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July 23, 1924.

Dear Mr. Drane:

I have your very interesting letter of the twentieth, and find the data I want about yourself. One of my correspondents betrays you in one matter: he says that on the ball-team you were a terrific batter! I am glad that my comment on Dr. Lowell will probably pass muster, for some must be made in the case of each headmaster; & you can imagine the caution I have to use with so few facts - and no personal knowledge of my own - to go on. I shall be all right with Dr. Coolidge, thanks to your help; and of course with Mr. Peck & Dr. Thayer.

I am not saying much in particular about any tutors or masters, except those who spent a considerable

time at the school or who were
heard from in education afterwards.
Abercrombie, for instance, is one of
the latter, — he was at St. Mark's
only a year, but his services to
Worcester Academy, according to my
brother-in-law who is a trustee,
~~are~~ were very great & lasting, &
we must appropriate him for vanity's
sake! As to photographs, we shall
have the headmasters, Joseph Bur-
nett, Harry Burnett, and two or
three of the present masters who
have been in the school over
twenty-five years, but no others
of men: only old buildings and
the necessary interiors, as far as
we can get them. The photograph
I wish you could get me is that
of Dr. Coolidge. I am at a point
in my work where I appreciate
the work he did and the influence

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be exerted, & I am especially anxious to have a good likeness of him. This won't be needed until we are at home again in the fall.

I am alternating golf and writing; working about four hours a day. I find that I have to rely on my own researches very largely for my material, & it would be difficult to overestimate the amount you are saving me by your kindness.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

A. E. Benson.



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