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P.P. Minn.

Wm. H.

Aug. 25.

Dec. 25. 1928

Bethel.

My dear Bob,

I want with longing for you - and I hope
you will accept this before will you have time to go - Happy the
year to both of you & John & this. I really enjoyed your long August
letter, & the one right after it again by sending out; it is very
nice to "ladies"; there are others too, & they send me letters of him,
so we have a "little" history. & it was an hour - warning after
having arrived it was all my paper etc. - I am a low man in
a cupboard with 5 ladies, they said Balmer, Fonda, just to
mention and will stay on here at least till they come - however:
Give you a picture & more.

Amidst... that was all I managed to write yesterday. Today is the day we
got letters from children letter - already wet bird! It is exciting to
see what you settle at a sleep. It must be lovely country. Let you
know if I hope you will all be thoughtful healthy happy. Enclosed
I wrote you anything there is a day when the thoughts of you
fondly - but I do not doubt you will like done out of it. We
are here to please!

They say the winter to follow in the regions, so you will
have to have some sort of arrangements for the children.
These are better, I think, than we could have hoped: & the babies seem to
be really happy. These children helping them to grow up healthy
and strong & we don't doubt they will be having a fine time.

Has you heard the news of the engagement between Balmer &

How has? It was a terrible surprise to me, for a man we well kept. I send to you my return from a journey to Shugborough - September. So here is not your house this coming Spring, but waiting to go with Wilson in the following year. The remains are to be the January, or the 28th, & all being well I am going to take a service. - Wilson, a slave to last three years were telling my considerately, is represented to be very happy now. Though now you will find it hard to eat, by such a very filthy pair as they are coupled.

In November we have a conference in London of delegates from over 30 China Council - Drury, Potts & Webster - to consider mainly our relation to the Chinese Church & to have our property be given it absolutely good & come to agree friendly. In addition we sent them a memorandum on the question of representations, for a resolution was tomorrows delegate & then it was immediately withdrawn. We are now considering our Chinese Property this next Staff & Dray an interesting thing with. Our Webster Property we asked for a man minister - one dedicated to the Chinese Mission, soon for Shugborough - & 2 others. Webster has not told us good qualities but has not enough time to return to London. I fear he cannot come however. Webster ~~when~~ ^{when} when & church is busy on good.

This remains however the problem of really having the opportunity to push and effect. It is difficult. I feel a little burdened at Webster myself at present. But I think it is as a matter of adjustment, of the country settling down.

Congratulations on the children's progress is coming. But it fails to make me happy, & to me he probably says, it is the more bent. May bought a photo of the 17th June all

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young is running asthmatic. How big they are growing. I am so glad
they are in better health.

William had to ride for his birthday away to an
old sailing ship. He sent it out, & it has gone to great account.
He's been with various people & done a number of things, including
a medical missionary ship, the Africa, & Drifts, between Asia
and Africa, & that of the Japanese like Major Taggart's big steamship
Kan. In Drifts James E.C. & G. found him in a difficult position
to a place S. of New Zealand after going back to sea away from a
land hospital on the island.

I hope to have two or more monthly papers.
Just write something down you can & don't mind letting them know!
In truth will my little writing & not I care to do it & offend
anyone - & I will & make my best I will do William a Bill.

I must sit & write before putting this.

You get around first book which originally has been reprinted
& shall venture to add it for you, though it is a bit of a lot.
When it will fit into your scheme, temporarily out. Put it in
a shelf till the psychologist comes if it doesn't.

much love to the young & old children

Ever

Drifts.

Worthington
Sister

New Years Day.

Jan. 1, 1929

My dear Sister

We have just posted a letter to you other. I
intend to add a line to you next letter to get it written so as handwriting to
send it after. It was very good to get your letter just on New Year's day & to know of
your everything & all to you new church. I shall look forward to better
information you have vicinity & to hear all about your life in the country. It
must have been difficult to choose between the two cities when Holyoke or the one.
I am glad you have a good climate & surroundings for the children & wife. And
with them I suppose will have the best of health now.

You will know by now of my migration. We are settling in to
the house the mechanics used to have & have now made it very homely & delightful.
It is very good to be together again. I do wish we could see you other
coming in at the conference just to visiting us. How delightful that would be.

It is rather perplexing to know what will be our best line of work.
I am not out yet for a school & don't feel justified in trying myself down to it,
the S. C. is rather a peculiar state. The College closed, & as the State Fair
is at present being in Holyoke we are compelled to open it: we are in
one & until we win in my case. So if opportunity offers we must try to
open the office by visitation. A country & rural division like ours has but
one place to visit something much more direct than the Act. My husband is still
rather hating & fearing but I hope it will improve.

We are going to a New Year dinner this evening
and there are tickets for a fashion show at the Hotel & two places near there. We shall
see the former but the latter, I think, is the best.

With every good wish to you other & John & their many grandchildren.

E. P. Morison

Wokingham

Berks.

April 26, 1929

My dear Bob

Another delightful letter came a few days ago to me, — following upon & complementing the book you have so kindly sent me, "With Webster & His wife's 'People among the Hills'." It came yesterday morning when I was very ill, I was taking a day in bed with slight flu-like cold — very like being at sea after a long time at sea beginning. So I confess I read it at once & spent the rest of the day with it, finishing it before I turned the light out at night. I immediately enjoyed it & got much benefit from it. It is so bright & optimistic, how the straight from a man who has really won his victory over life, is so afraid yet so conscious of the really important things — & that it is a great inspiration. See it so beautifully pictures your present surroundings — those last 2 tough things you have undertaken, how they will work out & what joy — after education & difficulty — may be in store for you. In just this is the opportunity for us & you to get in touch with one another again — just the reverse of so much that seems to be happening to us mischievous now, when we are getting more and more ^{remote} from each other all the time.

Another reason now isn't psychologically apt for me. If I had to see it I was going to try to read the vol. 1, "An International Conference Report on Mission & Rural Problem". I have already seen it but it was out of focus so far as this claim was concerned, & then to turn to Webster book with its inspiring rhythmic & heroic, Proper etc to the scene there & his insistence on the true & this message in the breathing mountain air. The last thing connects a real English man to that & is just beginning, but

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stage of a stage one; we this so far as has always begun to find me the
wife or real father. We have a place reception has a wife when they
thinking to have visitors for our do you. My own home visitors was a con-
gregation for 22 years too, so we had & wanted him.

Anything you a little not now about you was in China will have a
setting, & we shall have to have all you can stand.

The 1st on Real Problem - the 1st, A General Conf.
Report I have now. Madaya wrote for a short article, so I wrote, a letter
to the Editor of the "Young Chinese", to write but I was not yet, & the
letter; just myself I have seen the 1st, which I expect is the best - a really
eloquent account of the situation - at present - , likely to be the facts, &
the Leader Chinese. In treatment of the - smaller children - as a distinct
view of life, and about this - at the world - for a family, really to be
able staying, brings it into focus.

My present position at Doy I know of and I
having too much responsibility to let out! I intended to give a
real job now in this country (Lambeth, Temple & a try to
Keying), & only the night before I was to leave did I cancel it. One
of the first the commitments we made again - this time in Keying,
from Thompson to the Bishop of - on the 1st interview. They have
kidnapped & raised just now to try - then can trying to get a
position in the Beijing Valley. So we failed. A ship said I must
stay. But because I was going to travel I have no suitable job here.
Perhaps next year there may be a chance to teach theology - if then;
I shall have my hands full, if this is the case I don't see how a child problem
would prevent to fill our gaps in the coming years.

Adam has just spent ten days with us. He was out, sick with a complication of symptoms. Very close at No.-phi won't eat him now. Baker has been sick with the flu. Mrs. & Miss Gibbetts finished. The child has a day or two, but wouldn't give in.

I am happy with the church here, but as my drift is general for the moment for an education & with church & down by Indians town it is not about church action but one in their progress are subordinate to Olin, by which it means an effective organization in poor regions i find sides with the a religion substitute especially like Taylor with church spirit, that I may be a propagandist, but it seems to me that just as a sides of Peter's moment are in one contact with it does to the moment in the church is contaminated by a mixture of really a revolutionary nature. What can not done about it how far the minority in the home already must take cognizance of this.

