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To my three boys: Dory, Dick and Dave;

I am contemplating an air trip next week to Newfoundland, Greenland, Iceland & Bermuda.

There is always a fair likelihood of accidents. Should such an event occur, I wish you each, when old enough to realize the responsibilities involved, to recognize the following: (Dory, because he is the oldest, is ever now learning the meaning of responsibility.)

1. You are now responsible for the well-being and happiness of your Mother. ~~If it is ever a question of her working or you attending school or you work.~~ My own Mother insisted on our receiving an education. It was costly to her in too many ways. See that your Mother is always provided for. When you are older you will derive much comfort from having made her your first responsibility.

2. Be manly and yet always a gentleman. The latter is derived from within and not by a suit of clothes.

3. Accept the fact that many people appear to gain success by means not necessarily considered honorable. In time they always pay for this - not necessarily in money - but they lack the satisfaction of a job well-done. To have peace of mind under the training you will receive from your Mother, you will find that short-cuts will not pay. Build your individual foundations upon your own efforts and be guided by your conscience. Your heritage is such that I have implicit faith in each of you.

Your loving
Dad.

