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My dear Sister,

I see Mary has written and has the letter ready to send so I will add a note, and Esther must write, too, when she comes from school. Mary is our little comfort; she quietly goes about and has her lessons done before we can realize she has been studying, and then she reads some book. She is reading "David Copperfield" now and it is interesting to hear her criticize the characters. Esther is just like Olivette was in disposition. If she can do things she likes with her hands she is happy. She will leave her play or anything else and take care of a baby or a small child. She is perfectly devoted to the two little Blair children, Edgar and Edith. One day when she was sewing she said, "There are 2 things I like to do, sew and take care of babies". She certainly told the truth; You would scarcely know the girls, they have grown so fast. Esther is almost as tall as I am. Mary will never be as tall as she is, I think. Esther is going to be the best-looking one of all the children; she has a lovely complexion and her hair is a beautiful color, very dark auburn now. Mary freckles badly, her hair is light reddish in color; she wants it to grow out and I think I will let her. I do hate to have to lose my little girls, though; they are doing well in school. Esther is doing very much better now; learning to read and spell, and that is the main thing after all, because so much depends on it. Sometimes we think the teachers rush them too much. I never saw children work as hard. They are in the 6th grade, but if I am not mistaken they are doing 8th grade work. They are both fine teachers and we are fortunate to have them. Esther had to quit music; it was too much for her. Mary will be more like Gertrude I think; she plays quite well for a child.

Olivette's last letter was Dec. 21st, from Ella Waring's home. She was having a nice time there. Gertrude's last was Dec. 20th after they got to your house, and they were surely having a good time. Her letter was full of cheer and good times. Wilbur failed to write. I trust they did not trouble you too much. I fear it was too much of an imposition for Gertrude to ask Gretchen to visit her, but she was so happy about it and thought you were the darlinest Aunt Jennie to let her do it. I wish you would give me your impressions of Gretchen, what you think of her. Of course I haven't seen her for so long. Her mother thought Northfield did so much for her. Will you tell me if the children use slang. We were grieved to the heart to hear that Wilbur had been using bad language. Did you hear him use profane or bad language while at your house? Last summer at this time, Mrs. Baird said that Mt. Hermon is just full of it, practically all the boys use profane language. I am trying to get Will to write to Dr. Culter about it, to call his attention to it. It really seems too awful to be true.

Of course you read about the revival at Wooster during their Week of Prayer. Quite an article came out in the New York Christian Work giving some of the confessions and that the students destroyed bad pictures and literature, etc. If Mt. Hermon and Wooster are as bad as that what must non-Christian schools be? Dr. J. Campbell White asked the janitor about the school, the boys, etc, and the janitor replied, "This is called a Christian school, but I don't see much Christianity about it". I thank and praise the Lord for the blessing that came to the school that week, and for the awakening some of the professors got. We were so thankful Wilbur took another definite

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stand for Christ. He wrote us a long letter in which he tried to bare his heart to us, stating his desire to do some definite Christian work. I fear Wilbur is susceptible to temptation; he must know it and be on his guard. Mrs. Baird says he is popular and so is her John, and they both have temptations to meet. It is only a life his with Christ in God that will take them through safely.

Its so hard for us to know just what is best for Wilbur during the vacation. I wish his Uncle Chris would like to take him and have him work on the farm. I do want him to spend some time on a farm working. This is what I have advised him to do,-to stay at Wooster the 6 weeks term and work as hard as he can on shorthand, for it will be useful for him all through the rest of his college and Seminary. We are trying to find a place for him to work for his board and room. I have told Gertrude to stay and take music and do all she can at it, for I don't believe she can take it with her regular course, and keep up, so she will have to get what she can during vacations. And maybe later on she can take it, too.

I am trying to get a place for Olivette to work for her board and room, too, in some Christian home for 6 weeks. I thought like this,- now for 6 years Olivette has never had a chance to attend our church and get acquainted with the people of our church, and since she does not intend to go to Wooster to school I thought she might like to go there for a 6 weeks term and take just what she'd like to, perhaps something she is behind in, when she enters school next Fall. In that way the children could be near together, or if she can't get a place to work for her board, she could go into Westminster Home and be with Gertrude, and if it won't be too much for you the girls could come to you for the rest of their vacation. I am hoping Wilbur can go out on a farm and work during the summer. I don't know what you will think of my plan, but this is the conclusion I came to after thinking it over a long time, and I hope its for the best. I certainly covet the very best for our children. The girls will have to dress plain and be very careful in spending their money, for after May Wilbur gets no more allowance from the Board. We can use Mary's for him, but then we'll have none at this end. I know we can manage all right and take them through their education.

I am so anxious to hear from Ben; he never writes me a word. We asked the church ladies in Iowa to send the money for our heating plant to him, and I'm anxious to know if it has been sent..... We hope to have enough for the children to get \$100. a year. I am anxious to know where Olivette decides to go next year. I have written her she can't go to Cincinnati, I have such dreadful recollections of that place. I believe it will be best for her to go to Ames, Iowa, so many who know all about the school say there isn't a better Domestic Science school in the U.S.A. It appeals to me, for its on a big farm in the country not near any city, with the finest dormitory for girls and a fine woman as matron. Miss Snook has been there, and Miss Trissel knows all about it and I would take her judgment any time. She has returned as missionary under the M.E.Board. We would have been delighted to have her in our Mission but we're glad she has come back to Korea, and be in our community again, even though we can't have her in our school as before.

Our work goes on as usual. Soon my Bible classes will all have been held; 5 are going on now and 3 more to hold. The City Class begins Feb.22nd and our big Spring Class for country women begins March 15th, and the Bible Institute the last of March. I can't think where the winter has gone! it has passed so quickly.

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We are having a rather mild winter, only one cold spell,-that was fierce for 3 days, about 15 below zero for some of the time. Many people froze to death; it is reported that 39 prisoners froze to death. We are now having a regular January thaw for a few days.

Our heating plant is the greatest comfort we have yet had, and we are enjoying an evenly heated house which we have never had before.

I do hate to trouble you but could you send me a pattern for a one-piece dress, so I could make over some of my old dresses and also make some new ones. I am just about out of dresses. Send me the bill for the coat for Esther and the dresses and the pattern. I want to thank you for all your kindnesses to the children. It is so good of you.

kindest regards to Will,      Lovingly,      Sallie.

Monday Morning,-

The world is so beautiful outside this morning, so pure and white. The snow is still falling. Mary did not go to school, not exactly a sore throat but I thought care was the best thing she needs. She is playing now, and at every piece she says, "Isn't that pretty!" She is a dear child, so conscientious; she looks after Esther as if she were half a dozen years older than she is.

Pyeng Yang, Korea -Jan.5, 1915

My own dearest Olivette,

I wrote you a long letter last Sunday and told you all about the wedding and our Christmas. (Harriet Fitch married William Parker). I have just read over your letter of Nov.29, and was sorry to hear of W.P. Moody and his wife's loss. I also note what you say about your Thanksgiving. O don't suppose you thought for a moment how it looked for you to "prop" yourself up in bed with the Ladies Home Journal and a bottle of ginger ale and drink to your heart's content", If there was no harm in it it was not for the best for your own spiritual good and uplift. In my opinion for our own good and in keeping of the day it would be far better for us to fast, than to fill ourselves so full we can't even think. I want you to think seriously about it. I am glad Ella Waring invited you for your vacation and have been hoping you had a quiet, restful time.

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I am sending for a pair of Red Cross shoes; was hoping I could get along without sending, but I guess I can't. Esther is wearing my shoes; we can manage this winter. Mary has plenty for this winter. We don't send to America for anything unless we just have to. The "run-about" (buggy) we got is making it awful hard for us this month (financially), but next month we can get caught up and we will try to avoid anything like that again.

I have just read over your letter of Dec.7. I didn't miss a week writing even though I did go to the country. One can't always depend on the mail so you need not depend on a letter every week. I find that's the way it is here,- even though you children do write every week the letters don't always come. Its good you are getting acquainted with other girls and can be a help to the new girls. When father read your letter he sighed and said, "If she could only have given Gertrude some help." If you could only have understood...Gertrude never went to bed without kissing father and me Good-night, and how she missed the affection her heart longed for. But I am so glad you can help other girls.

We do wish you could be here. We would listen with a heart full of love and sympathy to all you have to say. Your stamp album for the girls came and two happier girls would be hard to find. It was what they had wanted so long. They have quite a good collection of stamps. That night they began pasting them in. They will write and thank you. Your other package hasn't come yet. Gertrude sent them school-bags and calendar. Yesterday her picture came. Wilbur sent the girls a book, "Laddie". Mary is reading it through and Esther listens. To Father he sent, "Christianity and Anti-Christianity in their Final Conflict," by S. Andrews. To me he sent "Voices from Babylon" by Seiss. I am so glad for it. I borrowed Mrs. Bernheisel's book when teaching "Daniel". Jennie sent me a pillow-cover, and father handkerchiefs and gloves, kid. I will send them to Wilbur for father never wears such gloves.. I have darned his woolen ones until I can't darn them any more, and he needs so much a new pair. We can get them here at the Chinese store, so don't send any. I received handkerchiefs and cards from quite a number of friends in America. I must write and thank them, too.

Last week was a busy one for me, getting the house cleaned and ready for the reception which Mrs. Bernheisel and I gave in honor of the Parkers, on Saturday evening. The heating plant was finished so we now have a comfortable house. The Bible Conference kept up until Tuesday p.m., then I made a grand rush at the house; got up all the pictures I had so long neglected. Mrs. Bernheisel's baby was sick (Helen) so I really had everything to do, but she sent over her share of the "eats",

Pyeng Yang, Korea - Jan. 7, 1915

My dear Sister (Jennie),

How time does fly! It seems but yesterday since the happy Christmas time. I want to thank you and Will many times for the very kind remembrances which we appreciate so much and which we shall enjoy using. The girls were happy with their gifts, too, and will enjoy wearing the cuff and collar sets. We were certainly kindly remembered by our friends.

It was such a busy time for me as I was asked by our station to represent them at Mr. Parker's and Miss Fitch's wedding, Dec. 23 at 5 p.m., Seoul. I went down on Monday and had two days to make calls on our friends. Fortunately while I was there the Y M C A gave a sacred Christmas concert. I was certainly glad to attend and hear the singing. It was just fine. One Korean girl played the piano, a solo, and was called back. For a Korean it was splendid. The wedding was certainly a success. Mrs. Hugh Miller and Mrs. Hobbs of the British and Foreign Bible Society gave the wedding at the Miller's. About 30 guests were present. Harriet Fitch did look so pretty in white Japanese embroidered silk, and wore her mother's bridal veil. I left Seoul at 9:40 that evening and got home at 4 a.m. Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> morning. I came up from the station in the automobile and surprised Will who was sound asleep. Mr and Mrs. Parker came to Pyeng Yang that p.m. We all went down to give them a warm welcome. Mr. Parker is from the Presbyterian Mission, South, and is one of the teachers in the college here. They have gone to house-keeping in Miss Best's house. Mrs. Parker is a "student" and will be one more worker for us when they are here.

Last Saturday evening Mrs. Bernheisel and I gave a reception in their honor at our house. We had just got our heating plant to working nicely and all the stoves were out, for which I was so glad. I can't say how thankful I am for this heating plant. It is just fine. Now our whole house is evenly heated all the time and it is a great comfort. I don't believe it will take as much coal as three stoves.

The day after Christmas a Bible Conference was held for 4 days, and we attended every session with much benefit. Immediately that closed the Presbyterian meeting began, then the Bible Institute for men, and then the big winter class for men opened. And since Sunday evening there have been revival meetings in all the churches. Hundreds are deciding to believe which means more work and greater responsibilities. It is so difficult to follow the deciding ones. Last night among those who decided at the South Gate church one woman was from Pusan, and also men from a distance. I ought to go calling during the day with the women, but I just can't. I still have rheumatism, which is getting better but I don't try to walk any great distance. Last night we went and came back in the automobile. The price is just half what I used to pay for a "chair" (selan) and instead of half an hour we went down in about 5 minutes.

All these conveniences are not without trials to the Koreans. The Japanese are taxing everything, even the chickens and dogs.

We have been trying all this week to get a calf killed. We have a calf almost a year old and we can't sell it for anything. Times are just dreadful; prices of all food-stuff is way down; but what the Japanese have to sell is the same, and we have been finding out a few things this week. No one can kill either a beef or a hog without getting a permit from the police, then pay a big price at the slaughter house, for having it done. Then the meat has to be brought in the slaughter-house wagon. Our man has been four times to see about it, and even took the calf and had to bring it back because they wouldn't do it that day. The Japanese say there is no such custom as killing a calf, so we may not get it done after all. They charge almost the price of the calf for killing it.

She couldn't come. Not all of the community came. Harriet, the bride, looked so nice in her wedding dress. We had a little program....

Song - All hail the power of Jesus' name

Prayer by Mr. Smith

Music on the Grafanola - "Comfort ye my people"

I gave a short report of the wedding (in Seoul)

Mr. and Mrs. Parker each gave a short talk.

Grafanola music - "The Radiant Morn"

Mrs. Baird told of her experiences while in America.

Grafanola music - Hallelujah Chorus

Refreshments - sandwiches, fruit salad, ice-cream and cake, coffee, cocoa

Mrs. Holdcroft helped me a little and Mrs. Bernheisel's cook came for that evening, otherwise I did it alone. That afternoon I had had to go to the South Gate church, for I had announced an examination on JOHN at 1 p.m., and then I had to teach a class at 2:00. My, but I had to rush!

I didn't get to write to you on Sunday, I was just too tired.

Here, it is now Tuesday p.m. I have been getting women off for country classes. Yesterday p.m. I had those who had studied the questions on JOHN and came Saturday for the examination, for a little "ta-chup" (party)

Father is rushed nearly to death these days, -teaching, seeing men, trying to study and get his lessons out. And with all this work they are having revival meetings at all of the churches.

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Oh, Olivette, do try to do all the Christian work you can; try not to let an opportunity pass by; keep so close to the Master that you can't help but find things to do. HE'll help you all the time.

I am so thankful for the blessing that came to Wilbur since he went to Wooster (Ohio). He wrote frankly and made an open confession. Oh, I do hope he will be strong. I tell you, you have got to stand and stand firm for your Christian principles. Don't make any compromise for anything. I am anxious about you children because I know the temptations in America today are great, and the devil is so sly and so deceiving. If he can't deceive one way he will try another.

Oh, how I wish you all three could get the blessed hope of the coming of the Lord in your hearts. I am having the little book, "Jesus is Coming" sent to each of you, and I hope you will study it and know your Bibles, for it will become a new and a more blessed book to you. Well, I must close for this time, with a prayer in my heart for you.

Lots and lots of love, Mother.

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We don't dare call in a man and have it done, here. Think of it! even in the country everywhere its the same, they say. The Koreans can't kill an animal without permission and then having to pay a big price. I wonder if it will soon be that we can't kill a chicken without permission from the police. Who can blame the Koreans leaving the country, but the trouble is for them to be able to get away. There is a lot of complaining about the hard times. Money is very scarce. Wood and grain sre just half what they were 1 st winter, and cattle are less than half. The Christians are hopeful and zealous. There is a very large Bible class here now, hundreds of men studying. All of our work is very encouraging.

Just at present I have six classes in the country for women. I have had over 30. The largest one had an enrollment of over 100. I have never had so many preaching-days contributed by the women before. Already there are far more than last year.

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Since I wrote the above the mail-man has come bringing a letter from Gertrude.....Long before this you will have had Wilbur and Gertrude with you. Gertrude had not been well when she wrote.

I am so anxious to hear all about your wedding anniversary; am sure you had a nice time. I'm sorry I didn't think about it to send you something. I think I will yet even though it is late. I am so slow and negligent I almost become impatient with myself sometimes.

I want to thank you many times for all your kindness to our children, and for making their vacation so pleasant. Olivette wrote she was going to Ella Waring's again. I wish it were settled where she is to go next year. We can't decide for her, she will have to decide for herself. .... From all we hear about Ames, Iowa (Iowa State College) we would be glad if Olivette could go there, because of the kind of school it is and its location in the country, in a farming district. She would be in the midst of friends for the Iowa Presbyterial ladies support me and I have a lot of good friends among them. I'm sorry uts so far from you, but she might spend her long vacations with you.....

I am sure you never saw two more alike than Esther and Olivette. Esther is always up and doing, while Mary is with her nose in a book. Esther will sew while Mary reads to her. I believe she can remember stories even better than Mary, and weeks after hearing them she will be re-telling them. What wouldn't I give to be able to bring them and come to see you a while. Really, I almost get homesick sometimes. Its awful hard to be so far from the children, but a comfort to know they are trying to do what is right and making good.

My letter is too long. I fear you will tire of reading it. May this be a happy and successful year for you both. Remember us kindly to Will.

Lovingly your sister,

Sallie.

Pyeng Yang, Korea - Jan.11, 1915

My own dearest sweetheart (Gertrude),

I just love to look at your picture. I like your hair and you plain dress. Everyone says, "Don't that look nice to see how plain Gertrude is!" Dr Hall (Rosetta) was over and she had seen a picture of Ruth (Noble); from her remarks she was not much pleased with the fussy way she was fixed. I just hope you girls will never be extreme. I can't say I like the low necks; I could never get used to them.

