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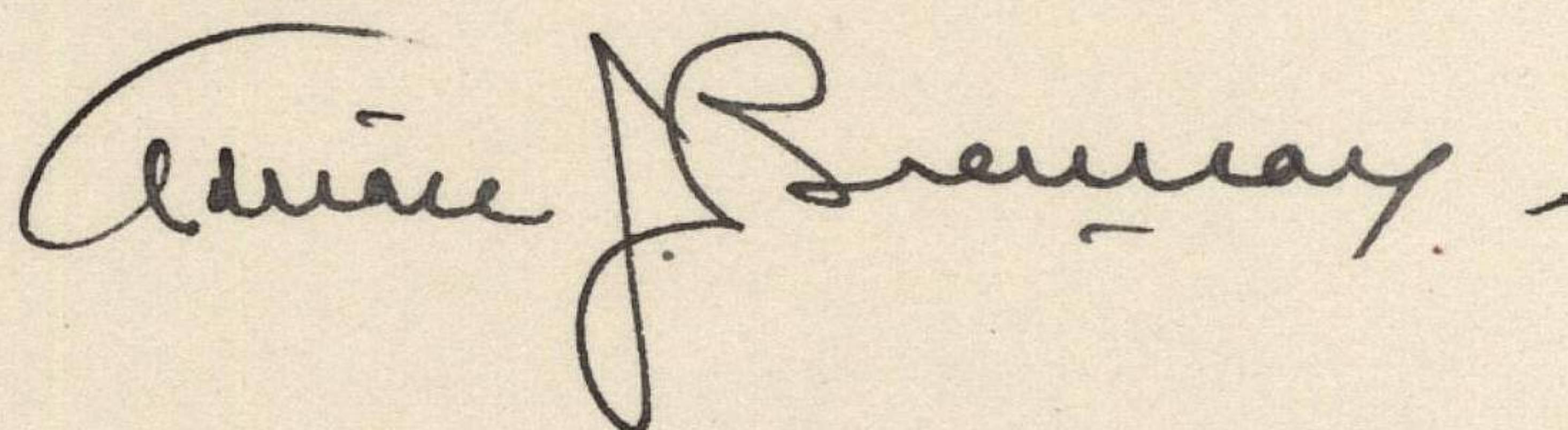
Our new gym has at last become a reality and while it will not be ready this year, we will have it next year. That will be a great load off my shoulders since, as I believe I told you some time ago, we practice now in a playhall where, when I stand on toes, I can touch the ceiling. Once a week, I have an opportunity to get the boys downtown but that is not enough. Even at that, we have taken four of the six games, <sup>and</sup> as all poor coaches will say "We should not have lost those two."

I have my youngster on the team this year. He is growing very fast, just over the six-foot mark and weighing nearly 160. He will not be sixteen until next March so you can see that he is going to be a big fellow. He is just a reserve this year, but next year, he should, with any luck at all, be one of the first five. He has developed a nice left hand shot and since he is a natural right-hander, it is getting rather hard to stop him. All he needs is experience. Right now, he is the best shot I have.

I hope that everything has been going along nicely out there, and that all of you have been enjoying the best of health. I often think of Milton, particularly in connection with that incident described in your last book. It certainly turned out nicely, and the chances are that both of you recall, with pleasure and pride, what has gone on before. In the final analysis, he was, wasn't he, a thoroughbred? Isn't it nice to be able to say that, and isn't it still nicer to be able to realize that you are not exaggerating in saying as much.

I am always glad to hear from you, and hope that you can find time during an otherwise busy season to write me again. Kind personal regards.

Sincerely,



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P. S. Will you, by any happy chance, be playing here in the East this year? I have been hoping to find you on the Garden schedule. It just so happens that my closest friend here is the sports editor of the morning paper and when, and if, you do come East, we plan on being on hand.

A. J. B.