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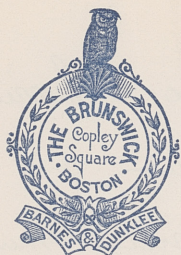
THE BRUNSWICK,
BACK BAY, BOSTON.

November 4th 1896.

Dearest George

Changing persons and places
to America alters the currents of my thoughts
& confuses my memory so that I cannot recall
which of us wrote last to the other - yet I do know
that it is a long time since I wrote to you.
So many notes pass between you & your father
that I suspect I set loose to responsibility in
regard to this. Before we left Montrose two there
was such a burst of University patriotism, in which
we took some part, that probably you agreed
with the apt reiterated assurances of the students -
"Just everything was, All right" & inferred there had been
otherwise we wd. have kept at home. This was
indeed our wish & intuition & I went to tell
you - because it was very gratifying & maybe I think
to be told - how kindly insisted the farmers & others

Connected with the arrangements, for the immense
 gathering of all the students of the University & their guests of
 Yale & Harvard, as well as the large & most successful
 reception given to Principal & Mrs. Peterson, in the
 Rapaport Museum, that your father & I should be present
 on both occasions. Were you ever in the Academy
 of Music? It was our first acquaintance with it
 & to see it, as it was then might, crowded in every
 part was a most impressive sight. The entertainment
 was music by the Clubs of Harvard, Yale & Dr. Sill, except
 one "Sabbath School" - unique, because first upon the
 stage for the first & last time. Mr. & Mrs. Malson repre-
 sented the oldest gentlemen & his wife. Principal & Mrs.
 Peterson the incoming one. Mr. William & Lucy Prudden
 the outgoing one. It was introduced, when the
 prizes of the games that have been played in the
 afternoon, were called to receive their prizes, at the house
 of the girlish looking wife of the new Principal, for the
 first time. So our exit has now been made pub-
 licly - picturesquely & satisfactorily. Principal P. has already
 proved himself to be a clearly adept & public speaker &
 promises well as an administrator. I fancy that he



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will have a firm view - that he will be just
his own opportunity. His wife is charming
in her sincerity, kindness & unaffected ways, &
this popularity in social life is fully established.
I am sure they will widen the circle of those who
already take interest in Copley affairs. I was
myself in succession of patients here - with
myself - my strength has since coming here
it has been delightfully quiet - only one lady visitor,
during the five days of our stay. Pope's first lecture
is also, in every sense, satisfactory. Well delivered,
carefully reviewed & a large attentive audience.

I have had a letter from Rankine since
coming here. He writes for London & among other
things says, in an unguarded kind
of way, that he may soon leave his home
in Montreal, as he is somewhat tired of
roaming. In replying I was not a little

When to answer, but as it was a hurried
 note to catch a mail I hope that an
 early letter may come giving some more
 definite information of any intended
 movements. It will be a great pleasure
 to us should he return with a satis-
 fying intimation to exclude disappointments
 & diligently mark his way to a practice.
 Three of the five days here have been bright, mild
 weather & if appearances baken or clear weather
 comes we are so near to the Laurel Institute
 that I hope there will be no danger to either
 of us. Papa looks well up to the present.

He has just come in & wants me
 to go to lunch. So with our united
 love believe me as ever.

Yours affectionately

Matthew