If they are working out a planned Wilson & at Broadway, will be on the body he is staying with, the Endeavoring & Bell & will be students at Fisk College. Bell will clearly. - Do I tell you at Adele's ⁱⁿ to be moderate & discreet in your? Characteristic is ours to project into away!

And here to little groups the children from Mr
Perry
Dugay

Dec. 13. 1897.

Dear Douglas,

My offer has got a start today on little writing fluent but illegible. I hope you won't mind & continue for you. I am enclosing some stuff from my college, which you may be slightly interested in.

If you have that less forgotten. I went one year to at Seminary at Rochester New York (the one that gave us Johnson Waters Fletcher Grocott Lewis & als) and then went to Union. At that time one couldn't get a B.D. from Union without a 2nd year of Greek & Hebrew. Since then this has been relaxed, but the requirement on other lines have been made more rigid, and I have no hope of a B.D. from Union at present. But the rules at NTI are such that one can get a B.D. on presentation of a suitable thesis. Provided he is admitted as a candidate.

One is supposed to take his whole course there but the minimum is one year. That is supposed to be the senior year: I got my courage up and asked them to accept me as a candidate on the strength of my 1st year there, saying that I thought the number of persons who would make such an application would probably be so small that they wouldn't be overwhelmed if they granted the whole lot. And they were kind enough to grant my request.

The revised subject for my thesis is "The present apparent conflict between foreign & Chinese interests with a suggested plan for reconciliation". You will doubtless still believe that in it I hold that the foreign nations would serve their own best interest most completely by offering to negotiate new treaties, which shall be satisfactory to both sides. And ask the Chinese to say for instance what sort of laws & court procedure they intend to apply, what kind of courts to use, what kinds and amount of taxes to collect, and the like. This would alter the Chinese attitude

to a constructive one. And it ought to be possible to work out a set of laws, procedures, counts & taxes which would satisfy the Chinese and which the foreigners would regard as fair.

I thought out this outline before the Peking Conference began its work; I shall have to write it out. After the S. has made its report, which I am sure is eminently satisfactory to you. In the meantime Old Chieh - seems to be making remarkable progress in conquering China 2000 by military force of 70,000 by propaganda. If he succeeds will he carry out his threat to cancel the treaties at once? If he does, can the foreign nations do anything about it, except to try to negotiate new ones, and secure the best terms possible?

In the meantime the Kuangtung govt has deliberately violated the treaties, by imposing illegal duties, and buying enemy hands back the grottoes of the powers with the statement that "my government does not recognize the existence of either the powers or the treaties". And he seems to be getting away with it.

In any important case, they can just reverse extortly by seizing the property by force, as at the ABC or Kaying (I hear that Yang Tion Hau is now Jen Sheng Li Lin) and that throws it into the hostile Chinese courts. Under the circumstances I fail to see the value of trying in important matters, tho' it still works in cases that aren't worth the bother of organizing a mob.

To show that he is not so far inferior to us our friend Wellington has apparently decided to call Belgium bluff. I was sorry to see in a recent paper that Lt Br. had announced that it was backing up Sely, for if Koo gets away with it, being yet another large

chunk of Occidental prestige, and we haven't got enough left
so that we can't spare any more.

Kuan it said in a speech a month or so ago that
the K'm members of the Canton Govt were backing the
anti-K'm movement as strongly as the non-K'm's were; but
that it really wasn't intended to hurt K'm: it was just
an effort to bring pressure on the foreign nations to
recognize the C. Govt. and just as soon as they do
that the anti-K'm movement would cease at once.
One can question whether he really knows what he is
talking about; but he ought to know; and I am sure
he would not make such a statement unless he
believed he had good evidence for it. As the flour
advertisement says ' Eventually - why not now?'

We had awfully nice letter from May a while
ago. I appreciated the news, and was very much
interested in the argument. Some time I hope to hunt
it up, and answer it in detail either admitting the
force of what she says or trying to show why not.
At present all I remember to answer is this: She said
that if Britain had made a display of "martial force"
at the very beginning the whole movement might have
been nipped in the bud. And all this we could, for
China as well as Britain. I hope she will not mind
of my saying that 1. I think that a display of ^{large} martial force at that
time would have had an opposite effect; there was a
fair amount of it displayed at Shai elsewhere, and
the result here been tide-promoting; anything like
e.g. bombarding a city would simply have dumped the
whole kettle of fat into the fire. 2. that of the
use of force had been able to nip this in the bud
& fear that the result would have been similar to
that joined by the Czar in nipping a movement of
some twenty years ago. If that movement had

succeeded it would have been comparatively mild; the Emperor might even have succeeded in retaining his throne. contrast the explosion that took place later. If the movement had been nipped a year or so ago, sooner or later there would have been an explosion worth comparing with that of the Bolsheviks, perhaps even worse.³ By worldly force I suppose she means si lek, and means the use of

the 六

non-Xn (unmoral) force to do something that she felt Xn force waent competent to do. I think almost many people do hold that now, that the power and scope of Xn are rather narrowly limited; and that in a case such as that of say 30 the plan of reconciliation is futile, and only a display of the power of Xn has any efficacy. I merely say that I disagree, and I think the policy of repression as used at Shanghai was very poorly adapted to meet the situation.

Assume that the above characters are the ones used in Hobba. Mrs Freiße however gives
to the 六 for the characters, and I mention the
fact to bring out a subtle distinction. For both of those characters mean force; and the alarming thing about the present situation in China is the growing conviction on the part of the Chinese that force-force, is the only thing the foreigners understand; and so the only way for the Chinese to get what they want is to get a powerful army and navy. There is a serious danger to the peace of the world in that.

As I read about Russia, I don't grow to love the Bolshevik government by any means. But I do feel that the attitude of my own nation is open to criticism

The Bolsheviks are trying to overcome some of the
weaknesses of the Lyaos government; such a movement
was as inevitable as the French Revolution. Whatever we may think
of the methods of the Soviet, their aim to free the
people from oppression, is more righteous than that
of the Lyaos government, to keep the people down &
exploit them for the benefit of the ruling caste. We
recognized the Lyaos government; we refuse to
recognize the present one.

We also recognize Mussolini, who has abolished
the last shreds of liberty in Italy, and is a serious menace
to the peace of the world; we recognize Rumania which
Sherwood Ford has declared to be the worst governed
country in the world. We are not willing to recognize
the Kuangfung post which has a worthy aim and is
making an honest and partly successful attempt to re-educate

The other day Le-Tan said to me: if the Kuan-ching-hui hadn't been anti-Xu, the whole church would
be enthusiastically in its favor.; and about the same time
Bill Hall said to me "if the Canton government hadn't
been so anti-foreign, all the foreigners in China would
have been strongly in favor of it."

One more point, very sketchily, and then I'm
through with argument. I intended to start my next letter to
you with news, but my pen has been writing argument
most of the afternoon and it ran away with me. In
brief the government is "oppressing" the Catholic church
in about the way that the Canton government is
oppressing missions, and for a similar reason, viz. that
it believes that the church, and what it represents are
hostile to its policy. I do not believe that missions are
a detriment to China; the priests do not believe the
Catholic is a detriment to Mexico. But the government -

question do so. I feel that Prot missionaries
ought to be able to take a more worthy attitude than that
of the Catho. who are trying to prevent Americans from
hearing anything favorable to the Mex govt. are spreading
slanders about it, and are trying to get the U.S. to
interfere on the hypocritical pretense of preserving
religious liberty.

I await with hope and joy an answer from
you exploding some or all of my reasoning, or
stating that you agree with part or it. My don't
wish I could see you before we go. Our sailing
is a bit uncertain; but it is still likely to be about
the middle of March.

Billed & the Kou n't's went up the river. I think
I wrote you that. The silk shop clerks having
want them strike and become abolitionists announced
that they were determined to overthrow Ky. Sertau
told me he was afraid their plan was to murder a
few loafers and then charge prominent Xns with the
murder. So that they would have to flee from justice.
He said that as ~~it~~ ^{it} is to attack could not scatter the ch.
but he was afraid this kind might.

