

and that Dana and
Reid will intertwine their
fingers from each others
wool, and that you
will keep on the same
cozy terms with Providence
that you have been able
to negotiate in the past.

Very sincerely yours

Oliver Hayes

AMERICAN EMBASSY,
LONDON.

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Dear Vanderhoof

I have your cheery
letter of the 4th and shall
be glad to see Mr. Bacon
whom I knew in his
early youth in Buffalo.
It was a pleasant town
in those days, and I
liked to visit there. The
girls were pretty and not

too kind, so that there
was always a reason
for going again; and
there was a little coterie
of men of intelligence
and good fellowship, such
as you don't often see
duplicated. Bacon was
one of them - though younger
than the rest of us.

I shall be glad
to see him again +

thank him for having
been the innocent cause
of a gag and accusing
letter from you, all the
more appreciated that it
file in on me, in the
midst of a dull day's
work.

I hope Billy Marton
will get a thousand
percent more than he
expects out of his good-will.