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This letter introduces Mr. Yew Fui Lam
of Yale College, and formerly of Williston
Seminary. It gives me great pleasure
to commend him in every respect. I
have known him for many years, and
have been much interested in his
character and career. If it
lies in your power to be of service to
him in any way, you will aid one
who will merit our help, both from his
character and connections. Mr. Lam is an
of the Government student remaining in
this country - He united with the Church
of which I am pastor, and is now a member
of the Yale College Church - He wishes to help
himself this summer by the sale of books.
I think you will find Mr. Lam in all
respects a gentleman, and any kindness shown
him will be appreciated by him, and be
very helpful to his friend & pastor. Edinburgh
A. R. Bellman. Pastor Payson Church.

Introductory
Mr. Yes Fun Fun.

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copied by
K. C. Brown 8/30/27

259 West 42nd Street. N York 4, 12.82

Jew Han Lau

My dear Sir

I have just read your
gallant & convincing
defence of your country-
men against the dema-
gogic assaults of the
advocates of the infamous
bill just vetoed by the
President. — Be assured
that the better classes of
the American people
are in sympathy with

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you in this matter.

To adopt the principle embodied in the Chinese bill is to contradict the principle on which our government was founded.

I respect you for your manly defence of your countrymen against the aspersions of politicians who stoop at nothing to secure a vote.

Very truly yours

J. L. Campbell M.D.

Washington April 18/82

My dear Sir

I have read
with great interest
your excellent article
in the N. Y. Evening
Post. It would give me
great pleasure to make
your acquaintance
in person. I believe the
present excitement will
pass away and the
American people return

to the ways of justice
and good sense.

I am

Yrs very truly
& respectfully

Geo F Howe

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Washington Oct 30, 1882

Mr Lewis F. Law.

My dear Sir,

I was very much gratified in receiving your graceful and suggestive note under date of Oct 14 1882. I also read with pleasure your communication to the New York Evening Post.

Your patience and magnanimity are most exemplary under the circumstances and I trust will be rewarded at not a distant day, by a return of American Legislators to the principles upon which their Government is based.

Very respectfully yours
W. W. Rice

Yale News



1883.

'83 to-day mourns the first loss by death since graduation. Yun Few Tan died on Tuesday at Colebrook, Conn. He was the only one of the Chinese students of '83 who completed his course, and he did this through private aid after his government had withdrawn its students here. He made many friends by his manly bearing, unassuming and gentlemanly ways and sincerity. Dr. Leonard Bacon thought a great deal of him and there Tan found a home during his college course. He became converted to Christianity while in college and was zealous in the Christian work. He prepared for Yale at Williston and both there and here was known as an honest, able and painstaking student. Since graduation he has been employed in the Chinese Consulate in New York.

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I think I should often have expressed to you, before now, the affection & respect that I bear for the boy. He was the brother to me & his death is a great loss to me. I think I should have written to you before now.

Hampton, Nov. 10th / 83

Dear Girls,
The news has just come to me of your mother's loss, a loss which is also mine & which has come to me with the greater weight inasmuch as I am alone & with no one near to whom I can speak about the dear boy who has gone from our earthly sight. Dear little Sam, he has been with me so much in times of sorrow that it somehow seems as if his comforting presence were hovering near me now ready to assure me that he has passed into the joy of a new & perfect life, a life untroubled by disappointments, sorrows or infirmities of body. I am unable to say, in the first shock of this news, all that it is in my heart to say in regard to Sam. Indeed, I

think I must often have expressed to you, before now, the affection & respect that I had for the boy. He was like a brother to me & his beauty of character was a constant pleasure & delight to me as it was to anyone, I think who was ever thrown into any intimate relations with him. Truly few have ever been called from this world who were so fit for the next as Ian. His character had the dignity & maturity of one who had run many years of life & whose ~~years~~ term of probation was soon to be triumphantly ended. And now he has been called away to be with those others of God's saints whom he has loved & cared for upon earth.

