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Sau Wai Hsin.

July 12th 1923.

My dear Ellison:

Really, I've got quite a pain as I take up this pen to write you alone, for your birthday as I see the date is July 17th in our Calendar. Now, I've got it - I must have developed some semblance of a Conscience that is what's hurting me! Truth is, with this delightful Sanatorium climate of Chang-ming's, temperature 88 to 91°F. in shade in daytime, I'm developing the same trouble for hat, only wishing I might get the patience he has, instead of which I go round feeling like a bear with a sore head most of the time! I've had one poor boil under my arm lanced by the Chinese Doctor, but can't think of leaving here till it is better - What a delightful time you must be having at Shai Yong now! I have been wondering how you came out of your Shanghai - Ningpo - Dr Thomas - Trip, so take it that no

news is good news - Just now politically & militarily speaking things are quiet but they have been pretty lively at times & I had a very exciting time getting up here, didn't reach here till May 28 anyway. waiting 15 days at Keping.

I have visited several outstations. At one had 8 Baptisms & at the Central Station 26 making 34 for this field to date.

School is now out & the Teachers departed happily with 2 mos. salary each. We started an epidemic of Mumps but it stopped after 8 boys had it.

I have helped in 4 operations at the hospital under Chloroform - It was my job to put on the iodine. I have had to be my own family doctor so long at Hops that I read something about things & at least didn't run away from the operations. They are short handed here with Bonfield away & one assistant gone to Hang Chow to take medical course.

Recently 1000, left left from a point near this, but others have come to take their place. The soldiers patronize the hospital here freely but rather spoil things for other people - These Northern soldiers have some fine fellows among the officers but the rank file of them are a dirty lot. Being Northerners they are not used to bathing & they dislike doing so yet this warmer climate makes it imperative - You never saw such skin troubles & itchiness as some of them exhibit -

Have you heard from your home folks recently? I expect they will be at Laurel Park by now or soon - I hope my wife will be able to see them when upon Mountain Rest.

I wonder if you or anyone at Shai Yang want to buy a leopard's skin? I bought a good one recently as the man let it go cheaply - It is a full grown

is 91°F in shade lowering to 89° at 88° at night.
Leopards skin, measures 7 feet all
but an inch from tip of nose to tip of
tail - Of course it is tanned yet -
It was killed in the 11th month last
year so is a winter skin -
I am wondering if Min Sollenman
is at Shai Yong or not this year.
The price is \$8.50 - usual price is
much more than that, especially
since the U.S. Consul has been
buying skins thru Bonfield
& having been here on a hunting
trip. Someone helped put prices up.
I hear that Spindler is sailing Oct 3rd for
Japan & Asia. That will release you
people for the City again I suppose -
I don't know yet when my wife is sailing
& she's going to find it frightfully hard to leave
the children - Also she sees a great deal
in the home papers about the happenings
in China which rather worry her -
There seem quite a few wild animals in
the hills in these parts. I saw a fine big
dead tiger awhile back, weighed 200 lbs.
Remember me to the folks & especially to you
Good lady & Alice & John
With all good wishes, Your friend
Adam

Robert R. B.

Sunday 16th Dec.

Dear Lottie

Had a night in the city this week & saw
four his lovely children. They are ever so
happy & full of fun. Arthur thinks they have
grown tremendously since he saw them both on
first coming back last Spring.

We just went up one day & back the next
& saw something of that big city - & the wonderful
view from the houses there. Ellison came up
after us & is at Pan Bhai for Sunday. We
have bought some of his shoes from him, from
Smith & Co. shoes.

It is getting so close to Xmas. We are going
to spend it at Kopo with the Tjeltkes & the Leschers (as
are going. Oh! but it will seem good to be there
once again, alas! it is not wholly though. we are
top up to Chungking immediately after, until the
Tjeltkes go on furlough probably, which they wish to do
in 1925. Conference has been pretty good to the whole,
but nothing very stirring about it. I am wondering
where you will be for that time. I fear you will
be disappointed not to come down here for Xmas, but I
hope you are really better than come soon.

