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Dear Mr. Brett:

I wish to acknowledge the 1942 Guide to Rowing which I received with your compliments. It furnished me considerable pleasure to browse through it and read the records of the various rowing clubs and institutions contained therein. It served to remind me that a letter of yours, dated June 5, overtook me somewhere on the West Coast during this past summer. I left Worcester about the first of June on a research trip which took me to Seattle in the Northwest and Los Angeles in the Southwest. While in Seattle I had an opportunity to visit George Pocock's boat shop and saw, among other shells, his newest creation in a 2-ply laminated 8-oared shell which he is producing at a price about 33% less than any 8-oared shell he has ever built. The construction has been tested at the University of Washington for several years in practice wherries and has proven to be even stronger than anything he has ever built before. I am inclined to think that it will be just the shell for rowing clubs which have to get a lot of service and haven't the money to invest in new shells regularly.

The school year is opening this week, and I have already had two turn-outs with the Leicester crews. Seven out of nine boys in the 8-oared crew have been taken by military service so we are going to have to start practically from scratch again. I have had better luck with the Clark boys as most of them are back. But, as yet I haven't solved my equipment problem, and, in addition, am faced with the problem of obtaining transportation. The latter is on the way to solution, however, by moving our rowing site to a small lake about a half mile from the College. If we can only secure equipment now I think rowing will get along all right, at least for this year.

Thanks again for your interest in our progress and for your kindness in sending me the handbook.

Cordially yours,

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