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Dear Ones,

It is now quarter of six (P.M.) and I have been up and going just as hard as I could (unless you call church an exception) ever since quarter of six A.M. In fact I don’t think I got up just a little before that. And I don’t call Chinese church an exception, either, for you have to listen hard.

This morning I couldn’t stay in bed until nearly seven. I like to Sunday morning, because I still had some work to do on my Sunday school lesson. I’ve been getting desperate because my Grammar School girls seemed so light-headed and inattentive and I’ve been trying to think of some new methods to interest them. Then we had regular church service and after that there was an English service but I couldn’t have gone to that anyway for they have asked me to be the advisor of their committee for a new Young People’s society and their committee has a meeting every Sunday morning after church. Today they met and they were rather down-hearted and discouraged about the meetings for there is only a handful of faithful ones and they cannot depend on the others to come regularly. So by the time everybody had done a little it was too late to settle down to make it really go. They decided to ask me to lead next Sunday’s meeting, and then Sunday morning next week we will try to make out a program for the Sundays that will try to make out a program for the Sundays that I hope lots of people will be praying for me this week for I shall need lots of
help. The few do want to keep up the meetings and it's a big problem to know what will suit the way to interest the others. And if others are not interested the faithful few get discouraged after a while.

By the time I got home it was 12:30 and time for dinner. Immediately after that I spent over an hour looking for songs for these same young people. Then it was three o'clock and time to go to their afternoon meeting. After that, their committee stayed to put up Sanitation & Health posters in the church, which is to be open all week for visitors to come and inspect the posters and whatever else may be exhibited. Then after the posters were up, they chose a song for their society. I think they decided on it was because I told them it was one my brother was very fond of and liked to sing. They are to use on many occasions - like a club song & class song.

We chose "Steady and True" and "Growing Sweeter and Dearer Each Day" - and practiced the tune several times. There are two boys and soprano - we have a holiday, "Humiliation Day." We have a chance to practice on Thursday, so we'll have a chance to practice again then. Well, as I said before, when I go upstairs to get done with this practice I came upstairs to
get my paper and pen to write to you it was quite
of sick.

Now we have had supper and Mabelle and Mr.
Culley and I are sitting around the dining table
listening to some victrola music - But I am tired,
bright and early for my work tomorrow morning
for the last four days I have had pain in my
right arm and shoulder in the afternoon
and evening - Maybe it is malaria and I
need a dose of quinine - I'll begin and
There is no need to take it when I'm needing it, it sends me all wobbly
and trembly for a day or so, and I can't seem to
spend any time in that just now - I might have
the house & myself for a day - I didn't get much
taken it yesterday, I spent - in the three Culleys
all went to Chaoshow for the day - I didn't get much
done - Practiced some things on the piano - and
rattin free - with all the guests gone - although
I'm housekeeper now and it is nice to have them here - I'm housekeeper now
and I had just rice and not much else for myself
and I had just rice and not much else for myself

The doctors yesterday noon - almost a Chinese meal - The doctors
and will come down with him tomorrow.

I don't want to take quinine and be laid up
I shall probably have to go over to Chaoshow
Tomorrow.
with Mr. Lin to settle up about the piano which we are getting from the Magleis, for the school. We got the piano and pay for it tomorrow and have it brought right over in a boat.

Then I don't want to take quinine to lay me up Tuesday, for the four of us are invited to Mr. Lin's for supper. And so it goes. We want to have the teachers here to meet Dr. Culley. He wants to have the teachers here. We are invited to Thursday night. Friday we are invited to Miss Sollman's, and Saturday to a music recital at the Roman's School. All this outside of regular work. Oh me!

Well, I must quit now.

With lots of love,

Abbie
Dearest Cues —

Another "more than a week" has gone by and now it is Wednesday. I'm not going to write you a long letter but I want to get just a line off to you.

Last week was a busy one. In the first place I took quinine because I'd been having various aches and pains and thought malaria might be the cause. Tuesday night we were at the Kangs for a Chinese feast; Wednesday night was prayer meeting night but I was too tired and went to bed; - I had taken a hard cold on top of the one I already had -; Thursday night we had the teachers here for a social evening and got ready to sing on Sunday.

Friday afternoon after 4 I was lying down and resting when I was called to go out on the hills and look at disputed boundary lines - when a wall is being put up. We rushed from there into dinner togs and went over to Miss Sollman's for supper and an evening of music.

I had been trying all week in between times to get ready for my meeting Sunday P.M. but didn't seem to get very far on it, so I spent most of the time Saturday on it and on
my Sunday School lesson. Saturday evening we were invited to a "doings" at the Woman's School and didn't get back until after 10.

Sunday was busy every consecutive minute until 5:30 P.M. and by that time I was too tired even to read. I went to bed early but got up next morning with a neuralgic pain in the left side of my head—though I didn't feel I went to school as usual—though I didn't feel in any condition in the like it, and was really in no condition in the afternoon to have my physical exam. She was shocked when she found I had had a cold for a month and a half—and when she discovered I had a slight temperature she told me to come home and stay there until I got rid of the temp. So I was good and stayed in bed all day yesterday—and I was glad of the chance, because my face ached. They don't know yet whether it is teeth, or abscess or what. It is a holiday today, so I don't have to worry about missing school today. I got up for dinner this noon and if I have no temp. today I'll be all right for school tomorrow. I simply got overstrenuous and went a little farther than I should. But I'm better now and promise not to do so any more.

Love, Abbie
Dear Quee,

Sunday night and the Culleys are still here, although they intended to go yesterday. The boats yesterday were filled up. They are not very keen about staying, for in the past week Swatow has passed out from under the National Government Control and is at present under management of people who are of the Kuangsi faction or at least sympathetic with the Kuangsi group. We hear that troops are nearly here from the north— from the Central Government and that means things may change hands again very soon. Whether it will be done quietly or not we don’t know, of course.

This afternoon two women from the Rest House—next house to ours—came up to ask whether if there was fighting they could bring their children up here to our house for protection. We don’t think there will be any trouble but they want to be prepared. There is a widowed nurse—
who has three children, a preacher's wife (whose preacher is now Canton at the Pentecostal headquarters) with five children, and the hospital preacher and his wife and two children — so if they come we'll have a houseful.

Tuesday P.M.

The Culleys really are getting off today — Emily is to come up from the hospital on Friday and she has been advised by the consul not to go back & Cho-chow in just now. Swatow is excited — and it looks as though there will be a break in the government war between Feng and Chiang Bai Shek. It is rather disquieting — I am really beginning to get tired of 25
much uncertainty. But I don't intend to fuss if I can help it — because our condition here is ideal compared with the state of affairs in some places —

Last week Mauritine put me to bed with a cold and cough — but I'm practically well now — The two days' rest was just what I needed.

Now if I can know how we are all going to be settled for the next month, I shall be happy — If Emily is to come and live with us here — I don't know how it will go with Mabelle —
There is one thing, though. Fannie and Mrs. Haley are itinerating so briskly may disregard the consul's orders and go up there anyway —

Pray for us — anyway. In we'll need grace isn't matter what!