Your letter of Dec.13 came Sat.; one from Olivette and Wilbur, too. Wilbur doesn't say why he doesn't write on Sunday; but he doesn't often. You have had your vacation and are back at school before this. I am so anxious to hear all about it and about Aunt Jennie's anniversary. (Jones) I trust you had a quiet, restful vacation, but I fear if Gretchen/was there, you didn't. ....

Oh, don't I wish you all be here for a while. Sometimes it seems I just can't wait to see you children. If we could afford it I would certainly come to America for a while next summer. How useless to dwell upon such impossible things. Mrs. Hardie said, when I was there, they might go to Japan next summer and have Gertrude and Grace come there. They can't go to Europe. Bessie is engaged to Ernest Fisher who is in Japan in YMCA work. Dr. Hardie's brother has become very rich and will finance the whole party if they go.

I am truly thankful you children can be in school, and I hope you will set your ambitions and aspirations high, and work to reach the goal. Five years from this Spring we will come, God willing, to America. If you children have studied well, kept the faith, and are workers for the Master, we will have great reasons to rejoice and be thankful. I trust you will be very careful and not get sick. I don't like to have you in a cold room. I wonder if you dress warm enough, wear over-shoes, and take care of yourselves. I shall write to Mrs. Scott (at the Inky) Of course it will be nearly Spring when she gets my letter, but I don't want you to expose yourself in a cold room. I can't understand why its allowed. Get yourself a hot-water bottle for your bed. This summer take your old dresses you can't wear and piece a comforter and make it while you are at Aunt Jennie's. Have plenty of bedding.

Gertrude, I hope you will use good common sense about dressing. Many a girl and woman will find an early grave simply because of this silly nonsensical way women dress.

I fancy this is just such a day here as the one you had when you wrote. It began getting cold last night and its fearfully dreadful now. The wind is blowing furiously. Our house is not warm. We can keep warm by sitting on the radiators. Father's study is the only warm room in the house. Oh, this wind is dreadful! This is our very first real cold spell, this winter. I wonder if I thanked you for the calendar. Well, I do now. Its hanging in the library over the typewriter desk on the post where the side lamp used to be. Also, many thanks for your picture. It is on the piano with Wilbur's and Olivette's. I am going to fix them all three in a frame. It has been so long since I have written, I must o back and tell some of the news. My last letter was about Harriet Parker's wedding and Christmas. The day after Christmas our Bible Conference began. Dr. Baird gave four lessons on Prophecy, and Mr. J.Z. Moore four talks. They were fine and helpful. ....

A new woman came to be tried out for work; another Yesie. I am going to let Hongsie go; she is too stupid to ever learn to cook. She won't even ask questions. This new woman can ask more questions in an hour than Hongsie did all the time she has been here. If she can only be honest.

I took her to try her and I told her if she could not be honest, she must go. Hongsie is honest, as far as I know, but she can never do our work. ....

Well, you see I didn't get your letter finished. Mrs. Parked invited us over there to supper last evening. She invited the girls, too, but they had to stay at home and study. The Lee's old cook is cooking for the Parkers; he had a nice supper. They are quite cozy. We had to come home soon because Father had to get out his lessons for today. He is teaching Isaiah and Daniel, beside doing 10,000 other things that come up every day. I am sending out a letter to the churches by the men of this Bible Class, and 20,000 tracts. Yesterday I counted up the days of preaching the women had contributed, and I find they have 340 ~~days~~ women who contributed 2,596 days in all of preaching, and lots of the churches have not yet sent in to me their reports, and three churches haven't sent in one name yet. I thank the Lord for what these earnest women are doing. Six classes closed yesterday, and we begin one today and four tomorrow. Soon all the classes in our territory will have been held. I wish they were over now, for oh, it is so cold! I haven't heard, but it must have been 15 or 20 below zero last night. Its just terrific. Our heating plant is not sufficient as yet. If we could get the hard coal I think maybe it would be better; or if we only had a fireplace it would do nicely. Father's study is all right; its the warmest place in the house. The dining room and sitting room are about 55 degrees all the time. Its just dreadful to live cold, isn't it!

I do hope you won't get sick from living cold this winter. Gertrude, you must be careful. Now about your music,-- we don't want you to stop it, but can you take it with your course of study and keep up? We want you to do well in all your work, and I am so glad that you are active in the young people's meetings. I hope you will not miss one opportunity of working and testifying, and we do hope you and Wilbur both will get some definite Christian work to do. We just covet the very best for you children. We are so anxious that you all should have a definite experience of being filled with His own Holy Spirit, on fire for Him. I tell you, its the only way. This thing of being a Christian conformed to the world will never pay, nor will it do. Be strong and of a good courage.

The way the college here has been decided by the Board makes us all sick. Dr. Brown's last letter reveals a lot to us. In the face of the majority of our Mission standing firm for not only the college here at Pyeng Yang but for a purely Christian, a college for the church and not for the heathen young men. There must be a Union college in Seoul, governed by a Board of Directors in America, and not only the college but all of the big institutions must be in Seoul...that was the impression we got from the last letter. He said they would give permission for the college to go on to the Sophomore year, but it must be a Junior College. Seoul would hav The College. I feel sure Dr. Baird will be glad for that much, and we don't know about the Australians whether they will join us here or not. They will not go into the Union College, and if the Southern Mission would join the Pyeng Yang College, then it would go on just the same as it is, and the four years will reveal the difference. I tell you, we can't mix up with the world. Father has stood for years against any of our Christian school taking in the heathen. Some of the churches in the face of ~~its~~ his pleading with them against it, because of the money, took them in. I think in every case they have had trouble, and finally the heathen went out. At Tae Pyung Dong, because of money involved, they took in the heathen schools. And not only that but the school committee loaned the heathen some of the school money they had on hand. Now the heathen with the money withdraws from the Christian school. Some of the men come to Father with their troubles. He can't help but tell them, "I told you so".

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Now they will have to stand it or go to law, which will injure or ruin the church. There is no use; we can't mix up with the world. We must be a "peculiar people" for the Lord, waiting and watching for His coming. Whether here or America or wherever we are, we must be zealous for the Lord and His cause, and stand for that which we know is right, no matter what others think.

My letter is too long already, and I have been a long time at it, because of many interruptions.

I think of you children so much of the time, and constantly pray for you. God will keep you for His own sake, I believe. My faith grows stronger day by day. Praise the Lord!

Love upon love from a Mother who loves her children. II Tim. 2:15

Mother.

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Pyeng Yang, Korea - Jan.11,1915

My own dearest Girlie (Olivette),

Your good long letter of Dec. 13 came Sat. morning. I wrote to Wilbur yesterday and finished it this morning. Since Sat. I have been having a nervous spell that has affected my digestion so I feel horrid today. Anyway, I must write for if I put it off it won't get done. Father is just overwhelmed these days, teaching two or three times every day, beside so many other things. There is a very large class; you'd think so if you could see them pouring out of the building. In our Western Circuit we have about one third of all the work of Pyeng Yang station, and large enough to form a Presbytery of their own. In some of the meetings the Western Circuit has not been represented on committees as they thought they should be, and the Koreans are feeling it. Father thinks it is a little too soon for them to go off by themselves, and it will make it harder for him as he has to steer them through all their trouble. However, it will come sooner or later. He can't put them off much longer. I guess each district can have a Presbytery if there is membership enough, with pastors and elders. However I don't know. Probably Father has the best planned and developed work of any in our Mission, and if I do say it, I probably have the best planned and biggest womens work in Korea. I know I have in our station and even in our Mission. I keep up with every bit of it and have a fine band of women to help me. As soon as I can go to the country I can do much more, but now I have to work through the women. Yesie is developing into a good teacher. She is out for 3 more classes, and will have taught 7 this winter

I have a new woman in the kitchen, -another Yesie; she is brand new from the country. I am letting Mongise go for she is too stupid.... I tell the Koreans I am going to turn them off until I get someone who can learn and do my work and be honest. If they can't be honest they must go. Pyungsunie is here now; I will keep him for a little while to help get this woman started. He tells me that Dr. Baird's Old Yi told him that Kim is bad, -he drinks and his family is hard up, -that his wife's father has told them to come there. Not so with Chonilie, - he is a deacon in the church, and is now studying in the Men's Bible Institute. He came Sat. p.m. and partly trimmed our grape vines. He is looking so well; says he has another baby, a boy; his father is doing better, too.

Times are exceedingly hard; wood and all grains are very low in price, money so scarce, men are failing in business. There is so much complaining. The Japanese are piling on the tax, and taxing even the chickens at 4 sen a head, they say. They haven't sent for our tax yet, -we have 5 chickens. It goes hard, for the Koreans haven't been used to being taxed. But they surely living better and are much better off than they used to be.

I wonder if you have heard that the college has gone to Seoul. Well, it has

been decided by our Board. I think I will ask for the letter from the Board that came a few days ago and copy parts of it so you children can read it. This is to be a "Junior College", to the end of the Soph. year. Everybody is too busy to talk about it these days, so we haven't yet discussed it with anyone. Maybe after all it will turn out for the best. Rom. 8:28 will apply here. The Parkers are feeling bad for they fear they will have to go to Seoul. They are just real cozy in Miss Best's house. Harriet is already teaching in the Girls School and will help me in the South Gate church. Mr. Parker certainly did need a wife to help him brace up, if she will do it.

I am sorry I have been so long sending the amber beads to -lla. I have sent to Seoul for them, Amber is very hard to get, they say, and still harder since the war, but I will see what we can do. ....I will have your linen dress made just as soon as the pattern comes, and Miss Snook can get it started. I have a girl in the school who does very well at embroidery. She also weaves carpet....Would you like to have me send more lace and collars to sell? When the lace peddler comes again I can get some for you. Would you like to sell lace and brassware? I can get any amount of brass cheap, and the small pieces I can send by parcel post. The finger bowls and plates can go that way as cheaply as by freight. Tell me what kind of lace sells the best, and if you want me to do this. If I once buy from the peddlars they simply besiege me after that. Just now they don't come because I don't buy from them.

I see by your letter that you are not considering Ames, Iowa. We wish you would find out more about it, and be sure where its best to go. We want you to go to the best place for you, but you must take into consideration the cost. Be sure and write us all you find out about Ames.

I told you how much the girls enjoyed their stamp albums. Last week your other package came. Many thanks for the lovely towels. The girls were pleased with their handkerchiefs, and of course the candy suited their "sweet tooth". Mary has written you her thanks; Esther will, too.

We have the "run about" paid for and the heating plant, too....I can't say what a comfort they are. Our house is warm all over, all the time. Mr. McMurtrie says we can have a coil put in and attached to the bathroom for hot water. We hope to have this done by next winter. We enjoy the Japanese bath-tub, only it leaks at times.

Our house-work isn't nearly as much as it used to be. I am sure one woman can do it all as soon as she learns. This is a bright, quick woman we have now, who can sew well and catches on fast. Just now she came asking for some sewing to do. The wash is all out.

If you children will only be careful of your money and remember that "a penny saved is a penny earned",-if you take care of the pennies the dollars will take care of themselves. You can't go in for everything. During October Wilbur spent almost as much for amusements, fees, etc, as he did for his board and room-rent. \$2.50 gold for paint to paint '18 on the side-walk to show his class spirit, and he goes to the movies which distresses me terribly. I simply won't stand for those kind of things and I have told Wilbur so. I do not worry how you children are to get through but we are anxious that you be careful and save your money..... Wilbur can't go in for everything and pay so much out for foot-ball tickets,-\$2.00 gold in one month is too much. We are glad to help you children and we expect to until you are through school and we are not going to worry either. If you all make good and do your best, which we are sure you will, we'll be happy.

I must close and write to Gertrude yet today.

Lots and lots of love, Mother.

Think of it - among the women of the Western Circuit (and I Haven't received all the reports yet), over 2,996 days of preaching have been pledged this year, and there will be many more than that. The classes are being so well attended and going off without any trouble.

My own dearest Gertrude, I just never can tell you how I do love you and how dear you are to me. I always look back on your babyhood with the sweetest memories, for you were the dearest baby. You will always be so good and careful, won't you, my sweetheart.

From Mother with a heart<sup>full</sup> of love - Mother.

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Pyeng Yang, Korea - Jan.18,1915

My dearest Olivette,

Your No.10 letter came this morning. You are really more prompt than the others. No letter from Wilbur or Gertrude, by this mail. A letter from Dr. Johnston says the war has ruined Mary's husband's business in Canada and he has gone there to see what he can do.

I'm glad you had such a pleasant trip to Ella's and know you had a good restful time. I am writing to thank her.... I have a lot of cards and letter to send thanking people for their kind remembrances. When I do it I have a clear conscience and know I have done my duty. I have written to Wilbur, and want to get all three letters off today. Father had planned to write to each of you and some others, but when we were eating breakfast a note came from Mr. Blair saying, "Will you take Dr. Moffett's hour this p.m. in the Bible Institute?" Father was just about sick over it, but he couldn't refuse, and yet he didn't want to take the time; so you may not get your letter until later. For the past two weeks he has been simply overwhelmed and he's still teaching Isaiah in the Bible Institute. On Sat. a telegram came from Chairyung to Dr. Moffett - "A terrible crisis. Come" So Dr. Moffett left immediately. We all are anxious to know what the crisis is. Some surmise it is doctrinal troubles,--you know Mr. Kerr and Mr. Pieters teach differently from the others and there has been trouble there before. When Dr. Moffett returns we will hear about it.

Last week one of our men came to father and told him he had been at the new Korean Congregational church and heard the pastor deny the Virgin birth of Christ. He thought had misunderstood the preacher, so he went up and asked him. The Japanese preacher said, No, he was not mistaken. But the man said, "Why, the bible proves that Jesus was born of a Virgin." "No matter", said the Japanese preacher, "Its not true." That's all that man wanted to do with that church. Of course, some will be deceived and carried away, but not the true Christians. They are getting to understand these new doctrines etc, that are coming in. We must see that our people are grounded in the word of God and they must believe it is all His Word and not doubt. When one begins to doubt then Satan rushes in and puts more doubts in the mind. No matter what you hear about the Bible in the way of criticism you shut your ears and don't entertain the thought for a moment. In Dr. Johnston's letter this morning he sent us a little tract - "The Life that wins". I want you to read it and think about it and receive the same blessing that is ours for the asking, resting, and taking.

It seems to me I couldn't tell my own experience better than he has told his. I haven't attained; I haven't yet reached the place where I can every moment realize the presence of Christ, but I do have the great longing in my heart, and I do know it is for me and for all of us. Will we go far enough to attain? Yes, by God's grace and strength, I will. Will you? That is the greatest desire of my heart these days,-- to win, to gain the victory, to live the full surrendered life in Christ. I am so glad this little book came today. I have read it through once, and I shall read it again and pass it right on.

Pyeng Yang, Korea - Jan.18,'15

My own dearest Girlie (Gertrude),

I saw in the Seoul Press that American mail would be in Seoul yesterday so I thought surely your letter would be here this morning. The mail came bringing a letter from Olivette but none from you nor Wilbur. We received no letters last week. I have written to Olivette and Wilbur this morning, it is now 4:30. Mary has come home from school; Esther has stayed to get her arithmetic lesson. Ella and Marion Sharrocks sometimes stay until 5:30. It seems cruel to me. The girls study every minute here at home it seems to me. Miss Fish and Mrs. Lucktt give lessons entirely independent of each other. They grade every day every lesson - 75 is passing. Esther gets 72 or 73 and that gives her a zero every time. When you were their age your work was play compared to theirs. They read for their reading lesson one of Shakespear's plays, by Charles & Mary Lamb, and then write out the story in their own words -about 500 words, which takes the whole evening. Then there is no time left for History and Geography, which they always have to get at home. The teachers are certainly good but they make it hard for the pupils. If you had had such severe training school would be easier for you now.

The past week has been the same, only we have had frigid zero weather. Last Monday night turned colder. Tuesday, to Thursday were perfectly terrific. It must have gone down to 15 or 20 below zero in the night. A great many people froze to death, they said. It was reported that 39 prisoners froze to death here in the prison. I tacked up blankets to the dining room windows and then the rooms were <sup>never</sup> warmer. Our heating plant proved insufficient, but it is not fixed properly yet. I find I must have the dining room papered, and we will have to have double windows on the west side. We had to sit with hot stones under our feet.

By Friday it had moderated, so the men had a good day to go home, when the Class closed at noon. Father was just about tired out, but he had to go and talk to the Academy and College boys. We had to refuse an invitation to the Blairs to dinner. We were invited to the Gillis' to dinner Sat. evening. On Tuesday evening the Parkers invited us over there to dinner. Just a few minutes ago the Phillips sent the funniest note around, inviting themselves out to dinner at each house to take "pot luck". At 6:00 they will drop in, they said, but the hostess will not know when they are coming. Our old cow won't give milk or I would have corn-mush and milk every night this week so as to be sure and have it when they come. Its just dreadful not to have fresh milk. Father says we'll have to buy a cow, but we couldn't buy anything now, -we have 1 yen 22 sen in the bank. When the run-about came we had to pay, <sup>and</sup> on the installation of the heating plant this month.

I'm so glad Olivette got a scholarship for it will help us out. We are awfully cramped just now. You must be very careful how you spend your money and remember a dollar saved is a dollar earned. I am so anxious to hear about your vacation. You will tell me all about it.....