With love & cheer Christmas
to all this Xmas season
Sincerely Robert R. Adams

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House of Representatives U. S.

Washington, D. C.

Boston Dec 5, 1904

My Dear Lottie:-

I was up to Lane's I saw last night and had a very pleasant time talking over the great questions of the day, more particularly the revival meetings which are now going on in Rockport. Hattie seems as well now as I ever knew her to & she is very much interested & enthusiastic over the services. Ruth and George were with us most of the time we were talking and took some part in it. I like the man, Mr. Shaver, who is conducting the meetings especially well. He seems to use more tact than most evangelists and does not go at those who heed his preaching most, in a way which would scare them off. I have heard most of his sermons & talks, of some of them have been exceptionally good both from the point of view of style and subject matter.

Have you seen the Review lately (i.e. since the change in the management. Personally, I think the paper has improved a good deal. What do you think of the building operations now going on in Rockport. The foundation of the Library is now about all laid and last Saturday the corner stone was laid with some little formality. Also you know we

are to have a new school house built out of
the machine shop of the Old Mill. They had
several towns ^{meeting} before they decided to take the
building, but at last with the information
we had it seemed a wise proceeding. I think
Geo. J. Farr was very generous to give the
town the rest of the lot but I do not just
fancy calling the schoolhouse the Shop.
Farr schoolhouse and holding up a man
as a great philanthropist who runs
a brewery in Gloucester and a cider
mill in Rockport within a mile of
the schoolhouse which bears his name.
But then I do not know as that
makes very much difference. In a
generation or two nobody will know
for whom the name stands. No more
than the majority of people in Gloucester
know who the Collins was, for whom
the Collins School was named, or the
Bolton for whom the Bolton school
was named, etc.

The mill ruins are nearly all down
now and it will not be long before
the place will be all cleared up.

Tell Clara not to worry about the spending
my room hours looking up resolutions
etc. I don't know how I worded it in
the last letter, but I did not mean that
I had not been out to lunch. The part of
my room hours I used for that purpose
was the part I usually spend walking around
the streets for exercise or down to the wharf
after I get through lunch. So you & her can

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see that I did not give up much. The only reason why I said anything about was that I wanted to give my hosts as an excuse for some of the mistakes I made in the letter.

You had quite a campaign at Mt. Holyoke didn't you. All you would have needed to make it complete would have been the beer and smoke. I enjoyed reading your description of it ever so much.

Mr. Pinell left Saturday for Congress and now I have but one ~~to~~ loss. I suppose the result of that will be that my work from now on to the 4th of March will be much easier but on the other hand it will be more monotonous. I was just beginning to get into the work of trying cases and I enjoyed it ever so much. I think I am going to like that branch of the law much better than title work, although yet, I have don't suppose I have done enough of the former to really know, which I shall eventually prefer.

Last week I was responsible for beginning proceedings to arrest a man who had cheated a poor woman by giving her a warrant deed wanting the premiums

free from all encumbrances when he
knew there was a mortgage on them.
The penalty for doing that is a fine of
not less than \$1000 or not more than
1 year imprisonment. Knowing the
circumstances, I hope he gets the full
extent. He will also have to pay any
loss the woman suffered. What makes
the matter worse the woman paid a
lawyer at the time she bought the
property \$7.00 to look up the title & he
took the money and never went near
the Registry. That shows what kind of
people there are in the world. How I came
into the matter was that the woman had
applied to the Wilday Savings Bank for a
mortgage on the property and with her
death although everybody concerned believed
it was all right, as a matter of form
I was sent over to Cambridge to look it
up & found a mortgage on it. Of course
anybody who looked at the Registry could
have soon found it, yet I was kind of
glad to be able to get a chance to get
after a man like the one who got the
warranty deed.

