

Syracuse, N.Y., January 25, 1880

Dear Father and Mother;-

I intended to write to you last week but because I was so very busy I put it off until I did not write at all. I was none the less glad to hear from home. Last week Sunday I was at the revival conducted by Mrs. Van Cott<sup>1</sup> at the Centenary Church. There was such a crowd that although we went at a reasonable hour the doors were locked when we arrived. We finally managed to obtain an entrance by waiting until a door was opened to let some overcrowded people out. This morning I went to the First Presbyterian Church.

Ayres<sup>2</sup> of Penn Yan is here with me in Dewey's<sup>3</sup> place. He is a first rate fellow, Cousin of that Ayres who visited Professor<sup>4</sup> last winter when the trains were snowed in. Perhaps you remember seeing his picture. Steve is a very quiet fellow, A good deal of a bookworm.

I went over to Aunt Lucy's<sup>5</sup> last Sunday. I have got some new shirts and she is going to put some extra button holes in them for me. The lining of one sleeve of my overcoat entirely gave way, but I did not have the face to ask her to fix that, and so ripped it entirely out.

I wrote a letter to Ida<sup>6</sup> a day or two ago; but have received none from her. Gene<sup>7</sup> said that she wished him to tell me that she was coming down to the opera Monday night.

Thursday is the day of prayer for Colleges and therefore I suppose a holiday. But I hardly think I shall come home. Hence I suppose I shall be obliged to ask you to send me some money. I think it would be a good plan to send by a P. O. money order.

Send me Jep and Caroline's<sup>8</sup> address & I will write to them. Love to all.

Your son,  
Henry

I did not bring up many of my handkerchiefs. Can you find some way to send them up.  
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### Footnotes

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1. Margaret Newton Van Cott (1830-1914), first woman licensed to preach in Methodist Episcopal Church (1869).
  2. Stephen Beckwith Ayres (1861-1929) of Penn Yan, NY, attended SU 1878-1880; U.S. Congressman 1911-1913.
  3. [Charles Oliver Dewey](#) of Marathon, NY; attended SU in 1879, returned to graduate in 1885.

4. Professor Samuel John Sornberger, Class of 1878, teacher of English, Physics, Latin and History at State Normal School, Cortland, 1878-1881. Prof. Sornberger roomed with HAD's parents in Cortland.
5. Lucy Barnum Withey (1820-1892), great aunt of HAD.
6. Ida Ann Dickinson Hall (b. 1857), first cousin of HAD, later wife of Dr. William A. Hall.
7. [David Eugene Smith](#) (1860-1944) friend from Cortland, classmate and roommate of HAD, and son of Judge A. P. Smith who was HAD's future law partner. 'Gene' Smith became a mathematician and professor in the Teacher's College at Columbia University.
8. Jefferson and Caroline (Perkins) Kingman; Jefferson was HAD's father's first cousin; from Cincinnatus, Cortland Co., the family was in Chicago in 1880, but by 1882 had settled in Binghamton, NY.

Syracuse, N.Y., March 7, 1880

Dear Father and Mother;-

I suppose I ought to write you a letter, though I must confess that I am utterly at a loss for anything to say. College life, though a pleasant one, of course seems very monotonous to the outsider. At present I am studying and reading quite hard. About the only recreation we take is a meal-times. Then we eat slowly, and talk and laugh much, thus counteracting any tendency toward dyspepsy. Evenings we finish off with a song, in which the entire lack of musical skill among us is compensated by a hearty good will. When the weather becomes pleasant I intend to slack up, and get the benefit of it.

I think I told you that Mr. Pike<sup>1</sup> had resigned his position in Syracuse; and intended to go to New York. Mrs. P.<sup>2</sup> says that they will not go anyway until this fall, so that I will not be obliged to make any changes with regard to rooms this term or year.

I made Aunt Lucy<sup>3</sup> a call last Sunday. The old saw "Every Jack has his Jill" is well illustrated in the fact that Ella<sup>4</sup> has a beaux, a bona fide beaux.

I was quite astonished a day or two ago by a call from George Benham,<sup>5</sup> who has actually gone so far as to make a journey to Harvard. He still thinks he will go there "next fall". I never heard George talk more sensibly about himself and college than he did that day. I hope the poor fellow can do something, he seems to wish to so much.

Tonight Gene<sup>6</sup> and I go to the 'Church of the Assumption' to hear Vespers. How does conversation now run concerning local politics?