Just at that time there was a lot of fuss about
a si sick man who had been killed at Thysville and
the Catho's were charged with the deed. Sertau thought
this might be the first gun in the attack. I feel it
seems to have been a duad. I havent been to Su for a long
time, and dont know all Jewish Jd. But before the
power that the Tr. consul still has, and the fact that
a great many people have come to realize that X is not
a religious assassination, the result seem to have
been rather slight.

The mutilation that I refer to in the enclosure
(now referred to the Peking Leader as a news item) was
cutting of fingers. The whole matter was rather
disagreeable. I can't find out whether there was

anything to it or not: A kid from Sui was kid-napped, that seems to be true; then he was reported to have been found dead on the lake minus his penis; but a person who told me this told me later that on investigation it was found not true; I am not sure whether he said the boy was not found, or that he was found but his penis was in its proper place. And I am not sure whether he knew accurately about it.

Of course there was a lot of fuss about it. There were accusations that the foreigners had suborned the wicked persons to do the deed, and rumors as to what price foreigners were willing to pay for a genuine penis. Then a woman in Nam-je-was alleged to have been caught trying to steal penis: that she gave a sleeping potion to the boy and cut his trousers with scissors but then someone noticed her and stopped her; and that one complete set (kuk lu) and one or more penises were found in her basket; and that when asked she said she was getting them to sell to the foreigners.

I believe this much is true, that at Nam-je-a woman was given a ride (ia-) on the ground of being supposed to have done this deed. I very much doubt whether the rest is true.

Then a woman going from Kie-thai into the city, carrying a na, was accused by the crowd of being engaged in that nefarious occupation. They cast her into the hands of the police. And when the police examined her and let her go the crowd expressed its dissatisfaction by surrounding the police station; but the damage done was insignificant.

Then there was another story of a woman who was caught, and questioned, and she said she was a X-and-the missionaries told her to do it. In every case it seemed to be a woman. ~~X~~ left the lake and there was a persistent tendency to consider that the

foreigners especially the missionaries were behind it. And we wondered if it should be attributed to ~~Red~~-Anti-Yan propaganda. But the Chinese ^{had} seem to think this was likely.

The phrase Kueh-lan^g, was a very common one for a while; I heard it used in a most casual way by two men who were talking about buying a toy for a child. A man hollered after me twice "I to see lan then kueh-lan^g". And a woman whose ~~name~~ home is some 30 feet from the Kueh-lan^g girls school, and who therefore is one of our closest neighbors said to her child after I passed by, something to the effect that "if you don't look out hill cut off your penis".

Apparently the Chinese have advanced some since those days when the foreigners were believed to steal eyes & hearts; there was no excitement, and presently the matter was eclipsed by the Thng-the affair to my great relief. But while it lasted I had some rather unpleasant thoughts about the possibility of anti-foreign reprisals.

The head of the conservative labor union was Kai Tang-thay. He had to skip of course. Son-hiong-hua is the head of the radical labor union. He has also had to retire from publicity as the Haksang-hun are after him. But his union and Phe-fan^g Long but are the supergovernment at S^o or at present. Fortunately for us they are quite busy with the capitalist & the landlords and are not principles what Hankow is getting. One might say that it already happened here last year, at the expense of the British. I fear that my feeling that it was unjust to visit Blair & Blameyer on the S.P.M. was somewhat eclipsed in your eyes by my belief that St. Britain's policy was such as to work against Britain's real interest in China. But I still maintain that in saying that St. Britain would be well advised to

take certain steps (which most Britishers disapprove of) for holding a real pro-British attitude.

The Bakers sail from Seattle Dec 24 (what a lovely date) and are due in Shan Jan 10. Our Sec. Mr. Franklin, is coming out to be with us for a good part of Jan. or Feb. At present the probability is Corp. Jan 22. Emily Miller has returned to China, to Chaochow. To our delight. She is living at Miss Bozo's room at the Bakers but eat with us. Lewis goes on T. mbo in Feb.

Kates went to PGM.C. a while ago. He has been much trouble with asthma, and had what seemed to be a slight prostate trouble. And the doctors told he had better get a better climate and expect surgical advice. What he got was an operation for a malignant tumor in the bladder. That is a layman's statement. I haven't heard the medical report yet. It may be disastrous, and it may not. Belmonte has gone home. JS & A.T.B. are due to retire on Dec 1st limit on or before the end of the present term. — tho they may perhaps be asked to continue but we are not asking for new workers; we missions don't feel called on to do so. (And we are not sure how a raw recruit could relate himself to the status of advisor) and the Chinese church hasn't seen any occasion for asking for any missionaries, except doctors, e.g. to replace Lester. If the above, and I should die off, that would leave Page abafur Lewis Baker. Great & Hobart.

To Kuan-ti Ph.D. is the exec. sec. of our Liuping Bapt Ch. That is too long a subject to talk about now. I'll merely mention that he says we need the following 3 kinds of missionaries: 1. a skeleton organization of old timers, to preserve contact between

the church and the Board. 2. some men to teach in
the Theol Sem. which has been on re-opening,
and there is some reason for thinking he would like
to be the head of it. I shades of Wm Ashmore I
3. some carefully selected experts or specialist - to
come out for particular pieces of work.

He omits saying anything about having mis-
sionaries to try to deepen and enrich the spiritual life
of the church; and that is one of the weakest point
in the program of the church. Of course one might
say that "3" would provide for specialist in the
spiritual life to come out for that purpose; but
there is no evidence that he had that kind of specialist
in mind.

He sat in my bldg this - from the end of March till
about 5.30 one day this summer trying to persuade me of
a lot of things, the chief of which was that the American people
were just waiting for him & me to catch the vision of a New
Jeh. Soc. at Gifu, and apply to them for the money they were
waiting for a chance to give. And if said Soc fails
to materialize, it will be our fault. I think I could
write another 10 pages on that subject but I'll
refrain.

Hirk Tots has returned to his Kachet and accepted
the job of fin tan King an (every secy) normally he &
Waters would work together. Just now Waters is out of it
and the Chinese havent asked anyone to take his place.

As the Negro "spiritual" has it "there's a great
day coming" I wonder when it will come. In the
interest of economy the P.O. has sent cheap clerks who
don't know English to the S. & P.O. and I have the fun of decoding
all the English mail. To add to the fun the S. & P. trade letters have
grown careless, and they include a lot of Bassil mission stuff
wine, etc. Their latest exploit was to send us a letter that is
addressed to Hastings. Best regards to May

As ever Bob

Groceries sold to Adams from Smith's Fresh Lot	
5 lb baking powder	4 3
Vanilla	1.25
	1.65
1 tin Oyster Crabs - - - - -	60
1 Parrot brush	
2 sacks	9.60
1 sack	1.00
	2.77
50 lbs flour	3.95
50 lbs sugar	3.95
	11.90
	\$ 15.610 7

Vote for gifts

Campbell	27	Serna (not really eligible)	5
no other candidates			
B B Leach	24	Lollman	9
Burket	18	Adams	14
Waters	28	Gaffin & J F	1
I had definitely refused to allow his name to be voted for. When the vote was announced Gaffin asked her if she had voted for Mrs Fisher 17 Mrs Leach 16			
Gaffin	26	Whitman	8
Spoff	21	Mrs Worley.	
Open			

The nominees were Lewis & Baker.
Mrs. W. reluctantly agreed to let his name
be placed but she had already been
elected. So Ben withdrew his name.
Supported by Maria who said she
didn't want them to take care of the
children while they both went to
town. And by Ott who said it
was not ~~proper~~ to elect 2 members
of one family to ref.