You have taken your last row in my
boat. The pieces of her are over in Mrs.
Mines's yard near the white wharf
In that storm we had several
Sunday nights ago she broke adrift
& I have not seen her since. I was told
where the pieces ~~be~~ are but have not
seen them yet. I don't think it was much
of a loss as I doubt if she would

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have been good for anything another
summer As it is nearly time for my
train to leave I guess I will close now
Wishing you and Clara the best of luck
in everything I am

Sincerely Yours
Bery. F. Allen 2nd

P.S. Please give one of these cards to
Clara

B. F. G.

Boston Mar 9, 1905

My dear Lottie:-

I hope you will pardon me for being so long in answering your last letter. We have been very busy in the office all winter and lately my head has been so full of politics and town meeting I have hardly had time for anything else evenings. I have just arrived at the office this morning and I think I shall spend the time until I am stopped in writing to you. The first thing I want to tell you about is in regard to the schools. Last evening at the Town Meeting \$550 was appropriated for a new teacher in the High School in Rockport. I believe last Christmas you said you would like to have me let you know about any positions that might happen to come within my notice, & so I write this letter telling you about it. Mr. Easton also said the other day that you might like to consider the place in the schools here. At that time I knew of no vacancy & could not give him any encouragement. Since then however I have

barred of the ^{injection} program for a new teacher.
I do not know if you want to spend
a year in Rockport & personally have my
doubts, knowing the state of things in the
town, especially the school affairs, whether
it would be for your best interests to do
so. If you have followed the Hope Ann Papers
lately you know of some of things which
have happened there and as far as the
Mrs. Wheeler & Miss Lincoln and other
affairs you know more than I do. I
was advised by many of my best friends
to leave the school committee & town politics
alone at this time. I however have risked
my comfort, ease & reputation, and intend
now I am into it to do the best possible
for the town. Every School, & in fact every
other committee for ten years or so back
have been insulted and abused in the town
meetings & last evening the old committee,
who to my mind have done excellent
work, got a pretty hard dig.

I see I am ^{about to leave now} getting away from my subject,
but ~~that~~ may show you the state of things
in Rockport, and, if you want to take the
risk I have, I will advise do all that
I possibly can to get the place for you.
What that means is somewhat uncertain.
You know I am only one of three & if
Mr. Herne & Henry Mason happen to want
to put in some one else I shall be unable to

to prevent them. If you want to be considered a candidate for the place I should advise you as soon as possible to make an ~~informal~~ ^{infernal} application to Mr. Woodward the Superintendent of Schools in Rockport & when the time comes to elect the teacher I think all of the candidates will be taken up together & the one with the best qualifications in the opinion of the majority of the committee will get the place. If you see fit to apply you can depend upon me to do the best I can for you & as far as possible I shall try to keep you posted, that is, provided you want me to.

This has been a great winter on Cape Ann as it has been every where else. One or two days it was so cold that ~~ice~~ ice formed off the front beach and extended from nearly out to the Rockport & Grants Bumping docks across to the White Wharf. There have also been quite a number of heavy storms & in one of them the tripod on a salubage was washed ~~and~~ away.

I have been given some work to do & the office is now full, but I am going to try to finish the other side of this paper with some of the things which have happened

since the last time I wrote to you.

One day last week I had my first experience in a criminal case. A young fellow had been arrested for stealing money which had been given him to buy stock with by his employer. He was put in the city prison and from there he sent a note down to the office on a piece of a paper wrapper telling of his misfortune. I went up there to the prison & with him on one side of the bars and myself on the other heard his story. I asked him all the questions I dared to with the officers around, and he referred me to his brother in law whom he thought might be able to raise the necessary \$500 to bail him out. That same night the mother of the fellow came in and from her I found out that there was no doubt about his guilt and the best thing to be done seemed to be to try to raise money enough to pay back what he stole & get the case stopped. She left with the intention of doing that. What success she had I do not know, but as we have heard nothing in regard to it since I trust she succeeded!