Remember me to Prof. S<sup>7</sup> & Wife –

With love, Your son,  
Henry.

## Footnotes

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1. David L. Pike, HAD's landlord at 15 University Ave.; in the 1880 census they were living in Brooklyn, N.Y.
  2. Mrs. Mary E. Pike, HAD's landlady.
  3. Lucy Barnum Withey (1820-1892), great aunt of HAD.
  4. George Benham, friend from Cortlandville, NY.
  5. Lucy Barnum Withey (1820-1892), great aunt of HAD.
  6. [David Eugene Smith](#) (1860-1944) friend from Cortland, classmate and roommate of HAD, and son of Judge A. P. Smith who was HAD's future law partner. 'Gene' Smith became a mathematician and professor in the Teacher's College at Columbia University.

7. Professor Samuel John Sornberger, Class of 1878, teacher of English, Physics, Latin and History at State Normal School, Cortland, 1878-1881 and Kate Marion Foster Sornberger, Class of 1878.

Syracuse, N.Y., March 23, 1880

Dear Father and Mother;

The term ends next week Wednesday, and I am so busy that I can only stop to say a word. Mr. Pike<sup>1</sup> has secured a fine position in New York. They intend to move this spring. I shall therefore be obliged to get a new boarding place. Everything else is going well with me. I shall need nearly twenty five dollars to square up the terms expenses. Remember me to Prof. S.<sup>2</sup> and wife. With love,

Your son,  
Henry.

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1. David L. Pike, HAD's landlord at 15 University Ave.; in the 1880 census they were living in Brooklyn, N.Y.
2. Judge Abram P. Smith (1831-1897) of Cortland, HAD's law partner 1889-1897.

Syracuse, N.Y., May 2, 1880

Dear Father and Mother;

I hope that today someone is writing to me, as I have received a letter from no one since my return to college. My clothes have come. All the boys say they like them and, what is better still, I am much pleased with them myself.

Dr. Bennett<sup>1</sup> and the Chancellor have both gone to the grand National Methodist council or Sanhedrin – I don't know what its proper title is – at Cincinnati. They will be absent two months. There is a prospect of the University's losing both of them, Dr. Bennett to go to Drew Theological Seminary, and Chancellor Haven to be elected Bishop or editor of some of the church publications. Thatcher,<sup>2</sup> the new professor in Elocution, does not give satisfaction at all. He seems to regard oratory as the poorer to make a loud noise, which he persists in doing at the expense of both clearness and feeling. His method has already enlarged the muscles of his throat into a deformity, and promises to produce a still more serious result with the tympain of our ears. Perhaps Father thinks I am speaking quite strongly, but he also will sympathize with me, when I add, that it is a positive fact that he chews gum even in the class room. The freshmen, thinking such a sad state needed heroic treatment, went into class a few days ago with each and every one supplied with this luxury of childhood. Since then he has been more discreet in its use. "The end justifies the mans. [sic.] Really we miss Prof. Richardson<sup>3</sup> very much. Now that he has gone we begin to appreciate him. Our class has decided not to have a Sophomore Ex.<sup>4</sup>

After actually suffering from the cold we finally had a stove put up in our rooms. As I had predicted, the weather immediately moderated, so we are now uncomfortable from the reverse cause.

Although I have not entirely regained my strength, I am well with the exception of a hard cold, which being one of the old fashioned kind, does not worry me. Dr. Bennett seized every opportunity to tell me to take plenty of sleep; and his last words to me were something about "kind natures sweet restorer". Hoping that you are all well; and mother has secured a girl to suit her, I am,

Your affectionate son,  
Henry.

### Footnotes

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1. [Dr. Charles Wesley Bennett](#), professor of history and logic, 1871-1884.
2. Charles T. Thatcher, formerly of Cazenovia Seminary.
3. [W. Locke Richardson](#), instructor in elocution 1874-1880, was out ill that term.
4. Sophomore class exhibition.

Syracuse, N.Y., May 10 1880

Dear Father and Mother; -

I am very thankful for both the letter and paper which was sent me. I had almost determined not to write home again until I had an answer, but now I am ashamed of my anger. I readily found Aunt Lucy<sup>1</sup> and gave her the letter. She did not know where Albert<sup>2</sup> lived, but said she would find out from Aunt Betsey.<sup>3</sup> Aunt Lucy is not located in such very bad quarters. She has considerable room. And every thing is neat and clean; but then it is in the top story of a block and the rear view is not exactly picturesque.<sup>4</sup>

I hope that mother now has a good girl. Two or three times when I have felt "blue" I have half resolved to go home for a week or two; but the thought of adding to her work has prevented me. My cold no longer troubles me, the cough having entirely departed; yet my powers of endurance are by no means great. I suppose the intense heat in a measure retards a return to my wanted strength.