Love —

Addie
Swatow, China
May 26, 1929

Dear Sue —

I've just finished a letter to Arthur thanking him for the generous gift he sent, and now I want to thank you too — you really shouldn't do such things with all the calls you have. But I do appreciate it!

I thought at first that I would send Arthur's letter to you and let you send it on to him but I know you like to keep my letters and moreover — I want to say more to you than I did to him.

You've been following the papers and know that Feng has at
last declared that “this is the extermination of Chiang Kai-Shek. If he can get money enough and troops enough he will make good his word. I believe— but if he wins, and the country follows him, I wonder whether he will be any more of a leader and less of a ‘warlord’ than many others? It is hard to tell.

I want people have two things very about right now—we are at present under an independent government here and report has already come as us once that they have yielded to the entreaties and the dollars of the Senator Chamber of Commerce and have retreated peacefully. But these rumors have not been substantiated.
Negotiations are still under way.
Meanwhile for Cantonese, gunboats, with soldiers and official leaders are lying outside of Swatow harbor. Inside the harbor here we have an English, an American, an Italian (a French) gunboat, and two or three Jap gunboats. The shops are all closed. The or open as small a crack that they could be closed in a wink, if need be. That's quite a situation, isn't it?

The Chamber of Commerce wants to get the present incumbents out and the new ones in, without bloodshed.

The other thing is that when battle is actually pitched between Feng and Chiang, the soldiers will be called to go fight and Swatow...
will be at the mercy of the Reds, who we may be very sure are not far off. Well—yes, things are really pretty upset.anghai seems out of the question now for this summer for us.

Emily came back from Hongkong yesterday morning, much better, but she had been advised by the consul and by the doctor not to go to Chashow for again this spring, so be up there alone. Her school was closed—all the schools there are closed for the present—so she will probably stay down here and help Mr. Baker with his secretary’s work.

The doctor (Marquesito) still
has me under her eye and is giving some inspection to my bronchial tubes and surrounding region. The cough is better and the cold much better than it has been since Mar 1st, and it has been since Mar 1st, and it has been since Mar 1st. She has been losing weight. She is taking a tonic. She has been wondering what I should do about summer. She thinks I ought to get away.

Emily has come back full of plans for Baguio. I can't afford the expense of that trip, but she says she has some money which has been given to her which she would rather use for our
fared there than in any other way. Since I know the means it - and since I don't know what in the world we shall do otherwise - I am more than half decided to let her do it. The doctor very strongly approves of my going to Baguio. If we go as far away as that we shall go as soon as school closes and thus have a good long vacation then.

The work that Margaret and I can do now the book is nearly finished. Then she will have to work on it by herself. So I am almost glad that I can be getting away from Swatow soon - in
about six weeks, I hope - I am not sure that it isn't shrinking - but the Dr. says it is that I'm needing a little rest.

Poor Marguerite! She is the one who needs the rest. She is carrying two men's work all the time, and if she doesn't get relief from some quarter we're afraid she won't hold out.

Another thing that has probably been dragging me down when I didn't know it is an abscessed tooth - maybe two of them. I had two X-Rays taken in Swarth this week and one tooth is pretty sure to come out. Another is dead, but may not have much decay at the root and if so, the dentist
I will probably try to save that —
We are so fortunate to have this
good dentist right here — one of our
own Mission trained boys — sent
afterwards to Peking — his wife one
of our girls —

I must stop and go to bed —
I have a full day tomorrow, even
though it is my birthday!

Love — & then some —

Debie
Dear Ones,

I'm playing hooky again!

Today is such a long day (every Sunday is!) and I'm up in Marguerite's room waiting for church to be over - resting and writing to you in the meantime. Had it not been for the baptism this morning, I think I should have gone straight home and been excused from the young people's committee.

I had my usual class this morning at 8.30 and there is the young people's devotional meeting this afternoon - no, today it will be communion and
after that a Sunday School committee meeting & head things up for next Sunday's Children's Day exercises. I haven't any reason to get so tired but I am, so that's all there is to it - Emily is still planning for us to go to Beginners and I hope a couple of months there will make me feel less lazy.

One reason I feel so fogged just now is the way I celebrated my birthday. Last week I had an X-Ray of my left lower jaw taken and on my birthday I went to Swarts and had a molar and a bicuspid extracted - both abcessed. They came very hard. My jaw has been somewhat swollen.
ever since—and there is at least one little piece of broken bone floating around there which should come out but is still hitched. The opening of the abscesses has made a most unpleasant taste in my mouth, and I have been afraid my breath would be offensive to people—so I haven't been very comfortable. But I'm glad to be rid of the bad teeth!

My cold is at last getting better. Hot weather drying it up, I suppose—though it is still pretty cool for the first of June.

Evening 7.30—Well, just as I finished writing the above, the people over at church...
began to sing the last hymn. So I went down to the baptistery and had the joy of seeing two of my Senior High School boys - who will graduate in June - baptized. There were twenty-three in all, these two boys and one younger boy from our school. One of these two seniors has been on my heart for about a year - he is a cousin of Unkiang, the girl whose letter I was so glad to have in America. She is not yet baptized, but the last time she was here we had a wonderful talk, and I know she is truly trying to be a Christian, against no small odds. The other is a straight, upstanding boy who is fine, but for years has been fighting his real convictions. The first
one, for Mary \textsuperscript{3} U, or as it is written in Mandarin, Wu Ming Wu, is a good Chinese student, and if he keeps on with his writing he may be able to use his pen in the cause of Christianity.

Oh, I am so grateful to our Father for this blessing just now! These are the first from our school to be baptized since school opened two years ago—and of course people have been watching it and have had various remarks to make. A great many of our students and teachers were present today and I think they could not but have been impressed by the fine manliness of these young
men — daring to take this step
when there are plenty of people
to ridicule, denounce, and even
revile them for it — I hope
we may have another baptism before
school closes — I feel that more
will surely come, now the first
ones have stepped out.

One other boy was to have
been baptized today — Henry Hing,
son of the Mr. Hing on whom I
called in his shop in New York.
He is a 1st year Sr. high student
and he will make something of
himself; I have no doubt. He's a
fine lad — poor boy — he was accepted
for baptism on Friday — and yesterday
was taken with the mumps!
As he'll come next time, and many
with him, I hope —
I believe you can even see from my handwriting how much better I feel tonight than I did this morning. A day like this is worth more than rubies. And now, when you pray that more boys and girls may be brought to Christ, don't forget to say a prayer for these dear boys who know Christ, may be used to win many more.

There are still some of my Sunday School girls who have not been baptized—I'm hoping they will come.

Love—love—love.

