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Please save and
return to Lottie.

She writes - and you
will love it.

but be sure
not to lose it.

107 Herbit Terrace
Dorington N.J.
March 5, 1883

Dear Lottie,

This will not be an attempt to answer
you three or four good letters. It is
just a preliminary note to enclose -
check prepared several days ago but
insert because of your great fullness
of life these days. Our beloved pastor
Dr. Williams gave us an inspired
message last Sunday night on Christ
in the home. His text was John 8:
17-20. "And they went every man unto his
own house; but Jesus went unto the
mount of olives." He had not where
to lay his head and not one of them
asked him to go home with him.
How like that are so many American
families feeling secure in their abundance
and so satisfied with the knowledge of
today's science, psychic analysis,
evolution and all such, that they
do not feel the need of a savior.

Some day I hope my faith is strong
enough to help some of them, family
and friends all included. He said

2.
further we praise Him who
leads the Holy Spirit in our home,
in that ~~It~~ is felt and breathed by
our children and by all who enter
our door. Missionaries who have
surrendered their old life to a new
and glorious one in His service in
foreign lands do praise Him from
by bringing our unward soul into
a true Christian home. How it
must not be easy to maintain such
a home in China where you have
not only darkness but Satan's
cyclones to blow down the house.

This is a small contribution toward
the labor of building a new screen
porch and roof or if you are not
going to do that for ten months then
for whatever you need wood. Half
is from Betty and half from what
I had for the purpose. It's the
Lord's and may be bless'd use
by his faithful servants.

All this may sound unusual
from me but we are trying now
to live more Christian lives. I have
a job in Newark and we live in a
very comfortable little house in

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Irvington 7 miles from Glen Ridge.
Better yet we have both been baptized
into a new little Baptist Church
which is led by the Spirit of God.
We take turns staying home with
the children all but Sunday morning
when they go too. We are happy and
well with a greater spirit of peace
than ever before, praying for
greater faith.

You have never said much
about your work and services there.
It must be so satisfying after
surmounting the many difficulties to
see the light come to some of
those people who never had even
a small chance to see.

Betty sends much love. She never
was so occupied or wrote so few letters.
Mother is quite well and father too.
He has made all copper screens & screen
panels for our new house. Wish I was
that handy.

Much love & strength to you
& Ellison.

Bob.

Bot's letter.

I think a good deal
of this letter. Please
do not lose it, and
return it at some
time to R. B. H.

Green Ridge
7/14/12

Dear Lottie,

A much needed rain is relieving the hot spell and has brought the mercury down from 90° to 70°, but the humidity makes it still a little uncomfortable.

Mother is, if anything, not feeling as well. She can't help worrying over Father's business. I guess he has told you about it. He is playing a little game in the city which we all hope will come out as we wish it to.

I only wish I were a little older and knew something about such games, but I can do nothing.

Friday night we were sitting in the library and I was wondering how I could amuse myself on Saturday afternoon. Suddenly it struck me that I was thinking entirely of

myself. There sat mother with nothing to look forward to and trying to look happy & be cheerful. You could not know the feeling of selfishness I had. Father has no time to do anything with her and when Mary is not with Ted, she is in New York shopping or else sewing on her trousseau. I am not naturally the kind to think of such things, but I suggested a drive on Saturday afternoon.

Mother said that would be grand, so I called up Decker & got a survey.

Polly naturally ~~was~~ wanted to sit in the rear seat with Ted but I put the soft pedal on that pretty quick, putting her in the rear (~~with mother~~) to take care of mother while I drove with Ted in the front. We had a beautiful drive around the reservoir, past Overbrook where the idiots hang

out and down past Mountain-side
 Hospital. Mother saw some meadow
 larks and red-winged blackbirds &
 we got some black-eyed juncos.
 I think she enjoyed it very much
 but you see she has a very
 hard time of it. She never
 complains and that makes it worse
 for me to stand by & look on. I
 am wondering what sort of compensa-
 tions it will give her next winter.
 Though I am very young, I have
 looked at love in some few
 stages, and young people are
 sometimes apt to be a bit absent
 minded or something on that order.

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Last night I was walking up to
 Dong's with one of Father's clean
 Be-ann-das tucked in my mouth,
 when I saw him coming out all

dolled up. The machine was out
in front of their house, and Doug
gave me a look which we both
understand & said: "You are late".