Be one of the very best girls in Wooster. You can, its your privilege and opportunity. Yesterday a little book came to us from Dr. Johnston, "The Life that Wins". I read it with so much help and profit. I'm sending it right on to Olivette and having one sent to you and to Wilbur. I want you to read it and have the same desire that Dr. Trumbull had, and then you will get the same blessing he got. Why wait until you are older to make a complete surrender? Live the Christ-life now -"For me to live is Christ". Think of it, Gertrude, for you to be and live in this world is Christ. It just fills my heart full of joy and praise to think how God has been so good to me and to our family. My faith increases day by day. I know God is blessing our work; souls are being saved and the churches strengthened.

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Maybe in your heart when this message reaches you, you can make a full surrender. I can't express what joy and peace I have at times, but I want that peace all the time, every moment of my life. After you have finished reading this little book send it to Wilbur. I want him and Gertrude both to read it.

The past week has been as usual, only so much colder. Last Tuesday it was below zero all day and certainly went down to 15 below zero in the night. Wed. was just dreadful. Thurs. was a little better and Friday seemed more like summer. Our heating plant is not ready for such severe weather.

The Big Class closed Friday, and the men had a good day to go home. Sat. quite a big snow fell and it looks now as if it would snow any minute. Yesterday I was re-arranging my classes, - had three classes of new women. We had 180 women and girls. We have station meeting this evening, and I must go and write to Gertrude now.

Bushels of love, Mother

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Pyeng Yang, Korea - Jan.24, '15

My dearest Olivette,

Father has just handed me your letter he has written, wanting me to put it in with mine. I wrote to each of you children last Monday. Where the rest of the week went I can scarcely think. On Tuesday evening I had the Blairs, the Holdcrofts, and Bernheisels to dinner. Thursday afternoon Mrs. Baird came and we had a good visit, but it was all about the College, for we could scarcely think of anything else all week. Just as she was leaving Mr & Mrs Phillips came; he said, "Is supper ready? We've come to supper." On Monday morning they had sent a comical note around saying they had invited themselves to all the houses for supper and might be expected any night to take "poy luck". The night they were at Blairs they had mush and milk. We had rice and kimchi. They came in and had supper with us just what we had. We had a good visit, and of course got on the college question. We had prayer together and they went home. I concluded it was a pretty good way to have a visit without the trouble of getting a dinner ready.

Monday evening we had our station meeting at the Lockett Home. A long letter was read from the Board. There it was decided to have a station meeting Friday evening at the Bernheisels to consider the college question. Each one was to write out what they thought on paper and read it at that time. Friday at 7:30 all were assembled. The meeting was opened with several prayers and everyone felt, I think, as if they were at a funeral. How to be in? Who was to speak or read their paper first? So they began alphabetically, only Dr. Baird asked to be last. Mr. Blair and Mrs. Bernheisel surprised us all by being willing to give in and go to Seoul. Then they went on down the list one by one. Really, I think father's was more to the point in usggesting what to do than any other one, and it proved it when the discussions began. My, but Dr. Baird and Dr. Moffett stood firm; also Mr. Holdcroft; of course father did too, just as firm as they did.

Father's point was this, - that since the Board has taken the stand that it has, of course there must be a Union University in Seoul, but let it be out of the Mission; also the Medical college, controlled by the Board in New York, and be entirely out of the Mission. His suggestions have been taken up and some think there is nothing else to do. Dr. Moffett says he will have nothing whatever to do with it, and so does Dr. Baird. It is entirely opposed to their judgment and principle; entirely contrary to the policy in which all of our work has been carried on all these years.

So of course we could never yield when we know we are right and the work is being blessed of the Lord.

The policy has been to emphasize the evangelistic work more than education, and to have the schools purely church schools, not admitting the heathen, not educating unbelievers. The policy of the new college is to admit anyone, heathen and all alike. Dr. Baird found when Dr. North, a member of the Methodist Board and also a member of the Joint Committee was here, that his policy and the policy of his committee was entirely different from ours out here. Dr. North said too, he wants the college for a civilizing agency as well as a Christianizing one. They had a whole day's conference with him, so they found out just where this Joint Committee stands. The Board of control for this university is to be in New York, without or very little field control. In only a few years this college will be like the other great colleges in other countries. Dr. Moffett said the other night, that out of 600 students in the Beirut College 37 are Christians. I think the other colleges are about the same. Anyway, our college here is the only college under our Board where the students are all Christian. We don't want the other kind. Dr. Baird says he will never go with that kind of a college; he will quit first, and so does Dr. Moffett.

The meeting lasted until midnight. Since then Dr. Blair has come entirely over on what Father stood for. The Board has given permission to go on with this college which we will do. The Australians are sure to go in with us here, for they say they will never go in with the college in Seoul. Now if the Southern Presbyterians will only come in with this college, then it will be strong enough to go on without any difficulty. Whether they do or don't, this college will go on anyway, for it is for the church, and for the church alone. God will raise up men to help support it and raise up teachers who know what's going on. I told you in my last letter that I would tell you about the trouble in Chaiyang. Dr. Moffett Tues. p.m. Of course we were more than anxious to hear what the "extreme emergency" was. It was just about what we had surmised. The Koreans in the Bible Institute rose up in a body and refused to accept Mr. Pieters' teaching. They were much excited, and it was too much for Mr. Sharp, so they called Dr. Moffett. Mr. Pieters doesn't believe in the vicarious atonement of Christ; he has no power in any of his work, and really never has had. Dr. Moffett said he never talked to anyone as he talked to him. They prayed together. Mr. Pieters said he was glad that Dr. Moffett had come down. What will be done, of course, we don't know; unless he changes his belief he can never teach the Koreans anymore. It is said Mr. Kerr is very shaky in his theology, but he has thus far been careful how he taught the Koreans. It is said Mr. Greenfield is even worse than Mr. Pieters; he doesn't even believe in the resurrection of Christ. He is going to America and we all hope he'll never come back. Praise the Lord, the Koreans up here in the north have the root of the Gospel in their hearts and can't be deceived. Mr. Pieters told Dr. Moffett he had taught the same thing in Seoul and they didn't raise up against him. Something wrong, then with them in Seoul, surely, or they wouldn't be deceived in that way.

A year ago father was on a committee with Koreans to arrange for a evangelistic meetings, and some of them said right out, No, don't put Mr. Pieters on, for he has no spiritual power, no profit to have him. That's just what I say about the college when anyone says all the students will go to Seoul, -let them go, of course. It won't be two years until the Koreans will see for themselves and we will have up here just the students God wants for His church and for His work. They will soon see the difference for themselves.

Yesterday was a busy and full day. I had my lesson to get out, and questions on the 2nd chapter of LUKE to translate; so the secretary could

Home, Sweet Home - Pyeng Yang, Korea  
January 24, 1915

My dearest Gertrude,

I know that you will forgive me for not writing more frequently during the rush of the work season. There is a little let-up in the press of work now, so that I hope I may be able to do better from this on. I am glad that you are faithful to write regularly.

I want to thank you for your kind remembrance at Christmas. It is a very appropriate selection. I assure you we think of you every day and pray constantly for you. I have wondered if you are privileged to choose your own room-mate. Really, so much depends upon your close associates, that we are most anxious as to the kind of girl you room with. Also, we have wondered why we have not heard from you as to your grades. You must certainly know that we are most anxiously awaiting the report of how you got on with your studies during the first semester. Hereafter be more prompt in sending us your term grades. By this time you will have been back in school and at work again. We trust your vacation has been a pleasant one and that you also got a good rest. No doubt you enjoyed the bit of freedom that you got there.....I want to tell you that Christians never take a vacation in regard to their christianity; no, never. If you do not properly keep the Lord's Day during vacation, you may be sure there is something radically wrong with the heart. Have you definitely promised the Lord that you will obey His Word and keep His Day in a manner that will meet with His approval. I wish you could realize as fully as we do the danger of the slightest letting down of your moral and religious standards. Only by daily prayer and sincere devotion and by being honest with your Lord can you hope to be given strength ~~to~~ necessary to overcome the evil that is all about you in most subtle forms. If you do like Daniel did and purpose not to defile yourself with the things of Satan HE will give you Grace to stand against every evil. But like Daniel you must purpose, and pray, and read God's Word, and obey. We feel sure you will do this, and we are praying for you every day.

In closing I am sending you whole bushels of love, and know that you are ever my own dearest, sweetest, loveliest, and truest Gertrude.

Psalm 1:1-3. LOVING, LOVING, LOVING, Father.

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Pyeng Yang, Korea - Jan. 25, 1915

My own dearest Gertrude,

This is Monday evening. I have just finished a Montgomery Ward order and sent it. Father is at the reception the Koreans are holding for Dr. Moffett in honor of his 25th anniversary in Korea; today is his 51st birthday. The Koreans had a meeting this morning at 10:30 at the Central Church. I went for just a little while; they presented him with with some very nice presents. This evening they have a feast at the Seminary.

I wrote you last Monday; that evening we had our regular Station meeting. Tuesday evening we had guests for dinner....Thursday afternoon Mrs. Baird came and we had a nice visit. That evening the Philips surprised us by coming for pot-luck supper....Friday evening we had another Station meeting to discuss the college question....Saturday I was just rushed getting my lesson. In the p.m. I went to the South Gate church and taught my class. We are studying LUKE; I get questions out on the chapters, and they study it by chapters. Its "chamie manso" (very interesting). Then I went to the Japanese dentist to get my tooth filled. I rushed home, and had the secretary, Yung-minie, make out the questions (in Korean) for the Primary class. Then I got ready and went over to Dr. Moffett's to the surprise supper.

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get them ready. I went in this p.m. and taught my class. Then I went to the Japanese dentist, had a filling put in one of my front teeth. When I got home I got the lessons ready for the Primary class. Then I dressed and went to the surprise party for Dr. Moffett. When I got home Pyung-sunie had<sup>n</sup> the lunch ready so I had to see to it. They were eating when I got over there; I ate out of Miss Snook's lunch, and it was dainty and good. Harriet played and they sang some college songs. Dr. Moffett told briefly how he came to Korea, and his first experiences, etc. Mrs. Baird showed the crowd the way women stand (in America), I think she said it was the "beauty slump", or something like that. Its much like the pictures you see now-days. How dis-rusting! I feel sure you girls never stoop to such a position as that.....

My letter is too long so I must close. Bushels of love. II Tim.2:15  
Mother

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Home, Sweet Home - Pyeng Yang, Korea  
January 23, 1915

My dearest Olivette,

This is a regular New England Sunday. All Nature is robed in white and snowing as when the New Englanders landed at Plymouth Rock. We are having a most beautiful winter. As yet but one real severe cold spell, but that was fierce. We have just gotten through with the rush of the Bible Class, and other work, and have a little lightening of the work just now. However, there is plenty to do every day.

Last Friday night the whole Station met to discuss the college question. The Board over-ruled the Mission in its desire to have the one college at Pyeng Yang, but allowed us to continue the college we have without developing it into ~~the~~ a higher-grade institution. Its present grade is about to the end of the Sophmore year of an American college. It remains to be seen now whether the Southern Presbyterians will continue to cooperate with us or with the Seoul institution. It is now yet decided what position our Mission will take, but we have reason to believe that our Mission, as a Mission, will not cooperate with the Seoul institution, but allow that college to be directly under the control of the Board in New York.

Last night the Station gave Dr. Moffett a surprise party in honor of his 25th anniversary of work in Korea. We all took our lunches under our arms, every man and woman of us, and met at Dr. Wells' at about 6 o'clock, and then marched into the house together, the lunches were then exchanged so that every person got someone else's lunch. We had a very enjoyable time. Dr. Moffett gave us an account of his early experiences in Korea.

My horse does not get enough exercise these cold days, so it is not safe to drive in the buggy. I rode him out yesterday and had a grand prancing ride. I guess I shall have to ride him out more.

Mother sent your picture album back to you a few days ago. I took a last look at your pictures before returning it. It was quite like a visit with you, to see you in so many attitudes. They well tell what good times you have had. Rather more good times than the average student gets, I think. ... Always be proper in attitude, language, and thought. God bless you. I hope you have had a restful, happy vacation. Thank you for your loving Christmas present. Phil.4:8. Most lovingly,

Father

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The Station took their supper in lunch-baskets; we had a pleasant time. Dr. Moffett told about his experiences when he came to Korea 25 years ago. Mrs. Baird gave her impressions of America.....

Mary is still waiting for the book "Dairus". She wants to read them all in the set. She is a studious child. Last month she got all E but two, and they were G plus.

I am anxiously waiting for your letter. Bushels of love,  
Mother.

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Pyeng Yang, Korea - Feb.3, 1915

My dear Jennie,

About a year ago Will was writing to Dr. Johnston, pastor of the church in Stamford, Conn. that supports us, and told him of a proposition that if he would raise \$200 for a heating-plant for our house, we would ask the president of the Iowa Synod, Mrs. Hale, to raise the other \$200. She said she would work it up for us. The heating plant becomes the property of the Mission, the same as our house. On the strength of that we ordered one from Montgomery Ward and Co.....Dr. Johnston wrote that they had raised \$150. and were waiting to hear from Brother Ben, whom we asked to receive the money and pay the bill for it. Well; Ben has never written. Probably they have not sent the money because of that. Dr. Johnston has written us several times but never a word about it, so it puts us in a most embarrassing position. We really don't know what to write. If Ben did write, we never got his letter. Past experience makes us believe he hasn't. If you could find out what he has done and let us know.... Ten thousand miles away makes it rather hard, and we do hate to trouble anyone (with our finances). Would you mind telling me where you and Will suggest putting our investment where it would be safe, and would draw either 5 or 6 per cent.

We must plan and think on ahead how we are to make ends meet, and come out even without drawing on the principle of our money. We can't afford to pay for this heating plant and we are anxious to have it paid for. We believe they (Iowa Synod) are willing to do it and would if we could know just how matters stand. Ben never wrote me a scratch all the time they were settling up the estate (Willison...her father in Johnstown, O.) and I am wondering if he will now. Am I asking too much for you to find out what you can and let me know? We must know, but how?

We have received such good letters from the children. They were having such a happy time at your house, and Olivette at Ella Waring's. I am getting ready to make myself a dress Its hard enough with all these other things on hand, but I will get it done some way. My woman Yesie is sick in the hospital and its hard to tell when she will be well enough to work again.

Thank you so much for all your kindness to the children. They certainly did have a happy vacation. I trust you are keeping well.

Lovingly your sister,

Sallie.

Esther and Mary are working hard in school. Esther is doing very much better than she did; she is learning to apply herself. We have splendid teachers and it does us all good to see Miss Trissel here, even though she is not in our school now, but a teacher in the Methodist Girls school. I try to keep Esther's clothes big enough, for she grows so fast. She and Mary are dear girls, a great comfort to me; both are learning to cook. Mary is very interested in trying to make different kinds of dishes; she thinks she is quite an expert making deviled eggs.

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Gertrude wrote us fully about their happy vacation, what a good time they had and how you made it so happy for them. And so did, Wilbur. It is so good and kind of you; we never can thank you enough. I want to thank you, too, and tell you how I appreciate your exceedingly kind and generous offer to pay for Gertrude piano and Wilbur's voice lessons. We are so anxious to have Gertrude take piano. We thought this year she would have enough to do without it, but after she is well started in classes she may have time to take lessons. I have always been anxious to have Wilbur take voice lessons. I hope he will, so he can sing the Gospel; as well as preach it. We have left it up to Olivette to decide where she wants to take the course in Domestic Science. I think now I would choose Michigan because she could be nearer you. I have written the children what I thought was best for them to do this summer during vacation, but I guess I shall have to let them choose for themselves, especially Wilbur and Olivette. Gertrude wrote that you wanted her to be with you again, and if it isn't too much for you, I would so much rather she would be with you. I know you will look after her just as if she were your own; and she needs you to keep her in the right way. I can't tell you how much better I feel since she is near you and you give her motherly advice. I wish you would have her work, and work hard; make plans for her to do a bit of your work. She must learn to take responsibility. I am going to make some under-clothing for her this summer. I won't try to make any more dresses for the girls. I don't know what they like; its only a worry. I am now having a Chinese linen embroidered for Olivette, but I will send it not made.

We have had a big snow-storm and Sunday was a very cold day, but now the snow is melting and Spring will soon be here. We are so comfortable with our heating plant. I haven't had a cold this winter, like I usually have. We enjoy our Grafanola so much. Mr. Grove (Meth.miss'y) sent over some of his records and they ~~are~~ great! Gipsy Smith's Gospel songs the best of all. Olivette sent us such cunning little records. One was "Tiperary", the popular song; we got Mrs. Lockett's record and got the words, so now we can sing it while the music plays. Will is writing a Korean hymn to that tune,-or rather, to the chorus.

Did you get my coat where I asked you to get Esther a winter coat? I wish you would get either brown or blue, and not very expensive; something that will do for Sunday wear next winter, and then for school the next. She will take a coat nearly as big as Gertrude, only not so long. Also, two summer dresses for myself. Send the bill and I will send the money by post office order.

I must close now or you will tire of reading this, long letter.

With love,

Sallie.

Pyeng Yang, Korea - Feb.15, 1915

My dearest Olivette,

I am so sorry I did not get to write last Sunday; Last week was just so full I could not get the time. The days seem to have wings and fly past, and I don't seem to get anything done. Yesie is sick in the hospital and has been there for over 2 weeks. She was out in the country for 5 classes, so she hasn't done any sewing for me all winter. I had to let Hongsie go, she was too stupid to learn anything. I have a new woman from the country who doesn't know anything either, but she learns little by little. I have a lot of the work to do and I rather enjoy it when I am not rushed.

