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University, Miss.
May 16th 1898

My Dear Father and Mother.

Here I am again.

This letter is written on time and
whether you ever get it is not my
look out.

Well, only, three more weeks and
my Freshman year at college
will be ended. How time does fly—
only three, three more years and
my boy-hood and school-days
will have fled forever.

What do you think? Do you
remember your speaking of what
fraternity Uncle Tom belonged to
at Centenary. A few minutes ago

~~Just now~~ while looking
through a ΔKE Catalogue
I thought I would see if I had
any ΔKE relatives -

I discovered three Thygents
- one Harde man and one Boyle.
Uncle Tom at Centenary '51
Auntie Clarence at Centenary '55
Cousin Perry Harcumman Thygent
lives in '87.

What is Auntie Clarence's address
I want to write to her and tell
her that my relationship with
her has advanced one degree nearer
and that we are now "brother in
ΔKE". I was quite a pleasant
surprise to me to find them.

There won't be a thing on earth to
do but that. I feel as though half
my time has been wasted when I
think how few books I have read
this winter. My last year under
Mr. Bell. I read about twenty-five
standard works and this year
-but three? Well! I'll make up
for it this summer.

There is another thing I am going
to do and that is get enough sleep.
I haven't been twice as able since
it turned warm. Five hours
sleep don't work well in warm
weather.

I missed the Freshman
medal by one vote. I got two out

of five for first place and one
of the judges told me I would
have gotten it if my voice had not
failed me twice.

Right in the middle of our
emotional climax when my voice
was down very deep it got loose
and jumped on the top of the scale
with most startling effect.

Twice it did this and both times
with most disastrous consequences.

Will you please hurry if you have
not received the letter acknowledging the
last check. Take this as a receipt.

I get it.

Your loving son

James M. Mads.

P. S. I have fallen in love at last.
(not dangerous)