Mrs. Spillman had tried to
nominate Mrs. Worley as a named
woman — after the name not had been
elected. but folks felt that she
was a women's Board Rep even tho'
she had once been married. So I
got up and said I was going to
nominate her on the general roster.
which I did to the best of my ability.
Cameron nominated me. and someone
nominated Hildreth who went out on
the first round. Mrs. Worley and I getting
about the same number of votes
I tried to get the rep to cast 1 ballot
for both but failed. When Agelha
went to the board to write the result
she put it this Worley 2
Hildreth 2

Then he stuck in a little 1. on each
figure. but Mrs. W.'s 1. was before its
and mine was after so I was the
one elected.



As an afterthought I enclose
this, taken in London, Can., on
my way back last June. Unto-
toga Mary looks very simple
but thoughtful. The other
unpublished is a little Scotch
girl, recently become a physician.
Together we bring you assurances
of health, if suggestions are
available.

South Cal.

June 25th 1924.

Dear Sister,

I hear that Alice is sending out
the air mail a letter.

I do hope the children are better and you
are getting on with packing. I suppose some
few air mail cards will go off to their going
by things will slow a bit.

I fear the Lukes' will be in a quandary
about meeting Howard.

We are longing for news of Dorothy
but the train isn't running today. We also
are anxious to hear the news of today's antiq.
fair. The Chinese papers said yesterday that
the servants were to be advised Saturday but
no one has approached them yet.

I wonder how much you are heard. I do send

you the letter I had from Dorothy yesterday. I hope you'll be able to read it. She writes when in a hurry isn't easy to make out but it was a fully good job of her writing very fully.

I haven't ordered my boat yet; but have with hope from Sat? work. I don't know if I can get a letter though to the Army - for it not. The train is off today but only for one day they say unless the soldiers stop it off.

Any one said to be on the way back as far as ? Shui - fu or the big but as the Red arm. tary folk have managed to retake Canton without his aid they are saying they don't want him there till him not to come.

The girls' women's schools have broken up now as off today. They seemed scared of more fighting so we were glad of that course & let them go, as if the strike comes it may be difficult to get enough charmed etc. We have laid in necessities today & hope can

manage all right. It's a misery it is cold.

The Chinese firms are much alarmed. The collectors whom I, have had anonymous posters put up by their houses calling them "quietly neutral". The collectors even threaten his tips if he doesn't. But the queer thing is there are none in the city & no anywhere else at here.

Any way it's a misery things are quieted in Shanghai. I only hope the winter won't get held so we don't know what is happening about Mr. coming back.

much love

Heddy.

This mighty task in
the last 3 weeks to
do it & not start over
to do it half & start it again!

It takes you lots of
time & many doses
of a huffy galloping
& solution finds
more foolish problem.

Always,

Remember me kindly
to please to your
good wife.

My dearest Dolly

What can you be thinking of me for not having written yet to thank you for your kind gifts to us all at Xmas. You know it isn't that we didn't very much appreciate them at all but what with one thing & another I've put off put off till now I've almost ashamed to begin.

Douglas's poor mother needed more care & the daughter who had been here in holiday over Xmas had to go back so January was very full up. Mrs Gurney found out at last on the 27th. As soon as we could get off after that Douglas & I had a walk in London. He had to take several meetings in any case & I went with him just for a little bit up. When we came back his sister who is housekeeper here went for a long-needed holiday & I have been nominally in charge in her absence. All this has pushed little writing sadly into the background & I have a very heavy conscience.

I heard from Rose that you expected to be starting for America in April so this can't catch you in China now I'm afraid, but I hope may be nearly in time to keep welcome you on arrival at your home.

I was so glad to hear that you were getting off rather earlier in the year than you had yourself suggested. It will make a big difference to get away before the heat begins & for you and myself & the children not to mention Bob.

Mar. 7th That's as the length I got the other day, but I begin again let there be saying whether you manage to finish this time or not. I hope I shall.

78 Colligan Road.

Bridlington.

Mar. 5th 1927.

I've been reading over your letter written last September! one of Bob's enclosed with that this December dated Nov. 24th. I can scarcely believe it's so long since you are written but I know it caused me from me to you as I hope you haven't been quite so long as all that without any word from me.
Dec. 10th So back! I'd have another try now make a big effort truly get this off.

What a mix-up affairs in China seem to be in - every day's paper seems to have some fresh complication or complication broadened. You'll see very clearly what I'm talking about the anti-foreign feeling has affected over your side of the border at Lintao. The attack on hot Peiping was a scandal it surely was adding insult to injury. Still the lies about it that the Chinese papers did. But by now let us hope even the home papers begin to realize just how much influence they can put on the neutrality of Chinese newspapers!

It just ails one heart to think of all the difficulties & discomforts a lot of the far inland folk must have had to undergo who ordered to evacuate their stations. Most others should have got away at least to their journeys and by now, but I keep thinking of captured mothers & those who may have been forced to travel by chair or in open boats in the northern winter. Yet I can't see that anything could have been gained by just letting the Nationalists have Shanghai without attempting any resistance or defense. The anti-religious feeling seems so rabid that the missionaries could in the end have had to go in any case.

We very much sympathize with you Bob in the extreme difficulty you have in planning for the future. It does look as if S. China is all but impossible to do for both you & the children. But I can't bear to think of you not coming back there eventually.

his own plans are still in a very liquid state too. He hope general to get back in the autumn, but whether any foreigners will be able to carry on by then remains to be seen. It looks as though things may take a year or two to settle down to anything like the normal again. I fear the Southern air here has been bringing the wind which will not have to be wiped before there can be any hope of permanent peace.

At present we expect to go to Edinburgh about the end of April. We may settle the children into school at once, as we may not put them back for the summer months, but try keeping them on vacation till we know more certainly what is to be in the autumn.

They both & I all had 'flu just a week or two before George died. Ruth has been most pulled down. She had a cough that lasted on for weeks & took a lot out of her. She only had six days at school out of the first half term. But the cough is gone now & she seems to be picking up. This is a very healthy place & is said to get as much sunshine as any other place on the British Isles so she has every chance in that way of picking up.

Her. George may fit in easily to enjoy school though he doesn't seem to have made friends so easily with his new classmates since he was moved up after the summer.

Dayles has had a lot of running up & down the country where spoken at various meetings. Everyone seems very glad to hear something reliable & not so hard intelligible to the uninitiated about China. To the average reader of the newspaper the Chinese names are a terrible stumbling-block. They all seem so much alike they are difficult for anyone not used to pronouncing them & a little harder to difficult to say right

Please excuse
and please accept my best regards
to all who
will remember
you. It will be
all the more
dear to me
as I have no
brother or
sister.
Yours ever
John Ward.

Thank you for sending
this. It is fine

118 Reid Road
Edinburgh

Dec. 15th 1927.

My dearest Lottie

I fear you must think I'm forgetting you quite
- and yet - ! I dare say you are busy enough yourself to know how
writing gets pushed into the background & one thing like another
with one friend although no better news.

I have so often wondered about you all & what you were doing &
what plans you have been able to make. But the days seem just
to melt away & I almost never get any writing done at all
beyond my daily mail to Dayles of course.

The left us here on October 6th, having managed to wait till
just over my birthday & Ruth's birthday, spent a day or two
seeing his own folk as he went in the notes as far as
London. He was fortunate in being able to post it to Dr
Dale before leaving so used it to go south & delivered
it over to Chelms in London which was equally
convenient for both as Chelms hadn't yet learned to
drive himself.

From London D. flew to Paris by Airways Ltd. &
very much enjoyed the new experience. I was glad he

thought fit for the excitement fit helped I'm sure to break the first week with England & home.

From there he went by train to Rome where two or three days with his married sister there. One of his good old old friends knows & is very keen on old Rome so took him and some of the historic sites & helped him ~~to~~ make the most of the few days.

From there he went to Naples where went days up Vesuvius but was feeling a little upset inside that day so judged it wise to keep to the hotel & not risk getting worse just before joining the boat which he did there.

The cabin-mate turned out to be another Pembroke College man. Wasn't it strange?

Douglas had 2nd class this time & this he found it quite possible he yet he should probably have had much more congenial companions & conversation with the first class people.