Last week I was trying to get some letters written, and on Tuesday I had to get the house ready for the Whittemores who were coming on Wed. to attend the Conference. Nearly all day Wed. I was in the kitchen baking. The Whittemore family came at 1:30. The Evangelistic Conference began that evening and lasted until Friday evening. It was about the best and most helpful gathering we have had. Everybody was so much blessed. It was so well attended. The Methodists attended well and took part. How I wish our Annual Meeting might be of that nature! instead of "thrashing" out things. Our guests left on Sat. p.m. I went as far as the South Gate with them in the automobile to teach my class. I was simply so tired and sleepy I could scarcely keep awake. I attended all the meetings, and when there was anything that did not especially interest me I would slip home and help about the meals, get things in the fireless cooker. Visiting and entertaining just about tires me out.

On Friday night we all took our "lunch box" supper, had coffee and cocoa and ate our supper at the Bible Institute building. Yesterday I had my Sunday school as usual, but did not go to the Foreign service. Mary has been sick with the grip and a cold for over a week. She is much better but can't go to school yet.

This morning the Womens Class began at the South Gate church. I went and got home about 2 o'clock. When I got home I found quite a bunch of letters, - your letter of Jan.18, and Wilbur's, one from Mrs. Bebb (of Winona Lake, Ind) and from Mrs. Carter of Stamford, Conn. By the way, I finally got her brass sent to her last week. Mr. Reiner was here; they leave for America in a few weeks. He is sending some things by freight, so I expressed the box of brass to Kobe and it will go with his things. My, I will be glad when she gets it, and it is all settled. I have sent Ella's amber beads; there are 40 cents left over which I am sending to her by post office order.

Last week the box that you partly packed and left for Ella to send, came. The patterns for the girls' dresses and for your dress, and the 2 little records that we have enjoyed so much. That evening we surprised father when he came in; I had the machine going. Well, I wish you could have seen him! He danced a jig, - it was funny. They all came in fine shape. Many, many thanks. I'll let the girls thank you for the blue ribbons they were needing. Ella sent them 8 yds. of light blue ribbon, and a sewing apron for me, and a notebook for father. I'll write her right away. She said in her letter they enjoyed your stay when you visited them.

Father and I have decided you may go where you think best after you have investigated the different colleges. ...I have times of great anxiety about you children's spiritual life. I am teaching DANIEL again, and am more convinced that God's children must stand like adamant against the things of the world, ...I am anxious to hear how you came out in your examinations; send us your report. Lot and lots of love, Mother.

My own dearest Gertrude,

Pyeng Yang, Korea - Feb. 8, 1915

Your letters of Jan. 3 and 10 were received and we were so glad to get them. I am so sorry I did not get to write last week. I wrote to Olivette and Wilbur, but with so many other things to do your letter was neglected. I am so sorry. I will try and not let it happen again. You are a dear, good girl to write every week. We enjoy your happy letters. I let Miss Trissel read the first one; she was so glad. She is the same dear Miss Trissel; everyone loves her.

You and Wilbur certainly did have a happy vacation. Dr. Folwell told me about what Florence wrote him; how she gave up an engagement to go home with you (to Aunt Jennie's). I received an announcement of Billy Askbrook's wedding and have sent our congratulations.

The past week has passed as usual; the days seemingly only 5 min. long. Sat. the whole community was invited to "tiffin" by Gov. and Mrs. Matsunaga, at the Keijo Club at 12:30. Nearly everyone went. The Governor and his wife received us in fine style, and we certainly did have a nice time, and a delicious dinner. The Governor read a speech, and Dr. Moffet gave a reply in glowing terms of his five years administration. This dinner was in honor of their 5th anniversary of the Japanese in Chosen (Korea). Mr. Moore also made a speech. At the close of the dinner the interpreter gave each guest a paper with a number on it, that drew some funny present. Some of them were real jokes, for instance Dr. Folwell drew a comb, - a real joke because he is so bald! Dr. Baird got a package of cigarettes and Mrs. Lockett a cigarette-holder, what created some amusement.

Tomorrow father and I have decided to call on the Governor and his wife. Some of these days I am going to invite them over to dinner. They are nice people, very friendly to all the missionaries.

I taught my Sat. p.m. Bible class and came on home. The post-man brought a package from Olivette, with patterns and presents from Ella Waring. She sent Esther and Mary 8 yards of the most beautiful ribbon, and to me a workbag that can be opened and made into an apron; - certainly very handy. To father, a memorandum book. Olivette sent two of the cunningest records both rag-time. They are "Little wonders". We had a lot of amusement playing them over and over. We surprised father when he came in; you should have seen him jump around and dance, and when I began, he said, "I'll quit", so all quit and went into supper.

Yesterday was dreadfully cold; the pipes had frozen, so we had to thaw them out before we could get any water. Mary wasn't very well so she could not go to Sunday school. I went to the South Gate church; father went to teach his class of boys, and Esther went to Sunday school. Mrs. Parker is helping me, and with Suksie has charge of the Girls S.S. We had an attendance of 171, women & children. At the English service Mr. Holdcroft preached on Jeremiah. I was too tired to write last night. And today has gone by like a flash. This evening our Station are all invited to the Philips to supper and then have station meeting. Yisie is sick in the hospital and I hope she will soon be well again and can come and work. My sewing has piled up....

I do trust there will be no more scarlet fever in Wooster, and that you and Wilbur keep well, my own dearest sweetheart. I just love to get your letters and to know you are happy. I am sending such a helpful tract to Wilbur, and I'll send you one just as soon as some more come.

May the blessed Lord keep you and protect you and bless you, my own dear girl.

Bushels of love, from

Mother.

Pyeng Yang, Korea  
March 2, 1915

My own dearest Sweetheart, (Gertrude),

We had such a good class at the South Gate church, over 100 enrolled; 87 studied well. I was teaching every day for 2 weeks, part of the time 2 hours a day and part 1 hour a day; one day 3 hours. I never taught a better class. It was "chamie manso" (fun) but I was just too tired after going to the South Gate on Sunday to write. I had to do a lot of preparing on I Timothy. I had taught DANIEL so many times I did not have to prepare. Next week the Spring Country Class begins, March 11. I have promised to teach 2 periods, the "LIFE of CHRIST", for which I am so thankful. For a long time I have wanted to make a special study of the "Life of Christ" and commit to memory all the Periods (9) and all the Events (161). Esther, Mary and I have started in to study it at our evening prayers. I have the best set of books on the "Life of Christ" that Uncle Christ gave me. You children must have them sometime.

Your good letters of Jan. 24 came last week. We are certainly thankful that you did not get scarlet fever. I know our Heavenly Father will watch over you children. You are in my mind a good deal of the time. I just pray and keep praying for you all the time. I want you all three to have a positive, definite experience, to know positively that HE does abide in your heart every minute. What peace comes with that experience! and then life counts and is worth living. I feel sure you are a help and blessing to others, and hope you will improve every opportunity to testify for HIM, to help others into this blessed life. Remember, you can't help anyone farther than you have gone yourself. So, first examine your own heart and pray - Psalm 139, and ask God to show you what evil is in your heart, Make no mistake, HE'll do it; and the best of all, HE'll help us rid ourselves of this evil and create within us a clean heart. Ezek. 36:26

You can easily see how I do want you children to have this experience and surrender while you are young. I had the longing but no one to lead me into the higher life. I am so thankful God kept me, and now I know because HIS Spirit bears witness with my spirit that I am HIS. Rom. 8:16

I had such a blessed time studying and teaching I Timothy; it is so interesting to study how Paul came to write to Timothy, exhorting him like a father to a son..... I am praying for President Wilson and his Cabinet every day. Are you? I am sure he is being sustained by the prayers of God's people..... Your FATHER will always help and look out for you. What a comfort! That is the reason I can be away from you children. My arms just ache to give you a good big hug. It just seems I love you children more & more every year.

I can't tell you what dears Esther and Mary are. They are the best girls! Esther is working hard and doing so much better; she will finish the 6th grade all right this year. What splendid teachers they have! Miss Fish and Mrs. Lockett. I often see Miss Trissel; everyone loves her.

We are invited to take dinner at the Groves this evening, so I must get ready. We had the biggest snow last Thursday night, but it was melting fast when on Sat. it turned suddenly cold, and by Sunday evening it was simply freezing. The children have been coasting down the Blairs' walk. They can't use ours because the Holdcrofts had the snow cleared away. The snow is melting again and will soon be gone, for Spring is here already. Yesie is back at work but not well. I am making a dress for Esther. Your serge dress is doing her a lot of good. I had it fixed over, so it will look better, when its washed and ironed.

Bushels and bushels of love with hugs and kisses,  
to my own sweetheart,

Mother

II Tim. 2:15

Pyeng Yang, Korea - March 4, 1915

My own dearest Olivette,

All week I have been as busy as I could be all the time. The great church trial is over; we found no evidence to prove the Helper guilty. The poor girl is reaping her reward of sorrow and shame. Her testimony was a horrible string of lies over & over. Such a promising future as that girl had, that should be thus blighted; but as usual stubbornness is followed by disobedience and that by ruin.

Hardly a minute without someone in my study when I am not in class. I am just finishing ETHICS and REVELATION in the Seminary, and begin JOSHUA and the Confession of Faith next Thursday. Some of the poor fellows are flunking in ETHICS, I fear. I have my book on ETHICS published and that makes the teaching of it much easier both for me and for the students. I want to get out a brief commentary on REVELATION both in English and Korean. I have that for my summer vacation work.

Most of the men of the station have been out of town this past week. Five have been in the country; ~~two~~ attending meetings in Seoul. Dr Baird has been in Japan recently to secure two Japanese teachers for the college, -one is a graduate of Princeton, and one a science teacher. He feels quite cheered over the prospect of the college. Dr. Underwood is hestling now with the so-called university in Seoul, and doesn't even have time to attend to his Seminary work, so he will not be in Pyeng Yang this summer. The college in Seoul has not had smooth sailing as yet; many difficult problems present themselves, starting out as they do against the Mission's judgment and vote. Everything is lawless from the Mission's standpoint. Of course they have the Board's sanction and that is what is making trouble. Everybody is lying low and quiet now until Annual Meeting.

Kim Chong-il has been trimming our trees, and those of other miss-ies. He will attend to the spraying, too. I cannot look after it all myself. I am glad to have such a good man to do it.

This is Easter, or rather Resurrection anniversary, wrongly called Easter. It was my turn to preach today so I gave an Easter sermon; also a little sermonette for the children. After that we celebrated the Lord's Supper.

This is now vacation week with you, and I wonder how you are spending it. We have been praying very earnestly for you every day, that you may be wholly yielded, appreciative and gently, as we know you are; and that you will be able to get through with all your studies. We have great hopes, for we know you put your trust in HIM that HE will help you thru. HE always does when we are true.

Mother has taken in another persecuted girl who has grown up in a heathen home., but is a real brave, strong Christian, since she was 11 years old. She is 18 now and has been driven out of her home because she refused to marry a heathen or go as a concubine. Mother took her in and is going to try to get her into Miss Snook's Girls school until we can get a good Christian husband for her. She is a very lovely girl, one of great character. She is now helping us in the house, working hard to learn.

And now I must close, sending you a heart full of love and best wishes.

God bless you abundantly.

Zech. 4:6

Father

Pyeng Yang, Korea - Home, Seet Home  
Sunday P.M., March 7, 1915

My Dearest Olivette,

Only a few words tonight; you filling my heart most of the time as we are thinking and praying much for you. .

Last week the Theological Professors came, for the Seminary is now on,- Gale, Clark, Bell, McCutcheon, Roberts, Moffett and I are the faculty at present. There are 180 now enrolled. Probably more yet to come. I am teaching Ethics and Revelation. Mr. Bell is staying at the Blairs so is handy to our horse and buggy. You know he is such a horseman. He broke in my horse to drive in the buggy. Billy has been in the stable so long. I took him out and hitched him up, and took Mother to the South Gate church for her teachers' class yesterday. Mr. Bell and Esther and Mary went along, so I just drove on down to the station for a ride. This morning I had to teach my school boys at the hour when Mother had to go to the South Gate, so Mr. Bell drove her down. Esther and Mary help with the children there in the Sunday school. Mrs. Parker and Suksie were with them,- what a load! Then I went after them at 1 p.m.

Now Mother will write you about a suggestion or proposal that is being made and carried enthusiastically here in the station, and no doubt will be in the whole Mission, namely that you come out this summer to help in the Girls Academy here to look after the Work Dept. and to remain for 2 or 3 years. I do not know how it will strike you but I imagine you will be pleased to hear it. Mother and I did not think favorably at first when the suggestion was made for us to consider it, but upon further reflection and prayer about it, since it had not come from us at all, the more favorable we were disposed to the proposition. So we gave our consent for the request to go in. And now we hope the Board may be able to send you. We hope this will please you, too.

But lest it come to you as a shock and overjoy you, I want to say, do not bank upon it at all until you receive your appointment from the Board. For while the request is urgent, even most pressing, this is a time when the Board may be unable to send anyone at all. Then, too, it will be quite time enough for you to think about it and plan for your coming after commencement (from Northfield)

Now we know you are working hard as you ought to do, and this may have a tendency to upset you, so to speak, I know how it is. I think it ought to spur you on to even greater efforts to do your best so there be no possibility of failing. It ought to surely encourage you to concentrate upon the one thing you are doing and to omit all unnecessary things that take time and thought from your lessons.

If the Board can send you out for 3 years contract, paying your way out and back, with permission to return after two years, if you should wish to do so by paying your own way home, we think you should accept this as of the Lord. If it is His will He will so order it. If it is not His way the way will be blocked. We hope you will see it so. If you do not count on it too much you will not be too disappointed, if it fails. I say this because the Board is so uncertain until you get your final statement from them. The prospect of having you with us for 2 or 3 years, or the thought of it, makes us very happy indeed., and it is certainly a rare opportunity for you if you get it. You can then return and finish (your education) in plenty of time, and those years will be so much more valuable to you with this experience on the field. God has been so very good to us. How I wish we could have you with us now for a couple of years. Everybody speaks so well of you, and it will certainly be fine for you if you can get to do it. But I must close. With much love, and commending you to Him who doeth all things well. Eph. 4:1,2 Your loving, Father.

Pyeng Yang, Korea - March 8, 1915

My own dearest Girlie, Gertrude,

Your letter of Feb. 2 came last week and the one of Feb. 7 came today. Many thanks for the two dear little smiling pictures. We were so glad to see them. It did us good to read your letter.

First, I want to tell you how thankful we are that you decided to quit the movies, and we want you to never begin again. Be exceeding careful where you go. Don't do much going while you have so much to do. I am, so glad if you can take piano; I wonder if you have time for it. Be sure you don't undertake so much and fail to do good work in any. I want you to go to Aunt Jennie's this summer and let her teach you how to work; you take your share of the work and work hard.

Now wasn't it strange that a request from Miss Snook for Olivette to come out next year and take the Work Dept. in the Girls School, and your letter saying you had been thinking of coming back when you finish Wooster Academy,--that they should both have come about the same time? After thinking it over, Father and I gave our consent, for Miss Snook to make the request to the Station. It will be made this evening, then go to the Mission and to the Board. We feel it is God's plan for Olivette. He can easily carry it through and we believe it will, and be good for her to get two years of language study and actual practise along the lines she will be studying, when she goes back to America. Maybe that would be a good plan for you, too, to come back for a year after you finish at the Academy. You could have all the pupils in music you want, and help a lot in the school here. How glad we would be if you should come. I can assure you of this,-- that "nothing is impossible with God". After reading your letter I said, "If its God's plan and will for Gertrude to come, she'll come, and if she will keep His promise in Isaiah 58:13,14, He'll cause her "to ride upon the high places of the earth". Are you willing? I believe He wants you to come and be with us for a year. I know it would do you good in more ways than one. You would be much better fitted to go back and enter college and ready to do Christian work. It just fills my heart with joy at the thought of it. Let's trust Him. He is able! Be just as saving of your money as you can. Don't buy anything unless you just have to, and maybe we can save enough by that time to bring you out. Maybe Aunt Jennie could come by that time.

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Oh Gertrude, keep close, very close to Him every moment. Don't trust yourself. What peace, sweet peace when we know He is right here in our hearts prompting good thoughts all the time. Make a practise of reading your Bible for spiritual food; get a verse and make it your very own. Pray to the Lord with the thought that you are talking to Christ as you would to your own dearest Friend. He is right with you every moment. Make it a practise to think of Him the first thing when you awaken in the morning.

Father has gone to Station Meeting. Esther and Mary have gone to bed I am here at Father's desk talking to you. Did we tell you that Carey Reynolds has come here to school? She studies with Virginia Bells and Dorothy Adams. On Sunday Mr. Bell and Father took a load of us in the buggy to the South Gate church. We had 225 women and children. Esther and Mary went, too. Its so sweet to see Mary with the little children; a big class of them.

I do hope you repeat every Sunday morning Isaiah 58:13,14, and II Tim. 2:15.

Bushels of love and kisses to my own Sweetheart, Mother

March 7, 1915 - con.

for several years, has brought disgrace upon herself, her family, and her church. She spent all of Friday here either telling lies or the truth, I never could tell which, - poor silly, foolish girl. The trial is far from being over. She implicates one of the very best Helpers in the Western Circuit. Now its for him to prove himself clear, if he can. Its just dreadful. My heart just aches for them, but its the rpice of sin on her part. I asked her, Why did you ever begin? The first step is always the dangerous one, and the devil takes every advantage he can. As I looked at her in great pity and had to sit and see her sob and cry as if her heart would break, it just about broke me up. What could I say and what could I do for her? Really, nothing; the deed was done. And is she honest now? It really looks very doubtful now on her part as if she is not telling the truth; we can't tell, but it will out sometime, and somehow. Oh its dreadful, but out of it will come a warning to our church and the church officers. We hope there will be more care taken on their parts. Why am I writing this to you? Why should I burden you with it? Because it has come so close home. She is one of our church girls. We've known her for years, and seen her grow up in the church with Christian parents who have failed to carry out parental authority.