I answered that I had been
delayed at the post office by my
dear friend Dailey. We got in
the car & rode down to our
house & he told me we were going
out as a lark. Now this was
news to me for I had not seen him
in a week. He happened to
see me coming up the street &
~~we~~ told his folks that he was
going out for a ride with me.
I got some clothes on & we went
over to Olympic park in Springfield.

There was a wonderful dance hall
with an excellent band & we
danced & danced. We became
acquainted with two dandy girls
from Newark. They could dance

well and one was a queen!
 Well make out we did not have
 a great time! It was just
 what I had been wishing for &
 we didn't leave until the place
 closed at twelve. I met a number
 of fellows I knew, one th whom I had
 enjoyed a summer at Hypokong
 in 1909 and another with whom I
 had camped in 1908, and a number
 from the office. I got to sleep at
 3.

Work goes on all right &
 I go down in the train pretty often.

Mr Cady has invited me to
 spend this week end with him. He
 has a car, I don't know what
 kind, but rest assured we will
 have a good time.

With much love
 Bob

Oberlin O.

April 17. '38

My dear Lottie:

Just six weeks ago it was that I flew out here to be with Vera and family, since the spring & summer.

I had hoped to answer your letter from Holyoke (Feb. 26) as soon as I got out here, but an attack of Arthritis kept me down for a while and I am just now catching up with myself.

It was just too bad that you had to have teeth out and have to get used to a plate... Always

its soundings: never its waddings" as Alice used to say.

I'm glad your Alice can fill the breach and keep house when you are away. And it is so good for girls to know how.

Rob's two girls, Ruth + Martha, do so well when there is need. And there has been some need this winter because Betty has had a stubborn attack of sciatica and is not yet rid of pain in her leg. It has been hard + discouraging but she is a good soldier. Rob is still interested in his scrubbery and is transplanting some dogwood trees from the woods. He + Ruth have put in a dozen rosebushes.

I'm so sorry your mother has the nerve-pain in her face. It is so trying & exhausting. I hope she is over it now.

I am enclosing this cutting from the G. R. paper about Mary Estes & her garden work in which she is so successful. She was with me as housekeeper the last two weeks before I left G. R. and we had a pleasant time together. She is so good & kind & thoughtful.

We have just been hearing from home thru Helen Mac. who was in G. R. a week ago. She is on the "Oberlin Women's Glee Club" which spent the vacation touring Pa. & N. Jersey by Greyhound bus. They sang in E. Orange & Paterson so Helen & two friends spent two

nights at Alice's and had great fun. Helen spent one night in Mr. Vernon at Mary's and saw Caroline, home on vac., and all the others. It was all together a grand & glorious trip. They got back here at 4 A.M. Tues. and had to be at classes at 8.30 A.M. so that it took Helen several days to make up sleep.

I wonder how your father enjoys Antioch and what he is to do in the summer? or will he be home with you? Alice B. & Ralph are both trying to get jobs of some kind for the summer.

For the month of August Betty plans to take the rest of the children to her mother's cottage at Shelton, Vermont.

About the family: my sisters seem well and able to go here + there. Elizabeth + her mother took a motor trip to Washington lately to see Jane Dwire who was married in the fall.

Nena seems well tho she tires quickly, and just now has an inflammation in her eyes from road dust, Dr. says. It is better today. We have had visits with milk Katherine and her fascinating baby, Dottie. She sits on my bed in the morning and plays with her toys, flirting with me and laughing in a jolly fashion. Tho she is only 9 mos. old. She is perfectly healthy and quite com-
pasionable.

Some years ago when I could hear on the Radio I heard Mary Rob.

etc Reinhardt + others mispell
words and I am interested be-
cause, as you will remember, I
have my uncertainties about
doubling the final consonant
and leaving off \pm s. The word
"noumenon" is entirely new to me.
I have just looked it up in Dic.
and am not enlightened as to its
meaning! I think I shall not
adopt it into my vocabulary.
Where do you get it?

I have just enjoyed reading "On
a New England Campus" which was
not in the G. R. library. Mary was in
Frances Warner's class and I was there
about 1911 which made it more
vivid to me.

and to Ellison + Alice
Much love to you Lottie dear. How
I should like to see you in your
home at S. Royalton!

Yours always Mother B.

"Of gladder things there be four -
As four:

A lark above the old nest
Blithely singing,

A wild rose clinging

In safety to a rock - a shepherd
bringing

A lamb found in his arms
And Christmas bells a-ringing

Lottie dear I am sending you
all much - much love across
the snow and asking many
blessings upon your loved-
hold this Christmas time.