We had his first letters from Swatow last Saturday. They had come though in three weeks other days which was very good time makes one feel we are not as terribly far separated. Of course so much may happen in even half an hour though there at present that one is kept pretty anxious all the time. We both were so sure however that it was the only thing he could do to go that we feel now the only way look at it is that it will be 'for the best' whatever happens. As time goes on too it is more and more apparent that it was best for us to be here awaiting.

I wasn't exactly fit so my sister insisted that I should see a doctor after Dayles left who tested my blood & found I was fully anaemic now & after a course of iron pills that come all right. But then I was having indigestion & pretty miserable with that. I had my teeth X Rayed with the result that my dentist advised having all that was left, 25 of them, out. So that was the most little entertainment! I had them done on Dec. 1st & have been trying to get used to the new ones ever since. But it's a slow process & even now I can't bite anything harder than a bit of bread. Still the indigestion is gone - indeed it went before the teeth were pulled so I doubt if it had any connection with them.

My sister has been just as kind & thoughtful for me so I have really got through just as easily as anyone could. The dentist came to the house so I was able to roll straight into bed after this after the operation. That I was naturally quite ready to do.

The twins are both very fit I'm glad to say though they have occasional colds with a rise of temperature. The weather has been so curiously variable this season that it's difficult to avoid catching colds.

Both of them enjoy school. Ruth says I just hate when the bell rings its time to stop. William has managed to climb to the top of his class which will be good news for Dayles. They were only back to school a few days when he left. They have been so busy there that they haven't really had time to miss him as much as I feared they might. When the holidays

comes again they will notice his absence more & especially
at home. Ruth was saying the other day Bob, I wish
Daddy were going to be here for Xmas. Howard everyone is
awfully kind to them & doubtless they'd find lots to do.

William & his cousin Jack have made themselves a
sledge - out of an old packing case we bought from Holbrook

It kept them employed quite a good many Saturdays
but is safely finished & ready now. But we've had no
time yet, and are in no hurry to have it! They are of
course always wondering when they are going to have a chance
to try the sledge.

What perfectly awful floods you had recently all about
were distinct. I kept wondering how near you were to the
flooded part & whether you were in discomfort from it at
all. It was bad enough to read about even if no personal
friends were involved.

What a state of affairs this is in Canton now, how long
I know when & how it will all end. It is terribly disappoiting
that the Reds should have got so much votes twice again
when the moderates had been getting things a little ship-
shape again.

Things were quiet in Somers when Dayles arrived but
I feel they will be very anxious & on tenterhooks there
again now. He travelled up from New-York with the
paper. I think it was awfully placid after his talk after
the attack on poor Mr Page. Howard was with them too. I must

Say I'm thankful William isn't at there now. What a wonderful thing it is that these bigards can just demand what ever they like as ransom for Captain Dales, yet how thankful his wife must be that he is to be rescued at whatever cost. But who will be safe from them if they once feel that they can go on in that way? I am hoping very much that Dayles won't venture up to Ha-king-fa. You know the hospital assistant was seized out of the hospital there - the man who helped the ladies escape - & only released for \$3000 after some weeks?

The Shang-hai compound has been looted & everything lost - I believe that wasn't brought away when they left.

I forgot to mention to that the Dales have a little daughter at least - born early in November I believe. Bill Dale told us that if they could go back to China he thought they'd perhaps go to Africa as missionaries!

The Rosses have settled at a place near Pontefract - & Wakefield seem very happy there. They have a lovely old house & big garden, & a car down and to Wakefield or Leeds when they have big shopping to do. There is a very good Quaker school near to which Peter is going soon & David when he is old enough. The aunts meanwhile have a governess - already has her in fact - a very nice girl.

Malcolm's mother is in town here so I get news of them often time to time.

I forgot if I wrote to you since Uncle Tom's money actually materialized. It took you right the business part through from

S. Office. But the lawyers were so certain it would be all right -
that they advanced enough out of brother's capital to let us go
ahead with getting the business started at school etc. etc.

It has made it possible to have the old house all repaired
etc. & get some new furniture which has made it very comfortable
in every way now. Here a jewel of a maid who keeps it all looking
like a new place & takes charge wash etc. etc. So we really have
very, very much to be thankful for.

All are busy now getting ready for Xmas. The shops are a
dream but I find them bewildering in their variety of choice.

I found a book of songs that I am sending for John & Alice.
I had hoped thought of "How We Are Six" but decided that someone
else was more likely to send them that. I hope these "Purish"
ones will be pleasing to you all. Caron's music should be all
right. The young I have a drawing room light at our side of
Kirk in the church. I wish I had made it myself, & I'll put in
too a bit of ribbon that I hope will be becoming to Alice for a
dash. I'm afraid Robt's chair will have to be the photo of the bairn.
It is rather stiff-looking as they are in it but will give you some
idea of how they look now.

I had my hair shingled in April so look very different now.
In every I haven't even a snap to send you now however. I must
get a few printed and you one sometime.

Lots lots news & every good wish for Xmas over the
coming year. Until when you have time I say far and
better news for you. You are truly Walter.

Please remember

very kindly to
myself & my
son & his wife.

April

118 Reid Road.

Selina Leigh.

Feb^r 28th 1928.

My dearest Dottie

I'm watching a pair of macramé bibs, & think at the same time I can manage at least to begin a little toy. As you may guess it has been on my mind ever since that lonely book came for the children some weeks ago now, & I had you long & so interesting letter. Then a couple of days ago came your card saying you had sent off something still more for me & that gave my conscience a very sheepish jolt! The parcel hasn't actually turned up yet but I want to have this little sister ready so that as soon as it does I can just add a p.s. & get it off without any more delay.

My dearest Dottie: Toys dates from earlier than the coming of your parcel I remember now. I didn't actually take your lines parcel to the post office & had no idea that you would have to pay duty on anything sent by letter-post. When my sister who had taken them got them they told her they'd be liable to duty but she passed them over to me to hold them up & ask me to just guess at the value of the contents. I was horrified when I heard mounted to write off at once & tell you just before you the parcel rather than pay a heavy duty that they weren't worth. But I was terribly muddled at the time & couldn't manage it all over so by the time I could I feared you'd already have got the parcel so it seemed no use. You so very kindly must try & choose more carefully another time. What a horrid duties are!

I was tremendously interested over the snapshot of you all - to see you looking so much less thin & haggard than you did in the group you had done in China. Of course one always has to make allowance for Chinese photography but I hope the improvement isn't all due to the different artist. What a tall stepping less Alice is. She seems to have quite caught John up in height. She'll be overtaking you & overtaking Bob soon if she goes on at this rate. John looks much sturdier than he used to be but Bob on the other hand looks thinner in fact any how I think.

All your news was just full of interest to me & please don't ever stop again because you ~~think~~ I'll be tired of reading it. I was quite sleepy when I came to the end.

I'm glad you have been able to arrange for another year at least at home for I'm sure it should make all the difference to both you & John, & to Bob, too. For of course it would be harder for him when you went as well as he wanted to see you. Dayles tells me how tall Dennis Baker has grown - taller than his mother. And Howard, he says, looks a huge fellow in a photo of him that he saw. They are both going off to Shanghai to school along with Howard Page one of the Lippins I think. Betty Night - whose son is still sitting at the Chefs too. But I don't suppose they will be there very long for the latest news is that Andrew Night (the Uncle by the way) is retiring. His difficulty is that if he doesn't go now when he reaches the retiring age of 60 before so very long now he would have great difficulty in getting into a practice here yet his pills will be short

the most expensive stage of their education. I don't know whether our Committee will be able to make any special arrangement so as to keep him. It seems a pity if they can't get off unless it isn't easy to see quite what they could arrange. Most poor families are already educated by the time they are sixty.

His health I think feels there is not scope as opportunity at present for the kind of work he feels is his so he is giving in his resignation - has given it in to Council. Whether the hon. Committee will try to persuade him to reconsider I don't know.

Please - the news from Sia - has been just too dreadful. I felt crazy to find some way of helping when the letters giving details of the trouble got home & did try to get in touch with everyone I could think of who could make it public to the churches without just stirring up aversion to the Chinese in general. But the consciousness of the whole world ought to burn with shame till such atrocities become impossible.