I can not bear to think how lonely you will be with Ian gone from you. If I did not know from frequent experience how surely God will comfort those who mourn, I should feel as if with this loss you had received a crushing blow. But I know what you have borne before & how your patience

& your faith do not fail & so I feel that though you have lost from your lives that which can never come back you do not mourn as those who have no hope.

I wish that I could have been with you today to pay the last sad honors to the frail casket that contained so bright a jewel. You have my prayers & tears & I could hardly have given more had I been with you. It would have been a comfort to me to have looked upon his face again, even in death, but perhaps it is better to remember him as I saw him last in New York, well & prosperous.

I enclose a little check, to be used in some way for him. If his last expenses are already paid use it to mark in some way the spot where he rests, but in some way or other please use it for him.

Ever your loving friend
Alice M. Bacon

1883

The friends and classmates of the late Yew Sun Jan (Williston Seminary Class of '79 and Member of Payson Church) are hereby invited to contribute towards raising a fund to endow a scholarship in the Christian College, Canton China, as a memorial of his beautiful life and blameless Christian character. Dr. Happer the president of this college hopes it will take the place in China that Robert College has done at Constantinople, and if the proposed fund is raised, he promises to establish a perpetual Jan Sun Jan memorial scholarship, also agreeing that the first one to receive the income of the fund shall be Jan's brother Yew Kung Jan a boy now seven years old, whose father is anxious

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to secure for him admission to the
college, and whose preparatory
education Dr. Napper will superin-
tend. The amount necessary is one
thousand dollars, and subscriptions
will be returned if the whole
sum is not raised.

Signed

Rev. J. H. Trichell

Hartford - Conn.

Rev. A. R. Mearns

Grand Rapids, Mich.

Miss Sarah Carrington

Please address enclosing or
pledging your contribution.

Miss Sarah Carrington.

Cohbrook.

Conn.

Hongkong 26 February 1884

Dear Miss Sarah Carrington

With an aching heart and tearful eyes I feel
 obliged to send you this truly sad letter in reply to yours
 which I should have done long ago, but excise me for
 pardon for the delay for I had no piece of direct news
 was so very shocked and disconcerted and despairing
 that I really did not know what to do and what to
 say and am still crying as I dictate this letter and as
 I think of my departed son whom death has cut
 off from this world in the flower of his youth and at
 an age just about to help me. God almighty have mercy
 on me an old man forlorn and guide me and my poor
 family under such trying circumstances crying at every
 pore. Through the kindness of my good friend Mr. Voluntary
 A. B. I have received your much esteemed letter. When
 I saw its black border I began to fear that something was
 wrong. I opened it with trembling hands and immediately
 read for myself in your long to read to me in the
 presence of my family. When your story related that end
 was to go, and what a touching scene there was, I was
 so overcome with horror that for some time everyone of
 us was in a kind of stupor and shivered and then burst
 out into tears and lamentation. Oh how can I express
 to you this truly miserable scene that heartrending
 sensation that we then felt. Every one of us changed
 colour of face and turned half crazy. Oh God help us
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for 3 days we had scarcely tasted any food. It was just about the Chinese influenza epidemic every one was gay and jolly we alone remained confined in our house and did not go out. The anxious neighbours called to make inquiry of what was going on and learning such bad news they also joined in crying and lamenting the fate of my beloved son. Relations and friends living 40 or 50 miles off came to make inquiry or sent letters by mail and I am not one who knows how to sympathize with those who are poor, heart broken and especially the mother of the deceased. I have had and I am sure I have addressed by every possible means to soothe their feelings and console them. I feel just as much as they do but I am a man although old I must take courage and must not dishearten them. Oh, surely the fate which befell you such a poor family like mine in the slightest gleam of hope that remained so you have taken away from me and thus helped sorrow after sorrow upon my old head. I had seen my better days but my case at present is one of the heaviest and bitterest I ever had and I must now think of going into the wide world to seek a precarious living.

