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along these lines and received much criticism -- now to have your point win. Great credit is due to you.

Things are per usual with me. Hopes grow dim for my chances to go to sea or foreign duty, but I'll try hard again this spring (perhaps to my harm). I have been so lucky compared with many other boys -- I feel so deeply that I should be out with them -- it'll be hard to come back and face them if I have no chance to go out.

I know you are very busy with your basket ball team -- I have