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Phau-thai.

Wed. noon.

My dear Mr. Fitzipies:

I suppose you have found out before now that the man you were hunting has moved to -----, which is a couple of miles west of Chsochowfu. He appointed two representatives, a civil and a military man to be here at Phau-thai and meet you, and when I finally turned up at their yamen they greeted me most politely. The matter is all explained to them how I was a mediator at Chsochowfu, went to Swatow on Monday and am now on my way back to Cefu, and they have agreed to give me an escort to the commander's headquarters, and a note asking him if he will pass me thro his lines. They say they have no authority to give me a pass thro the lines, but they seem to think the commander will be willing. If the negotiations there have been proceeding satisfactorily he surely will. And I have no reason to doubt but what I can reach the South late tonight. If not, we have a chapel at ----- and I shall be well cared for.

It is unfortunate that somebody bungled and didn't inform you that the commander had left Kityang.

When you get back to Kakchieb, I should be very glad if you could let Mrs. Hildreth know that I am getting on so well in the

Sincerely yours,
 (signed) E. S. Hildreth

E. P. Division.

Substant.

May: 6. 27.

Dear Mr. [unclear].

Thank you so very much for your letter and for the little advertisement which I am very glad to have, and also for the jolly little air-cushion. It was so good of you to think of that. The cushion arrived just the day before a procession, for which we women-folks had been told to go and stay in the Consulate (the first time we have had to do that, and we very much like the East!) So as we were packing a suitcase each, of necessaries, we found the cushion came in very useful, as it filled so small a space. We had to go back the next day too, for another procession. They both passed off quietly, as it happened, but the authorities had placed a pound outside our Consulate.

Since those days things have changed again, and as you
will probably have heard, the authorities have rounded
up the Bobolinks in Swatara, so as far as we are concerned,
things are more peaceful. In the country districts however,
where the Kingbirds are peaceful, there is a great deal
of trouble and fighting. After the procession, Mrs. Wight took
the two children to Emma, and the Gibbons also saw
them. Dr. Hackett and Dr. Lamb have come from Annapolis, as
their own stations are closed, to give us some help in the
hospitals, which is very welcome. The Allen's have gone
home, as Dr. Allen was not any longer getting around.

We are very busy in the hospitals just now. I suppose
people's ailments suffer more readily in them in this hot
muggy weather, for they flock in in large numbers,
with love and fear of good winter.

Yours affectionately,

John Penn.

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January 30, 1967

Mrs. E. S. Hildreth
Brooklyn, Conn. 06234
U. S. A.

Dear friends,

In a fascinating city like Hong Kong, one of the most amazing places is the satellite community of Kwun Tong, where the Kwun Tong Seawater Baptist Church is located. The new building is rising in the midst of a complex of factories, shops, resettlement estates, low cost housing blocks and residential apartments. Here surely is an unparalleled opportunity to witness to literally thousands of people and we are so privileged to have a part in that witness.

The church building is progressing rapidly. The ground floor has been completed and work is starting on the second floor. We hope that the cornerstone will be laid in a special service on Easter Sunday afternoon during the visit of Dr. James Sprigg. The fund for the purchase of the adjoining land is also growing rapidly, and we are grateful for your contribution to this phase of the total project.

The generosity and support of churches and individuals like yourselves has been very much appreciated. Your gift helps make all this possible. We would like to thank you for your interest and encouragement, not only for ourselves in the Mission and the Seawater Baptist Churches, but for all of the Chinese refugees who through the ministry of this church may come to know the joy and peace which only Christ can bring to this troubled and needy part of the world.

Sincerely yours,

Hugh W. Smith

Rev. Hugh W. Smith

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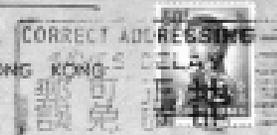
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SUNSET COTTAGE
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July 28th --

Dear Mrs Wilder

It seems a very long
time since I heard from you, and
I am wondering just when you all
plan to get here. We are having
Oxford Group meetings every Monday
afternoon ^{4 to 5} in the vestry room of the
Congregational Church. Edith Abbott
was interested Mr Desmond so much
that he offered us the room and
comes himself, and last week he

brought Mr Graves the Methodist
plate. We have had notices given
out in three churches and to-day there
will be one in the Gloucester Times.
We have a little team of four, Edith,
Miss Bartholomew from Cambridge and
ourselves. We are delighted with the
great change in Edith Abbott, and
I know you will be too. She had
fellowships and attended many meetings
in Calif. last winter taking active
part in them, and it has done
wonders for her spiritual growth.
We have had one meeting on
absolute honesty, & next week