How is the trout fishing? Has father been? Will Stevens<sup>5</sup> has expressed a desire to go to Cortland in a trouting expedition with me; but I have not encouraged him for fear that we would not be successful.

Please excuse the scrawling appearance of this letter as it is quite dark and I am hastening to finish before supper. We are now having a nice rain. Remember me to all my friends. Love to yourselves,

Your son, Henry.

## Footnotes

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5. Lucy Barnum Withey (1820-1892), great aunt of HAD.
  6. Albert Hoyt Barnum (1812-1880) of Illinois, brother to Lucy Barnum Withey.
  7. Betsey Barnum, sister to Lucy and Albert Barnum; her married name is not known.
  8. The Withey family was listed as living at 99 E. Genesee, Syracuse in the 1880-81 Syracuse City Directory.
  9. William Jervis Stevens, Class of 1882.

Syracuse, N.Y., May 23, 1880

Dear Father and Mother; -

I put off writing home day after day last week until now I find the week is past. You will perhaps excuse me when I say that if I had written I should have been obliged to ask for more money.

Fred Wilkins<sup>1</sup> has been here. He came in the Rochester University ball nine which played against Syracuse last Wednesday. He could not stay over night as they had to go on against Madison, Union and Hamilton. Henry Fancher<sup>2</sup> has also been in the city on base ball business.

Friday which was Field Day<sup>3</sup> resulted very favorably to my friends. Goodwin,<sup>4</sup> Prexie<sup>5</sup> and Will Stevens<sup>6</sup> taking prizes. Gene<sup>7</sup> has been elected one of our delegates to the  $\Psi.Y.$  <sup>8</sup> convention which is to be held at Ann Arbor. He starts tomorrow morning.

Has father heard anything more from that Vermont minister?<sup>9</sup>

We are intending to have calculus burial at Glen Haven.<sup>10</sup>

I suppose you have heard by this time that Prexies Father is a bishop.<sup>11</sup>

This weather has driven all my ideas from my head; at least all power of expressing them, I will therefore close with love to all,

Your son,  
Henry.

### Footnotes

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1. Fred H. Wilkins, son of Andrew and Laura J. Wilkins, a friend, formerly from Cortland.
2. Henry R. Fancher (1858-1923), a distant cousin, son of Ezra Benedict and Lucetta (McGraw) Fancher of McGrawville., NY.
3. The fifth annual Field-Day was held May 21st at the Driving Park, and included competitions in the pole jump, hundred yard dash, ball throw, hammer throw, foot-ball kick, half mile run, standing high jump, rope pull, over hurdle race, long jump, two mile race, putting the shot, mile walk, wheelbarrow race, three-legged race, and high kick.
4. [Montgomery Moore Goodwin](#), Class of 1881.
5. Prexie was [Theodore Woodruff Haven](#), son of the Chancellor.
6. William Jervis Stevens, Class of 1882
7. [David Eugene Smith](#) (1860-1944) friend from Cortland, classmate and roommate of HAD, and son of Judge A. P. Smith who was HAD's future law partner. 'Gene' Smith became a mathematician and professor in the Teacher's College at Columbia University.
8. Psi Upsilon, HAD's fraternity.

9. An elderly minister from Vermont who was writing the genealogy of the Nash family; Henry's great grandmother on his mother's side was Sarah Nash, wife of Zalmon Barnum.
10. For an account of the annual burial of calculus, see The University Herald, 1879-80, pg. [112](#) and [113](#).
11. [Chancellor Erastus O. Haven](#) was named a bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church at the convention in Cincinnati May 12; the University was notified the morning of May 13.

Syracuse, N.Y., June 13, 1880

Dear Father and Mother;

I have just returned with Gene<sup>1</sup> from "Children's Day" exercises at the University Ave. church, and take a few minutes between now and dinner to let you hear from me. Aunt Lucy<sup>2</sup> sends her thanks for the maple sugar. She has written to the Rev. Nash<sup>3</sup> herself and has received a reply. He turns out to be a superannuated Methodist minister who is engaged in compiling the chronicles of the Nash family.<sup>4</sup> He spoke of having received a letter from Mr. Dickinson. He gave Aunt Lucy much information concerning her family; and refreshed her memory in regard to many things which she had forgotten. You will probably be invited to subscribe for the book when it comes out.

