

and Mrs. Coolidge picked me up
in her carriage on the way from
the station. That dinner in the
school might have been yesterday, -
I can see the kindly side-glance
that Mrs. Coolidge gave me once
or twice, and the smile as she
caught my eye, in the midst of
the humming and to me almost
overwhelming dining-roomful of
boys!

Again, very many thanks. I
shall hope to see you in October,
& shall write for help if neces-
sary.

Sincerely yours,

A. E. Benson.

845 Baylston Lo.,

June 14, 1924.

Dear Mr. Drane:

Thank you very warm-
ly for your letter and the notes,
which I received this morning. They
are exactly what I wanted, and
throw a strong light on the school
as I found it in 1882, my first
year there as a boy. Aside from
St. Mark's matters it would give
me great pleasure to see you, &
I hope the opportunity will come
in the fall. Your relatives the
Dixons, and the Hornbikes, were

great friends of mine in these
old days when, after I had
graduated from St. Mark's, my
mother lived for many years
in Mr. Howells' house on Concord
Avenue, and afterwards in Mercer
Circle and Elmwood Avenue.
Many matters we could talk over!

I shall be careful to return
to you the newspaper clipping you
enclose, but may have to take
advantage of your permission to
keep it for some weeks. I have
finished going through the trustees'
records, and as soon as college
examinations are over (for I am

still mostly teacher) I shall spend a week
at St. Mark's going through the forty-odd
volumes of the Index. Here again I realize
that we owe much to you, for I recollect
your gift of old copies many years ago.
I have been corresponding with many many
people, and have a large amount of material;
and as I must use the summer in so-
revisiting and copying it, I am praying
for the spirit of a brother host to have it
ready for me sixtieth anniversary.

I remember Dr. & Mrs. Cortidge vividly. My
father took me up to see the school in June, '82,



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