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Mr. C. Leverich Brett  
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Dear Mr. Brett:

I have intended for some time to write you and report what progress we have made since my last letter.

During October I managed to get the boys interested in rowing and organized a scrap metal drive which netted enough so that we purchased a set of Pocock oars. Harvard University cooperated by making us a gift of an old eight-oared shell so at last we have some equipment of our own. Fall turn-out proved to be a failure as most of the boys were not interested enough to take time from other activities, or were too busy, so I gave up trying about the first of November. However, I think we are in a better way to start rowing in the spring than we were last year. As we do not know what the war will bring it is impossible to forecast as yet what we will do. At any rate, I should like to ask you what formalities and costs would be involved in getting membership in the Dad Vail Rowing Association. At present rowing has no official status in this school, and there is no prospect that it will receive any formal recognition unless we manage to organize it so that it is entirely self-supporting, as it has been to date. If the Dad Vail Association takes in rowing clubs only, then I think it would be the proper organization for us to be in. Otherwise, I wonder if we should not try for membership in the N.A.A.O. We are having a meeting of the Rowing Club next week to discuss future plans, and I would very much like to have your advice to report to the Club.

This about covers developments to date. It looks now as if most of our beginners of last year will be in the military service before spring so we will probably have to make a fresh start. However, I think spring will see us again doing some rowing, and if we can schedule one or two races, we may be able to keep it alive until such time as we can add to our equipment and get a better turn-out which should include fall as well as spring rowing.

With kindest regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

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