The end of the term is now rapidly approaching and I am looking forward with considerable pleasure to a release from work and car, and a resting time at home. This weather is by no means conducive to hard study. Dr. Bennett<sup>5</sup> has returned and is giving us three hours a week extra in German. The time of the year has now arrived when a great many expenses are continually occurring, which you would not think about and might even consider foolish; but which are nevertheless necessary, consequently you can not send me any money amiss. I use all the discretion which I have in expending it. Since my return from home I have paid out just ten cents besides buying a hat. The hat is a s iff [sic] felt of light color. I think when you see it, you will like it. It cost three dollars.

I presume you are satisfied with the Republican nominee for president. I am politically; but, although Gen. Arthur is a  $\Psi.Y.$ <sup>6</sup>, I am not pleased in a society way, for the last part of the ticket is that upon which abuse is showered and for which excuses are made; besides Garfield is a  $\Delta.Y.$   
- Thanking mother for her letter and the paper and hoping to hear from home soon, I am,

With love, your son,  
Henry.

## Footnotes

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2. Lucy Barnum Withey (1820-1892), great aunt of HAD.
3. No 'superannuated' minister named Nash is listed in the 1880 Vermont census. The Rev. Sylvester Nash, author of *The Nash Family or Records of the Descendants of Thomas Nash of New Haven, Conn. 1640*, had died in 1862.
4. HAD's great grandmother on his mother's side was Sarah Nash, wife of Zalmon Barnum.
5. [Dr. Charles Wesley Bennett](#), professor of history and logic, 1871-1884.

6. The Republican ticket was Gen. James A. Garfield for president, a Delta Upsilon brother, and Gen. Chester A. Arthur for vice president, a Psi Upsilon brother; HAD was a member of Psi Upsilon.

57 University Ave.<sup>1</sup>  
Syracuse, Sept. 26, 1880.

Dear Father and Mother;

It seems quite natural to be again writing home from college; and I have become quite accustomed to the dignity of being a Junior.

We are very pleasantly located this year, five of us in one house. Goodwin,<sup>2</sup> Steve<sup>3</sup> and I as of old, and Prexy<sup>4</sup> and McDowell<sup>5</sup> in the parlor, with a sleeping room upstairs, as Smith<sup>6</sup> and I used to do when I was a Freshman. Mrs. Stone has the parlor furnished very nicely, and we five are acknowledged to have the pleasantest rooms of any one in college. Prexie and I are now together in his room, writing from the same table and both writing home.

Steve has not yet come but expects to return next week Friday. He has been quite ill, and his people had thought of keeping him out of college but Dr. Bennett<sup>7</sup> has persuaded them otherwise. My cold is about the same as when Mother was here. Last evening I went down to see Dr. Metcalf<sup>8</sup> and he gave me something which I think will help it.

I found Mrs. Darby and Nellie<sup>9</sup> at the Globe<sup>10</sup> as Mother directed, and had a very pleasant call. They brought me all manner of pleasant messages from mother, as did also Will Bennett.<sup>11</sup> We have been very busy thus far rushing Freshman.

McDowell, Goodwin, Smith and I have borne the brunt of the battle. We have already five of the very finest men, first class scholars etc. pledged, one other just as good as pledged, and are looking for at a seventh. There were others ready to pledge to us but we have concluded that we do not want them.

Today I have been to the Park church,<sup>12</sup> where Mother was last Sunday. Smith and I occupied a seat with Miss Bonta.<sup>13</sup>

Gene<sup>6</sup> happens to be at the depot where Ida and her husband<sup>14</sup> came through the city Monday.

Give my regards to Mr Prof. and Mrs. S.<sup>15</sup> I hope that you are all well, and that mama is rested from her journey.

It looks as though we were going to have plenty of work this year. Logic is hard. I also expect to take Geology, a senior study extra.

I suppose the Normal question stands just as it was. I am glad that I am away from the battle ground. Every one who talks with me seems to side with Hoose.<sup>16</sup> - But I will bid you good night and close before I get further into that question.

With love,  
Your son,  
Henry.