Hattie seems to be very happy now. Of course you know the reason why. A Missionary Tea is to be held at Mrs. Dolson's. All the men are promised seats at the first table so as to be able to get to town meeting in time. Sincerely yours,
Benjamin A. Libbey 27.2

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TOWN OF ROCKPORT

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

ROBERT E. HENNE, CHAIRMAN
BENJAMIN F. ALLEN, 2D. SECRETARY
HENRY P. MASON

Rockport, Mass., May 11 1905

My Dear Lottie:-

This has been a strenuous week for me with somewhere to go every evening. Tonight I have been to Gloucest. to a Committee meeting but by good fortune, got home on the 8.30 P. M. train and so I think I will employ my unexpected vacation by writing to you. In the first place in regard to the position in the High School. Since I saw your matters have changed but little as far as that goes. The meeting at which the teachers are to be elected has not come yet and probably will not take place until the first of June. One member of the Committee hopes & thinks that we ought to plan to give the position to one of the teachers we now have in the schools. You know who that is. I know of two others on the Committee who think that it would be a mistake to put any one in the High School as a teacher who is not a College graduate. What I want to do, if I can, is to improve the High School as much as possible, and make it as far as it goes as good as the Gloucester High. That is, to arrange it so

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ROBERT R. HERR, CHAIRMAN
BENJAMIN F. ALLEN, SO. SECRETARY
HENRY P. MASON

Rockport, Mass.,

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that perhaps for 2 years the standard and the quality of the work will be such that scholars can pass from our High School to Gloucester High without any tutoring or extra work. If we can get it so three years will equal three in Gloucester then so much the better, and so on.

With this object in view I have succeeded in getting Ralph Parsons to agree to take a day off & visit the Rockport High and see just what we need to accomplish this object. Perhaps you had ~~but~~ better not say anything about this last statement as I am doing it as an individual & not as the Committee, simply to see what can be done, and later, I hope to get the Committee to act on his suggestions. You know what I want to do, is to keep the salary of the position up to \$550 and to get it for you provided you think it is the best thing to be done. As there has been so much talk about the position and so many right here in town have been looking for it, you can easily understand that the successful candidate will be the target at which all sorts of jealous and unjust criticism will be hurled by the

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HENRY P. MASON

Rockport, Mass.,

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unsuccessful candidates and their friends. If anything else equally good turns up I should advise you to take it, but if nothing as good comes along and things come about so that you can get the position, I think with your experience & training you would have no trouble holding your end up. As I said before, until I hear to the contrary, I shall keep you posted and trust that ^{everything} the best thing for you will be done. I guess that is enough for school affairs.

Yesterday you know we had the Sunday School Convention with us and everything passed off in fine style. I was unable to beat any of the services during the day, but I enjoyed the evening session immensely. It seemed great to see the Church full at a ^{religious} meeting. The Gloucester Baptist had quite a delegation down and it seemed almost like home to me to be with them.

I understand that Marion is going away Monday. Everyone in the Church will be sorry for that, for she is such a great help to us. I do not know what we will do for music after she is gone. She played about all day yesterday.

TOWN OF ROCKPORT

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

ROBERT R. IRVING, CHAIRMAN
BENJAMIN F. ALLEN, 2D. SECRETARY
HENRY P. MASON

Rockport, Mass.,

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Every ^{then the spot} Town Meeting this year has been more exciting. Last Monday evening we had the liveliest one within the memory of the oldest inhabitants, the spice of it consisting very largely in the personalities which George Tipton & Judge York hurled at each other. In the minds of about everyone there each one by indulging in such remarks hurt himself more than he did the other.

I think we both fared well in our work the day you went away. I never had much better luck in my life than I did with the title which I was to finish in about an hour from the time I left you. I finished it up easily in that time.

