

Syracuse, March 21, 1882

Dear Father and Mother;

I have hardly anything to write to you, except that I am well and am enjoying the pleasant weather of these last days of my college course.

Last Tuesday evening Frank Gott¹ entertained the Psi Us² at his home. We had an elegant time. He was assisted by the Misses. Leavenworth³, Raynor⁴ and Loomis.⁵ There was quite an extensive account of the affair in all of the city papers.

Del Clark moves immediately to Beloit, Wis. where he is to keep a hotel. Four of their boarders are coming over to our place. They are Δ.K.E.'s⁶ and all nice fellows. This will enlarge our table considerably.

My coat was rapidly going to pieces. So I took the older of my light summer suits and had it colored a dark blue. It looks almost as well as new, and will do me well until summer weather. I have now taken my other coat down to be bound over.

Remember me to friends, Please excuse this writing; I hardly think its up to the average. let me hear from home. With love,

Your loving son,
Henry.

Footnotes

1. Francis Daniel Gott (1860-1901), Class of 1882, lived at 501 James St., Syracuse.
2. Psi Upsilon, HAD's fraternity.
3. Probably Maria E. Leavenworth, who resided at 97 James St., Syracuse.
4. The only 'Miss' Raynor of an appropriate age was Mary Raynor who resided at 310 S. Salina, St., Syracuse in 1880.
5. Probably Dora May Loomis, who attended the College of Fine Arts 1881-2.
6. Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity.

Syracuse, April 19, 1882

Dear Father and Mother; Have just read the good news in the morning "Standard," i.e. the Syracuse Daily St; please send me Clark's paper when it comes out. I am anxious to know what he has to say about the decision of the Court of Appeals. I wonder if he thinks there are two sides to the question now.¹

I received mothers letter last night. I do not believe the weather has been quite so gloomy here as in Cortland, at any rate, I have not needed any winter overcoat. I am glad to hear that mother is getting over her cold.

Owing to the sickness of Prof. Brown² and the absence of Dr. Bennett,³ I did not have a recitation last week, and might just as well have been at home, however, the time has not been wasted. I got some books out of the Central Library, which would bear upon my thesis and have read very closely.

Yesterday we opened up the base ball season and consequently I am lame today. I have been elected President of the College Athletic Association.

I have ordered a new pair of pants. They will cost \$8.00.

I gave your letter, mama, to Aunt Lucy.⁴ She is much better than she was. They were having visitors, some of Uncle Merrills⁵ relations.

Mrs. Stone⁶ has returned. She found her mother much better.

Our great trouble at the present time is dust. Great clouds of it are raised by the wind and driven through every crack and crevice. One hardly dares to open his window for a breath of fresh air.

I am going down town now. to have another sitting for my class pictures. So good-by,

Your loving son,
Henry.

Footnotes

1. William H. Clark , proprietor of The Cortland Standard newspaper.
2. [John Jackson Brown](#), professor of chemistry and physics, was the only Brown on the faculty at that time; the class in question was Christian Evidences.
3. [Dr. Charles Wesley Bennett](#), professor of history and logic, 1871-1884.
4. Lucy Barnum Withey (1820-1892), great aunt of HAD.
5. Uncle Merrill was Lorenzo Merrill Withey, husband of Lucy Barnum, above.
6. Mrs. Hiram G. Stone (Ellen).

Syracuse, May 7 [1882 ed.]

Dear Father and Mother;

I have been very busy this week preparing for our convention¹ which begins next Wednesday. We expect to entertain over onehundred guests. Its going to be a very elaborate affair. Delegates from all the New England Colleges Etc. I have been engaged by the Journal² to write up the matter for them and not to stunt myself in regard to space.

The delegate from Ann Arbor has already arrived.

Please be sure about the money, the first of the week, as I shall need considerable.

I sent you an invitation. We have issued over a thousand to the public exercises and five hundred for our reception.

Good-by till next week when I shall breath free again.

Your aff. son,
Henry.

Footnotes

1. Over 200 Psi Upsilon members attended the 49th annual convention hosted by the Syracuse University Pi chapter May 10-11, 1882.
2. Syracuse Daily Journal, newspaper.

Syracuse, May 15 [1882 ed.]

Dear Father and Mother;

Our great convention¹ is at length over and I feel as though I owned myself again. It was very successful. Henry Fancher² was up and Gene,³ who gave me the money you sent.

I am so far recovered from work and worry, that yesterday I walked to Jamesville⁴ and back with Tan Ribiro,⁵ the Brazilian, and feel all the better for my tramp this morning.

I had intended to send the Journal⁶ account of the convention, and will forward them now although at present it can not be considered as news. Perhaps you saw the editorial note on Depew's speech in the Tribune.⁷

I will also send you the Syracusan.⁸ Perhaps you will be interested in the "Confessions of a Literary Communist"⁹ which was written by me.

I hope you are all well. I cannot say when I shall come home.

Yours affectionately,
Henry.

P.S. I have opened this letter before sending it to ask if it would be convenient to express me a pair of fine shoes. You know about what I want. I have hardly any thing fit to wear.

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2. Henry R. Fancher (1858-1923), a distant cousin, son of Ezra Benedict and Lucetta (McGraw) Fancher of McGrawville., NY.
3. [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.
4. The distance from Syracuse University to Jamesville, NY is about 8 miles.
5. Tancredo Nery Ribeiro, student from Minas Geraes, Porto das Flores, Brazil, 1881-2.
6. Syracuse Daily Journal, newspaper.
7. The New York Tribune called the speech of Hon. Chauncey Mitchell Depew (1834-1928) 'one of his finest efforts.'
8. The Syracusan, a student paper.
9. "The Confessions of a Literary Communist" appeared on page 129 of the May 15, 1882 Syracusan.