I have just rec'd a lovely card
and dear letter from Aunt El
for your mother & herself ^{Dec 1893}

Always your

Mother B.

Mothers B

Rockport - Oct - 21. 1906

Dear Ones Charlotte's birthday.

So Carl is at dinner with her - We have eaten and scattered - Papa gone to Forest - et with two men. Geo. and John - gone out for off with Charlie Olson - Ruth in back room. Studying - She and John & my self. one of ~~SS~~ I heard part of the sermon. Guess I will try to read a few words while Papa is out. The boys have taken bit down of it - is up in attic over back room. We had squirrel foot pie for dinner - Hope you are all well & happy. - by by -

Mon. P.M. just heard from Mamma
She is well - baby regular
rolly poly • O dear. blots
~~But~~ is certainly dear & horra-
ble. She says - Mrs Richmond
is int going to move - for
which she is glad - I went
to the last one - walked up
with Mabel - a piece & then
she came with me & c.
Washing to dry - emptied a
fine live grass bed. feathers
Don't know when we shall
get them dry - Misty now.
John is working on his hut
back of her house, every
spare minute - Carol has
4 children playing with her.
Charlotta commenced music
lessons & Mrs Elududee Adon

Raidywater, Mass
Thanksgiving night Nov 25th 1909

Dear Bette

Here we are at Hales Hotel.
Seated around the table are
Thomas & Marion Hall
Charles & Fella Benson
Elliott & Bonnie Lane
Ruth, John Lane, Geo & Lane
Lies asleep on the lounge
all hands are scrambling to see
dear one and wishing that you
were here. we have had a good
time, although it has been raining all
day. I have held Bob & Eugene
part of the time and held Richard
and Elliott Hall, at times and sang
to them and told stories to them.
I sang to them "My Grandmother had some
very fine Hens in the merry green
fields of Oland"
and lots of times she have come to
me to sing some more and to tell
an Indian story we had got along all

right until near supper time when
Dick and I were fooling and using
our fists. Dick either slipped or came
to quick towards me and came in contact
with my fist he said damn you, you
old fool you knocked my tooth out,
and he produced the tooth to prove it.
he cried and I promised to get him a
new tooth at the Dentists with a bit
of gold on it. he soon felt amiable
and owned up that he still loved
Grandpa and we had a jolly time.
Leanie has been up to Lewelling part of
the evening, and I went over to Tella's
then they came back to Marion's and
Marion Ruth Charley sang and played
lots of the old songs. It is now 9:45
O'clock and we all scrubbing as fast
as we can. it is evident we all
love Sattie R. Lane and we all wish
you could have been with us we are
looking forward to Christmas when
we hope to all meet you at Lane's
hotel Rockport
with lots of love from Father
E. Lane

Thanksgiving Evening - 25

Dear Lottie.

We are all gathered round the table in Marion's dining room after having a pleasant time singing & playing. We all wish you were here to complete the circle though poor Aunt Belle has had to go back to Miss Curtis early as usual. The day has been stormy outside but we have all had a delightful time I am sure children & all. No doubt you have had a pleasant day and enjoyed yourself but I will venture to say you have wished you could be in on our sibs many times. I am sure we all feel thankful to have been allowed to meet together once again & for my part I feel as though in the rush of living & business we see all too little of our people. Father, Mother, Aunt Mary & Aunt Mira were up to Ada's for the day and we had a chance to see them. Nathan & family were at Pearl's folks & Arthur & Mary were at Lee folks.

If it had only been pleasant Leo, John & I were going into the woods for a walk and incidentally see if we could find any game as toys always like to go gunning once in a while and I am as much of a boy as anyone once in a while. Well we are all done but me so I must stop and listen to the reading of each one by the writer.

With love & best wishes to you Charlie

My best wishes to Ellison also

Save

Returns

Please save all these and
be sure and return them
all to L.R.H.

Bridgewater
Nov 25 1909

Dear Lot,

Hello there, just waked
up from my nap on Marion's parlor
sofa where I've been while all the rest
finished their letters. Guess what I
was dreaming about! Laying hard pine
floors! What do you know about that?
I call that working over time, don't you?
We had a bully dinner to-day. Every
body wished you were here. Never mind
Lot. Xmas is coming!!!