Now for a true story before I close.
First Rustie, cutting a pie into 2 unequal pieces and taking the larger and giving the smaller piece to his friend the 2nd Rustie, "There Si, theres your pie."
2nd Rustie, in an aggrieved tone, "Jones, if I had been cutting that pie I should have done things differ and given you the biggest piece."
1st Rustie, "well Si, what you kicking about, aint I got it?"

Sincerely Yours

Benj. F. Allen 2nd

Boston June 6, 1903.

My Dear Lettie:-

Allow me to extend to you congratulations for your good fortune in securing the position in Troy. My personal opinion is you have made no mistake, and I think you will enjoy a year or more in New York State. If you should want to come back to Mass in a year or so I think you may have a chance. I was told in good authority that they are hoping to add another teacher in the Gloucester High in a year or more and after you had obtained a years experience you would stand a good show for it.

What I am writing this for is to ^{ask} tell you, if you know of anyone who might like to be considered a candidate for the vacancy in the Rockport High School under existing conditions, to send me to her name before tomorrow evening when we meet to elect the teachers. I am going to try to keep the salary at \$550 and hope we may get a good teacher to take the position. As I have said before more or less trouble may await whoever takes the position and it would be just as well to have that understood ^{beforehand}.

Sincerely Yours,
Henry F. Allen 229



Miss Lottie P. Lane
Rockport
Mass.

YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION
Department of
MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND
In Camp



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Young Men's Christian Associations

MASSACHUSETTS (4th REGIMENT INFANTRY)

257 Tremont Street, Boston, Mass.



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A. D. DENICK,
H. K. MURRAY,
E. A. KATYNE.

July 10

1906

Dear Lottie! -

Tonight I thought I would write you a letter telling of a few of the experiences we have been through with since July 4th when I saw you last. I am writing this at a place which in my opinion is one of the strongest influences for good among the soldiers and at the different army posts of our country. At this camp, as in most camps there is a canteen, but it is an exception to the ordinary rule in that nothing stronger than soda and ginger ale is sold in it. You see from that, that it is not necessary for the Y. M. C. A. to compete with the canteen, in the way until recently it had to. Tonight here in a rough room with bare wooden tables are seated nearly a hundred fellows either writing or reading. There is also a piano here which is open for any one to use who wishes, and when I tell you that although it is constantly going there are times only when there is very much music, you will not

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be surprised.

As I told you I was going to, I left Rockport July 5th at about 6 A.M. All day we waited around Boston getting the baggage from the Steamboat wharf to the Boston and Albany freight station. On the same car which had no springs was loaded all the company baggage in one end, a horse in the other and three of us in the middle. When they started to shift the car onto the train which was made up of cars going out this way then the fun began. You ~~can~~ probably have seen freight cars shifted around and may know that they do not put them together any too easy. Every time a new car was put on ~~th~~ if the shock did not knock some of us over, it very nearly did so. After the shifting was over we started and then when the train began to go fast ~~th~~ the fact that there was no springs on the car became more evident than ever. The sensation was similar to riding horse back on an old "plug" only more so, and if there had not been a lot with a spring

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1906

on it which we were able to use I do not know what would have become of us. The first night here some of the fellows got out around and let down every tent in the Company street. Some time in the night while I was sound asleep our tent went down and we had to get out and repair damages.

Our time here is pretty well occupied. All of us have to get up and be around by 5.45 every morning. From that time until 12.15 nearly every moment is occupied with drill etc. In the afternoon comes non commissioned officers meeting and then at 4.30 comes dress parade, which is a very pretty ceremony, but is quite a strain, especially in hot weather upon the men. Tonight we lost one who dropped out and some of the companies lost more. Just at present there seems to be quite a number sick here. What is the matter I do not know. So far I have felt great and because the food is so good, such as it is, in spite of the work I believe I am gaining weight. I think I am getting black. It looks now as if I would go on guard duty to-morrow night. If it proves to be the case there will be but little

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MASSACHUSETTS (and RHODE ISLAND).

287 Tremont Street, Boston, Mass.

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H. W. JACKSON, R. E. STONE,
CHARLES A. CORNUM, Secretary.