Affie
Smatow, China
June 9, 1927

Dear Mother & Father,

Today has been a big day, and this last week has been a big week— I'm feeling better physically, though, than I have for more than two months, in spite of continued extra work—

The prolonged colds I had after coming back from Shanghai in March pulled me down, and after a while they began to discourage me. Then when Marguerite found me ready in bed at my physical examination, and sent me to bed with a temperature— I began to be sorry for myself. I was in—
bed two days. One of them a holiday so I didn’t have to miss school. Neuralgia in my face made me decide I go to the dentist, and as I’ve already told you, X-ray showed two abscessed teeth, and I have had them pulled.

I still kept having a little temperature every day, though and got very tired after working all morning. Reduced of these 5 weeks I went to the dentist to have him take out a piece of broken bone which remained. He used cocaine again, but the thing didn’t bleed much afterwards, so it didn’t ache long.

The “holes” are getting cleaned up and with the help of daily swabbing of mercurochrome and many gargles with...
I have managed not to be banished entirely from society.

I've been taking a cod-liver oil tonic now for about four weeks. The first three weeks I continued to lose in weight but now I'm beginning to come up again and my temperature is normal all the time. I feel so very much better that I'm much rejoiced about it this week.

Aside from regular work, I've had two rehearsals with a public speaking contestant, practice of songs with the Y.W.'s M.C.B. group, practice of class song with junior graduates, long Y.W.D.M. meeting Friday evening -- practice with girls who are singing next week.
Meeting (as advisor) to get the Service Commission of our B.Y.P.U. organized and meeting, in same capacity, to get the Fellowship Commission of same started — Thursday afternoon we had a big rehearsal of Children's Day exercises and today from 2 to 4 the real thing — And — "The Real Jesus" entire has been sent off to the publishers — after a second revision — Whether or not it will still need more work, I don't know.

I have begun work on Miss Thurston's book on Prayer that you sent. I have only a few weeks more to work in Margaret is going elsewhere next year and she is probably leaving soon — I have not been able to find out that it is translated — But I have
To make up my mind, of course, the possibility of its being translated—and perhaps coming out in print just before mine is finished! Well—I shall do the best I can to make sure about it.

I'm wondering whether I shall be able to do any work of the sort next year, after Margaret is gone—I shall not try, unless I can get a good writer—and I shall wait and see how well rested I get this summer before I make any definite plans for fall, outside of regular work—In sending you the following tatting:
pkg. a) no 17, 2 x y @ .10 2.40
   " b) no 14, 10 x y @ .18 1.80
   " c) 16, 11/2 x y @ .10 1.15
   " d) 16, 12 x y, 24 in @ .10 1.26
   " e) 15 a, 26 x y @ .12 5.40
   " f) 33 15, 33 x y @ .12 3.30 - 3.96
   Also pkg. 4, 9, 12 with
   10, 12, 12 hdkfs in them
   with lace edging and priced as I told
   you before - The ones with the yellow
   edge may not be acceptable; the corners are Mai Chi's attempt at
   an E, but it wasn't very successful!
   Pkgs. i, j, each have 9 plain
   linen hdkfs - the linen for which
   cost $3.10 Mav (for all 18) or about
   $1.50 gold - The hemstitching was done
by the daughter of my washerwoman and is worth about 54 gold for
each handful. (I say it's worth more,
but that is its usual price). If you
notice the postage marks you'll see how much that costs.
I can't tell ahead of time. But
you see that makes the bare
cost in the neighborhood of 15 4 9.
I can't remember whether it is
15 or 15 a that Mrs. Gray wanted.
I must as I'm sending both. I meant
to write & quit now. I meant to write to
Arthur but you tell him when
you write that I send my love
and also that I don't know when
I send a letter to him.

Loe Athie
Dear Mother & Father,

Today I have been feeling all day as though there were something I ought to do and yet I couldn't think what. I've just realized that yesterday I didn't get a letter written and that was the thing I had still to do! Do you? It seems ages since I've heard from you, too. I hope all is well with you.

On Wednesday of last week, Dean Laird of Ling Nam (Canton Christian College) came and we had him here at our house until he left on Saturday. We enjoyed his being here. He and his family are to be in Baguio this summer so we shall see them again there.
The fields, by the way, are also going to Baguio—these people are all going over on the Empress July 2—but my school doesn’t close until July 5th! Emily wanted to know if I wouldn’t ask to get off early, but I can see no reason for doing that. And yesterday the graduates asked me to train there in their graduation song—so I’m committed to stay to graduation now anyway. And it happens that there is not a steamer we can take after July 2 until July 16—At first I was rather glad for that gives a little more time to get off after the rush is over—time to get better I wish we could get away the day after school closes!

Our Friday night we had our first English Prize Speaking Contest—Thien Hoi—one of our finest boys, a deacon in the church,
The only one I had helped much — I had gone over three other essays to correct them, and had read over (with another boy) his essay just once. This last boy — whom Mr. Copan helped, got first prize. A little boy brought up in a home where they speak English a great deal, got the second prize — Thieu Ninh, in spite of a poor voice, got third. The other speakers were really not very intelligible — those who were trained were trained by Chinese teachers and that partly explains it. Of the prize winners — the ones who got first and thirds are two of our finest Christian boys and the other one is of Christian family — The Christians carry off a good many of the prizes and we are glad —
Saturday Emily went to Chaochowfu to see about her things up there and to bring some things down. She writes that the soldiers from Canton are there and everybody seems perfectly happy about it. That means that Chaochowfu, as well as Kityang and Swatow, have reverted to the National Government sometime this last week. We didn't know just when it happened, though we could have known had we not been so absorbed in school affairs. But it was all done without any commotion or disturbance.

Nevertheless, I'm glad we are going to get away from here for a little while. I'm sleepy, so will quit for now.
June 25, 1929

Dear Quee,

Here it is Tuesday and we letter off to you this week. At present I'm sitting with the last class I meet. They have had about all this term. They have had about all the review. I can give them the last few minutes are given to let them ask questions if they want to study by themselves.

I don't usually write letters here. I'm in a classroom. But I want this to get off to you this afternoon if possible.

The Dean has been very kind about arranging my examinations. I shall finish early so that I shall finish the last one next Monday A.M. Some exams go on until midday. Graduation is on Friday.
And the student conference begins on Saturday - and lasts a week.
But E. I shall be leaving on the 8th, the following Tuesday.
You see we have found an earlier boat - and we leave H. R. on July 14th. We have to leave here Tuesday, however. To be sure of not missing it - I am sorry to miss the conference in a way, and yet I shall be very thankful to get away - I'm as much better than I was a month ago - but I'm still taking the Cod Liver Oil.

Marguerite is now thinking of giving me some kind of gland to make me put on a little more reserve flesh -
...the attitude of various people...
is on various subjects. Aside from that, however, I'm very glad to get away from it once. It is hard work to sit and listen to any meetings, days on end—and harder still when it is all in Chinese.

I am going away this summer to a fashionable summer resort, and I've made absolutely no preparations as to clothes—I go back with the hat I bought there two years ago for 4 Pesos, I mean. Only then it was white, and now it has turned such a deep brown that...
on it makes it look like a new hat. I wonder whether it will still be good next summer — later.