Ever since my beloved son lived in your good country I understood he had the obedient and serious talking in his studies and at the completion of his study he obtained some employment with the Chinese Consulate in good conditions as a translator and had a good man to him to be his employer. His good friends and his friends who would have thought that the life of study was so short, I never expected it. He was a good man and I along I expected that he would have come back to help

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and you and the whole family happy. I wish it
was possible for you to go to Heaven to enjoy this everlasting peace
and happiness.

With regards the hope for your recovery I see that poverty
and destitution stare in my face with David even his intention
when he had completed his study to make himself useful in
to the Chinese Government to recompense his benefactors and
benefactresses especially your good and amiable family. But
why this disappointment. Could it be my wickedness that
brought about this unfortunate event. Since it is the
will of the Almighty I have to suffer it with resignation.

Mr. & your much esteemed and noble father Mr. Carrington
did he take you and your generous family to
take care of my son until he attained a good position
which he did, but now he died and there is no chance
to recompense you to repay you for all the troubles you have
taken. Besides all the troubles and waste of property and
good self and his friends find the misfortune most unwillingly
to be his mourners, if really don't know how to repay you all
or how to find words to express my feelings of gratitude.
Moreover I have to thank you very much for the sum of
\$116.99 (including Commission) which I have received on the 3rd
February and which you were kind enough to request Mr.
Angeong to send to me through his way Cheong Kwong
(廣昌隆) shop.

With regards the books and Diploma I have to ask
me favour of you. If you make any use of them I should
feel very much obliged by your sending them to me through
Mr. An Geong when he returns to China.

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The clothes which you need not send me regard
I may keep them as memento or token of friendship and
subject to you. Only send me that sort of clothes and
Cap or hat which ^{he} wore every day

I wish I had to ask one more favour of you dear Sir -
Cambridge as regards the monument which is to be set up
in front of the church by the Chinese Christians we always
treat with the tenderest regard and greatest respect. Every
year you will please send some one to look after it and
see that it is all right. I should be very glad to see
all kinds of news and papers that contain the
news of his death or anything about him. I should be
glad to see it.

Once again for all your trouble and anxiety
I send you my best regards and thank you very
deeply for ever. I should be very glad to see
the monument regarding my third son. I am
glad to hear that it is finished. When he came back
from China he forgot all about it. Chinese
people are very forgetful. It was only a matter of
time and it was a very awful trouble which
costed me not a little that brought
him round to the way he should be. I should
be glad to hear of the death of his
brother who is entirely changed and returned a good
man. I had said a lot of good words and
things to me. This year I intended to take him to
other places and to see him. I should be
glad to see him. I should be glad to see
him. I should be glad to see him.

I cannot conclude this letter without again
thinking

thinking of my beloved son. We all cry day and night when we think of him; of his life being so short and of our bitter fate.

I remain
Your ever true friend.
Tam Pak Chiu.

P. S. I enclose a paper with Chinese writing on which I trust you will be kind enough to hand to W. Awyoung King. It is a mere acknowledgment of the receipt of money.

T.P.C.

I trust your Secretary will find
 Miss Sarah Carrington and her kind
 and Dear Madam, I feel your presence
 at home, you have done me great
 by visiting the me which I should esteem
 personal favours, allow me to thank you
 for your kindness. I have delayed answering
 your letter because of my absence from the Colony
 for sometimes; please excuse me. To me it is a
 great delight to have the honour to write and
 receive any letters from my friends or my friends
 at distant countries.

I am very much grieved to hear of the
 death of my most intimate and highly esteemed
 friend Jan Yew Jan. God have mercy upon his
 soul; such sad things came upon me and his
 family.

family & like the other ~~boys~~ ^{boys} pains my heart to
think of him and his family ~~in a~~ ^{in a} ~~and~~ ^{and}
help expressing my feeling of gratitude ~~to you~~ ^{to you} and
all his good friends for the ~~kind~~ ^{kind} ~~and~~ ^{and} treatment he
received from you ~~and~~ ^{and} it is indeed the will
of Almighty God that he should have such rare
friend to look after him to the day of his death
and lead him into the way of eternal salvation
and everlasting happiness. Thus saving a good soul
you are almost sure of the Kingdom of God.

