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Mr. Ned Irish
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Dear Ned:

In the rush of things I find that I have failed to answer your good letter received about two weeks ago. Just too many details to get caught up at present.

I want you to know that we greatly appreciate the many fine courtesies that you showed us and the team while we were in New York. No one could have been treated better.

I am sorry that we did not make a better showing, but I knew that we were doomed when Miller and Voran, two of our last year's regulars who were heavy scorers, failed to return this year. We had no size and very little experience, and then the morning that we left home on the 23rd of December, Bobby Allen took violently ill, then Sollenberger and Vance Hall, and each one of the fellows, one day at a time, took down. We simply had no fight or drive and the boys are just now beginning to recover from their illnesses.

Now, regarding next year's proposition, I would much rather wait until I have a team coming up that I think would make a right sort of impression in the East. I will have a bunch of youngsters next year which it will take a year or two to season, but the material on the freshman team is much better than it has been in years past.

However, I believe that we will stay home and learn some fundamentals and if we have a few fair-sighted boys to throw in the hoops, I am sure that we will not be in the position we were this year when some of our standbys failed to return.

Again thanking you for all your courtesies and kindnesses,
I am,

Sincerely yours,

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