Yes — I'm planning to come home next summer if nothing happens. It is shorter than the regular term — but Margaret is planning to go then and I rather think she'll advise me to go then. It means a shorter furlough, only 15 months instead of 18. But I'm getting about of 18 — but I'm getting about. I think! I'm ready to go home, I think! I'm rather a hurry to see my family somehow!

Father's letter has just come asking if I'm planning to go abroad by the Holy land — indeed I want
To very much — Emily says it cost her about $1100 gold in all, that means $600 more than the $500 they allow as Easterners.

She had $300 sent out from home and used—her four months salary for the four months she was traveling

Since that amount is exactly what she spent I'd want to reckon on a little more than that & seem being caught in any emergency — So whether I can get my church pledge of $200 mex — and save $300 gold and a little more between now and next June, I don't know.

I'm sorry to say that a little of the $200 I have has melted.
But I'm trying very hard not to spend. Expenses have gone up terrifically and there have been subscriptions for about a dozen things right on top of each other— I think of what Sadie said, I think of what nobody else does. Sadie Dark said about Arthur, "He'll never be rich— he's too generous. Sometimes I think I haven't that saving quality even! I am always poor and yet rather stingy, I fear.

Love, love, love,

Crochet cotton arrived today— Abbie
Swatow, China
June 30, 1929

Dear Mother and Father,

I don't know why I got so excited when I was writing my last letter that I forgot to speak of the pictures which I'm very glad to have — I don't like the one of you in the hat very well, Mother, but think the others are good and both of Father are as natural as can be — Yum, however — have a little airs of having your picture taken and in the one where you have your hands clasped quite determinedly you might be going to address the Northern Baptist Convention or something equally dignified! I like your new gray dress very much — and was much interested
To see the ghost of my old coat and muff - you look very up to date and stylish and distinguishes in all of them I say. And as to clothes, I'll say your are just as much of a ribald as you ever were.

My exams are all over except one which I give tomorrow morning - and a make-up exam to two of the dawdlers who haven't finished. Beg one's pardon - only one is a dawdler, the other, poor boy, brightest in his class, has been sick just the two weeks before graduation - he is perhaps not the brightest but his grades were the highest, and had he not been sick he would have had the prize for best scholarship for this year.
The other one is a girl who has done very poor work. About 3 weeks ago she did especially poor work and I told her she could not pass unless she did better work. She promptly stopped coming to class and didn't come to the final exam. But because she is in the graduating class she gets another chance, but the questions will not be especially easy, and I doubt whether she can do it.

Then tomorrow morning after the exams are over I shall hustle to get them graded and the averages made out and passed in. I shall try to have them ready when I go up at seven o'clock. This exam has letter writing in it, though, so I am not sure how quickly.
Can mark it. There are 30 in the class—

Graduation is moved forward a day— the 4th instead of the 3rd. That means we have three days to practice two graduation songs. One of them is the tune of a Colby song, "Fair College Days" and the other, not a commencement song just a class society, "Know Thyself." Society song, is the tune of a song I got a year ago in Shanghai. "Keep on—keeping on—"

Margaret Lee may leave us to take a position in Siam. If she goes she is going on Friday and I have only one more day to work with her. But if she stays we can do more work next year— she is even at this late date undecided. Mabelle does not
I want her to go and feel it is not right for her to go. As far as I am concerned, I shall be glad if I can have another year of work with her, but I realize how hard a situation she has been in this year - to come back from college and not be invited to the place where she surely thought there would be a place waiting for her - and I have felt it would be rather a shame to keep her here against her will. So I don't know what she will do - I don't feel yet that I am really going to Baguio this summer - although my big suitcase is over on my couch partly packed - But I guess we shall get away all right.
Since I wrote on Wednesday—or when was it?—I've been thinking a little more about furlough. Everybody says it would be better to go around through India leaving here in February than to leave in July and then to get the hottest kind of a hot trip all the way. So if I did that I'd be waiting over until February 1931—just now, when it is so hot and we are all so tired and ready to quit—I don't feel capable of deciding what I should like to do—even if I were sure of having the money. If I came to do it with—straight home via the Pacific in July 1931—I'd be with you.
By August 1930 - If I waited another until February 1931 and took four months to see things make the trip I should not see you until the end of May 1931. It's really a terrible question to decide! If I stay over - it means another summer here in China, for nobody will be sending me to Baguio next summer - !!!! And if I go early, it means a shorter furlough - so there you are! Right around in a circle again.

But - I don't have to decide tonight, fortunately. I'm sleepy, and it is after ten - and I love you - and it seems ages since I heard from you -
Was glad to know you saw Mr. Hildreth and Clara. The latest about Clara is that she hopes to come back later, but it would be of no use to send her back now as she is not yet strong enough. I owe her a letter — as I owe almost everybody — (I'm counting on doing some writing at Baguio). So just how Clara's affairs are working out I don't know at all at all —

Had a good letter from Arthur. I hope you will let me know what he is to do next year just as soon as you know yourselves.
sorry he feels himself such a failure - it is such a shame - in he would be so fine if he could only find himself and get into this right place -

It is after 10 this minute and I have to leave the house at 7.30 tomorrow - I am glad my exam is in the morning, though; after the sun has poured down on the cement roof. In several houses that top floor is a bake-oven and the afternoon exams are really distressing - it is so hot -

Well - love, and see you till next time

Yrs. Abbie
Nanook, July 7, 1929

Dearest Ones,

Exams and graduation are all over - all papers corrected and grades handed in and last night we began the Y. W. & Y. M. C. A. conference here - We have delegates - boys and girls both - from Amoy - and also from the Swatow Y. M. C. A. Last night was supposed to be a social evening - and our boys and girls had a program - and games all prepared - but the leaders - Y. M. C. A. people from Shanghai, Amoy and Swatow - took things into their own hands and we had only the singing of a few pep songs for entertainment - But it went off pretty well and in
spite of the fact that the attendance was small I believe it was a good beginning. One of the leaders, an Aniyoy man, preached today at church. The Aniyoy dialect is so much like the Swatow—yet just enough different to be ridiculous when certain words are pronounced. The sermon was about Daniel, and I suppose I understood about 1/3 of it.

Today being Sunday the conference has held no meetings except a short devotional conference early this morning. This evening—and as meeting gives me the one chance I have to write to you.

My things are practically packed (in my big suitcase) for Baguio. Tomorrow morning and tomorrow
Tuesday morning I shall attend the conference (in afternoon meetings) and tomorrow P.M. I shall finish up the last odds and ends that must be done before I go.