The moment I received your letter I forwarded
it to Sam Pak Chin at Malacca but he took pretty
long time to come to Hongkong to see it. I tried
hard to console him and he seems now to be
pretty reconciled to his fate, and suffers with all

resignation and patience. No matter what is the custom of China regarding the death of a son young and unmarried, the parents feel just as much as any parents of a foreign country: it is the course of nature.

In Mr. Tam Pak Chiu's letter he has said about his watch money &c so I need not trouble ~~with~~ you by repeating the same over again.

As regards Jan Yew Tong he is still alive God has preserved his life to this day, but poor fellow he has no work to do. He ought to have learnt more English.

I am very sorry to hear of the death of my good friend. Pray Lord Jesus to save his soul.

Your most obedient servant

Valentine A. do Rozario.

Attorney General's office

Hong Kong.
China

I send you a newspaper
van

YALE 1883.

DEAR CLASS-MATES:

It is proposed to endow, in memory of our deceased class-mate, YEW FUN TAN, a scholarship bearing his name in the Christian College now being established at Canton, China, for the education of the Chinese.

It is promised that if the necessary amount is raised, a perpetual "YEW FUN TAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP" will be established; and that the first one to receive the income from the fund will be TAN'S younger brother—YEW KONG TAN.

The amount necessary to endow such a scholarship is \$1,000 of which one-half is looked for from among those who were associated with YEW FUN TAN during the four years at Yale.

No more fitting and lasting monument could be raised to our deceased class-mate, the memory of whose upright and Christian character remains impressed upon us all.

Please send your contribution to

FRANCIS G. BEACH, SEC'Y,

P. O. Box 254,

NEW HAVEN, CONN.

NEW HAVEN, NOV. 1, 1888.

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未思士加倫頌恩師姐妝前懿鑿

思潭庭之納祐卜璇閣

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兒耀勳飄零萬里盍遊重泉

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I hereby certify that
duly signed in my presence
witnessed whereof I have

is a true signature of Mr. Sam Pak Chun
in the form of Egyptian Hieroglyphic and in
into set my hand this 9 day of July 1888
W. A. Kaganio

楊長春

(Translation.)

A Letter in reply to that of Miss S. Carrington the benevolent lady teacher, to be presented to her illustrious presence for her gracious perusal.

Although I am so far separated from thy virtuous (or genial) person, yet by looking up to the Mountains and constellations, you are ever present in my mind, and my thought of you is ever wandering to your direction like a mountain stream in increased volume. I hope you are enjoying happiness in your Palace of Tam (i.e. a fairy palace surrounded by water) and unlimited blessing and tranquility in your beautiful boudoir of gem, upon which I must warmly congratulate you with a feeling of great consolation or satisfaction.

I beg most respectfully to state that of late I ~~with much respect~~ received your precious letter, and perusing it with a feeling of gratitude, I learn that you are again adding favour upon favour on me without end; so I respectfully pen these few lines to convey unto you my insignificant sentiment.

When I come to consider how my deceased son Yew Fan had sojourned in a place of thousands of miles off, and died, and how you beneficent lady-teacher with a kind heart like that of a living god; an angel or buddha had treated him with so much kindness, which kindness was extended even to his decayed corpse, I and my whole family certainly feel exceedingly obliged. My son's remains are interred in a foreign country ^{"who will look after my tomb?" he will say} ~~which I can never expect to be sent back to his native place again for interment.~~ ^{this selfish thinking of his} What will become of them ^{at} bye and by is a question

which I still beg of you to decide. He had by great diligence acquired a sound education but had no opportunity of showing or making use of it in any matter of business; therefore he was not able to requite the favour of His Majesty the Emperor, or your great kindness: all this was the consequence of my misfortune or wretched life. When I come to think of these things, don't I feel a pang in my heart.

As your letter to hand desires, among other things, to know the names and ages of the members of my family, so I respectfully write them out for your information:—

The (proper) mother of Yew Fan is 48 years of age. My own age is 65.