I want to warn you, not but what I have all confidence in you, but oh Olivette, you can't be too careful. Never, never get too intimate with any young man. Don't give in one inch.

I well remember when I was young and going with a young man who accused me of being like an icicle, etc. He soon went with other girls whom he enjoyed better. Never take the first step; keep a clean record, from the very first, and there will be no trouble.

You can well understand why I write this way. My heart has been so full for the past few days. I just thought:- What if this poor, silly, dekeded girl was one of my own girlies, how would I feel? I shudder when I think of it. God forbid it should ever be. By His grace and loving-kindness it will not be.

Gertrude wrote us the sweetest letter; she said she was not going to the movies any more, that she wants her life to count for Him. Oh I wish Wilbur would he would never go to a show again. I can't be at ease as long as he goes to them. I hope you'll never want to go.

Yesterday I taught my class as usual, went to the South Gate church this morning, -had 225 women and children. So many are new women. Esther and Mary went, too. I wish you could see Mary gathering up the little ones its so sweet! She carried a little "rainbow" in her arms.

I must close; I have made my letter too long. I have such a peaceful feeling about your coming. I really believe its all of the Lord. I believe He wants you to come. Rom. 8:28. Isa. 38:13,14  
You fulfill God's commands and He will cause you "to ride upon the high places of the earth". Praise His Name.

Bushels of love,

P.S. Miss Snook made the request to the Station for you to come, and it passed, without a dissenting voice. Now if it passes the Mission the same, you will come.

Mother.  
II Tim. 2:15

Pyeng Yang, Korea - March 7, 1915

My own dearest Girlie - Olivette,

Your letter did not come this week, but you were in our thoughts a good part of the time, anyway. Miss Snook sent over a note a week ago yesterday asking what we would think if they asked you to come out for the school next year. I talked it over with Father when he came home and we decided to give our consent if you were willing and wanted to come. It will be brought up at Station meeting tomorrow evening. Mrs. Baird was first to mention it to Miss Snook. All I have spoken to, think it a splendid plan if you want to come. I will only consent for you to come for two years, then you can go back and take your Domestic Science course. As Miss Snook says, it will be a great advantage to you in more ways than one. You will get into the work, will get the language, and will know much better what you want to take and make a specialty of when you do take the course. You will have charge of the Work Dept. which isn't very hard now, as Mrs. Phillips prepares all the work for the girls in her own home. Mrs. Gillis sees to selling the work after it is done (embroidered articles). You will have to be there from 1 p.m. to 5, and see that the girls are kept busy.

I look at it this way: you have been away for six years, in all that time have seen such a little of Father, and have been away from home for so long, it will do you a world of good to come and be with us a while, and at the same time study the language and get a good start in the work which you expect to do and specialize in; then go back to America in two years and go to a Domestic Science school and take your course. Mrs. Baird said she was confident if you bring your books and study as you can here you can easily make a year and finish the course in 3 years. I feel sure you can, too, so you will have only one year out, and just think what you can gain in that time! You can easily get in two years of language, and beside, know better what you want to prepare for. This is what I said, "Of course Olivette can do as she thinks best."

We will pray over it and if God wants you to come He can put it into the hearts of our Station and Mission and our Board to send you and then we will know He wants you to come, and there will be no doubt about it. If the Board sends you for 2 years, then we will pay your way back to America. Gertrude wrote such a dear letter; she wants to come back so bad when she finishes Preparatory school and stay one year at home and then go back and finish. I shall answer the way I have you; we will leave it to the Lord to guide us in the matter., and if He shows us that is what should be done He will provide a way. It just fills our hearts with joy to think there is a possibility of having you both at home for a while. It almost seems too good to be true, but I believe it will be true, for it just seems to me God wants you to be with us a while. Anyway, if it is His will He will open the way; there is no doubt about that. We'll just trust and pray and work for Him harder than ever.

Now when you get this don't let it take up your mind; you go on preparing to enter school next Fall just the same and keep at your studies. I do hope you will make good in everything and how happy you will be when you are through and leave Northfield.

The past week has been so full. Father came back Monday morning. Mrs. Sharrocks and the children were here for dinner. Yesie came back and I had her sew and mend; I cut out Esther's dress; its not finished. A good part of the week was spent in the saddest work we have ever had. A kind of a church trial. Father got just a hint of it when he was away. Investigation brought many sad things to light. One of our girls from the Western Circuit, a graduate of the Academy, who has been teaching

Pyeng Yang, Korea - March 14, '15

My dearest Girlie, Olivette,

This is Sunday P.M. I have been at home all day trying to get reserve strength for the coming week. Last week I must have had the grip and was not in a good condition to begin teaching in this Big Class. By staying in bed most of one day I got better, so I have had the classes two days, and have 8 more of teaching. I am teaching the "Life of Christ" in the 4th and 5th divisions, which enables me to cover the whole of the life of Christ, during this Class. Of course, we have to go over the events hurriedly, but a great many of the women have studied a great deal and understand the Gospels very well. I want to make a thorough study of the Life of Christ and be able to teach it well so that Christ may be magnified in the teaching. Father has prepared a splendid study in Korean, which is so helpful. It will be such a help when we take the Life of Christ in our correspondence course.

I haven't heard how many there are here for the Class, but the Bible Institute chapel-room is filled. I am so anxious to meet the women from our Western Circuit. I want to meet them a number of times, and encourage them to go on to more Bible study, and soul-winning. I am going to talk more about Sunday School work this time, and especially the Primary class work. I got in all of my reports from the classes last week. In 52 classes (in country churches) there were 3,071 women and girls studied. And the days of preaching (witnessing) amounted to 8 years, 6 months and 7 days for one woman, or over 8 women for one year, in our Western Circuit.

I think I never knew a Spring Class where there were so many young women and girls. Such bright, earnest girls! What a joy to teach them! I have the Young Women's class in the 4th division and I know its going to be "chamie manso" (much pleasure).

The first part of the week was spent in talking and thinking about the trial of which I wrote in my last letter. We have surely been through the deepest depths with that poor foolish girl. The poor thing will just have to suffer and reap the bitter fruits of sin. The Helper denied it but he has left the Seminary and will have to give up being a Helper. Its dreadful, but out of it may come a warning to these people and maybe they will heed and be more careful in the future. I know one thing, I shall take it upon myself to warn these young unmarried girls and strongly advise the parents to get them married even though they don't get through the Academy.

Tuesday evening we had four guests for dinner. Mrs. Parker has gone to Kwang Ju to help hold their Spring Class. Last evening Father invited the college students from the Western Circuit and three from Ham Kyung Do. Out of 11, only 7 could come, and three others made 10. They do enjoy hearing the Grafanola so much. Esther and Mary helped with a game (writing down the name of 50 articles on the table), and we gave 2 prizes. That amused them, and we had other stunts, too, they enjoyed. Any mention of the college nearly makes us sick. The students are much disturbed about the rumors. Surely Mr. E.H. Miller must be responsible for what is being said. The Executive Com. would not appoint a com. for the Seoul college; so it was cabled to the Board, and they appointed Dr. Underwood, Dr. Sharrocks, and Mr. E.H. Miller. Last week, these 3, with the M.E. s had a meeting in Seoul and elected, or appointed, Dr. Underwood as President of Seoul Union College. They rented room at the YMCA and the college will open in April 1916. Mr. Miller has been here all this year, but will leave at that time. Dr. Baird has gone to Japan to get 2 teachers, for Japanese and Science. The faculty of the Seminary have decided to have a course in Japanese language in the Sem.

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A fine decision. These people need the study of Japanese much more than English, and they gain favor with the Japanese. If I were younger I would certainly study Japanese myself. I know you will want to when you come.

We are hoping the Lord will open the way for you to come, and that you will want to come. I wrote you all about it last week. Miss Snook is writing you, and she is also writing to Mrs. Forsythe for you will come out under the Board of the Northwest. I must write to her, too, right away. I hope you will do well in all your studies. Just the thought of having you with us, fills our hearts with joy. Gertrude can come for one year. We can stand the rest of the separation for it will only be three years from the time you both go back until we have our furlough, in 1920.

What do you think of these plans? Our Father is able, and if it is for the best and to His glory I know He will provide the means and the way. Let's trust. Its good to trust Him. John 14:1 Jesus is coming again. Praise Him for this Blessed Hope. When all the world is - as it seems, in trouble, we can be at peace, perfect peace because we trust Him

Father and Mary went to church; Esther and I stayed at home. Esther has been in bed nearly all day with a cold. I don't like to leave the girls here alone. We never know who may come.

I intended to write only a short letter, which it seems I can't do. I hope I can soon be sending you your dress. Don't get anything you don't have to. My, I hope you will get on just fine. We shall continue to pray for you all the time.

Bushels of love with hugs and kisses,  
II Tim.2:15 from Mother.

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Sunday Night at Home - March 17, 1915

My dearest Olivette,

I wrote you last Sunday and must write again tonight. We feel very happy over the thought of the possibility of your coming to be with us for a couple of years. The Station voted a very hearty request to the Board to send you out. The request went in for a term of three years with permission for you to return after two years, if you wish, by paying your own way back to America. If you are sent out that way, then you can stay 3 years or 2, as you like. I hope this will appeal to you, and that you will gladly consent to come. It seems to us an exceptional opportunity for you. The change would do you a lot of good, a work which you can easily do, and at the same time earn enough money to help you through college nicely. You can live with us and ought to be able to save about all your salary. I believe the Lord is going to make it so that you can be with us at this time. Won't it be great for you to get right into the work! You will have the nicest lot of girls to work with you ever saw. ...I hope you will be able to come with Miss Best who is coming about the last of June. Come just as you are as soon as you can after graduation. You will want to stop off, of course, to see Wilbur and Gertrude and Aunt Jennie., and I hope Aunt Sophy, if only for a day. ..You must not fail to see Mrs. Forsythe in Chicago; she is secretary of the Womens Board of the Northwest, a great woman.

It seems too good to be true. The Lord is so good. I am teaching 2 hours a day in the Seminary now, Ethics and Revelation. Mother is so much stronger this year than last. Mr. Bell preached today on Matt.22:1-17 It was splendid; first a little sermon for the children, "Walk in Light"  
Lovingly, Father.

Pyeng Yang, Korea - March 23, 1915

My own dearest Girlie, Gertrude,

I am so sorry I did not get to write all last week; I did write to Olivette and Wilbur but not to you, so I am writing to you first this time. You will pardon me when I tell you how busy I have been. The Spring Country Class began March 11. I was sick in bed that day with the grippe; the next day I got up and taught two classes and have been teaching two every day since, besides so many things I had to see after. There were nearly 300 from our territory (Western Circuit). I had them come to our home during three days, - 58 young girls and 60 young married women, beside the middle-aged and old women, - 310 in all, and 14 for lunch one day, "kook-su" (vermecilla); they were those who had taught classes in our Circuit. I taught the Life of Christ in the 4th and 5th divisions, 67 in one class, 71 in the other. I was glad to do it, but its too hard with so many other things to do. Besides this trial is still going on and is taking so much of our strength and time. The Class closed today at noon. I have been besieged ever since; not a moment to rest yet. So I thought while I sat here a few moments I'd at least begin a letter to you. You will feel you have been neglected, I fear, and I am so sorry. I hope Wilbur let you read his letter.

We have just received a paper with news about Wooster; it seems to us too bad that Dr. Holden resigned. Your letter of Feb. 15 came last week, with your grades; your good grades show you have been working. We want you to keep on this way. Apply yourself and don't let anything interfere with your work. I am so glad if you can take music. We are going to trust the Lord for your coming out for a year. If its His will you'll come; He is able. My, it just makes me happy to think about it. Learn all you can, and you will have all you can do. The school will be larger each year and more help will be needed. I want you to go to Aunt Jennie's this summer just as soon as school is out; help her with the work and take responsibility.

The letters have gone to the Board from our Station and from Miss Snook asking for Olivette to come out this summer for 3 years, with the understanding she can go back in 2 years if she pays her way back. We are trusting that entirely to the Lord. How blessed to trust Him! We don't have to worry. I'm so happy that just the thought of Jesus and the knowledge of His presence keeps one from sin.; that He just comes right in between us and Satan, and Satan can have no power over us. Let's practise the presence of Christ all the time. I am enclosing a little tract by Dr. Trunbull which has done such a lot of good; I want you to read it over several times. It will do you good. I thin it one of the most helpful tracts I have ever read. Pray and God will hear. Let us be able to say: For me to live is <sup>for</sup> Christ to live."

On Saturday evening we had a meeting for the girls and young women to give them a chance to testify. It reminded me of the Bethany meetings (in Winona Lake, Ind.) and I told them a little about it. I think I shall translate the Bethany pledge into Korean and get these women to say it. I met with my women yesterday afternoon and gave them my plan for a Bible contest this coming Fall at our Classes. It will be only on the 4 Gospels, with about 100 questions, like they did at Winona Lake. I did have just the best time with my women. Father is just as busy as ever; so are all the others. Mrs. Blair is in Syen Chun helping in their Class. Mr. Bell is boarding with us while she is away. Virginia Wells goes to America with the Roberts, sailing June 30. The Bible Institute opens day after tomorrow; I begin teaching on Tuesday. God bless and keep you moment by moment, my own dear Sweetheart.

Bushels of love, Mother II Tim 2:15

Pyeng Yang, Korea - March 24, 1915

My dearest Olivette,

You see this is Father's birthday, but we have scarcely seen him today. He is just besieged every moment and scarcely has time to get his lessons. That dreadful trial is still going on. They were at it until nearly midnight, last night and it begins again at 7:00 today. It looks now as if Choi Chosa is going to clear himself. The proof is nearly all against the girl; it looks like a put-up job to shield a man who is probably guilty and put it on this Choi Chosa. We don't know, but it looks as if money has bought her off. Oh its just perfectly dreadful. The women where the girl is staying don't want her. The Sa Chun Kol Church officers say she has got to get out of the territory. Her father says she simply can't stay at home. I have been trying to get work for her in the Methodist Womens Hospital but whether she would be willing to do enough hard work or not remains to be seen. If the Leader is innocent and its a put-up job, then its the most devilish thing we've come across yet. Father feels sure the pastors and Leaders and our church people are going to learn some lessons.

Oh Olivette, do be careful when you are traveling; always be on your guard, and be very careful what kind of eating house you go into, and know exactly where you are going beforehand. If you come to Korea this summer you must not come alone. I hope you will come with Miss Best. Don't ever ask any information of a police; wait and ask the deaconess who are in every big depot these days. I am just so fearful of all these devils who are waiting to trip up innocent girls and boys; be on your guard. Just trust the Lord and He will guide and guard you, and protect you.

I have taken in a girl today who was turned out of her house Saturday afternoon, because she would not be the concubine of a Korean doctor to whom her father owed a big lot of money. Her father had that plan to pay his debt. She has been a Christian since she was 11 years old; she is now 18. She says she is going to have a Christian husband. She is here now working for her rice. I will put her in Miss Snook's school if she can enter, and if not I will have her go into Mrs. Wells' school and prepare until she can enter the Academy. She seems so bright and has such a clean face. We are so in need of a school for widows and cast-off wives, where they can earn their rice and study, by working half a day and studying half a day, and then work all the time during vacations. Its something we must have, and very soon. When Miss Best gets back and Miss Doriss is free, I hope she can take hold of it and put it through.

Our big Spring Class closed yesterday; 650 were enrolled. We had about 300 from our Circuit. I entertained them in our house, but I think only about 265 came, as we counted them. My heart goes out to them. I thought:- My, wouldn't Olivette love these girls! They are a dear lot. I taught them the Life of Christ, in two divisions. The young women in the 4th division were so much interested and did splendid work. Some of them memorized the 80 events, we had. I took 4 periods in that division and 4 in the 5th division. Father's Korean "Life of Christ" divides it that way, so I just took it as he had arranged the lessons. My, but it was interesting. I am determined to commit to memory every bit of it and I believe I can do it. Take one period at a time. One "Life of Christ" has 16 events; Father's Korean one has 226. I wish I could teach it in the Bible Institute, but I am down for Romans and Galatians this time. I am glad to study them even though Romans is so hard, but it is so helpful I know I shall be getting great profit from the study of it.

Miss Doriss is sick and cannot come; Miss Samuels is coming and

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so is Miss McCune for the last half of the term. We will be so glad when Miss Best is back. Miss Doriss is doing splendidly, and we are all chipping in as much as we can to help out.

I must tell you about our meeting Saturday evening. We had just the girls and unmarried women under 30 years. I led the meeting, and had a testimony meeting. It reminded me of the Bethany meetings (in Winona Lake, Ind.) The girls were timid about testifying but they did very well, and a number of them showed real earnestness. I wish you would send me the Bethany pledge. I am going to do all I can for these girls to help them to a higher spiritual life. You will have good opportunities when you come. Its a blessed work. I am just trusting it all to God. I know He will lead you. He will help you, too, in all your examinations and you will get through. Stick to it, apply yourself and you will come out all right. We are praying for you all the time. No, we are not worrying; "where worry begins faith leaves off." Don't worry, it doesn't do any good. Trust and work! Stick right at it that's the way I got through, and that's the way you will get through, too

I will try to write again on Sunday. Our days are more than full and our hearts are sad with these awfully sad things we have to hear. "The way of the transgressor is hard"; the devil is a hard master. My faith increases day by day. Praise the Lord. I have a secret peaceful feeling that God is going to bring you. We need you. I need you. I believe you will come.