I have been housekeeper for the last two months, and the housekeeping accounts for May and June are all finished — I'm treasurer of the Sunday School Committee — and that account is all straight — I'm also in charge of selling our regular church hymnbooks — Edith Traver passed over to me a case of more than 7000 when she went home in February — more than 500 have been sold — and that account is also straight — so I'm quite easy in my mind about these matters —
Margaret Lee is still undecided as to whether or not she will be here next year - If she stays, my share of her summer salary has to be provided, and some of that will come from the draft you are sending - It hasn't come yet, but I have told Mabelle to send on to me any registered letter that comes. Then I'll sign it and send right to Shanghai to be cashed. I put in my account - wish it would come tomorrow! I had a letter today from you and one on Thursday both written since the draft was sent.
Well! If nothing happens to prevent, on Tuesday at this time I shall be on the sea traveling to Hongkong. A week from today I shall be on the sea between Hongkong and Manila — and the following Tuesday in Manila — two days later in Baguio — We shall stay there just about until the end of August — That will mean a pretty good vacation, you see.

Must go to bed now — and get up in the conference tomorrow.

Love, love

[Signature]
Hongkong, July 18, 1929

Dear Mother,

You may get this letter at the same time you get no. 22, which by the way I sent off in a hurry without marking it, I think—but probably not, for the Empress of Asia sailed today and I don't know just when the next boat goes. I've just looked it up and you are more likely to get this letter with my next one—in the next boat for America is the Saff, which leaves next Monday—

Emily and I left Shanghai yesterday and since this is the
time of year for typhoons we didn't expect any too wonderful a trip. Moreover, there has been a typhoon swirling around the China coast for some days and we got the tail of it. The rain was so heavy that they kept the foghorn going a part of the time and of course our pot hole had to be closed as we didn't have much air and we were pestered with flies millions of them until dark. The boat rolled so that we didn't sleep very much and it was sort of seasickly but we ate all the food that was coming.
As we and kept it. And early this morning we were up on deck where the air is a little better.

Emily came ashore and got a taxi and we brought my Victrola to the (I shall leave it here while I'm in P.). Music shop for repair. And then brought our things right on up there. We have some shopping to do — tickets to get tomorrow. The next two days — we have plenty of time, but I'm glad to have last nights' trip over. It couldn't be very comfortable, at the best —

Love is them. Some love

Affric
Dear Mother,

We're justified now in coming three days early instead of waiting to come down Saturday and get the steamer for Manila by rushing as soon as our arrival here. For our boat leaves tomorrow A.M. at 8, and we go on board tonight. Had we waited, we should have missed our steamer altogether, for steamers from Swatow don't get in much before 9!

I didn't realize how tired I was - but when I got here I just flopped and I have rested so hard! We have done a little shopping but I have been very stingy so far. I found a little piece of silk which just matched a dress I have to make up for next fall.
and I bought rubber bands - (a smaller size than any of yours that are left - for your smallest one) I used up right away -
and we bought fly swatters and a dish mop and some dishcloths - I have made lots of fun of Emily for wanting & buying a dishcloth - when any old scraps of worn out towels & things would do just as well - But we forgot to bring any old towels - so decided it was just as well to buy dishcloths as towels. We got 6 for 75¢ (or 3 7 ½ gold), so that isn’t so bad - and I shall be quite thrilled to use a real “boughten” dishcloth once -

We were buying a woven basket (handbag) this morning and somebody called Miss
Sanderson. And I looked out the don't see any five Chinese boys standing there with their hats pulled off— all wearing broad grins— Miss Eng's brother—and three others of my students had come down on a joy—paint on the ship that Miss Eng's older brother works on. They had this chance to come down for nothing just after school closed, and they were having a wonderful time—never had been here before. Well, I had been glad to get away from Swanton and school—and the students, I thought—but it did my heart good to see those boys, just the same—and I was proud of the way they got their hats off—a good foreign custom that many Chinese
boys haven't yet learned—Oh it's nice to have students who greet you as these boys greeted us!...

Just then Cook's man came and got our bags and we are much relieved. Now all we have to do is to take ourselves and our raincoats + umbrellas down to Lane + Crawford's tea room and get a little snack—then go aboard the steamer. We are going second class. So we don't know just what we will find. It is the first time these Round the World boats have had second class, that we know of. I suppose it is really meant for the maids of the rich, etc. We save paying a night's board. Here, however, if we go on the steamer tonight. So if we have flies, and no electric fan,
at least will have the comfort of knowing that we are saving two or three dollars a piece! We are leaving here tonight before dinner because if we wait, dinner doesn't begin until quarter of eight and that would make us out later than we want to be out in all this rain.

Hongkong is having the first real rain they have had this spring— I brought rain when I came here eleven years ago—(and more)— too!

We have got into the room
Live with the nicest Southern Baptist girl - Sara Funderburk and we have had the best times. She is staying here to be with a friend who is up in Matilda hospital. (Too she has had a breast amputation -)

But now it is time to go as I'll say more in my next.

Much much love

Othe
Bagnio, P. D.
July 21, 1929

Mother dear,

Here we are, all settled in a nice little cottage that is just exactly right for two. Emily drew a plan of it & send to her mother and I've copied it for you to see below here -

S = shelves, T = table, C = chair, P. C. = Rocking chair

Bedroom 9x11
Bed 42"

Bath 6'x6'

Bed 42"

Living Room 11'x8' 1/2"

Porch 9x5'

The kitchen is nice and sunny in the morning.
The custom here is to go to market every day to get fresh vegetables, but we manage so that we shall be able to go only once in two or three days. We buy bread or rolls, and shall piece out with muffins and griddle cakes (I made some good bran muffins this morning — only they were a little small.

We don’t have much meat, but we have a strip of bacon, and we get what vegetables we want. It would be rather fun to do our own work if it weren’t for the wet wood we have — it rains all the time. Maybe we can get used to that — or maybe we shall rent a little electric plate (two core)? They say it is very cheap.
Let me see: I was in Hong Kong when I wrote last, and the whole city was grateful for the downpour of rain which came while I was there.

We came from Hong Kong & Manhat on the President Johnson, all around the world Dollar Line ship. The second class cabins we were in were second & no first class cabins (almost) that I've ever traveled in, and the food was fairly good, though served in hodgepodge style and in a room whose tables were not attractive. The sitting room was not clean nor well fixed up - and there was almost no deck space. But we got along very well - and
on the steamer we found (upon consulting the passenger list) that a Miss Edith Webster from Philadelphia we wondered who she was and were told she was a Baptist missionary bound for India! Well, we made short work of getting acquainted and found that she is to work in Dr. Thoma's mission—She knows Alice Drake and Betty Webber and they will probably come out in the fall & work with her. Of course Dr. Thomas, Mrs. Thomas, Miss Martien, and the Culleys were there to meet her—and the Culleys were there partly to meet us! We went on to our same hotel where we stayed before, and met some teachers who
were there before - we did a little shopping - then Dr. Culley came in his car and got us to introduce us at the bank, when we shall got our money changed.

In the afternoon we did more shopping - then in the evening the Culleys came and got us, and took us to their friends, the Steinmetzes, who showed us some amateur moving pictures they had taken of Filipino nurses' graduating exercises, a typhoon relief party and some other things, all of which would have been extremely interesting if we had not been so dead tired. But they served us apricot ice cream, which woke us up and revived.
our spirits, to speak. We didn't get home until 10.30, though, and we were up shortly after 5.30 the next morning to get ready and we off on the train which pulled out of the station at 8 A.M.