it is to be Absolute Love. We have
a Short Bible SUNSET COTTAGE
FISHERS COVE
MASSACHUSETTS lesson with
questions to look up & Group interpretation
by Edith, then a short witness & some
Stories from each of us, a ^{discussing} Limit Time
& the Lord's Prayer. The Session has
opened each time with prayer.
Miss Barthelme has to go back to
Cambridge to-day & we sorely need
you & Mr. Hildreth to help us & we
are depending on Mr. H. to talk to
the two Ministers & change them!
Last Monday we had 14, & this week
several more are coming so we feel
that God is with us & that great
things may come to Rockport in

a spiritual awakening. Madame
Rondelle has made a beginning, but is
not at all well, so cannot always
be with us. I do hope your sister in
law will be here too. We need a
strong team of new ones to witness as
we go on. Please let us know as
soon as you arrive. With kind
regards from Katharine & myself
to you both & hoping you are
quite well again -

Affectionately
Madeleine Patterlee

May 22nd - -

Dear Mrs. Hildreth

Thank you for
your letter and the card
about the Keen N. H. Con-
ference. Was interested to
learn you both went to the
Oxford Group House Party
at Middlebury and were
at the home of Prof. & Mrs.
Adams and that the
Wormans were there.
We have just learned

that there is to be a House
Party in the Berkshire
at Stockbridge June 3-6.
We hope it will be possible
for us to be there, but
are not quite sure as we
are leaving May 25th for
Rochester, but are not
yet provided with a
car, but Mr Hodgkins
is trying to locate a
used one for us, and
we hope he will turn
up a suitable one before

that time. I am so sorry you had such a
tripe with you folks, and do hope that
the Goodwins, Mermans and someone here
left you by now. It must have been that
impending to hear you was and to hear your
Embark. You account of the instant storm
by some of your men people was very
interesting, and it is so good to hear that
you daughter Alice has shown a difference

has had life along groups
and I think the well
characters come all the way
in time. We cannot hasten
these things but the heart
be impressed by the great
and growth in the
faded lives of both
new parents. I am writing
Edith Abbott about the
Lockbridge House Party, as
you might be able to go.
The price is \$4. a day
dinner plan & Garrett
Study 61 Yr agency
Park is the one to write
to about arrangements.

Looking forward to seeing you at 10:30 on
Monday

God

57 Woodland Ave
New Ridge N. J.
Dec 18.

Dear dear Lottie,

It was during the first week after Helen's great sorrow that I heard of the hard operations you were to undergo - we had already passed Dec. in Nov., & I wanted to sit right down, & tell how well we know how to sympathize with you in this great physical suffering, & that we all long to hear that you are convalescing surely even tho. possibly slowly. It is hard for you to be so far away from your loved ones, & I know how you long to see Helen & the dear children - but you have so much courage & pluck that

The time will not be long
 in passing, & as I understand
 stand your husband will
 bring them to you when you
 are able to see them & enjoy
 them. Our hearts go out
 to you particularly at this
 time, & we wish we could
 be near to visit you & bring
 you good cheer. You have
 had letters written which are
 on their way, talking of Mr.
 Bartholomew's illness, the
 emergency operation & his
 passing on after six days
 in the hospital. Helen was
 able to be with him nearly
 all of every day - her physi-
 cal strength held out, &
 it was such a comfort to
 him to have her continually
 at his side. He would come
 up & say "see you here another
 & down again satisfied

3 Pneumonia set in at the
last & he could not rally.
Hellen looks very pale & frail,
but this morning seemed a
trifle better I thought when
I saw her. Lucia was here
in ten days ^{with little Hellen} & was such a
comfort to her mother. & Mary
is here now. Tomorrow they
are going to West Vernon where
Hellen will stay over the
holidays, & Mrs Clapp will
take a vacation - returning
after New Years day. Hellen
Rifley was here, & I am enclos-
ing one of her cards which I
know you will like to see.
Read came also on the day
of the funeral. Aunt Carrie
came on from Rochester for
a week, & Cousin Jarvis Tracy
on his way to join his daughter
in Cal. was able to be
here on the 8th. Uncle Adams
oldest grandchild - little Dorsey
Dodd died on the 2nd from
sleeping sickness. Her mother

so beautiful to past week -
 seemed just asleep - but
 the parents are wonderfully
 brave like Helen, & are
 doing for other children in
 remembrance of him, &
 I am so glad to say, are expect-
 ing another little one in
 the spring. I know you
 want to hear all this, tho.
 You may have had many
 versions of events.

We shall long to hear that
 you are improving right
 along. It will do mother
 Helen so much good, as
 well as all of us. We
 all have such pleasant
 memories of Lottie - & I can
 never thank you sufficiently
 for all you owe to Lottie, Charles
 and Helen - a dear & much
 valued precious daughter.