Bushels of love,

Mother.

Later - Yesterday's testimony and his own are much against Choi. We are more in the dark than ever. Oh its awful! that two people's sin, whoever it may be, should cause so much trouble and heart-ache.

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Pyeng Yang, Korea - March 28, 1915

My own dearest Girlie, Olivette,

Your two letters, Feb. 22 and 28 came yesterday; one from Wilbur and two from Gertrude. In the midst of a busy morning I had to sit down and read them while Father had to go to his class;; he thought it hard luck for him. I had to go in the afternoon, while he had time then. Isn't it funny one girl calls you "Ollubie" like the Koreans do. Did Jennie make you a present of the dress, black with a white collar? I am glad she sent you a coat for Esther; now if you come out you can bring it, for she will need it next winter. She is wearing the brown coat you used to wear.

I trust you will keep well. Don't worry; do the best you can and that's all anyone can expect.... I remember when I was in school I seldom wrote any letters, never had any social times. It was a hard grind all the way through. I can sympathize with you; I know all about it, but hard faithful work and stick-right-to-it with a bulldog grip won out for me and it will for you.....

The past week has been as usual. The Class closed Tuesday and the Bible Institute began on Thursday. That awful trial is still going on. Tomorrow afternoon the girl and the Chosa are to be brought before the com. of men and answer to sharges. If he's guilty I hope evidence will be enough to condemn him and let him suffer with her. Father and the girls went to church. I was too tired, and have been talking with you. It has been storming all day, and snowing, but melting fast. We are getting along fine. Lots of love, Mother. II Tim. 2:15



Pyeng Yang, Korea - April 4, 1915

My own dearest Olivette,

This is a beautiful Easter day, so bright and warm. The first real warm day we have had. I went to the South Gate (church) this morning, had 211 women and girls. The Primary class is growing. If I only had someone who was up in Primary work to take charge of it! The pastor's oldest girl, De Tan-sil, will take it from now on until she is married. She is engaged to a young man here in the city. She was one of your girl friends, a lovely girl; her sister, Shin-sil graduated from the Academy last week when 18 girls graduated (5 could not graduate). Over 20 boys graduated from the Boys Academy. Yesterday the boys were coming in from the lower schools in the country to enter the Academy which opens on Wed. and the college, too. Dr. Baird went to Japan and got two teachers for the college, one is from Princeton. Mr. Miller left for the college in Seoul, and so has Mr. Billings, who goes for 2½ months then goes to America. Mrs. D.W. Miller is in very poor health and they will have to go to America this summer.

Miss Doriss heard from Miss Best that she is to sail about May 15, so you can't come with her. If you are appointed and can come the Board will let you know who is returning. The Hunts will be coming back before Annual Meeting. We have been thinking of you and praying most earnestly all week because we know its nearing Easter and you would be having your examinations. Oh I do hope you passed everything. We are anxious but we are hopeful; you are on our hearts all the time, and God will hear our prayers, but you will have to do your part.

The past month has been so full. I have taught 5 days (a week) and the preparation for my class in Galatians takes such a lot of time. These 2½ months will keep me close at it all the time, but the study will bring a special blessing which I am so thankful to get.

During the week Yesie made me two shirt-waists out of the white.... dress Aunt Jennie sent to you when you went to Cheefoo and which Gertrude wore such a long time. I had them made just like the blue tailored waists we got in Warsaw (Ind.) I have a lot of sewing to do for the girls; Esther has out-grown everything.

I must write to Wilbur and Gertrude; since Father is writing a long letter I will close, with heaps and heaps of love and kisses.

Mother.

II Tim. 2:15

Monday Morning - April 5, 1915

Just as I expected the mail came bringing your letter of March 14. I just now called up Miss Snook about your dress; its not done yet. Mrs. Phillips put too much work (embroidery) on it. I have thought this about it, -if you are appointed to come out here, why not sell it and not have it made up for yourself, but get a soft white dress of some kind, not expensive, which will do out here, and then you can have one made to your liking. Miss Snook said it would be done in 6 days, which means I can mail it to you next week, Monday April 19; that's the best I can do. Its not my fault, I have hurried it on just as fast as I could. This is just a suggestion, you can do as you like. It can't ready you until after the middle of May. I'm sorry but it can't be helped. Mrs. Phillips had so much work put on it, so its costing a lot. I assure you it will be sent just as soon as it can be.

I have invited Mr. and Mrs. Roberts and Dr. and Mrs. Baird for dinner this evening; so I must get things going. I think I'll just leave all of your letters and mail them this evening. - I find if we wait and mail our letters in the evening they make better time and go straight through

I must put in the little verse Father wrote for Wilbur's birthday -

"Youth is fair, but serious too,  
Let not folly cling to you,  
While your vigor now is strong  
Turn away from every wrong;  
Purpose now to do the right  
And do it with God-given might." Phil.4:13 and 19.

Lots and lots of love,  
Mother

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Monday Morning  
April 5, 1915

My dear Gertrude,

Just as I expected the mail-man came bringing a big mail; your letter of March 14, one from Wilbur, and a postal from Olivette, and a letter from Aunt Jennie. I am glad you had Wilbur down with you (at the Home) I wish he would go into Livingston Home; we have written him to apply and go there at once. I don't want him to be tossed about here and there and then land with the Chinese. His card came today showing he has not done his best; it doesn't come up to yours. Mrs. Compton spoke of yours and it made us feel fine. We feel sure if Wilbur don't do better he will not get his scholarship. We are so thankful you are trying to do your best.. Keep it up, Gertrude, I'm so glad you didn't go to all of those things; that's just the matter with Wilbur, he won't miss anything. He hasn't written yet that he has quit the movies. He will have to get down to business and dig, or he will be left and he'll be sorry for it later on.

Don't do any more sewing than you have to until you go to Aunt Jennie's. You need not plan to go any place to work, but you go to Aunt Jennie's just as soon as school closes, and do just what she says. She will be a real mother to you; one that you need. In her letter this morning she said you children always had a home with her, for which I can't say how thankful I am. She is so good about planning your clothes, and has so many good ideas. You write to her right away and tell her how thankful are you and glad you will be to come, and that you will help her do the work and anything she wants you to do. When you go just pitch in right away and work hard and do all you can, go to Sunday school with her every Sunday, even take a class to teach if they want you to, and do anything you can; be a blessing to everyone. Let the light of Jesus shine out from everything you do. Go to the young people's meetings and take a part in it. What a golden opportunity you have; don't miss it.

I am so thankful you like music and hope you will take piano again this summer. Aunt Jennie said you might. Yes, indeed, be thankful to God for the talents He has given you, and then try to do your best to cultivate them. He'll help you everytime. Oh its so good to trust Him! My heart is filled with joy because I know He will help us and guide us.

I got such a nice letter from Essa (a niece). She is a dear sweet girl. She told me about the church in Surbury, O. They have over 200 in S.S. Jerd (her father) and Ella both work; I am so thankful. Now is our time to work to lead people into the Kingdom. Do all you can, Gertrude, to be a blessing where ever and whenever you can.... I hope you will try to get Wilbur to go into the Home where he will have a real home and mother to help him. Do see him soon after you get this. We are very sorry now we did not insist on it at first.

Dinner is ready and I must close.

Lots and lots of love,  
Mother.

Pyeng Yang, Korea - April 11, 1915

My own dearest Girlie, Gertrude,

We have just had our Sunday evening "sing", Bible verses and prayer. And now we are going to write our letters. I wrote to Wilbur this p.m. I am reminded that when he gets this it will be his birthday - 20 years old. It seems but yesterday since you children were here and we had our happy Sunday evenings, and you and Olivette would repeat the catechism like Esther and Mary do now. They have committed to the 42nd. When I wrote that I was thinking of Wilbur, for now that I think of it I am sorry we never had you commit the catechism. I wish you would get one and try to learn one each week; it would pay you in more ways than one. We are having the children in the South Gate Sunday school learn them.

The other day I was talking about "Justification", as we are studying Galatians and have it there so many times. We asked Mary, "What is justification?" and she answered it perfectly. It will always be a help to you; you could learn them while you comb your hair. Have your mind filled with these noble higher thoughts, and cultivate the habit; don't let your mind be filled with light frothy things of the world. Oh Gertrude, are you appreciating the opportunities and privileges you are having? I believe you must be, for I believe you are trying to do your best.

It was two weeks yesterday since any letters came from you children. We have had American mail, but no letters from you; maybe tomorrow they will come. I wrote to all three of you last Sunday and Monday. The week has passed as usual. On Tuesday evening I had a dinner party, - Dr and Mrs. Gale, Dr. Clark and Mrs. Lockett, Dr. Hall and her friend Mrs. Deming. It is the girls' vacation, so Esther made the bread, the cake, and helped with the meat loaf, set the table and waited on the table. They both wore their cream serge dresses and looked so pretty. Esther has made bread three times.

On Friday evening Mrs. Lockett gave a dinner party to our Station, and the guests; there were 44, I heard someone say. Mrs. Lockett knows how to get up big dinners. Virginia Wells and Mary Owen helped to wait on the tables. Carrie Reynolds kept the victrola going. As soon as dinner was over we had our regular station meeting. There are a lot of questions now. Mr. Sharp came on Wed. and is staying with us; went home over Sunday but will come back with his children tomorrow. Jamie will be here with his father. Mr. Bell is with the Blairs. Mr. Bruen with the Smiths. Dr. and Mrs. Gale and Georgie live in rooms with the Phillips. Mr. Robb is with the Mowrys. Dr and Mrs. Whiting are visiting the Gillises. Mr. McCutcheon is at the Wells, and Miss Samuels and Mary Owen with the Holdcrofts. Mary will go to the dormitory tomorrow. Nan Bruen is coming with Dorothy Adams. Helen English, a little girl from the mines starts in this time.

The past week has been more like Spring. I have a little garden made. We are getting the walks all repaired and the yard in fine shape. I am making all of my early garden out north of the house, and the carpenter is making me a cold frame. Old Yi looks like Rip Van Winkle the girls say. Really, he does look as if he had come out of a long winter's sleep, just as dirty as ever. I am having rheumatism again in my knee and leg, so I fear I will not be able to do much gardening. Its just grand to see things coming in to life. I love Spring; its the most beautiful season of the year. How appropriate that Easter should come at this time and remind us of the resurrection and our blessed hope that we have in Him! Today has been so rainy all day, so I stayed at home reading. I read Romans in one hour and ten minutes, but was interrupted twice; then I read Galatians in 15 min. I hope you read your bible a lot. It gives the Holy Spirit a chance to make it plain to you. Now it is Sunday morning with you; keep the day holy. Remember Isa. 58:13,14  
Lots of love, Mother

Pyeng Yang, Korea - April 11, 1915

My own dearest Girlie, Olivette,

We have had a real old fashioned Sunday evening like we used to have. After supper we sang a number of hymns; Esther and Mary repeated over 40 of the catechism, we repeated scripture, had our prayers, and then got to writing letters. We have all written Wilbur a birthday letter. Father is in the study writing; Esther and Mary have gone to bed. I'm writing all three ready to send in the morning. I want to spend most of the day studying Romans and Galatians. I am now making out the questions on the last chapters of Galatians. We are having a good study; the women are studying hard, and nearly all make perfect recitations every day.

The past week has been as usual, only on Tuesday I had a dinner party. Esther made the bread and little sponge cakes and helped make the meat loaf. The girls set the table and waited on the table. It reminded me of the times when you used to do the same.....

On Friday evening we had station dinner....Father got sick and had to come home, something he had eaten made him sick, so I came too. I have been having another spell of rheumatism and am not rid of it yet. I think I caught cold. Today has been one continuous rainy day so I have stayed in and had such a blessed good day....

This is Monday morning, right after prayers with the Koreans. The rain has ceased and everything looks so fresh and clean. We must have the apple trees washed with whale-oil soap today, and the shade trees, too. A few more days of work will make our place in pretty good shape.....

We will soon know what He wants for you to do; what a peaceful feeling it gives me to just rest in Him. I have a kind of feeling away down in my heart that you'll get to come, for I believe it will be for your good in every way. Oh we do so want you to come" We need you as bad as you need us us

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April 19, 1915

My dearest Olivette,

Your big fat letter of March 21 and 3 post cards came today. Many thanks We thought of you a lot these days and prayed for you. I am so anxious to hear and to know about your coming out....it seems to me sometimes I just can't go on unless you come. This rheumatism is making me so nervous; however, I am must better. I am going to have a blind girl come and give me a massage. Dr. Wells says its' just the thing. I find I can't go out on the freshly sodded ground one bit, for it brings the rheumatism back right away. So Father will have to see to it. Chongilie is here spraying the trees these days. What busy days they are! It seems the work piles up all at once. We are so busy teaching, we have little time for other things. Miss Snook sent over your dress today; they ran out of floss and could not finish that little bit of the insertion, but there will be enough anyway. I mailed it today. In the package I sent some lace collars that cost me 11 yen. If you can sell them you may have you get for them. Let me know what the duty is .....I valued the dress at 15 yen. It will have to be our graduation present to you, for we are so hard oressed these days, we can't send any money, only a lot of love and the very best wishes, and trust and pray you will come out all right.....

Two packages came from Aunt Jennie today; she is a real dear, and sent us all three summer dresses. She sent a pair of low shoes, and Gertrude's linen dress. Esther put the middy on right away, she was in great need of it; it fits her fine and looks nice with a dark blue skirt. Esther was 13 yesterday. The children gave a little surprise party after school playing on the Bible Institute grounds and then having lunch together.

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Father and I rode out in our runabout and it was like a tonic to me. Yesterday Father and Mr. Bell went to Sin-in-dong and to Tae-pyeng-dong. Mr. Bell preached twice and drove back again, 100 li altogether, getting back at 6:30. Father is delighted over the prospect of his itineration, going all over our territory in it.

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If you get to come out, you had better come with the Hunts. Miss Best is leaving in May. We will trust Him and we know He will do all things well.

Lots and lots of love, and kisses,

Mother.

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April 26, 1915

My Dearest Olivette,

Your good letter of March 23 came. We were glad you had an opportunity to spend your vacation out in the country. I hope you got good and rested and ready for the last term. Don't let anyone or anything interfere with your work. Stick to it until the last examination is over. Don't take time for letters; we'll be satisfied with a post card.

Father's birthday is March 24, 1859

Esther's                      April 18, 1902

Mary's                        Nov. 1, 1903

If you are appointed you had better go to Aunt Jennie's just as soon as school is out.

The past week passed as usual, and was gone before we knew it. We had Mr and Mrs Sharp and Jamie boarding with us; they will stay until the last of May. It keeps me busy with preparation and teaching four days a week, beside classes on Saturday and Sunday.

The latest news has come, that Mr. J.Z. Moore and Miss Ruth Benedict are engaged. He went to America 6 years ago, his wife had T B and died last year. He came back about Christmas. Miss Benedict is one of the finest ladies the Methodists have.

Father received the book you sent. Many thanks for it, and also for the skirt and apron for Esther. She put the apron on right away and made bread and cookies. She will write and thank you.

I must close for this time, or the letter will be too heavy.

Lushels of love, hugs and kisses,

Mother II Tim.2:15

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April 25, 1915

My own Dearest Girlie, Gertrude,

I'm going to begin with the "little one" and go up this time. I usually begin the other way and go down. I am sorry I did not get to write last week. I wrote to Olivette about her dress, and that's about all I could do. I haven't been at all well for several weeks. The rheumatism has been troubling me so much and weakens me and makes me so nervous I can scarcely do anything. However, I have kept up my work in the Bible Institute, but had to leave off going to the South Gate. I went down this morning in the runabout and Father came after me, and I walked to church this p.m.; so you may know I am better. I never heard of so much rheumatism among the Koreans; I guess its rheumatic weather. We are having beautiful Spring days, but rather cold which is keeping the trees from coming out. The yellow Korean flower, "ma wha" is in full bloom, and the girls pick bowls and bowls of violets. Our trees have on their "Spring dresses" from the lime sulphur with which they were sprayed.

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I have part of my garden made, all the potatoes in the back garden, and at last I have a fine cold frame made out by the ice house. Old Yi is still faithful; he seems to think he belongs to me.

We have Mr. and Mrs. Sharp and Jamie with us now. Mr. Sharp is teaching in the Seminary, and Jamie is here to go to school. Mrs. Sharp came yesterday. I have to see after the work, for the new woman Yisie can't do it all; she doesn't know how yet.