## Footnotes

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1. The house at 57 University Ave., Syracuse is still standing; now numbered 413 University Ave.
2. [Montgomery Moore Goodwin](#), Class of 1881.
3. Stephen Beckwith Ayres (1861-1929) of Penn Yan, NY, attended SU 1878-1880; US Congressman 1911-1913.
4. Prexy or Prexie was [Theodore Woodruff Haven](#), son of Chancellor E. O. Haven.
5. [Boyd McDowell](#) (1857-1939), Class of 1881, later a lawyer at Elmira, NY.
6. [David Eugene Smith](#) (1860-1944) friend from Cortland, classmate and roommate of HAD, and son of Judge A. P. Smith who was HAD's future law partner. 'Gene' Smith became a mathematician and professor in the Teacher's College at Columbia University.
7. [Dr. Charles Wesley Bennett](#), professor of history and logic, 1871-1884.
8. Dr. George Reuben Metcalf, professor of medicine 1879-1882.
9. Mrs. Harriet Darby, 63, wife of Thomas; a niece, Mary Ella Rindge, lived with them in Cortlandville.
10. Globe Hotel, South Salina St. at the corner of Washington.
11. Possibly William H. Bennett of Cortland.
12. Park Presbyterian Church.
13. HAD's friend [Theodore Haven](#) was boarding with a family named Bonta on E. Genesee St. when the 1880 census was taken; Mary Bonta, unmarried and age 35, was living in the household and may be the 'Miss Bonta' referred to.
14. Ida Ann Dickinson Hall, first cousin of HAD, and her husband Dr. William A. Hall.
15. Professor Samuel John Sornberger, Class of 1878, teacher of English, Physics, Latin and History at State Normal School, Cortland, 1878-1881 and Kate Marion Foster Sornberger, Class of 1878.
16. The Honorable Neil Gilmour, Superintendent of Public Instruction attempted to take control of the Cortland Normal School from the principal James H. Hoose.

57 University Ave.,<sup>1</sup> Oct. 3, 1880.

Dear Father and Mother;

The work has passed rapidly and pleasantly. We are now fully settled down to the business of the term. I have but one study, Logic, which requires a great deal of my time; and I like that very much. The work this term is pleasant, consisting mainly of lectures of on History and Philosophy. October 20th. I am registered for my first chapel oration. I have been elected Local Editor of the *Syracusan*.<sup>2</sup> Thus you see I shall be kept busy. I had my choice between that position and chief publisher.

Last Friday we initiated six Freshmen into Psi Upsilon. We had two men from Union College, two from Cornell, two from Rochester University, Babcock<sup>3</sup> from Auburn Theolog. Sem. and Elliot,<sup>4</sup> Editor of the *Rochester Democrat and Chronicle*, besides several of the city Alumni [sic] to assist us. We are well satisfied with the results of the campaign. Δ.K.E.<sup>5</sup> took in seven men from the same class.

It has finally been determined that Steve<sup>6</sup> must not come back in his present state of health. Ste is very much disappointed but is coming back next term sure, he says. Although we have a pleasant housefull now, of course we shall miss him.

Dr. Metcalf's<sup>7</sup> medicine is helping my cough and cold. He says there is nothing serious; but that I have a slight attack of bronchitis.

I suppose Professor's<sup>8</sup> house is rapidly approaching completion; and that he and his wife are correspondingly happy.

Will Bennett<sup>9</sup> starts for Boston tonight.

I hope, sometime this week you will remember, by letter.

Your son,  
Henry.

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2. The *Syracusan*, a student paper, was first issued in 1878 by three fraternities, Delta Kappa Epsilon, Zeta Psi and Psi Upsilon.
3. [Maltbie Davenport Babcock](#) (1858-1901), Class of 1879.
4. George William Elliott (1848-1891), Class of 1873.
5. Delta Kappa Epsilon.

6. Stephen Beckwith Ayres (1861-1929) of Penn Yan, NY attended SU 1878-1880; US Congressman 1911-1913.
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9. Possibly William H. Bennett of Cortland.

57 University Ave.,<sup>1</sup> Nov. 7, 1880.

Dear Father and Mother;

I did not go to church this morning as I prefer sitting in my cozy room to venturing out in the "hurricane" as it have been called by the Sunday Herald. The wind last night did a great deal of damage in tumbling over chimneys and unroofing houses. The roof is half off from one of the orphan asylum buildings; and King Aeolus<sup>2</sup> has been amusing himself by tearing the slate from the roof of the University Ave M. E. Church and pelting the opposite houses with them. The street looked like a battle field this morning.

