have had in keeping up with the scholarly speed at Exeter.

Yes, I have started work on the play. In fact that is the reason why I am in Bermuda. I shall be back in New York on December 14th and remain there till some time in January. I had hoped that perhaps you would spend Christmas with your Aunt Grace and myself, but probably you are wise to go home (as I judge from your father's letter that you are going home) -- for your first Christmas away from the family. If you can spend a day or so with us in New York on your way back to Exeter -- or even spend a few hours -- let me know; address me at the Hotel Shelton, 49th and Lexington, giving me your train-arrival and just how long you can stay, so that I can plan a party and have you meet your aunt and your youthful but lively young cousin.

I may be wandering around the West when the time comes for your Easter vacation, but perhaps your Aunt Grace can take care of you at that time, and certainly we must try to have another party before you go West for the summer. All of that we can arrange later -- do go on writing me, as you have, from time to time.

it/ Though this island is only 48 hours sail from New York, is four or five months different in weather and tropical and sub-tropical vegetation, and while you are wading through

the snow, Mr. Florey and I go off bicycling in shirt-sleeves.
Put it down as a place to visit some day during a vacation --
and you can live here as cheaply or as expensively as you want.

Ever,

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