Two weeks tomorrow since I wrote and then I acknowledged your two letters of March 2 and 9; your letters of March 23 and 28 came yesterday. Also one from Olivette and one from Wilbur.... You did such excellent work last term Mrs. Compton wrote twice about you which rejoiced our hearts.... You should avoid being proud of yourself and quit that dreamy way you have. Get in the habit of "practising the presence of the Master". Ask Him to be in your heart all the time and talk to Him; He is the very best companion you can have.... You said you always have to begin a book on Sat. morning so you could finish it before Monday. Do you read those story books on Sunday? And you said you wished you had that same kind of interest in your text books. I don't see why you can't, but I doubt if you will when you let yourself read those light airy books which really make you "tap tap how" (restless), and dissatisfied. You think to be happy you must go with the boys; no, Gertrude; it's a mistake. You can have the best time if you will only think so, alone and quiet in your room with your Bible with Him right in your heart. You won't care for all this excitement and you will be happy with any of the girls, because you will be trying to do His will by helping them on to a higher life.... If I were you I would not roller skate, especially on the street. It might do for little girls but not becoming to one as big as you are; be above it, even though it is fun. I do hope you are making good at your music. I want you to take lessons this summer. You are to go to Aunt Jennie's just as soon as school closes, and work as hard as you can.

I should have enjoyed seeing your gymnasium drills; I always love to see them and am so glad you have the opportunity of doing it. Wilbur wrote about it, too. You spoke about Wilbur Avison being at Wooster, and that you were glad when he called you up and wanted to take you some place

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We covet the very best for you. We want you to apply yourself and do your best in school. You know not what is in store for you. We do know that God will help you and may cause you to "ride upon the high places of the earth"..... You are young and there is plenty of time for you; so let the boys distinctly understand that you are in earnest and they will not be troubling you. Keep your place and be quiet and modest. There isn't anything so beautiful as a quiet, modest, dignified ~~girl~~ young woman. This is for your own good because we love you and you will think so many times when you are older. Don't think that because you like it and others do it that it's the thing to do. No, it's not. You are in school for a purpose, and nothing is to interfere with your work. Keep up your good record. Keep a clean record all through school. Read your Bible every day, not just to read it but for true spiritual food, to feed your soul. Read a book over and over until you know it and its truths have taken hold of your heart. Keep much in prayer. Keep close to the Lord. Be a beam of sunshine in the home, be a blessing to others. Don't let Satan have a chance at you; not for one moment. My, don't I wish you were here right now. I just want my own sweetheart. I can't tell you how much we do love you.

Bushels and bushels of love, hugs, and kisses,

Mother

II Tim. 2:15

Rom. 8:28

Home - Sunday - night - April 25, '15

My dearest Olivette,

I did not get to write you last Sunday as I drove 18 miles out in the country and visited two churches. I took Mr. Bell of Kwang Ju with me to do the preaching and I did the driving, with my horse and runabout. We take a little drive out almost every afternoon now. It does Mother a lot of good and I like it, too.

We so enjoyed your last letter in which you told us of your stay in the country home. What a fortunate girl you were! I can just imagine what a fine time you must have had. Did you go out and drive the horse and milk the cows! And get acquainted with that young man? Sometimes those molest fellows are really pretty fine when they get shook-up. It only takes a smile, you know, to do that.

Well, by the time this reaches you it will be bearing commencement. My, but we are glad you got that Latin off. We just prayed for you every day. We have faith to believe you will come out this last turn all right. But I hope you will stop all else but your studies to make sure of it. Don't take time to write long letters. Keep happy; that helps. A happy and cheerful mind always can do better than a disturbed mind.

I have just written two long letters to Wilbur and Gertrude. I am pretty nearly tired out so I must be brief. We are now in the middle of the Seminary term; 7 weeks more, and close June 15. If the Board can send you out maybe you can best come with the Hunts, sometime this summer. Miss West has already started back.

And now Good-night. With much love and every happy wish and earnest prayer for you. Romans 8:28.

Father

Many thanks for your kind remembrance in sending me the book about the war in Flanders. I think I shall read it during my vacation.

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Sunday evening

Home - May 2, 1915

My dearest Olivette,

You have been much in our minds and hearts, and we pray for you every day. It is so blessed that we know and are sure that God is with you and that He hears our prayers and supplies our every need.

Esther is shooting up like a willow, and just as graceful, too. She is such a handsome girl. She is coming up in her studies, too, working awfully hard. But it pays. She is doing real well now. She wore your old coat to church today; it made me think I was walking with Olivette. I can hardly wait to hear the decision of the Board. I so wish you could come out this summer. But I really think there is very little chance of your coming; as the Board is \$300,000 short, and it is more than likely that they will decide to send no new workers. We are still hoping, but quite resigned, knowing that if you are to come the Lord will send you and if you cannot come it will be all right. "Commit your way unto the Lord and He will bring it to pass." So I hope it will be with you. Rest at ease whichever way it goes.

Mother is working so hard, keeping up all her teaching and writing to all you children. It is a great Mother you have. I want you girls all to be like her. Our hearts rejoice in every blessing you receive. We take a ride nearly every evening when it's nice. I am chief gardner as well as fruit-grower, as gardening is hard on Mother.

With a heart full of love, Father.

Pyeng Yang, Korea - May 3, 1915

My own dearest Girlie, Olivette,

This is Monday morning, a bright beautiful day. There was a rain last night which has made everything look so lovely. Can you imagine how the ridge on the other side of the big road looks with the plum blossoms out, the willows with their peculiar yellow-green, and the bright yellow "ma wha" (forsythia) all in full bloom! and the other trees bursting into leaf! I love Spring! everything, even the dear little forgetmenots, and the poor useless chirping sparrows seem to be praising their Maker. Its just lovely and grand to be permitted to be in this world, and know there is a great God, and to know His Son Jesus Christ, and to know He saves us from our sins, and that we can be righteous in His sight not for anything of ourselves, only for the righteousness of Christ.

I am having such a profitable study in Romans. I think its doing me even more good than the women. I am sure I study much harder than they do. I make out from 25-40 questions on each chapter. When I am making them out I write the answers, too, which is a great help to me. This is Wed. 10 a m I have just come from teaching my class. Now I'll try and finish your letter.

Your letter of April 4 came Monday; also one from Gertrude. I am so glad you had a good rest during your vacation, for I am sure you will need it this term. You had a surprise when you got back to the Hall; I am sure for the letters must have been there. Gertrude spoke about it in her letter so I am sure yours was there. If you get to come we'll be glad, but we won't be surprised if you don't, for the Board may not send out any more missionaries until they have more money. They are \$300,000 behind this year. All the Mission Boards are behind. I've heard that the Baptist Board is not even sending their furloughed missionaries back to the field. Don't you let it interfere with your plans. You go right on and make all your plans for entering college this Fall, so you won't lose any time. I would go to the house where you have a position for the summer or at least until you hear from the Board. And then you had better go to Jennie's and get ready to come with the Hunts, who will be coming out for Annual Meeting which meets here in Pyeng Yang on Sept. 10th.

Yesterday at 6 p.m. we were invited to the home of the South Gate church pastor, Yi Il-yong Moksa; Tan-sil, his oldest daughter is to be married today at 12 o'clock in the South Gate church. You know her; she was one of your chums, and is just about your age. She is marrying a young man here in the city; whose father is a Korean doctor, and he is going to study medicine, they say. She is one of the very best girls, and I doubt some if he is worthy of her, from what her father has said. He seems to have some anxiety about this young man; instead of going here to our Christian school, he has been going to Japan. The parents of our Christian girls have no little anxiety; if they let them go through the Academy, when they are up in years its not easy to get a husband, their own age, for the good boys have all been engaged before they were 17 or 18. Tan-sil is 22, and her young man is 19, which should be the other way. I think I shall tell these parents that it is their business to make the matter for either boys or girls a subject of prayer, depending upon God to get a husband or wife for their children. Some of them are making such a mistake, and mess of it, that its time something was being done. If God spares my life and gives me the privilege of continuing to pray for my children, that's just what I intend to do. And thats what I hope you will do, - depend on God; ask Him to lead and guide you, and you'll make no mistake. Its just about time now to go to the South Gate. I know you would like to go there with us. Lots and lots of love,  
Mother

At Home - Sunday Evening - May 9, 1915

My dearest Olivette,

Your last good cheery letter of April 13 in which you make mention of having gotten our letters informing you of our Station's action concerning you, received. I know it would make you happy to get that news. Can you imagine how happy it makes us feel that the Station has such confidence in you as to make request for you at this time. Before you get this perhaps it may be settled; we cannot know which way. The Board is so short of funds it may be simply impossible to send you, so if the way should be opened for you to come out, you may be sure it is of the Lord, and so be entirely resigned. As Mother has already said, just go on and make arrangements as if the request had not been made. Arrange your summer work, and apply for your entrance at Ames, Iowa for the Fall, until you know for sure that you will be sent out here. There will be time to cancel then. And if you come, you had better arrange to come out with the Hunts before our Annual Meeting.

I do not know if this may be my last letter before you graduate, so I want to send you my special love for you on that occasion. I wish I could send you something nice for the occasion, but really we are quite strapped financially, and you can count that embroidered graduating dress as your graduating present. But what I am sending you is precious and something you can keep without it getting old or rusting or wearing out; it is a good big heart full of sincerest love, and then some more.

You will never regret that you stuck to it at Northfield to the end. It shows your character and is indicative of the kind of woman you are to be. You will stick to the finish, and that means everything in the world. Your diploma speaks for more than just so much Latin, not so much Science, etc. You have been trained, and whether you come here or not, or go to Ames, in either case you are strong. Ames will be easy now and your experience at Northfield will be such a help to you. If God so orders that you can first spend a couple of years on the field with us, you will be even better prepared to go to Ames later. You have reached the stage in life now when you can appreciate much more what an education means, and know better how to spend your time at school in the best way. I assure you we feel very happy over your accomplishments; we know that you have very much more than a High School diploma.

This is a rainy day; all nature is freshened, and the blossoms are hastening to turn up their sweet red lips to catch and kiss the rays of sunshine. How lovely, oh how beautiful! We just feel like singing. Would that we might be so true and pure as the sweet apple-blossoms, and develop into the luscious fruit as they do. We have just finished planting before the rain came. We are trying to have a good garden, since our Annual Meeting will be here this next Fall, Sept 10th, I think.

This is all for this time. My heart goes pitty-pat, leaping for joy as I think of you, because I love you so much. My heart is full and running over and then some more. And you know how to make it so.

II Cor. 2:14

From - Father.

Sunday p.m. at home  
May 9, 1915

My dearest Gertrude,

Yesterday I sat down in my easy chair while Mother read to me yours and Olivette's letters that had come, while I was out. We do so love to hear from you. You should greatly appreciate having the privilege of being chairman of your Society while only a Junior, and your first year there. It ought to inspire you to even much greater things along the literary lines. And what a privilege and opportunity when you think of the five years ahead (at Wooster), and what they may mean to you. Pray and work to make them the very most valuable years, for they will never come but once. Our daily prayer is that you hold yourself from being a society girl who are light-weight and never amount to anything in life. You will be tempted and drawn into it unless you are forewarned and definitely decide that you will not. God sent you here, and there is a great future for you, greater than you can possibly imagine now. So just set yourself positively for getting the most out of your school days, and do not set a high prize on the passing good times, which if you think too much of will simply ruin your prospects for the better and higher and nobler attainments, upon which your heart should be set.

You always do have such good times wherever you are; you are constituted that way, and that is a very blessed gift and one you can use to make others happy, only do not let it rule you, and do not give too much time to that. You need to guard yourself, I am sure, along that line.

Esther is now riding Billy (the horse) as you used to ride Nellie. She can ride nicely. All of us drive out in the runabout nearly every other day. We aim to go at 5 p.m., but something comes up to keep us from it about half the time. It is a very nice riding buggy, and Billy does nicely, too.

Carrie Reynolds is in school here now, a beautiful young girl. She says Bolling (her brother) is coming out this Fall to teach her and Ella.

We have had such a lovely Spring rain today; the blossoms are coming out, everything looks so beautiful you would hardly recognize the place. We finished planting all the seeds yesterday just before it rained. Our trees have grown so much.

We hope to get through the rush of our work about July 1st. After that we will be getting off as soon as we can to Sorai Deach. I am glad that you can spend the coming vacation at Aunt Jennie's. And I hope you will roll up your sleeves and do some housework for her. It is for your own good. And then take regular hours at the piano. We want you to get all you can by the end of next year.

Now I must close for this time. With heaps of love,  
Father.

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Pyeng Yang, Korea - May 6, 1915

My dearest Sweetheart, Gertrude,

Your letter of April 4 came Monday with one from Olivette; none from Wilbur. Father wrote Sunday evening. I wrote such a long letter to Wilbur I didn't have time for yours and Olivette's.....My lessons in Romans take so much time preparing it seems I don't have time for anything else. Mrs. Sharp was here all last week, so beside my studies I was almost every moment in the kitchen, for Yisie, the cook, can't be trusted yet; she is bright and quick and if she is only honest she will make the best servant I have had yet.

We have been riding out in our runabout evenings, a real tonic, we enjoy it so much. On Sundays Mr. Sharp has been driving for me to the South Gate and Father comes for me which helps me greatly. Its so hard to walk, I get so tired.....

In Wilbur's last letter he says he signs his name "Jim". I trust you will do what you can to stop it now. I hope you will agree with us that J. Wilbur is nicer & he should be called that. J. Wilbur is a beautiful name and he should not discard it for the nickname of Jim. I hope Wilbur will go with you to Aunt Jennie's. When you go take all your clothes, winter and summer, with you so you can get them all ready for next Fall. I would so much rather you would not travel alone, but if you do I warn you to be careful. Don't you get in conversation with any stranger, man or woman. Be exceedingly careful; don't do anything to attract attention. Go directly to Aunt Jennie's, and make up your mind that this is to be the very best summer you have ever had yet; that you are going to do His will, not your own; that you are going to let His light shine and be a blessing in Aunt Jennie's home and in the church and Sunday school. Begin the very first Sunday. Read your Bible every day, not to just read it but for real spiritual food. Take for instance Philippines, - you can read the whole letter in 15 min. - read it over and over, think about it, name the chapters, select the best verse in each chapter. Its a love letter, you know, full of rejoicing. Commit the best verses to memory and make them your own. Then take I John. Oh its so full of help. You will need to keep much in prayer, Gertrude. Keep very close to Jesus Pray much for Uncle Will, poor man, he does not realize the awful danger he is in, and Uncle Add, too. We pray for them all the time and I believe God will have mercy upon them and bring them to repentance. If you make a complete surrender (which I hope you have already done) then God can use you. Yield all to Him and He will do great things for you. We pray for you children all the time. We are so anxious for you to have this blessed peace, to know in your own hearts just where you stand; to stand firm on the Rock Christ Jesus so that nothing can shake you nor your faith. Read good books, Gertrude, let the light literature alone. If I were you I would look on ahead and see what you are to take next year and read up on history, etc. and you will be better prepared.

My, but the girls do work hard. Esther is doing better than she did and can go on in the 7th grade next year, I guess. Some days she gets better grades than Lois.

Monday Evening -the Bible Institute women gave a little program, had some "eats" and stunts, in honor of Miss Samuels, and gave her and Miss Doriss those decorations the young Korean women wear, and to the rest of the teachers a silk scarf each.

Tuesday evening we were invited to Yi Moksa's (pastor of South Gate church) for a feast. Their daughter, Tan-sil was married yesterday at noon in the church. She is a lovely girl.....All of Yi Moksa's family are so sensible. I went to the wedding yesterday, with Miss Snook. What a noisy crowd! I'd never have a public wedding, either here or America.

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Today the lower schools are having a Field Day My, what a crowd! Can you imagine just how it is, held in front of the college and Boys academy its all white with people. Behind the ropes it looks as if they were 3 or 4 rows deep. I am not going at all. I find if I keep up my work I have to be more quiet and reserve my strength. There will be no school in the afternoon so all the children can go.

I think they don't have much if any gymnastics in the girls school; they have no gymnasium. Maybe Harriet Gillis taught it a little; but they don't even have a tennis court, which they should have. This is a beautiful day, ideal for the Field Day.

Just lots and lots of love, hugs and kisses,  
from Mother who loves you so much.

I hope you will commit Gal.2:20 and think what it means and apply it to your own heart. II Tim.2:15

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May 9, 1915

My own dearest Girlie, Olivette,

Your letter of April 10 came and one from Gertrude. I try to write every week. Father has been so faithful lately; today he has again written to all three of you. You children are on our hearts a lot of the time. We are anxious for you; we don't want you to go the way of the world no, not in the least, but to yield yourself to the Lord now and work for Him. Wilbur hasn't been doing as well in school as he should and he admits it; Gertrude has been doing better than she did at Northfield.....

We are having the loveliest Spring, everything seems to be clapping its hands for joy. We have nearly all of our seeds in, - sweet-potato planted and even peanuts, and I have tomato plants nearly big enough to set out. I have been at home all day because of the rain. My rheumatism is bothering me again. My, I'll be glad when its all gone.

I think I told you Yi Tan-sil was married Wed. I went to the wedding, at the South Gate church. She was fixed up just like a Korean bride, but the young man had on a foreign suit, Prince Albert coat and silk hat. A bot of 19 to be trigger up like that! Such a motly crowd, and no order. I think their feast lasted several days.

When you get this it will be just about commencement time and we'll be thinking of you. I certainly hope you get your dress in time and like it. My, don't I wish I could be there to see you graduate. I assure you, you have our best wishes and a heart full of love, My message for you is Phil.1:6. Grad grant you a special blessing, my own sweetheart.

With a heart full of love,

Mother - II Tim.2:15

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Sunday Evening at Home - May 2, 1915

My dearest Gertrude,

I saw a little girl out on the tennis court yesterday playing croquet alone, with two balls (Jack and Jill, I suppose). I thought, -surely that is Gertrude. I thought myself back five years ago when you used to play on the court that way. Soon the little girl looked up, threw back her curls and lo! it was Mary!