Loving greetings & many very
 happy days with renewed vigor
 to yours in the coming year
 Mamma Simpson

Quint Primoria
Sara.

dec. 1923

Return to Aunt Cell
to sara.

Bess in books!

Smart
2445 RUSSELL STREET
BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA

June 12th, 1927.

and

Lady Dearest!

Who would have believed I would be over two months in writing to you after the very delightful time we spent with you and your precious family that Saturday at the Key Route Inn! I certainly did not expect to be so long in telling you how much we enjoyed that brief glimpse of you all, and to feel that the cord of friendship had been drawn tighter about us.

Two reasons have prolonged the silence on my part, namely busy days and busy hours, both of which are the result of my greatly improved health. It is so good to be well again and to feel the thread of pep stringing together again all the lax effort of months past. And then I have wanted to keep my promise of sending you the story I wrote in which your timely incident adds its ^{share} ~~part~~ of interest, as part of the background surrounding the life of my Chinese character, "Pau Lee". The life story of this character is really made up out of several incidents, true and fictional, but in this way are many, many stories compiled.

I have not heard yet from the Institute how it is being regarded from a sales point of view. If the story does not please the Critic this time, I have decided to change critics and Instructors! I shall send it to one who is really capable of appreciation and knows something good when he reads it! With this attitude it seems hardly necessary to send them to any at all! ^{or} Well any way when you are through with it, I shall ask you please to return it to me so I always keep a copy of what I write on file. Am sorry to burden you with this request, but time does go so fast and with my hands busy now sewing for John's going off to college the first week in Sept. and I still have my required final story to write, by a given time, I am too pressed at present to type another copy. Don't misunderstand me, please. I'm in no immediate hurry to have this tale returned, but at your convenience, that is all.

2448 RUSSELL STREET
BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA

I do hope you all are feeling the wonderful benefits of being in American atmosphere. As I recall, Mr. Hildreth said that you were not in the best of health. While there is a great deal more of "quah" in this country than we are accustomed to, still the fine air, foods and outward natural beauty should all lend its aid in recuperation. I trust you had a comfortable trip across the mainland, and that you found all your loved ones in good health. I'm sure the kiddies are having the time of their lives, and much to your personal despair lest they shall be spoiled by over attention, but then you should not have contributed two such charming little ones to the world, unless you were willing to carry the responsibility!

My own bairns have been out of school for ten days or more. Francis, the son who came to lunch so late, much to my mortification, is away right now at a Y.M.C.A. Camp for boys. He was asked to be a leader of one of the tent groups, for three weeks, with all expenses paid but travel, which was quite a small fee, and as he has been growing so rapidly this past year I was inclined to let him accept the offer. He is having a wonderful time. Elizabeth was to have gone away too with a school friend for a few weeks, but the plane fell through, and she has been dreadfully disappointed, but has been so lovely about it all that father has made arrangements for her to take some music lessons from a very fine organist, and this has been all the ^{balm} ~~sixxxxx~~ necessary for healing the unexpected wound. John is working for dear life and hoarding up the shekels with zealous pride. His few days of vacation will be those spent on the train whizzing him off to college, and thus the second break in the family will draw closer together those ^{of us who} ~~in the family who~~ are left.

With the dawning of vacation and summer the fruit season has begun! wish you all might share our berries, and cherries with us. Later the peaches and plums will be more than we can get away with.

2445 RUSSELL STREET
BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA

I am sure your dear Auntie is glad to be back among her old friends again. The re-telling of her many experiences in the Orient will be a never ending source of delight to her listeners.

Not many weeks ago we had the pleasure of seeing some of our own Missionaries who had been through the terrible experiences of the Nanking Outrages. Their tales were most thrilling. Not until these friends visited us did I know that one of Mr. Smart's own cousins living in Nanking had had their home burned after seeing it looted. It was one among the few that were burned. The mother with her two children were on the destroyer *Nea*, which perhaps you will remember was one of the U.S. boats to be fired upon by the Chinese. Considerable time has passed since all that happened but just to re-read the letter of those who were called to pass through that terrible time fills one anew with vivid excitement.

And now my dear I must not weary you longer with my prattle. I just hope and pray that you are going to get stronger day by day, and to express again my sincere appreciations for all your hospitable attentions to us while you were in Oakland. Some day I hope it will be my pleasure to reciprocate in some adequate measure.

Love in goodly measure to one and all,

I am, always your devoted friend,

Mabel Davis Smart



June 1981 Kindergarten graduates

Mekansan, China.
July 28, 1931.

