

Could this
have letter go to
Pier? His reading
has the one of yours
to which to refer.

Elmer
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Dear precious and darling Pier:

Your letter has come and I just think you are the dearest people the world could have. Thank you for being so encouraging about Fote. I do feel awfully bad about it - but not as bad as I'd think I'd feel. I wrote ^{a different letter} to Mr. Nettleton - changed the letter I sent you because before I got it mailed the M.S. came back and so I had to take out the last ¶ about something to do with it. In the mean time Ida came and I talked over the thing with her & she advised me to put it up to Mr. Nettleton to do something about getting into into the Yale Studies. I think I sent you a carbon of the letter I then wrote - which you probably have by now. Since I sent off my letter, somehow the anxiety has just dropped away - I haven't got that awful gnawing feeling inside that such things usually give me. Maybe it will come back, but right now I'm surprised how little I feel it. I do - though -

dread seeing a letter from New Haven in my mail. I told Julie Harris about the thing in the letter I wrote replying to the one from her enclosed in my last one to you. I asked her to tell me how to go to work, for she has published her thesis in the Yale Studies. I also asked her how much it cost.

Now about the house: I'm interested in all your proposals - last, in the one about a guest. The only one I could think of that I'd specially want is Ida and she couldn't go now, any way, for she's going to Bryn Mawr. I might ask Caddie. But I guess I don't want the bother - rather have the time on my writing. I wonder how much I'd get out of the house if I let the rooms for a class house. I'd like the money terribly, and if I'd get enough, I'd like to do it. But I fear it's too late. However, I might write some one. I wonder how much they'd pay. If they paid one dollar each a night, there might be about \$10. a night out of it.

But the house doesn't accommodate nearly as
 the people who would want to come, would it? We
 could have 2 people in each room on 2nd floor
 except the little one - and one there. I could
 sleep down - stairs - in dining - room. In
 the third floor I don't know whether I could
 put more than one in a room - oh,
 probably, I could. Well, in that case,
 it would be more than \$10. a night. If
 they were there 5 nights, it would be \$65.
 Out of that I'd have expense of a little
 service, perhaps, and the laundry. May
 be I'll write Mr. Dinkler. If I do, I'll
 write either today or tomorrow: if I
 put it off till tomorrow, it will only
 be in order to think a little more
 about it. Commencement begins the
 14th - I'd have to do some swift work.
 But write George and his "woman" I
 probably can.

I promise you I will not sleep any
 night in the house alone. So you need

not worry about that.

Miss Hard is invited & I don't think they expect to leave before these people would come. So that takes out a room, doesn't it?

Well - I guess I'd better think on this a little longer.

Whatever maid I get, I will not have her come till just as you arrive - unless I have to. While the cleaning is going on, I'll have enough servants to attend to - and I don't want the extra unnecessary expense.

I won't let the carpenter spoil that hall seat. I've been trying to think of a place for it, but haven't thought of any yet. I thought we'd need a door into the dining-room, as that would be used often for a guest ^(called) & suppose the commode needed to be in use while he (!?) was there - a door would be an advantage!

I wonder if you think

Well, I don't know what I was going to say. The class bell rang and I had to go.

Now, I've got to get some work done. So good bye. With lots of love - Pally - Poppe