I was glad to hear from Doyles that some American newspaper correspondent had been to Sia & actually had conversation with Dr Wallace's interpretation with some of the refugees who had escaped. So I hope it has got into the American press. And the Italians would beat it through their folk being involved. Surely if all Greeks do know pretty accurately about it - some way at least be found the poor innocent folk be spared such unspeakable suffering.

Douglas writes quite cheerfully about himself but of course this news coming in cast a gloom over them all. Scotland was full of rumours & it was difficult to get any definite news over Chinese New Year.

Poor Lucy Paton got news of her sister's death, just on the day after yours when they were having the Compound Xmas dinner.

^{Waiting for}
It had been a long strain for the whole family for away back last May the doctor had said she couldn't last more than a fortnight & might go at any moment before that. So it was a blessed release in the end really. But it's sad to think of such a young & ardent spirit cut off so soon.

Then before the end of January there was a cable for Mary saying her father was very ill & recalling her as soon as possible. She was coming anyway this Spring but got a birth almost at once & is due in Brussels on Thursday of this week. Poor Patty I fear it may be a sad homecoming for her. The father was seriously ill in the spring of last year too so I fear may not last long.

The children & I are hoping Doug & Fred will spend two weeks after Easter holidays with the Rosses in their new home.

I am much looking forward to having a few good chats with Dorothy again, & it will be a nice change for the children. Not that they look bored much

change. They have neither of them looked back since having their tonsils out last summer & look in the pink. They had three half term holiday last Monday we all went for a lovely outing on the Buttermere Hills which are within walking distance from us here. Unfortunately Mr turned his ankle in a rabbit hole & sprained it so that he & I had to come back at once. Fortunately we could get a bus part way but it was so swollen & painful by the time we got home I phoned for the doctor who came at once & has kept him lying up ever since till today. He hopes to get back to school on Tuesday but it's a bit risky as the least pressure on it will mean another fortnight at home off school. He had done so well this term that he is disappointed at being to miss his classes & get behind.

Mon. 27th I didn't get very far with this the day it was begun, so went on with it last evening, & this morning the post brought your kind gift. The wall-hanging will be most useful I'm sure & the book shopping-list too, while Mr. is delighted with his little cash-book. He has entered this week's pocket-money right away in it. Ruth has so much enjoyed the stories in the Horne's Birthday. We have read most of them together but I haven't found time for all yet. That is a treat in store.

Not long after your last letter I had one from Bob. It was just like him again the second mil's & in midst of all his busy news made time write to me because he thought I'd be needing cheering up.

Will you please send this on to him & tell him how grateful I am for his kind thought.

The hope my dental op. was successful. I suppose the answer to that should be yes, but my advice to anyone who contemplates the same is keep your own dentures if it can possibly be done. Buy new ones fit as right & look well but are an intolerable nuisance. I suppose I ought to practice more self-control but don't seem able to keep from moving them continually inside my mouth. I hope in time when I get the permanent set I may get into better ways. But I'd give anything almost to have my own teeth back again now. You asked about my indisposition. I'm thankful to say that has not troubled me for some time now although I did have a pretty severe attack just now after my teeth were taken out. But I think it was due to some toothache or piles I was taking at the time. Anyways as soon as I stopped taking them it went.

I was sorry to see that you are still troubled in that way. How good you are in fact Rye Rye Bread at all? We have eaten a good deal of that lately & I find it most useful as a gentle nutritious bread. I suppose that is what makes it such a good food. It is very light & free from all the starchiness of ordinary bread.

Yes, since the Dales came home Jessie, the Stanley sisters & Dayles are the only Hobbes at this, & surely come home this Spring. For all accounts (except his own) Dayles is getting on well with his language study. He has a Hobbes boy coming in every day & puts in several hours on it which will be very useful I'm sure. It always gives him something definite to do & prevents him from any care or thinking he is just wasting time writing around to his friends till it becomes possible to go up country again. I think that makes all the difference between his case & Rob's.

How its long past bed-time & I had better let this go tho' I feel it's a pleasure for both you interesting letters. Oh, I must just say with what delight I visited my wife & I have been reading Charles Penn's Letters & also since then Mrs. Macmillan & Hobbes by T. A. Spender late editor of the Hutchinson Anglo. I am



Mr. & Mrs.
Frank

Wm.

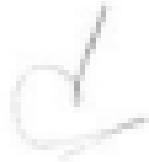
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whose photo Bob liked



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Dear Alice.



P & O.S.N.C.O.

S.S. "NALDFRA".

Nov. 2nd 1928.

My dear Alice

The above address will astonish you somewhat I think! It does me some good! I only decided at the end of Term that it was going to be possible for us to come back after all as various friends promised others to train for holidays & look after them generally & Douglas did most despatchly, and we as it was possible took up roots in New York for ever more.

We were away all August & the first week of Sept. on holiday & had a perfectly lovely one for all household cares at my beloved Cabin. I hope I shall remember to trouble you at the stage taken there that will show you how the cabin has developed, & how happy we all are.

It was a bit of a task getting back this things very run ready. Ruth has gone to the school where her maid Elizabeth was teacher, at Somers in Kent. It is a perfectly ideal place for her I think. Douglas spent a night there before he went at 8yo & knew where the biscuits, & I went for a walk and just before I came home Ruth happily settled in. She has been put for his first term into what is called the nursery where there are just 12 children about his own age who have meals apart & in a jolly nursery with dolls' house, canaries & all sorts of games & other delights. It makes it very much easier for her than ploughing in amongst bigger girls & regular school life all at once. There are no boarders & about 10 day girls at the school. That is a lovely building standing in its own big gardens & with a splendid playing field just through the garden hedge.

He has gone home with a delightful family in thisburgh so that he didn't have to change his school when he has begun so well. The Reitels were very kind to help him & thinks he has a very good chance of a scholarship in having.

The Bradfords with whom he is boardng have a boy of 10, a girl of 12 & another boy of 7. Besides these they have two little girl brothers & four other boys who all go to the same school as Ken. They are all very dear & winsome & all the things we most want for Ken when a ten missionary infant too so I'm sure he will be happy & well helped there. Already Mrs B. has arranged that he go with his older son to Shetland for the winter holidays. I had planned for him that boy to have Christmas (Dec 25th) but when this came over along of course we jumped at it.

They are both going to the Yorkshire Dales for Xmas & Dorothy, the dear, is already planning what is to go in their stockings. The train & I expect last Friday late at this hour so they have it; & certainly it is an ideal base for a friendly Xmas party. Next however my sister is taking them probably to the same place we went this summer & I know they like that. So wonderful the way in which things have turned & arranged themselves for them so that they should be as happy as possible without us. I think it will be much more pleasant for both to them if they had been just alone with no young teacher school. The give talk of a large household is so happy. Of course I long for them every day every hour of the day, but Douglas is at the other end of the journey & now I am busy making things happy for him & helping in the work any way I can. I don't have a much time to think about that. My next post is the whole month without any possible news of them.

Douglas & Freda & Louis had a good time at Lhasa - Young this summer & was so thankful it had been possible. Is the last letter I had from D. at last lost or did I lose it? His being on the air of returning for a flying visit to Lhasa long.

The Chinese leaders are a little anxious about the property there & Jefferson bought the same a foreign pot in an appearance the better. I fear it may be many a long day before anyone can be in residence there yet. I suppose you have heard that the Dales have resigned? So that Douglas is now the only man in the whole Kukka mission! It doesn't look promising for recruits either - students are few & often between even for the home ministry.

Now, I think that's all we may expect to date so now for some comment on your gift I can find you letter & do it in detail sometime.

Int? It's so sorry I've hunted high & low
in the cabin for your letters & can't find
it anywhere so will just have to trust to
my memory which is of little use these
days. I seem to forget things as soon as
I hear them. I suppose it's partly because
I've had so many things on my mind.

I very much sympathize with you in
your uncertainty as to the future of
the dogs. But before this trouble you
never even dreamt there was anything
in prospect if not actually in fact. And
meanwhile it is lonely for you to sit
open door folk & the like leaving you
shelterless. This will make things even much
less convenient for you mother & all you.
But of course it has to be separated from
Bob so much - both for you & for him. Still I
hope that was only very temporarily.