Kuff Dad

George

Hello Honey

There's just one thing we lack
of perfect happiness & that my dear is you -

Oh, don't I wish that I had done what I
wanted to when I read your letter saying
what you'd do if you found ways of floating
up Hill - I talked it over with Aunt Cele
& she thought the trip too hard for you -
so I shut up - But wouldn't I have been a
lovely surprise!!

I know you're lippy today tho, in spite
of it all. I hope you are having a grand
time. The rain hasn't bothered us much
tho' it detained Pa & John till we were
sure that they had been killed in a Railroad
wreck that Sam brought news of. But they
showed up about 10 - about 3 hours late.
Pa brought us a ^{big} ~~whole~~ ^{big} soaked Calicut
& oh it tastes so good - How come?

I can hear you say "Well, I
smell it now." -

Pa said some other person for gods around

was asking his neighbor if he had any
smoked herring with him? a good
deal like the time John & George took the
skunk skin to the Sportsman's Show.

He (Geo) is on the Couch sound asleep
It's been just full of big ^{stuffy} boys tonight,
John & George & Richard & Emmet -
when I think that my boys in ten or
fifteen years more will be like John & Geo it
pleases me! More got something to live
for that.

He had a dandy turkey - Mr Geo always
gives the boys a simple dollar apiece for one -
Ours cost 4.35 \times 2 - but it must just
be the same - It was fine!! The cooked &
you know what that means. She made the
pies for me mince & rock cherry - Bill
sent squash pies. Aunt Cele made the
cranberry sauce & the pudding wch was a
good deal like mine - ^{Don't you wonder what} P - I'm done? P P P

Pats to perfection personified - Aunt Cele
is just grand. She comes for him every day
at 3 or 4 & takes him for the rest of the P.D.
It's a great relief - It's my Landlord. Looks
just like his Dad - P - Tom's in a hurry. Goodnight
Your own Man.

Bridgewater Mass.
November 25, 1909.

My dearest dear Lottie - Just a month from to
night we will have you with us - & we will
be putting stockings - bedsores etc.
Such a day as we have had - had - We had a
dinner - which was perfectly delicious - roast
of all kinds - Turkey - prepared & beautifully done by
Mama and Marion - Well cooked all vegetables at
her house - (as ours didn't get all fragrant with
and others as one of yours - onions - (for instance) &
& all cooked - white or sweet potatoes - turnips, squash,
onions etc. - Aunt Cele had our celery salad -
a plum pudding - & sauce - & cranberry sauce -
Mama - candies - home made & bought -
Marion made mince, apples, pumpkin &
cranberry (with cherry) pies - It was a feast -
and jolly too -

Well - what cannot flow? My heart was made
glad early - & I was glad for the day - Heard from
A. He told about the dear little baby - Porgill -
She feels so badly - says life which was recently
rose should assume a dull gray aspect - Said that

hard? The spoke of the little ~~wheel~~ ^{wheel} as a fencer
who stayed with them hardly long enough for them to
inhale its fragrance - Oh - she is dear - dear - dear!
Poor Lena - isn't it sad?

Well, Rachel Brown and Myron Richmond
came down this eve. & invited me to a girls club dance
from 5 till 9 - Sunset dance - but I refused - because
Dad & all were here for so short a time - Nevertheless
Wasn't it nice of them to ask me? It is another
crowd of girls - as would have met college gals -
fellows - oh, dear me!!!

Andrew is dear enough - but John is going to be a
sport - immaculate - Guesses someone every Sunday
& all such - He is awfully tall - Why I'm not so sure
but what he will vie with Elson for height. He is
a shamp!

Suppose John has told you about the delay caused
by slight wreck in So. Sta: - they had to wait two
hours - on that account. They couldn't tell anything
about time B & H₂o train would start - so 1st Car then
John went and asked the man at gate about start -
So finally the man knew the facts - & John asked
him finally "what time does train leave for B & H₂o?"
"5. Hill with B & H₂o" - "Isn't that awful?"
Lox, lox, glore
Cuth -

Bridgewater Nov. 25
Dear School Mann
Have a bite of turkey.

It is 9-25 P.M. I wonder what time it is.
Kid are in Bed. ^(Has been) Ben dancing, singing,
playing cards and eating.

Eighteen here at dinner today. All kinds
of good things to eat. Thanks to the
neighbors. [#] Baby is growing fine and ~~was~~ a little
bit nervous tonight. He was talking to us today.
In fact he showed his ability as a contractor
doing several odd jobs around the house.
Hope you are having a pleasant winter and
doing fine.