The train ride was very comfortable, for it rained most of the way, and so was fairly cool, and we were prepared for it, too, and we had our thermos bottles full of ice water, and we wore our blue Chinese linen dresses which didn't show mud, but were comfortable. The hotel put up delicious chicken sandwiches for us and we were well fixed.

It was almost too cool for real comfort by the end.
of our 2 hr motor ride up from Damortis (which is as far as the train goes) we were pretty glad when the Giedts met us at the train, took us to their cottage and gave us tea, then later supper, and the next A.M. breakfast. Then we went shopping and we have cooked our own meals ever since.

At first we were in a little cottage near the Giedts, but the Capels are coming and they are to board with Giedts and will want to be near them. So we have moved to this one, no. 14, around the hill from the other two – not too far.
A visit, but too far for Mrs. Papas, just convalescing, to walk in the rain for meals — This cottage is just a trifle larger (by inches only!) than our first one — though on the same general plan. The doors are swung more conveniently, there is an open grate stove in the living room, and the whole thing has been freshly painted and is cleaner. It is also a little nearer the markets.

Well enough for now — In drinking Postum for breakfast, Ovaltine for supper, and feeding on spinach, parsnips, carrots, string beans, egg plant, cucumber,
oranges, bananas, mangoes and strawberries! How if I don't get fat in the next month I never will—

Hope we can simplify the cooking so that I shall get a little better writing done!

Much love,

Abbie
Dear Mother & Dad,

Another Sunday has come around and yet it is night before I sit down to write to you.

We are in our third cottage since we came to Bagnis. We moved out of the first one so that the Capers, who wanted to board with the guards, could have ours. We were there from Saturday until Thursday. Very happy because it was a nice little cottage.

Thursday morning we received word that we should have to move out because the cottage had been promised at Headquarters in Maine.

We were rather scared, because
they had insisted that we move on Saturday afternoon when we were tired - and weren't keen to go until later.

But they offered us No 17, right back of No 6, where we were at first. We came & took it over - and went to the head clerk, who was all apology for having made us think before he was sure we could keep the cottage.

Well, it was raining, so he said we could take our time.

This cottage is about the same as the other - measurements are a trifle smaller, we have no open fire in the living room, and the kitchen is arranged a little differently - but we like it now as well as the
other in most respects, and better in some. We came over Friday morning—the people in charge furnishing the boys to bring our stuff over for us.

That afternoon the Capens arrived—and it is very nice to have this little hill in South China corner!

This morning we went to church—got a car to take us and go after us, for the church is on the other side of town and it was pouring rain all morning. We were very glad we went for we got a message that was clear-cut and no quibbling. "Christ Our Salvation." There is no other other way any more than we could hope to get from Manila to Baguio on the rail road some other way than by having a ticket—The way of
the cross is the only way.
The message rang so clear-given by a young man who is a missionary down in Mindanao.
We were glad that it is our message too—I think that man will win men to Christ—perhaps while he is here or on vacation as well as while he is at work down there.
We took Mr. Griet and Eugene with us in the car this A.M. and had to come out really before the service was ended (because the sermon had finished though). Part of it we didn't finish in time.

This afternoon we spent some time sleeping, after which I read "Acres of Diamonds" by Russell Connell.
I hadn't realized what a big thrill...
I should find in that book — you have both read it, I suppose, and perhaps have heard him—I read that until it was time to get up and get supper. Tonight we made pancakes, and cooked them partly over the oil stove and partly over Emily's electric iron turned upside down. The cooking was successful, but the things were too rich, I guess. They weren't very wonderful—I like to cook, but I don't have very good luck because I am out of it and never knew much about it anyway. I have made some muffins that were passable—we ate 'em all—and some hermits that I fixed up three times and finally made some good hard cookies—but
while we enjoy them when we are hungry, yet I know they are really not very good, so cookies go. I think I make them a little too rich, or something. Emily has made some wonderful apricot pudding and today we had some strawberry pudding on the same order - made with gelatine and all whipped up tight, then served with a custard sauce. I made me some delicious mayonnaise cream toast was dressing. Salmon & peas pretty good. Creamed was good too, and the salmon loaf was fairly good only I didn't have enough good only I didn't have enough good bread crumbs in it. French toast me gobbled hungrily.
shall put another egg in next time. Well - have I said enough about eats? We are eating like horses, really - I'm eating more for breakfast than I have in a year - Banana big dish of cereal, rolls or toast, cup of Postum, one or two eggs, and sometimes bacon and warmed over potatoes! I surely ought to get fat!

Since I began this letter the Capens have been here and we have had a nice little visit with them. But it is now not so early as it was and the little clock Anne Hill gave me says ten P.M. So I think I'd better say goodnight and crawl in. It is about time to be getting a letter from you, reprinted from Swatow - but
I don't know how long it will take - I suppose the check will be in a registered letter - and that takes much longer as a usual thing -

Well, goodbye, with my love,

[Signature]

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Baghira, P. I.
Aug. 4, 1929

Dear Ones,

The time is going so fast! We have been here two weeks and three days already, and we still have four weeks and three days ahead of us here. We are resting, really resting, and enjoying getting our meals and living in this tiny bit of a house. We don't bother much with housework and we sleep a lot.

On Monday we stirred ourselves to take a letter of introduction to a Miss Cairns who is at the Crines Hotel here. We found here very nice - things somewhat English, and very proper. However, she threw a bit before we left her, and...
they went to call on three
Reformed Dutch (Hey! I made a
mistake that time!) missionaries
who came from Amoy. We found
two of them out, but they came
in before we left, and reported
a very good lunch they had
just had of chicken chow mein,
at a Chinese restaurant. We
got them to tell us where it
was, for we thought we'd like to
have some sometime. And then
we stayed there so long—
they are lots of fun— and it
was so late, and we had to
go downtown anyway, to get
ourselves some bread— so the
upshot of it was that we
went in and had the noodles
and made our supper of them.
We ordered a half portion—
which made three little bowls to a piece for us—all we could possibly eat. The soy bean sauce smelled, Emily said, as though it had been made of molasses from New Orleans, but it tasted all right. They served tea with it and it cost us 25 centavos a piece—2 5/4 gold for both of us. And we didn't have to build the fire, nor get supper, nor set the table, nor wash the dishes! We are going to do it again some time.

We found where we got back that the Lairds had called (Prof. Laird of Canton was in our home a few weeks ago) now it is up to us to return that call some time soon.

I must get down to business.
Writing soon, or the summer will be gone and nothing accomplished — Thursday and Friday I fussed and fretted around all day — they Friday evening I got down to business and wrote out my semi-annual letter to Miss Sandberg. It is ready to type now — all get at it to-morrow, maybe, but there is no steamer leaving Manila before Saturday, so I have plenty of time. It is the first letter I have written except to you and to Mabell, since I’ve been here. It is so easy just to loaf!