Dear Hildreth All,

Summer vacation is here and a chance to get some letters written. I am still thanking friends for my Christmas gifts, too. So you see what a tardy person I am. It was a real pleasure to be remembered by you at Christmas with that use-ful little book and I do thank you very much for it. John, you must have been a busy person wrapping up all those gifts. Thank you for doing mine. It was appreciated very much.

I wish I might have seen you folks when I was home, but I did not get up that way much. I came back to China with Edith Traver and she told me what a delightful time she had at your home and how happy you are in the Church work there. I am mighty glad of it.

I have been living with Mrs. Speicher ever since my return to Seaton. We are up in the Carman house and have such a nice little home. She is a wonderful woman and is such a peach to live with. I am so happy to be there and we enjoy each other a great deal. It is like a quiet haven to get up on the hilltop after a hard day's work. It sometimes feels as though we were far away from our troubles and problems and we gain fresh strength and vigor to carry on the next day's work.

It is good to be back again in the work. There have been many changes in the personnel of the Chinese workers and a depletion of our own staff so there is more than enough work for us all to do. The Kindergarten has increased in size and we are hoping to move into part of the old Chapel this Fall. We were so crowded in our old building that we had to stop taking more in. The new Church is a fine one and it certainly shows what the people can do if they want to. My hope is that they may grow stronger spiritually because of this new place of worship.

Katherine Bonn and I are enjoying ourselves here living in the Hylbert house with the J.P. Davies and five other folks. It is so nice to be up in this section and become acquainted with more of the Great China folks.

In the Spring I was at Chaochow's visiting the Bakers for a weekend. It seemed strange not to have you folks over in the other house there. You would certainly see a big change in the City, but it is still a very fascinating place, I think.

I surely would like to see you folks and see how big John and Alice are. Where are they in school now?

With best wishes to all of you and another thank you for the remembrance at Christmas,

*I am most sincerely,
Edna D. Smith*

Reply to Elizabeth White
24 Hillside Ave.
Newton Highlands
Mass.
Newton Center, Mass.

Dear Phi Omegasites:

You realize, don't you, that you voted last spring to invite "legacies" to join our ranks, and in accordance with that vote invitations were sent to 13 girls by Harriet Adams Clark, our president. Of those, Jessie Scarborough, niece of Jessie McWilliams had already joined Phi Phi Delta, her mother's society, and Florence Brugger and Catherine Edwards Gamage were not heard from. All the rest wrote their acceptances wholeheartedly, except two sisters, one of them, Ruth Munsey Bristol, thought she might like to belong but wanted to know a bit more about it first, and the other who was almost sure she wished to, but did not want to commit herself completely. The names of the girls follow:

- Margaret Arnold, daughter of Anna Arnold, and Phi Omega baby.
 - Catherine Bastrass, daughter of Clara Mildred Bastrass.
 - Cara Cook, sister of Margaret Cook
 - Ruth Munsey Bristol, sister of Mildred Burdett and sister in law of Lucy Bristol Goodwin
 - Elizabeth Giles, now Mrs. John Howard, cousin of Betty, Anne and Ruth Wheeler, Anna Arnold and Helen Warren Smith
 - Elizabeth Williams Dowling, niece of Miss Williams, who was with us at the banquet
 - Charlotte Peterson Clark, niece of Grace Jadin
 - Olivia Gillespie, roommate of Margaret Arnold in college
 - Elizabeth Gilman, roommate of Elizabeth Giles all thru college.
- (Do you know of others who should be included?)

Only one of these girls could be at the banquet in June, so it seemed wise to postpone welcoming them into our ranks, no matter how informally, until we could collect more of them. All but two will be in or near Boston around Christmas time, and we are hoping to persuade them all to be our guests on the night of Wednesday, Dec. 28th at the private dining room of the Women's City Club, 40 Beacon St., Boston at 8 o'clock, for as happy and populous a dinner as we ever had. It will seem quite like old times to have 8 or 10 "initiates" with us, an opportunity such as we have not had for several years. It is really quite an outstanding occasion. Everyone within 100 miles of Boston should be present, and we shall be disappointed not to see you unless you have a very good excuse. Springfield, Worcester, Bridgewater, take notice, - collect your girls and COME!

In any case, please send the enclosed sheet to Elizabeth White as soon as you can, for we want new addresses if there are any, and a few words of greetings from all. Say now that you will go, and plan for it. Put your best looking dinner gown into your suitcase and see how well Boston looks on a winter day. Bring snapshots of your families, your estates, and your hobbies. Do let's have a 100% response, in person for most of you, by letter if you can't possibly get there.

Yours loyally,
Helen Farrar Warren Smith
President

Dec. 2, 1927

Love and greetings to ~~old members~~ ^{initiates and} and ~~old also~~ ^{new} members old and new - wish ~~some~~ ^{well} to those...