I just hate to think you not coming
back to China again by at most "obviously"
you health must be the first consideration.

I was greatly interested in the news you
sent. Alice grows more & more like you. I wish
you had been in it too. Not looks rather than
& mind, but I suspect he was less perfect
very much indeed.

Forgive this very inadequate reply & you be

Splendid long one. Do write again when you
can find time. I shall both & lose track.

The heat is pretty great - yesterday today
will wait - continue to their work!

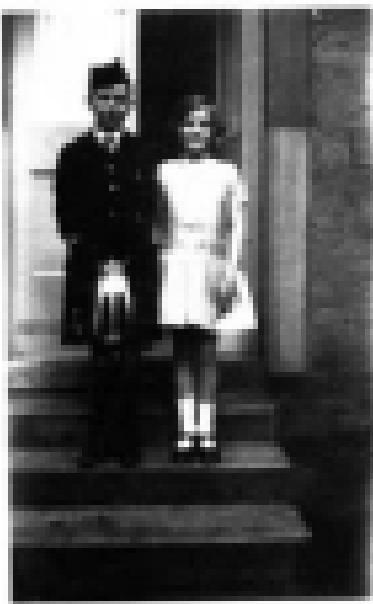
Lots of love & all sorts of good
wishes from

Henry.

Kindest remembrance to your aunt
if she remembers me.

S.S. "

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No. 1059 fm.

by Sardar.

S. China.

Dec. 30th 1928

My dear Lettie

I wrote you from the S.S. Nellie last night at the time I meant a very adequate letter & have been thinking of adding to it ever since. Typically, as Xmas came near you were all much in my thoughts & I realized that I hadn't got anything sent off in time by way of greeting to you. I'm afraid you are not alone among my friends who have met with like treatment this year! It took me all my time to prepare these things for the family at home & friends I was to be near at home, when busy with packing etc. before starting. On the way out my brain seemed deranged & never got on with it by the time we got to Hong-Kong there were too many distractions which seem only to have grown worse ever since we got here.

So I hope you will forgive me & take the next for the dead & I shall hope to be better prepared next time.

We had a very good voyage on the whole after just the first day or two, but was disappointed not to have more chance of buying things at the ports. We turned always bought in at night when in the early morning except at Singapore where we had a whole day & till noon of the next so was able to see Brigadier Dryburgh who is now there alone as General came back to London when Harry Paton went home.

It was when we reached there that we first had news of the appointment of Hines & Dr Wallace. It seemed incredible at first - he must be twenty years older than the one who had ever had any idea of such a thing. But

they seem very happy about it. This was far (I say far!) than we could have chosen more nicely for him!!

The wedding is to be on Tues. 28th & all being well Douglas & I expect to go down for it. Meanwhile in a day or two now we are planning but at first a fortnight as a visiting the phi, by you things to Yang-King-fu. These three stations are said to be the only ones it would be safe & possible for us to go to at present.

Things seem pretty quiet here for the time being - long may they continue so. The local people people great delight at seeing us back & settling in one more. I think they feel & are not wrong in doing so, that affairs in the Kingdom must be more settled & we wouldn't venture. Of course there may be another flare up at any time I suppose - may be several before the better ones among the Nationalists really get strength enough to be able to carry out all the good schemes they have in mind.

I have been visiting church members in the village & running old acquaintances & have got a very courteous & warm welcome every where. It does seem queer tho' to see these who were school girls in my day here now mothers with children as old as mine some of them.

They all are full of questions about us & Ruth. I think it very wonderful that they are willing to let us come away & leave them.

Bless them! They haven't much say in the matter, poor dears! But at present we are picturing them very happy with the roses. I know they'll do everything they can, & that's a lot, to give them a good time.

We get letters every week from Ruth, & Han-ta is supposed to write but his letters don't come so regularly. I think he finds his school work just about as he can tackle. When he does write a letter it is usually a good one. With his last one he sent me his half term essay that had been returned. It was in the form of an interesting notice of himself! The masters too must have got quite a lot of enlightenment on their boys' characters & ideals through these essays. He got more out of Han-ta's than out of a hundred letters, & all unconsciously to him of course.

Ruth seems to have settled in very happily at school & I hope when she goes back after these holidays she will feel quite an old girl & as if she really belonged there. Drayton's brother & his wife went to see her on Saturday and she seemed quite cheery. Mrs Buchanan the lady that Wu is with writes to us every week. She is a loquacious person. I feel so glad to think Han is with her. She sent me some booklets before I left that I have read & feel that she herself must live by them - that's the impression she made on me at least. I have ordered some spare copies I thought them so good when & if they come I shall post some or type for I know both you & Bob would like them as much as I do. Mrs Buchanan's sister was getting them for me but they haven't turned up yet.

What a lot about ourselves before I begin to congratulate you on getting settled in a home right again. I can guess how delightful you will make the family & how you will both put your backs into the letters. I hope it will be companionate enough not to make it too difficult to do. The surroundings sound as if they'd be helpful - mountains are generally inspiring if you

don't have to get to bed climbing them!

I sent you one or two soups from the boat I think but will enclose one of Ruth with her cousin Took (Alice's son) which is the only duplicate I have by me now I think. We have given the children a summer cash for their birthdays. I hope to get some soups from them from time to time. Ruth wasn't very successful with hers at first - now is waiting for better weather & try again. I hope at Hennemuth they'd take some. The house has a most ideal rose tree - nothing grand about it but very handsome. The garden is a great delight with hundreds of rose bushes & every kind of other flower. Malcolm makes that his hobby now when off work and is full of all sorts of plans for improving it. The house stands about the top of a slope with the garden stretching across it in front - first a great drive, then a soft grass lawn with flower beds at the back of that, then a low wall down which one drops on to the lower level where are the long rose beds right the length of the lovely green tennis lawn, & on either side of it. The lawn is horizontal to the house. Beyond that is an orchard that stretches down as far as one can see to the bottom of the slope. The view from the house is across that to rising ground on the other side of the dip. All is so peaceful & country like, yet the bees that fly now everywhere take their easily either to Honeyfield or Portuguese & to York if they like. Malcolm has his own sort of bees. He has just bought a new one - Morris Oxford below. I fear they are not likely to come out here again now, tho' I think he often wishes he could.

Hilda & Jessie & Dayles had a great time at Nanking this summer. The inhabitants were much more friendly than they sometimes

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would be, & the time was very few & happy, just getting on with study yet finding it possible to set off on an outing any day that seemed suitable without having to consider anyone else or try to fit in with others.

They did most of the old walks & some new ones. Freda is a most indefatigable walker. We even took Dayles out & then came home sleeping as fresh as a daisy.

Jessie is going home in March - taking Hilda's passage as Hilda is staying on another year till Dr. Wallace's furlough is due.

The Knights have been at Cheltenham but are going to Scotland very soon now as Dr. Fawcett starts for home in February. Gladys plans to take the children home in June & settle them at school in Edinburgh Andrew will follow in Spring 1920 when Fawcett is back I suppose.

T. C. Smith is going home in February too. He goes via Lucy & Sophie so is going to see Rome & finish his journey overland. His home is just about seven miles from Ruth's school so he will probably look her up and we news of her. Ruthie bumble goes in June I think via Canada. As he has quite decided not to come back he has given & bequeathed me some very nice pictures that he is not taking home - also a beautiful cinema glass flask - but I tell him I'll keep them for him till he changes his mind & returns!

We saw Dr. North & his wife (also a midwife tho' she didn't actually qualify) both seem nice & will be a good addition to the Scot's community. The Gibsons are on their way at nearly due to arrive now.

The Dales are not coming back. He has got an appointment in Nigeria, W. Africa we hear. Can't you see Hilda teaching a lot of little poor ninnies to use a washing machine!!

I think that's most of the going I can think of now & I've
promised to leave this page for Douglas so will close with
lots of love by all from us both

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Aug. 28th 1924

Kent - England.