This morning we stayed in bed until late — much later than usual. We decided not to go to church then afterwards
thought better of it, hurried up the dishes, and went. We walked one way, then had a taxi come to bring us home. The Poppens from Armenia have arrived, and we saw them this morning.

I knew them at Kuala Lumpur nine years ago. They are in the same mission with Mrs. Johnson, with whom I played around a good bit, and Mr. Todd, the bass singer, who was one of the three bachelors on the mountain that summer. I found out recently that Mr. Todd has lost his wife, and has taken his two little children home to America.

This morning was beautiful.
sunny, and we were glad to went
They had a sort of children's day
concert. Most of the exercises were
in English - a few in some
Filipino dialect - Cute, they all
ting girls, but two of them I never
saw. They were so sing
"Crown him, all ye
little children" with motions.
But they had a fit of the giggles
before they began - and once they
realized how people were laughing
at them, they decided to make
the most of it, and kept
breaking down into the most
ecstatic giggling. Their teacher
helped them to get started twice,
and if only she could have
scared them a little bit they
could have finished and have
done it well - but she was overcome
herself and at last the kiddies
enjoying themselves so.
well that she could scarcely make them come down off the stage -- utterly demoralized they were -- but it was funny, all the same --

Now it is raining, as it does every afternoon and evening and sometimes in the morning. There is to be a song service at the Pines Hotel tonight and we'd really like to go, and we'd really like to go, but if it rains meet the people, but if it rains, it is not very nice to get so, it is not very nice to get soaking wet and then sit with wet and dirty-looking feet all the evening. Besides, we go to bed pretty early, and they won't begin till after eight tonight.

Well, well, wait and see -- I'm worried about the money you sent. Did you register it? Maybe you'd better try to have it traced - it is over two months now. Is it?
P.S. I went to the song service, and sat beside a beautiful woman who has a charming voice—and who is between two and three inches taller than I! A Mrs. Duncan, wife of a missionary in China, not far from Amoy, I think. Emily said on the way home, "How does it feel to be short, Ab?"
Dear Cles,-

The Sunday letter is not begun until Tuesday this week—partly because I've been busy getting these Maine letters off my mind, and partly because we have been gadding, and partly because we have been getting ready for company.

Now we are all ready for the company and they haven't come yet so I'll scribble this line to you. Our company is the three girls from Amoy and we asked them to come help us cook supper; then Emily found a girl from Hainan with whom she used to be in the Biblical Seminary in New York and we are having her too.

They haven't much to do to "help cook"—but they will set the table after they get here, and have one chop up the cheese and another make the mayonnaise dressing (I can do it in a pinch if none of them can!).

We shall have frankfurters and rolls, with dill pickles, mustard, and a salad of peas, cheese and peanuts. Then we shall have apricot fluff, with custard sauce, and chocolate cake and coffee with a
spoonful of marshmallow creme in it. I made the rolls this morning; before I went to market so that if they hadn't turned out right I could have bought bakery ones! I made the chocolate cake (layer, with chocolate fudge frosting) yesterday afternoon and we sampled it this noon. Emily says, "I think they'll eat it!" - It really is pretty good - Emily made the apricot fluff. She does it wonderfully.

We had to change the paper on our shelves today, and make things respectable in general all over the house - I scrubbed the bathroom yesterday and Emily repiled the wood into some sort of form. We work right along together - I'm slow, but E. doesn't complain! And now it is after five, and the guests ought to be coming pretty soon, I think.

Sunday night we went to the song again. Sunday night we went to the song again.
Hotel, and they are going to have
tunts. Mr. Capen is going to sing
a dandy song for the Swatow
bunch—Thursday night E. & I are
inviting the Capens and the Friedls
here for supper. We shall do all
the cooking on that occasion and
there will be eight of us for supper.
We have planned scalloped salmon,
sweet green peppers stuffed with celery,
cheese, and bread crumbs, and Bavarian
cream for dessert; that much, and
mashed potatoes, we have decided
probably some kind of cake or cookies,
and maybe another vegetable—it
is real fun to do this for a change,
but I don't think I'd care for it for the
steady diet. It is such a strain
wondering whether things are going
to turn out right or not!

Then Friday night the Filipinos of
the church here have planned a
missionary night—a long program,
I suppose, but very nice of them
to do it for us, and of course we
shall go to that too -
I have written two letters, copies of which I'm enclosing to you. One of which go to the Messenger, and 30 copies of the other go to Mrs. Jardine of Nashburn who, when she wrote me about the box, said she would not send the list of donors. She knew I'd be too busy to write to them all. So I have asked her & told her that you would be in readiness to send her the amount of the postage, if she would let you know - is that all right?

I must seal this up now & go start the fire.

Much love,
Abbie
Dearest Ones,

My bag of letters is on the table before me and I ought to get at 'em, but I don't feel like writing to anybody except you. Yesterday brought me your letter of July 3rd, in which you say you hope I'll let you know about sending letters direct & will let you know about sending letters direct &

Bagno - But you see, I'm going back & started Bagno - But you see, I'm going back & started

now in less than two weeks, and if I had waited & be sure I was coming here and then matters & have you send direct you might have been able & get two letters & me, but the rest I would be very likely to have delayed - Beginning today they are supposed to keep our mail for

today they are supposed to keep our mail for us in Eratow, so that none of it will get us in Eratow, so that none of it will get

here just after we have left.

your vacation sounded so though you would have to take a few weeks off & get that will find you fat (this doesn't apply to Dad) that will find you fat (this doesn't apply to Dad)

and "rarin' to go", so they say in Kentucky stories - when you get back from it.

Our vacation here at Bagno is very good for me - I haven't gained as fast as I do in my
various dreams of getting fat, but I'm gaining some, and feeling fine - I guess I told you that as far as the cough and temperature and debilitated feeling, I had begun to get considerable relief before the close of school. I've had no recurrence, and I've continued to feel better and better. I shall try to keep within the limit of my strength this coming year, so that I won't need a furlough next June as badly as I did the last time. I have decided, however (a little more definitely since receiving your letter yesterday) that I shall ask for furlough that I shall ask for furlough next June. Whether or not it will prove possible next June, whether or not it will prove possible next June, I cannot yet determine. But I shall take a trip through Palestine and India at that time. I cannot yet determine. But I shall take a trip through Palestine and India at that time. I cannot yet determine. But I shall take a trip through Palestine and India at that time. I cannot yet determine. 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had a letter from Arthur yesterday too, in which he is looking a lot older, I'm glad to have them - I shall be very glad when he knows what he is going to do in the fall - we have been doing the society stunt this week - I told you of our contemplated attempt to serve dinner to the Army girls - it was a grand success, from start to finish - after they had taken their coats off we showed them over the college (they praised our housekeeping!)
then scared them a little by saying "Now which of you is cook?"—They looked a little bewildered and declared they were all rotten cooks—One said "I can Ascent " and another "I'm strong on giving advice." Then we set them to cutting up cheese and shucking peanuts. Then I said "Can anyone make mayonnaise dressing?" Miss Bruce said "You mean with sesame oil?" I said "Yes"—and then—because she wriggled her head in such a comical, desperate, sink-or-swim way as she said "Well—You add— an egg, and a little vinegar—!" we simply roared. So we got out the recipe book and three of us took turns beating, and we got delicious dressing.