My eldest son Yew Hoong is a Military Officer at Canton whose disposition is gentle and honest, and who has 2 sons; that is my grand children, the elder one being Yook Un, and the younger one Choong Un.

My 2nd son was the lamented Yew Fan.

My 3rd son is (that very cunning) Yew Fong, who, ever since his return home from your illustrious country, has not been able to do anything; but has betaken himself to mal-practices, so I have no hope of him.

My 4th son is Yew Pong aged 20 years, and has gone with a European to Foochow and Formosa. This European is engaged by a Mandarin of high rank to superintend the construction of Railway for China. I have a hope of this son. I beg of you to write to this European and request him to take care of my son.

My 5th son Yew Kong aged 8 years is now learning Chinese, and will learn English - shortly.

As I am now old the management of my family affairs shall be devolved on my 4th and 5th son. If, after my death, you should hold any correspondence (with my family) you may send it to these 2 youngsters, and I beg of you to take care of them also bye and by.

My 3rd daughter Sew Wan is married to Choong Man Yew - both husband and wife treat me very well.

My 4th daughter A Kook - Ever since her marriage she is utterly devoid of the good principle of a lady, that is unladylike, and has no manner. Her husband Chim Tin Yau is of a respectable family, civil and treats me very well.

My 5th daughter Yook Wan is married to Toong Hang Yew. Both he and his father are at Hankow doing tea business, and

My 6th and 7th daughters are still unbetrothed being too young.

As you requested me to send your compliments to Mr. Au Yeung Ming I have heard that he has returned to Canton, but have not been able to see him, when I see him next I would certainly present to him your compliments.

I have come to Hong Kong this day, and seen Mr. Rozario with whom I have consulted
with

with reference to my 5th son Yew Kong going to school to learn English. Mr. Rozario has been my friend for a number of years, and treated me with kindness, he is what we call a bosom friend of mine, and it is he who has taken care of me, and look after my business - Is he not one of my best friends? -

So far I have made a rough statement of my circumstances to you, and beg of you in a distant land to take care of me and mine, for which I shall be exceedingly obliged. Wishing you a great tranquility and everlasting prosperity.

I remain
yours truly
Tam Pak Chui.

P. S. - I send you a photo of my 3rd daughter Hoang Wan wife of Mr. Choong Man Yew - I will ask her to send you a letter and Compliments bye and by.

When my 5th daughter Yook Wan, my 4th son Yew Pong, and my 5th son Yew Kong attains their full growth, I will send you their photos to repay you for your kindness in burying my deceased son, and you will keep up your correspondence with them as you have hitherto done with me, and as you are thousands of miles off, their photos will be sent to you to look at, the same as if they were constantly in your presence, or near you.

When you see my distant relation

or

or cousin Cheong Tong Yan in your place, -
advise him to remember of his native country,
and of the duties of recompense to his parents.
In short, present my compliments to all my
relations and friends (if I have any) that
are in your country.

Dated the 1st day of 6th Moon in the
14th year of the reign of Emperor Kwong Sui,
otherwise known as "Mo Tze" year.
(9th July 1888.)

(Signed - like a Monogram.)

"Pak Chin aged man
of many springs or long
life"

YEW FUN TAN.

Among the students of the Educational Mission sent out by the Chinese government in 1872 was a boy named Yew Fun Tan, distinguished among his fellows for his moral and intellectual gifts. Coming from a country where the light of nature is not widely obscured by heathen darkness, he had exalted ideas of right and duty, a hope of Heaven and fear of the consequences of wrongdoing. So readily did his heart open to receive the Gospel message, upon such mellow soil did the seed fall, that it sprang up and bore fruit abundantly, and henceforth a fearless love of truth became the ruling motive of his life. Often in circumstances that tempt other children to falsehood, his unhesitating "I did it" put to shame the compatriots of George Washington, and his patience and magnanimity toward his playmates were a reminder of One greater than Washington.

These boys were placed in New England families to learn English, and to prepare for school and college. The family in which Tan spent most of these years of preparation, he ever afterwards considered his home, until God took him to the Eternal Mansions.