Camp Secretaries

A. D. DEMICK,
M. H. MURRAY,
E. A. BATTISE.

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sleep for me until ~~Friday~~ Thursday night
again. I think I will save a few things
to tell you when I get home.

Yours sincerely
Benj. H. Allen 2nd

Rockport Nov 16, 1906

Dear Lottie:-

This is a wild, windy and rain night and although Mr. Cunningham has pulled the bell rope at the Baptist ^{church}, and made the bell ring I have assumed that no one will obey the call to night and that there will be no Church service. As a result I am here at home and will try to tell you of a few of the things which have happened since the last time I saw you, and which perhaps you have not heard of.

In the first place let me congratulate the state in which you live upon the wise choice it has made for governor at the recent election. The Election of Hughes among other things shows that the sentiments & opinions expressed in the Boston American do not as yet rule the country, and although when I look about, it sometimes seems to me as if such radical doctrines may some time gain control, I do not believe they ever will. In Mass: there was not as much at stake but in spite of that we have just passed through one of the most exciting elections for many years. I was pretty well satisfied with the result. Every man but me, for whom I voted got elected.

On Election day I took a day off and visited all the schools in town with the exception of the three classes in the Town Hall which were not in session because of the hall being used for the Election. I saw John in his room and came just as near speaking to him as I dared to when I passed his seat. Sometime I will tell you of some of the impressions ^{received} of the work the schools are doing. Last evening I was in Mr.

Mr. Linn's store here. Miss
Myant said she had a
compliment for me. This
is what it was. Mr. Eldredg
went with me on my visit
and some of the scholars
in one of the grades went
home and told their parents
that "Mr. Eldredg and his
son were in the visit school
today." What do you think
of that? Who received the
compliment, Mr. Eldredg ^{or} ~~me~~
me?

On evening last week I
made a call on Loring and
his wife at Swampscott and
had a very pleasant time.
He has a fine home in a
nice house in a very pleasant
part of town. He has just opened
up an office in Lynn in addition

to his Swampscott office.
Bill Lowe is married and
left us. He secured the
work he took the exami-
nation for and has gone
to White Plains New York.
I think he did well to get
a position of that kind.

Getting a good girl has-
been the building of him.
Annie Harkall was married
Wednesday evening & had
a reception at Mrs. Pelting's
Wednesday evening. All
the Baptists were there and
many strangers. I saw
your mother there.

It looks now as if the
stone school house will
be turned over to the town
before very long. The school

Committee is to have a great office
in it which I trust we will have
considerable occasion to use.

The New Armory in Belmont
is practically finished and the
Company is now in it. It would
be hard to find a better club
room anywhere than what we
have there. In it are two bowling
alleys, a 50 yard rifle range,
pool table, and the largest swim-
ming pool I have yet seen.
In addition we have the assembly
room with a piano and also
a room for the special use of the
non-commissioned officers. I only
wish that I had more time to
spend there. We are now making
plans for a well time when
we dedicate the building next
month. We are going to try to
have the governor and his
military staff in uniform present
and the 8th Regt. band to furnish
music.

Mr. Shorburne is down in Maine
for a vacation and to day I took
his place as superintendent of
the Sunday School. Mrs. Shorburne's
class had the highest collection
and some of the girls in the
class, especially Rachel Wetherbee,
wanted me to stay at the close of
service when I gave out the notice.

etc., "My wife's class has the
brightest collection." If it had
been anywhere except in
Sunday School I should
have done it.

I am reading at present a
translation of Victor Hugo's
Les Misérables. I got that book
from the Library and have
already renewed it once.
You probably know that
it contains nearly 1000
pages of the finest print
so I guess I will be kept
busy for a while.

Ministry Tea this week
at Mrs. Stevens. I give you
this notice so that you will
be sure and be there.
They are gradually getting the hospital
started. There are many patients
in it.
Sincerely yours
Benjamin Wilson