Yours
Tom

Thanksgiving evening

Dear Lottie; Can you see us in your ^{mind's} eye, all sitting about the dining ^{table} room at Marion's intent on writing a few words to you? For three days the weather has been anything but fair, rain, sleet, and hail and so it happened that when aunt Carrie and Carol came Tues. P.M. that weather greeted them, and worse weather last evening. Some little minor accident made their train from Boston very late and it was after nine or nearly ten when John and uncle Ed. entered the side door at Bensonhurst drenched but smiling and happy if tired and hungry to boot. We were all worried about them and were glad enough to see them safe & sound. Carol slept with Ruth B. and John with George in the sitting room and uncle Ed. & aunt C. up here at Marion's. To-day has been drizzly, rainy & unpleasant but we haven't minded it very much. Aunt Cely made the plum pudding and cranberry sauce, ^{+ celery salad,} Marion baked the delicious 12 lb. turkey, carrot potatoes, cranberry and mince pies, and I cooked squash, potatoes, turnip, onions, squash pies down to my house. also made ~~two~~ ^{an} plates of walnut cream & brought up nuts & Yucca candy. Thompson had apples & grapes and I've forgotten the rest, but you may imagine it was well at 2. P.M.

The children with Elise had one table and
we sat in dining room. I talk told, and we
spoke lovingly of you and wished that we
might clasp your hand in ours. & it might be
your material physical presence we
realized in addition to your spiritual presence
of which we were assured.

After dinner we had music, and
singing, and after a while Eva came for
a little call, & joined in. Her grandmother
has but recently died and she has been to
Manchester N. H. to her funeral & so visited
her for a call, thinking to add to the
happiness of her day a wee bit. Ada entertained
Mother & Father Benson, aunt Mary Edson
and aunt Mira. Pearl & Natan & family
were down to her mother's who entertained
19 in all, and Mary and Arthur down to
her mother's. About 6 P.M. we went home
& put the children to bed Eva helping Elise
get them ^{ready} for bed. Then uncle W. & aunt
Carrie came down for a little & then we
four repaired to M's again. We have been
playing cards & then singing. George is sound
asleep - on the couch in parlor. Aunt C. has
been over to see aunt Cele. a while this evening
Miss Curtis quite well to-day but miserable yes
to-day. C. went over to see Mr. Fairbanks who has let
his nephew go & is able to get out a bit each day now.
The 'not to come to the street for knee - he had a stroke.

Wd send you lots of love & etc.

Kityang, S. China

Jan. 6, 1933

Dear Friends:

I realize I was very neglectful last year so far as letter writing was concerned, so as trying this method of getting a letter printed, and in that way I may reach more of you. You have been kind and thoughtful in sending me letters, cards and gifts for which I am very grateful. This is within the first week of the year so I can still wish you a very happy New Year. May 1933 be full of joy and health and better times for you each one.

Last year was for me one of great interest and much work. The hospital began the year with a good staff. Dr. Everham and I were alone the few months after her return from furlough; but we had added to our staff Dr. Chas. Cheng, well trained in the North, and two good Chinese graduate nurses from Foochow, Miss Tang and Miss Li, and a local speaking graduate nurse, Miss Khu. These are all with us still. And then we had Dr. Alice Chang who returned to China from America and stayed here six months. We did a great deal of surgery, and had a mixture of all sorts of cases, - such typhoid and some spinal meningitis. We worked very hard all the fore part of the year so when summer came, and it gets NOT here, we were pretty tired, so that it did not seem advisable to try to keep open during vacation time with only a few of the staff on hand. We closed for one month.

I went up north to Chotseshan, Mongolia, where I visited some Mendonite friends, the Dick family. I had a thrilling trip from Peiping there, on a very old type train; but it was very interesting, winding in and out of the great wall of China all the first day. There was no sleeper nor diner on the train, nor any other conveniences, - and only Mandarin spoken; but I got along fine - and enjoyed it all. The openness of the country, thinking of the past history up there, and the kindness of my hostess and family refreshed me greatly so I was ready for work on return. On the way back I had three full days of sightseeing (and ~~swimming~~) in wonderful Peiping. I have never seen such a lot of real wealth and marvel in marble in my life.