In 1876 Tan went to Nilliston Seminary, Easthampton, Mass., to prepare for college. While there he took a high stand, and proved his mastery of the English language by carrying off a prize for declamation.

His home letters during that period evince a growing earnestness and desire to minister to the needs of his family in China.

The account of his religious experiences while in Easthampton is given chiefly in the words of his pastor:

"One evening in the spring of 1878 five Chinese students, then in Nilliston Seminary, came to me and asked to have a talk, wishing to unite with the church. My inquiries revealed in each such intelligence, such sincerity of purpose, such true religious experience as I have seldom found in young men of their age. I had been informed that so public an act at this time would imperil the interests of the Mission, and that there were other students anxious to confess Christ, with whom they might join later when the danger was over. I therefore tried to show them that there was a claim of others, which called them to forego the privilege for the present. These young men, who were ready for martyrdom, thought it cowardly to refrain from avowing openly the Christian faith, and Tan was the first to catch the idea of the true heroism of self-sacrifice for the general welfare. I found that these students had had deep thoughts of God, duty and the future during their childhood in China. There had been a longing and groping of the soul even while yet heathen. The great deliverance from sin and the atonement now filled their minds.

"I was much impressed by their gentlemanly bearing, their scholarship and their exemplary conduct, but most of all by their deep sense of gratitude to God for bringing them to the knowledge of Jesus. Tan was the leading spirit in all these experiences, and with the overflowing gratitude of his heart came a consecration to God's plans through them for China, both as patriots and followers of Christ. They organized a little society, called the Chinese Home Missionary Society, with the following preamble:

"We, whose names are hereunto annexed, be-

lieving that the best interests of our country and of religion require the foundation of this Mission, do humbly implore our Heavenly Father to breathe into us his own spirit and make us instruments of promoting His Kingdom in our own country and the world.' They also entered heartily into all the religious work of the seminary, taking active part in the meetings for prayer and study."

It was during Tan's first year at Yale College that the great crisis of his life occurred. The vacations were spent at the Chinese headquarters at Hartford, Conn., whither they went to study Chinese, and while there they were expected to join in the worship of Confucius. Persuaded to consider this as only an act of patriotism, not of religious observance, Tan was reluctantly yielding the instincts of his own conscience to the judgment of older Christians, and preparing to join the service, when the officials observing his tardiness demanded, "Would you rather not—young man—engage in this service?" and exactly truthful in all the emergencies of life, Tan replied, "I would rather not, yet I will do it." Then their rage became uncontrollable, and for a moment it seemed as though they would kill the frail youth, alone and defenseless before them, but they satisfied their anger by confining him and ordering him back to China in disgrace. With another student disgraced for similar reasons, Tan escaped from the train after they had started for San Francisco, and returned to the friends who cared for him during the remainder of his college course.

The Chinese Educational Mission was soon recalled, and Tan applied for membership in the church at Easthampton. We quote again the words of his pastor:

"It was a blessed day for us all, very dear to him and me, for a tender love like that of father and son existed between us. He had expressed the wish that I should give him the right hand of fellowship into the Church of God. May I be worthy to be received by him into the higher fellowship of the Church above."

On account of a heart difficulty Tan was unable to work as vigorously as a sound man, but his college record was high, and he devoted his Sundays to teaching a class of laundrymen, of whom he says: "They are noble fellows, and so appreciative of my small services."

The discussions aroused by the Chinese Exclusion Bill of 1882 were followed with keen interest by Tan, and the able and eloquent protest contained in his letter to the *Evening Post*, of April 12, 1882, called forth letters from Congressmen and other prominent citizens, warmly commending his eloquence, patience and magnanimity.

After his graduation in 1883, Tan became an attaché of the Chinese Consulate in New York, where his truth and integrity received another trying test. The Consul, anxious to restore him to favor with his government, proposed that he should write a letter to the Chinese Minister, expressing his regret that he had left the Chinese service, and saying that he did not intentionally desert, but that the train went on and left him while he stopped to get lunch. Tan was sorely perplexed, for he appreciated the kind intentions of the Consul, and felt reluctant seemingly to rebuke an elder by expressing his disapprobation. But his mind was clear on one point—"By God's grace I will never tell a lie."