They rose to the occasion all right. Miss Forbes, whom Emily knew in New York, made Emily Forbes—who Emily knew in New York—made Emily taste the dressing and asked her how it was—taste. Emily, thinking the stuff was ours and she must! Emily, thinking the stuff was ours and she must! Emily, thinking the stuff was ours and she must! Emily, thinking the stuff was ours and she must! Emily, thinking the stuff was ours and she must! Emily, thinking the stuff was ours and she must! Emily, thinking the stuff was ours and she must! Emily, thinking the stuff was ours and she must! Emily, thinking the stuff was ours and she must! Emily, thinking the stuff was ours and she must! Emily, thinking the stuff was ours and she must! Emily, thinking the stuff was ours and she must! Emily, thinking the stuff was ours and she must! Emily, thinking the stuff was ours and she must! Emily, thinking the stuff was ours and she must! Emily, thinking the stuff was ours and she must! 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We had coffee for supper and we had so much excitement that when it was all over I couldn't sleep. So about 11:30 I got up and made ourselves some oatmeal. I drank mine and after I went back to bed. I went to sleep pretty soon, but Emily didn't sleep until after 3.

The next morning we were late getting up and then about 11 A.M. we started down town. We bought some necessary vegetables and some Baghdad runners and pillows (which I expect to send to you from here so that I won't have to pay it into America) for Christmas presents for Gladys S., Gladys P., and a few others.

Then we went to the Chinese restaurant again and had good Chinese food and back home. I've baked all the afternoon and then we had our famous Christmas cookies, which we had expected to go to the Missionary Stunt, but Emily had got night at the Pines Hotel. But Emily had got too tired to think of it (and I had already been once to the hotel without her) and it was too late. We had asked the Misses to give a humorous song for Mr. Capers and they did as he and Miss Fawcett did. Mr. C.'s song was good, of course, and he had to give an encore. But Mr. Fawcett...
said they were only one or two other things that were good - and they didn't get out until 11:30 - so we were glad we hadn't gone.

Yesterday (Thursday) we finished preparing the things for supper in the morning. In spite of that, Emily in the afternoon - in spite of that, Emily was too tired and I suppose we should have called the party off - but I didn't realize that was the party off - but I didn't realize that she was half sick. I carried through - and this time it was a success to through - and this time it was a success. Our guests were the two Capens and the four Frieds.

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I cleaned up in the kitchen and we called it all a grand success. Mrs. Capen asked me if my mother liked to cook — does she?

This morning however, I wakened to find Emily sick with a wonted neuralgic headache. She stayed in bed all morning — and by noon felt so much better that she sat up and ate a few creamed parsnips with me. I cleaned up the scraps, salmon, potatos, and pudding — and enjoyed it. While she slept I washed the napkins and last night's dish towels — (the ones from Middle Tom.)

E. went back to bed after dinner and she has been sleeping almost ever since. She said at noon that she thought she would feel well enough to get up and go to the church “missionary night” tonight but I think it is doubtful. I don’t care about going tonight but suppose I had better if it doesn’t rain too hard.

I’m writing in every letter now to tell you that I have not received the money for you that I have not received the money for you that I have not received the money for you. If I didn’t say anything, you might wonder if I didn’t say anything, you might wonder whether I had received it. I shall tell you whether I had received it. I shall tell you whether I had received it. I shall tell you whether I had received it.

This time how you sent it — money order, check, or what — much, much love, Abbie.
Dear Ones,

This letter I hope will sail on the Asia with me today, and I could wait and write it on the boat if I wanted to.

But I’ve been saving a four-cent stamp just for you—and I must use it up as it will be no good after I’m out of the Philippines. Moreover, after today it will cost me 10 cents to send a letter to you.

Emily is up washing her hair—it’s just a little after six A.M. and I’ll use the time to scribble
a line & ye.
  We left Baguia Wednesday at 9.30 A.M. and had a fairly good trip down. The drive is a marvelous one. Such scenery is hard to descrit. With all the high peaks and deep gorges—all clothed in beautiful tropical green—up in Baguia itself and on the higher levels the tree ferns are so graceful. They grow in very few places in the world. The blue mists over the highest peaks gave an almost ethereal effect to the whole scene, especially when we saw the mountains emerge from them as the clouds were melted away by
the sunshine—
I don't know whether I shall ever come here again, but I'm thankful to have had this six weeks here. I have gained several pounds and I'm feeling really very well and fit. The high altitude does not agree with Emily very well and she was miserable the last two weeks. She thought she would feel better as soon as she got down here, and she does—she amazed at the amount of shopping etc. we did yesterday without her getting very tired—
The day before I left Bagnio I sent you a package containing 4 sets of Igorot runner and cushion sets. From these I want to give the most of my Christmas presents and I'm going to ask you to send them on to the various people. I won't stop to write details now, but will do that when I have more time perhaps on the boat. Gladys, Sandeman, Gladys, Paul, + Helen Fielden are some of the people - and you are to have your own pick of the lot.

I'll quit now, because it is time to get dressed. The ox and cart are for Ralph at Christmas - love Allie.
Dear Mother,

We can still send letters for five cents on this boat and Emily has a stamp left over which she says she will give to me, so I'll get this letter to you for nothing!

We have been very lazy all day - last night was very hot and there are four of us in the cabin which has only one porthole. When Emily and I went downstairs last night after dinner our two cabin mates were flat on their backs in their bunks and the porthole was shut tight. We got that open and the fan was
on all night but even so there was not very much sleep when it was so hot.

We met a Filipino girl yesterday. This is being sent to Washington by the Catholic Women's League. After she got her appointment she got interested in reading the Bible with a group of Protestant girls from the Normal School. They have been having a little Bible group during the noon hour, taking turns in being the "teacher," and taking a weekly quiz on what they have read. She said she wondered if we would keep up the reading with her. So today she came down here to second class and we three sat on deck and read the 26th chapter of Matthew aloud—each reading a verse in turn. There was a crowd of people all around us and they
didn't seem to notice us and we didn't bother about them. It was very nice and she asked some questions, and then added her own opinions & ours. She read from her own Catholic Bible, the Douay version, and the differences were interesting. She is in an embarrassing position, but she wants to read the Bible and find out for herself which the better way is--our opinion or force ourselves--our opinion in her, of course--and it seemed to us that she is a Road-minded yet serious thinking Catholic who is having some honest doubts. We have introduced her to some people who are going all the way to America and we hope she won't be too lonely and will perhaps get some help. There are very few first-class.
passengers on this boat - cut 85 second class - most of them Chinese missionaries returning from vacation. The boat will be lonely when it leaves Hongkong, I should say - !

We don't know whether we shall get a boat to Swatow to-morrow or not. We'd like to go Monday, and may have to stay over until Tuesday.

Much much love,

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