My dear Lottie

I've been meaning to write to you for a long time, those other interesting letters have come from you that oblige me before sending them on to Douglas I must reply to them first.

Douglas left for China on the 7th but we were just able to fit in the move here before he went. Schools break up in this country on the 2nd of May so we got off on the 28th & expected not gods here on the 30th as Douglas had a full week in the new house before he had to go.

We are all delighted with it now we are actually here there has been no cleaning it at our leisure.

Douglas & I spent 11 days in May hunting through all the suburbs of London for the kind of house we wanted. We must have looked over at least 50 I'm sure but there was always something that made us feel we'd look a bit further before deciding. Finally we fixed on this one & though it cost us much to begin with that we haven't as much left as we'd like for renovating it still we feel we've got something well worth while. One shall just gradually do a little bit at a time before getting it all done tact in this.

The house is roomy with lovely big rooms that take an old Victorian mahogany furniture comfortably yet is all on two floors except the maid's room above which are up a short flight of eight steps only. There are big cellars too but we don't need these as we have ample space without.

The garden is an old mature one with lots of fruit trees every

kind & lonely interesting place is it - such a place as I often dreamt of but never hoped to possess. It has been neglected by the last owner of the house so will take some work to get into shape again but the goods are there & I can get a man at £1 an hour to come work in it with me as I hope to get it much improved soon. Ruth is quite keen about it too. Ruth is visiting but apt to be a bit clumsy & sloppish. She may both help quite a bit.

It's simply lovely to feel we have this home which we hope will be permanent. I've posted you the notes about the house printed when it was up for auction before we bought it. But I'll try & get some snap shots of house & garden to send you later. It really looks very much neater than you'd think from the photo on the booklet.

It is in a quiet country road though there is a good bit of motor traffic on it too, via just 3 minutes from Birkley Station which is on the Southern Electric line from town. From here we can get to the heart of the city in half an hour & there are then trains an hour all day & practically up till midnight 12.30am is the last. So lovely to feel we are so near train & yet not in it at all for their lonely country all about us here. We are hardly too far from driving in London from anywhere. Please keep that in mind. It will only cost 1/2 more to catch as when you come across instead of nearly £3 which it would have cost to go on to Birkley!!

We shall hope very much that some of you that gall all of you will come visit us before long.

Dykes has gone back to W. King for about a year but may be able to start back next June. He has to go to Dublin on his way

back but come as may get home by this time or some next year. Meanwhile I'm undecided what to do. I feel a bit nervous of staying on in this big house alone at nights after both goes to school Sept: 21st. Must go to Oxford about the middle of October. I'm in the position for someone to come & board with me, but failing that may try to let the house furnished for some months this time. I'd have to find quarters for Bill myself as he will be down from Oxford half the year. They have such long vacations.

We have had Doyle's sister Winnie from Robin and her husband on son of 14 & daughter of 12 on their first visit to England. Everything was exceedingly of interest to them & we enjoyed hearing them. How many things they told us it seems as if in Italy they have many similar things to those we had in China. I hadn't realized how much alike the latitudes are. But they live in a flat in the heart of Rose city as greatly enjoyed the garden where we have a fine big lawn surrounded by trees & flower beds. The weather was ideal to all the time they were here so they could be in the garden as much as they used to.

I'm glad you two had such good holiday weather and happy summer together. How the years do fly away. Who could believe so had gone since we first met at the Chalmers' wedding in Portion. That winter we saw the Chalmers this summer when I went to Darlington for a few days to speak at a meeting. She looks if anything younger than ever but she looks rather a week. She has very bad health nowdays.

We are grateful now to see he had come to his high when his sister Winnie died. He has grown stout & flourishing. He'd hardly recognize him as the thin young man you knew.

Doyle is taking at a new young minister for the King of Derby. He sees a very suitable really nice young man this friend who is to go at 15 in two years is an Australian girl. We like her very much too. She is coming to spend the day with us tomorrow. We have also got a new doctor for Warkop - a very experienced but the L.M.S. are

not sending out any more missionaries just now or anyway credit afford to send him so we were fortunate enough to get him. I'm as glad for a ship to getting old now & might break up at any time.

We are rather used to having Balmer here (he can expect a day with us) these dinner days. The others have visited us too. The brothers from W. Virginia came down one afternoon just after they arrived home a fortnight.

We have so much enjoyed the Readers Digest - that you good folk sent us for hours it has been such a delightful reminder of you every month - not that we needed that actually, but you know what I mean it has taken us think of you when our minds were full of other things sometimes. Bill has read every number I think. I haven't always managed that I am often had a little time for reading lately but each time I do pick up a copy I find something that interests me in connection with reading. The articles help one to become more interesting by the way. I shall certainly order it to continue. We don't seem to have anything quite like it here in the country.

When Douglas wrote last he quite seemed to tell you how much pleasure both he & I have had at getting back into the lonely blue stones in that you sent me Little. Each time I open it he says "I must write" this Little has much I like but broken. But after all he forgot to put it in his letter so I'm telling you now. Most grey books are blue but it goes especially well with two others - is just the making of the books really, they would be nothing without it.

Now I must be getting on & Douglas's letter for it has to be posted tonight.

Lots of love to you all please guides for the coming autumn winter. I doubt if I shall be writing again very soon. I seem to get less & less written to these days gone on. But if I'm alone a good deal this winter I may have more time for chats with my friends on paper.

Love again from us all
ever Mary.

16 Southwark Road.

Brixton - West.

Feb 2 1946.

My dear Lottie

You very kind Xmas letter & most generous gift have been far too long unthanked for. I was laid up with a heavy bronchial cold for a fortnight from New Year & was kept upstairs feeling very lousy & not willing to do any little writing & no chance readily tho' I hope you'll forgive my weakness!

How else? I have every day now to send you. On Friday Douglas's Office got a direct hit by a V2 who was killed instantly. A friend tells me he was planning to him & noticed the road twice. He had just asked how I was & he began to tell his when there was a knock at the entrance. He thought it was just a sort of such as we get sometimes on the lines & expected him to ring back soon. When he didn't the first thought he was busy & had considered the conversation over since the business part of it was completed.

So we knew nothing about it till the evening about 9pm when an急電話 called back if he had come home. He had said to me hold the line so I wasn't answering but when I heard of the disaster I began to try & get through him. As now I recall, & they were many, don't for certain whether he was actually there, or had gone out the lecture he had planned to go to. But then it came to 10pm. This was end of a few hours I began to lose hope.

Coming up that the most fortunately was with his wife they are here for a few days. They are bundled into his car forthcoming

It came down striking about 2 a.m. They only found poor Dr. Daniels during the night & we didn't know till about 9 a.m. whether he had been found or not, or whether he was alive or not. A dear friend who went over him says that the end must have been instantaneous. The most probably knew nothing about it which is a great comfort.

But it is a terrible disaster for the church as well as for us personally as besides Dr. Daniels two other lay men - the general Secretary & the Treasurer were taken too. Besides these there were two clerks & a girl from the hotel too. All were injured - one man has had to have an arm off & probably may lose a leg too. The woman's mind was not had but just broken.

It has not been so sudden that we just can't take in all that it means. But I am blessed in having such dear friends, both the husband came as soon as we let them know yesterday. I think I shall go back with them today for a few weeks till they can get another here when we must try once more to make definite plans for the future. I certainly will not be able to afford to stay on here.

What intentions of the devil these things are! Some other folk taken ~~and~~ ^{but} direct connection with the rest.

You'll forgive me now that I don't write more this time, I will try again when my plans are more settled.

I was so glad to hear that you had John safely home again & that he was picking up in health & seemed to be in good spirits.

The friend Miss Evans asked about was Benjamin Barnes. He married Mr. Landsborough & their son who is just a year or so older than Bill is now a miss' doctor in China - chow. He & two other men are the only ones of our mission remaining at their stations. The work goes on just got out in time - the info entered Henry Wang the day after they left it on their way out. Miss Baldwin is already in this country but I haven't seen her yet. India is like in India.

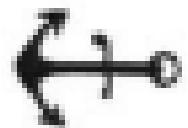
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