In September we opened our nurses training school, and took in five girls of whom the three best are continuing. It is hard to get girls of enough education to take up nursing out here. I have just finished correcting 101 papers in Materia Medica, - from nurses in the three southern provinces of China who were trying the National Nurses Association examinations, and it revealed to me that it is general in this country for educational requirements of nurses to be below par, for 31 out of 101 failed. Some did wonderfully well, above 90% and some 100%. But if one can't do simple arithmetic how can that one be a nurse and give medicines?

Four months ago the Kityang Association voted that I do part time evangelistic work in the country, especially do work with women. I was surprised at the vote though I have had a great interest in this work since my experience two years ago. I thought I could not leave the hospital work. But suddenly a month ago we had a gospel tent given us by a wealthy Chinese Christian, Lis Tau Hong, of Hong Kong. He gave \$1000 Mexican, and the tent is very well equipped and is now in our association. Mr. Giedt and Mr. Luebeck are the missionaries in it. They asked me to join to have charge of the women's work. I felt it was a special call to do the work I have had on my heart for a long time. I went on the tent's first trip in December. We were gone eight days, a wonderful experience, so many hungering for just what we can give them. There was great interest and desire shown in those meetings - a seeking for a better life.

Just now I am on a little two-by-four launch going to Mi Ou, six hours away, and go on tonight to Ua Jin where the tent went yesterday. We expect to be out about three weeks. The hospital trustees did not release me from my work at the hospital only as I could arrange to go when we are not busy, and since it is nearing the Chinese New Year is one reason I can go now.

We had a good year in the church at Kityang and throught the field. There were 126 baptisms, 66 of them women. We had a good women's rally last month, too. In February on the World Day of Prayer about 300 of our women joined in. They met at twelve different chapels. We are engaging five Bible Women in this Association. Some of them have classes for women, others visit in the homes and preach and help.

I have continued with my Sunday School class. Some Sundays there are over thirty girls present, a wonderful privilege and opportunity. This year we have had a fine choir, our first at Kityang, and we have been very fortunate in having Mr. Luebeck as director. We gave a concert on Christmas night in the church, which was appreciated by a big crowd. This year was the first time we had white Christmas. In the afternoon gifts of money and cloth were brought amounting to almost \$100. This is in the hands of a committee to help the needy.

Conditions in the home land seem to be on the mend. I hope this won't be too hard a winter on the mass of people. Times are quiet and friendly here.

Pray for us here, that the Lord may use us as instruments in His hands to help bring in His Kingdom.

Sincerely,

Katherine E. Bohn.

Kityang
So. China
Jan. 31, 1938

Dear Mrs. Wilder: -

I have tried my best for two days to get to Swatow. There have been such crowds following the Chinese New Year and only one launch at a time, - and it happened that I was needed at the hospital, so I could not go via boat yesterday, so tried to get the bus to Chaochowfu to take train from there, - but I could not possibly get on. So I thought I'd take the early boat - just as I was getting up, tho, a hard obstetric case came in, and I needed to stay, consequently I took the 1 P.M. bus to Ping Kwei where I'm now writing you. I thought of you since this is your former district, so

decided to write a note.
The news you will get
in the enclosed printed
letter. We leave again in
two days with the Jopel
tent for a three weeks
campaign at Li Pi + Poh
Tsu Tsoh. I am very happy
to have a part in this work.
Our second trip to Na Jui
for 19 days was strenuous
but well worth and while
with excellent decisions
at the end. We had classes
for each kind of group.
I helped with children's
meetings teaching hygiene,
exercises, games - women
have charge of women
(mother) meetings - also
had women's inquirers
Bible class. Play the organ
for other services and
many other odd jobs. It
makes a full day, 12 hrs.
long the evening meetings

are entirely evangelistic. Mr. Luebeck preaches every eve-
 thru his interpreter - he
 also is fine at leading
 the singing for half hour
 every evening. We are all
 glad - here in the mission -
 that he came to us - a
 good addition.

Mr. Giedt also works hard
 besides preaching & teach-
 ing he has charge of
 the mechanics - of the
 tent.

I think if you were to re-
 turn you would see a great
 change everywhere in China.
 I often think of Dr. Leach - she
 would not know Kityang!
 There are new roads, streets,
 etc - a fine magistrate
 at Kityang now who has
 come to our compound
 several times for music
 or tennis.

Thank you so much for
 the diary - you have been

Kind in remembering us
all in this way every year.

My furlon is due next year,
but somehow I don't feel
I need one. Would just
like to go home for the
summer & return! There
is so much work I could
do.

I hope you & your fine
family are very well.

Greetings to you all,

Sincerely,

Katherine E. Bolin

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