I have been elected one of the editors of the Syracusean, the college Annual.<sup>3</sup> This means more extra work.

Our house was left desolate during election all of us having gone home to vote, except Prexie<sup>4</sup> who has no house. His father and mother are now in the city for a few days. Mack<sup>5</sup> in returning from Elmira passed through Penn Yan and spent a night with Steve.<sup>6</sup> Steve, he says, has been a very sick boy, indeed, and is still far from well. He was however rapidly recovering, when he went off duck shooting and over taxed his strength & is now down again.

The last parade of the campaign came off Friday night.<sup>7</sup> I went up on James St. to see it from there, and spent the night with Frank Gott.<sup>8</sup> The next morning he saddled his Star mare and gave me my first lesson in riding. Frank is an expert and talks learnedly of "the English and American styles" and "the riding school system". I soon learned how to mount and dismount in the approved manner and then how to start and turn my horse. But I did not get fully impressed on my mind the way in which to stop the beast and as pulling in the lines and yelling whoa only increased her speed the mount was some what embarrassing, but nevertheless came to a lucky termination. I am at present an enthusiast for horse-back riding.

I hope you are all well at home, and that this wind storm has not been so disasterous for Cortland as for Syracuse.

With love, Your son,  
Henry.

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1. The house at 57 University Ave., Syracuse is still standing; now numbered 413 University Ave.
  2. In Greek mythology Aeolus, the wind god, secretly gave Odysseus a bag of winds so that he could control the wind on the sea.
  3. Once called The Syracusean, the college annual became the Onondagan in 1884.

4. Prexie was [Theodore Woodruff Haven](#), son of the Chancellor.
5. [Boyd McDowell](#) (1857-1939), Class of 1881, later a lawyer at Elmira, NY.
6. Stephen Beckwith Ayres (1861-1929) of Penn Yan, NY, attended SU 1878-1880; US Congressman 1911-1913; The University Herald reported in October that S. B. Ayres was ill at home.
7. The 1880 United States presidential campaign: James A. Garfield and Winfield S. Hancock.
8. Francis Daniel Gott (1860-1901), Class of 1882, lived at 501 James St., Syracuse.

Syracuse, Nov. 21, 1880.

Dear Father and Mother;-

Last Sunday, even before I had been to dinner, Frank Gott<sup>1</sup> came over with his team to take me riding. Of course I went and consequently the day passed without my writing home.

I find if I do not write Sunday that I am not liable to write at all during the term week. I think I shall not be home Thanksgiving day as I shall need all the time I can get for work. I have to write eight columns for every issue of the Syracusan,<sup>2</sup> and it takes a wonderful amount of writing to fill a small space with print. Besides, my position on the Syracusaeen<sup>3</sup> is no sinecure. At present three of us in the house are preparing orations. When Mont<sup>4</sup> begins to rehearse in his room, Prex<sup>5</sup> down stairs and I in my room, we nearly drive Mack<sup>6</sup> crazy.

It seems as though I was am bound to be afflicted in some way or other continually I had no sooner recovered from my cold when my tooth began to bother me, the same one which has given me so much trouble. My face swelled up until it was noticable to every one. Dr. Palmer<sup>7</sup> has however treated it quite successfully. He lanced my jaw and now I am nearly well. What will be the next thing I do not know.

Mont now has a stove in his room so that I am now entirely alone.

I am at a loss to know what to do about a Winter overcoat. I am almost ashamed of the one I now have as it is rather shabby; yet perhaps if I take it to a tailor and have it mended and pressed, and have some buttons sewed on it I can make it do.

I was one of a small company at Fanny Cobb's<sup>8</sup> the other evening. She spoke of being at my house and being pleasantly entertained by mother.

Steve has again gone to Clifton Springs for his health. I don't know what is going to become of the poor fellow.

Have you heard from Ida?<sup>9</sup> I sent her a paper a while ago but have received no word from her at all. I am sorry to hear that father is confined so closely to the store. I was in hopes when winter came, he would have an opportunity to hunt. Remember me kindly to all.

With love, Your son, Henry -

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7. Dr. Stewart B. Palmer, Dentist.
8. [Frances Avery Cobb](#), Class of 1880, later wife of Dr. F. H. Stephenson of Syracuse.
9. Ida Ann Dickinson Hall, first cousin of HAD.