Tan wrote a letter, as desired, expressing his re-

gret that his service to the government had been interrupted, but omitting the fiction, which the Consul supplied in a letter which he wrote to accompany Tan's.

Tan was still unhappy, he could not rest content with any misrepresentation in his behalf. We will quote his own words: "My last letter to you did not close with a very cheerful spirit, but I can now say that I have done all that I could. The day after I wrote you I felt I must go up and tell the Consul that my missing the train was intentional, and I told him that if hereafter any good things should come to me from that letter, I could not bear to think that it was due to my lying representations, or to my allowing a lie to pass. The Consul replied that the Minister knew all about me, and that they had already talked about me, and that the letter was a mere form. Such is the Chinese way! Well, I am glad if they know just what kind of a fellow I am."

He little realized how nearly this was his last act. A month later he was very ill, and ere two months had passed he had gone to render his account to the God of all truth. What wonder that the Consul on hearing of his death exclaimed: "If we all lived such lives we need not fear to die!"

When Tan became too ill to continue his duties he returned to his beloved home, where his life ebbed gently away. Two days before his death his sweet voice joined in the Sunday evening hymn, and talking of the trials and faith of the Patriarch Job, Tan expressed himself as able to say with Job: "Though he slay me yet will I trust him."

Some lives, like beautiful flowers, remain in the memory a perpetual joy, though no powers of description can ever reproduce their beauty and fragrance when once they have perished.

Nearly five years have passed since that bitter hour when Yew Fun Tan met and conquered the sharpness of death, but to those who knew him the beauty of his life is unfading; his home letters, breathing out tender love and gratitude, seem fresh as yesterday, although the little boys who called him "their dear old uncle" are grown to manhood.

In one letter he says: "I have been so far in my life a constant receiver. I pray God in some future time I may be as blessed in the giving as in the opportunity to give." His desire was realized both in his Colebrook and his New Haven home, where, in the place of absent sons, he ministered to the parents in their last days, and consoled the households in the hour of bereavement.

The stone which marks his grave is a token of the gratitude of those to whom he had endeared himself as a brother, and bears the inscription: "Ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and of the household of God."

One of these brothers by adoption conducted the funeral service, and paid a touching tribute to his memory, and he was laid to rest on the New England hillside at the feet of those who had been to him as father and mother. Four Chinese classmates, who had returned to this country, gently lowered his body into the grave, the Chinese Consul and attendants, in their rich Oriental dress, mingling with the country folk in the simple and solemn ceremonies. Even as "they shall come from the East and the West and the North and the South to sit down together in the Kingdom of God."

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ST. LOUIS, MO.,

9th. December 1904.

My dear Miss Carrington:-

I hasten to answer your letter of the 6th. instant. The size of Tan's picture, even with crating, is not too large for Mr. Tong's trunk, and I would thank you to have it sent here as soon as possible, as my attache is leaving at an early date. Mr. Tong will stop at Shanghai for a few days and proceed to his home, in Canton, where the College is situated, that is, if it had been removed from Macao. The name and exact location, Macao or Canton, of the College is most essential, and I hope the Trustees will forward me the desired information without further delay.

The short sketch of Tan's life is very touching, pathetic, and yet cheering. While in Yale, we studied together, played together, though Tan's delicate health did not permit him to enter heartily into those hardy sports I delighted in. Tan was a gentle, kind, and considerate friend, he would sacrifice a great deal for the sake of others. One particular virtue he had was never losing his temper, no matter how great was the provocation, his calmness had the effect of cooling the heat of those in anger. Death deprived China of a loyal son, his friends of a true friend, the Christian Church of a sincere and faithful follower. It is indeed regrettable that I can not decorate his grave that contains the earthly remains of one of my dearest friends, since I return with my family, the end of this month or the first days of January, to make my report in Peking.

With kindest regards, I am,

Miss Carrington.

Colebrook, Conn.

Yours faithfully,

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