The blossom are just beginning to come out and the poplars are shedding their soft pea-green over the landscape. It is Spring! so beautiful and lovely. How can anyone help but praise the Lord for His wondrous love and goodness to us? All is beautiful, only "man is vile". Sin hath

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wrought such awful havoc and ruin in the world. What a privilege to live in this world and have a little part in making it better Oh to think how good God has been to give us this privilege! How the beautiful blooms and yellow "ma wha" (forsythia) smile and send up their sweet fragrance to heaven in worshipful glory, - and should not we also?

Oh Gertrude, take a high stand in life and remember your high calling in Christ. Think of what God has done for you, and given you. Yield yourself up fully, wholly, completely for Him.

I send you a heart full of love. Just a note, but I want you to know I am remembering you in love. And Christ loves you, too.

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Father

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Pyeong Yang, Korea - May 16, 1915

My own dearest Gairlie, Olivette,

I am going to begin with your letter first this time. I usually take turns in beginning. Yesterday's mail brought a letter from Wilbur and Gertrude; your letter will be coming this week probably. We are more than anxious to hear if you can come. I feel down in my heart that you will get to come. How I wish you could come in time to be with us at Sorai Beach. Father thinks we will be leaving about the first week in July, but I doubt it. I can't leave until all the cherries and raspberries are put away; and we will want to get our reports written, and the correspondence all off before we go. The Bible Institute and the Seminary don't close until June 14 and 15. I will have a lot of sewing to do. I am going to keep Yesie right at it from now on,,,,, I am so kept down at my preparation and teaching that its hard to get at the extra things. I feel we need you. Its hard for me to keep up; my clothes are all going down, and it seems I never can plan and make anything for myself. I wish you could see Mrs. Hall; she looks like a different person.

Miss Deming has certainly been a blessing to her. They live in the large house Sherwood built and seem so happy there. I think she is leaving this fall. Dr. Hall will certainly miss her. Dr. Cutler is the hospital doctor now. Dr. Fellwell is building a big brick hospital just north of Dr. Hall's hospital. It seems they can't unite, not even though they are both Methodists.

The past week has gone as usual, but has brought more beauty to the trees. The apple blossoms are beautiful. The Korean lilac has bloomed and gladdened our hearts, and many others for I have given it nearly all away. Now our annual purple and white ones are just coming out Esther took a lovely basket to church this afternoon; she says she is on the flower committee. We are having the loveliest Spring, rainy enough to make everything grow so fast. Last night we had a lovely shower and today everything looks so fresh and bright.

I have had a quiet day at home. I went to the English service this afternoon. I haven't been feeling well so I went to see Dr. Cutler on Fri. She gave me a big round of calumal and salts, that shook me up like everything. I hope it will shake all this bad feeling and rheumatis out. I did not get to go to my class yesterday nor to Sunday school today. I did have such a good quiet time alone; I read Romans through twice, once in 53 min. and the second time in 55 min. I am having a blessed good study and I think its doing me as much or more good than the class.

I do wish you could get these most essential truths that Paul teaches in the 6th, 7th and 8th chapters. The more I read and study the Bible the more I want to. I have just received the Chapter Summary course from Moody Bible Institute. I hope to begin the study of it at once, and after studying it myself I can the better give it to the Korean women. If you could take a course like that what a great help it would be to you.

If you come out maybe we can study it together. You will be with us anyway this year. Father said the other day in the Educational Com. meeting they were discussing who is to go over there in the Girls School next year when Miss Snook goes to America. It hasn't been decided yet but they were all of the same opinion that you ought not to have that responsibility put upon you your first year. So that means you will be here with us. I hope the Board will decide at once so you will know what to do and can go to Aunt Jennie's and get ready to come back with the Hunts,

Esther and Mary have just come home from the Christian Endeavor meeting, and have gone to bed. Father and Mr. Erdman are having a talk; there are some very serious questions arising in our Mission. It is said that Mr. Greenfield doesn't believe in the resurrection nor the Virgin birth of Christ, and there are others who are not solid (in faith) too.

Pyung-soonie's wife was buried yesterday; you know she is the youngest daughter of Miss Best's Bible woman, Paksie. She had a baby only about an hour old when she died, - five children left without a mother. Its too sad to think about.

Lots and love of love, hugs, kisses,

Mother - II Tim. 2:15

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May 17, 1915

My own dearest Girlie, Gertrude,

Your letter of April 18 came on Saturday while I was at my class. Father put the letters in his pocket and went to his class, so I had to wait until he came home. I sat down in my cozy corner and we read them together. We always like to do that way; it just seems so much better if we can read them together. Wilbur's letter came, too, but none from Olivette.

We are having the most beautiful Spring. It seems good to be alive and see all this world of beauty around us. The trees, flowers, birds and even the chickens, everything except - I was going to say man - seem to be happy, and praising their Maker. For the past two weeks the trees have been especially beautiful and interesting. I have loved to watch them burst into life and put on their beautiful dresses of the different shades of green. The Korean apricot came out first, then two American apricots, then the plums, peaches, and now the apples are in full bloom. What is more beautiful than an apple tree in full bloom!

They are simply gorgeous. Our Korean lilac has bloomed and gone to gladden many hearts; now the American purple and white lilac are just coming out and I intend that they, too, shall be given to make different ones happy. Esther took a beautiful basket of the purple ones to church yesterday and this morning I sent it over to the hospital. The dear little bird-cherry tree that Aunt Jennie sent me is giving us its first blossoms just now. How delicate and pretty it is! I have a long row of iris, purple and white. All the things Aunt Jennie sent are doing so well. The lilac she sent stands at the north end of the East porch and is growing so fast. I think of its big "mother bush" that grew at my Mother's bed-room window, whenever I pass it. / My heart swells with joy and is full of praise to Him who gives us all these beautiful things to enjoy. I had a long row of dahlias planted today; I have my tomato plants set out and we'll have plenty for ourselves and our neighbors who don't have any. Our yard and garden look fine, for we have been having such good rains. We had a lovely rain Sat. night and yesterday. Our strawberries are just doing fine. I hope our children will love the trees and flowers as much as we do.

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We have 8 little chicks, and a hen setting. Two of my very prettiest hens havemade a complete failure of setting and spoiled two settings of eggs. One made us two good meals, chicken and noodles dinner. Father says she was so good the taste is still in his mouth! He wants to have all Plymough Rock chickens.

We are enjoying our horse and two-seated buggy; we go out riding nearly every afternoon at 5 o'clock, and have some fine drives, and nearly always the rig is full. Esther and Mary are learning to drive. Esther has Carey Reynolds' riding skirt and rides well; she looks quite grown up. Both of our cows are in the country having exercise (working) for their keeping. We are to have them back when the calves come. We couldn't sell our big calf, so we let Chong-ilie's brother take it to raise on the shares.

You remember Pyung-sunie who always went to the country with Father, his wife died Friday. Her baby was about an hour old; she left 5 children. Its too sad. Poor man, his cup is full of sorrow. Chong-ilie seems happy; he is still the fruit-farmer, and comes in to look after our trees for us. Poor Kim (a former cook) has gone to the bad. He is a "ma-pu" (cares for horses) and had to leave the fruit farm, and his wife and children have had to go to - or near- where her father lives. Yisie is still with me (sewing woman); she isn't a bit well, but she has to work anyway. Her boys don't amount to anything. The oldest is to be married on Friday - Po-kakie, and is getting a nice girl they say. She'll be another one for Yisie to feed. I have been having Pokukie workin, in the garden; I believe he would be a real good boy if someone could have patience with him. Its late so I'll finish in the morning.

Tuesday, 11 a.m. I just came home from the Bible Institute; my class is at 8:45. It was rainy, so I stayed for prayers. We finished Romans 8. We might call it the climax chapter or the Eternal Life chapter, or the Sanctification chapter. I told the women any of these names were all right. Read it, Gertrude, over and over. It will pay you to commit it to memory this summer. It has the essence of the whole Gospel in it.

"There is no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus." 8:1  
No, our sins have been nailed to the cross and are all blotted out by the blood of our Savior. "Sin shall not reign over you" - Rom.6:12  
Gertrude, while you are young take these wonderful, blessed truths, apply them to your own heart; make a complete surrender to Him. Decide it once for all, that through His grace sin shall not reign for a moment in your heart. Be strong in Him. You will be tempted; when you are undecided concerning anything, whether it is right or wrong, never fail to take it to the Lord in prayer, and ask Him definitely about it. Read and re-read I Cor.10:13, commit it to memory and make it yours. It is yours!

"God will make a way of escape" every time. Don't go against your conscience and better judgment for anything. You will have peace the world knows nothing about. Praise His Name! Jesus is coming; maybe during your life-time. The world is certainly fulfilling prophecy, its being prepared for His coming. Let's be faithful to Him and work as long as we have an opportunity. I do hope and trust you will live up to all the light you have this summer. Keep God's day holy; every Sunday morning repeat Isaiah 58:13,14 and ask God to help you keep His day holy in your heart. If they ask you to teach a Sunday school class, do it, and prepare your lesson well beforehand. If you attend the young people's meeting, do it for one purpose only, for His sake.

When your vacation begins my hard, heavy work will be over and I can give more time to thought and prayer for you children. I want you to be wholly given up to Him, not of the world.... You are so dear to us, we do love you so, I just can't tell you how much. We are hoping and praying you can come out next year. It will be all of the Lord if you can.

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Don't fail to write us every wekk. Be sure to go over our letters and answer all of our questions; make it a point to do so.

Father made some arrangement about your allowance which is more satisfactory. We will find out how much you need and we will supply it; only you must be very careful.....

We are having a regular rainy season rainy-day. Its so chilly we have to still have a little fire each day. My letter is too long, but you will have time to read it and I pray it may do you good. Be the very best girl in the world and help Aunt Jennie all you can. Do just what she tells you I know you will.

Bushels of love, hugs and kisses from Mother.- II Tim.2:15

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Byung Yang, Korea - May 23, 1915

My own Dearest Sweetheart, Gertrude,

Your letter of April 27 came Friday. I came home from class and had been here quite a while before I found the mail on the table. You wrote in your letter as if you write all of your letters on Sunday - do you? I really think you ought to draw the line and only write your home letter on Sunday, and no others. We never think of writing to anyone but you children on Sunday..... I am wondering if you have any rules in the home or if you are allowed to do about as you please. You spoke about getting up at 5 o'clock to play tennis with John (Laird?) It seems to me that was rather early to get out to play. Anyway, if you would play with a girl in the early morning it would seem to be more appropriate. Can you go where and when you please without permission? Can you go walking with with the boys at any time you want to and as long as you please? .....

You spoke about getting up and going with this fellow and that to take you here and there, when you know we did not want you to go with the boys. Now I don't want you to misunderstand Father and me; it is for your own good that we have written and advised you, for you simply can't do good work if your mind is taken up with going and having fun. You are not in school for a good time; its business and you ought to make the very best of it.....

Father will write about money affairs. We are down to rock bottom and below practically all the time. It really looks sometimes as if we will not be able to go to Sorai this summer, and we won't if we can't get a little ahead. You must be very careful with your money. Fix up your clothes and make them last just as long as you can. When your dresses get too small for you send them to Esther; I can fix them up for her. She wears that linen middy jacket of yours practically all the time. Don't throw anything away; be careful of all your clothes, and try to do what sewing you can for yourself. Yesie has made Esther a plain gingham dress this past week. Esther is entirely out of clothes. Some of her dresses I made for you 3 years ago would just about fit her now, only be a little too long. I often wonder what you do with dresses that get too small for you. Anyway, by the time you get this I'll have enough fixed for her for the summer. Mary has to take all of Esther's old ones, for nearly everything Esther has is too small for her now. She would wear out every pair of shoes I have if I would let her.

The past week as been as usual - study and teach. On Friday p.m. Yesie's eldest boy was married. He isn't much account but he did get a pretty little girl; she is a most earnest Christian. Her father has sold her several times but she and her mother stood out against it. They even had a law suit and won out. I do hope the boy will try to do something and make himself worthy.

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We are still having the loveliest weather; all nature is simply sublime. I have had a full busy day, - had 208 women and girls at Sunday school this morning. Esther and Mary went with Father.

Tell Aunt Jennie I am going to write just as soon as I can get the time

Lots and lots of love,

Mother.

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Thursday Morning -

I have been rushed all this week. On Monday I spent nearly all day getting sewing ready for Yesie. Yesterday I mailed 2 nightgowns to Olivette in care of Aunt Jennie. I did not know where she would be so I had to send them there. If she doesn't need them you can use them. I wish you would make out a list of things you want me to make you on a separate paper (not in your letter), then I can pin it onto the curtain and keep at it until the last thing is made. Look over your clothes and put down only what you need. Fix up as many as you can and wear them as long as you can. Be sure to bleach and whiten all your clothes this summer and put everything in good condition. Make this a very profitable summer in every way, and especially spiritually. Live close to the Lord. I am trusting Him to make a way for you to come home next summer. Oh I can't tell you how much I want you to come home! If Wilbur could only come too, but he must not miss school. It won't hurt for you to drop out for one year if the way opens for you to come.

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I can't tell you how much we do love you, and we covet the very best for you.

I must close and get out the questions on Romans 13.

We know what is for your good; you are young. There is great joy in store for you and a blessed future if you will obey.

Bushels and bushels of love and kisses,

Mother II Tim.2:15

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Pyeong Yang, Korea -- May 27, 1915

My dearest Girlie, Olivette,

Your letter of April 28 came a few days ago. We feel much encouraged about your coming. I don't know how many have written the Board about your appointment. We have faith to believe you'll get to come. It hasn't been decided yet but it is quite likely Miss Best will be in the school most of the year. Miss Snook leaves for furlough the last of June. The Hunts are to sail the last of July, 30th I think, so if you come you can come with them, and get here for Annual Meeting, Sept. 10th. Father thinks the Board will soon let you know. I am glad you are making all arrangement for school in the Fall. If you are appointed you must go over to Canton and Alliance, (Ohio) and see Uncle Cris before you leave. Don't think you have to have a lot of clothes, - come with what you have. You will need a nice evening dress for dinner on the ship and for the socials out here, but you will have those. You will need a pillow and steamer rug. I'd like to send you one of our steamer rugs. I think Wilbur has one, why can't you get his? Don't buy one unless you just have to. If his is not fit to use because of hard wear, why, you will have to get one.

We are kept so busy with our work. Father is teaching prophecy and church history. Next week he will have 3 hours. I have 9 more lessons in Romans. Today the men of the church give a picnic for the men of the Seminary. Tomorrow the women of the 4 churches give a picnic for the Bible Institute women out in the grove by Hi Jamie. Next week one evening the ladies of

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the Station give a supper for the women. Its to be Korean prepared by a good Korean cook.

These are the most beautiful days. We've had plenty of rain which makes a good growth of everything. The lilacs are just about gone, but the snow-ball bush is in full bloom and my two spireas, also the purple and white iris Aunt Jennie sent us. We are thinking much of you these days, because it is just about the time you are having your examinations. I see in the "Watchword and Truth" that Northfield commencement is June 5, which can't well be for thats on Saturday. It says the meetings begun June 5. We are especially praying for you and I believe you'll come out all right. I wish you could leave for Korea just as soon as school is out and could come to Sorai for the month we are there. Father is getting pretty tired. Next week he will teach 3 hours a day, and he is to give the commencement address, June 15 to the Seminary students. Just as soonas Seminary closes, the Presbytery meets, followed by the class for Helpers. By the time that is over he will need a rest.

I haven't cleaned house one bit yet and can't until my teaching is over. I want to paper some of the rooms and fix all the floors this summer. It takes all my time just to look after it and see that it is done

We see so little of the other members of the station; all are busy, I guess. Yesterday there was a reception for Miss Benedict before she leaves for America. She expects to c me back in December and be married to Mr. J.Z.Moore..... I must close and get out my questions on Rom.13

Lots and lots of love,

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My dearest Olivette,

It is late but I must put a note in with Mother's letter. We are thinking of you every day. Just now you are finishing up your work for commencement. Since the Board has sent you application blanks, our hopes or rather, the prospects of your coming have increased. I hope you will just have a fine easy summer after you get out of school.

I am working hard every day and so is Mother. We get tired but we keep well. I suppose we cannot work as fast as we used to.

We are now having such beautiful weather. Today we had the Seminary picnic at Ki Ja's tomb. The city churches gave the picnic. The Koreans can make fun and do so enjoy it.

But I must close, so Good-night,

With much love, and still much more,  
Father.

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Sunday -11:30 - May 30, 1915

My dearest Gertrude,

I have just returned from my boys Sunday school class, and in an hour I must drive to South Gate church after Mother. She is so faithful in her work there, but cannot walk as she used to on account of her rheumatism. The roadway in to the church is too narrow to drive in so we cannot hitch the buggy. Sometimes one takes her, and sometimes another. I usually go after her. This morning she went down by jinriksha. I will go for her in the buggy. We get pretty tired by Saturday, and then there is not much let-up on Sunday either. But we praise God for the joy of it all and that He has ~~promised~~ permitted us the privilege of this service.

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We try to write to each of you every Sunday, but cannot always do it. When I do write it seems that I just have to write what is on my heart and when that is done, or before, a quarter of what I would like to say is put down, the letter is already too long, so I just cannot write some of the things I would like to and which I know you would like to hear....It takes 3 months until we get a reply to our letters.... There is no sacrifice we would not make in order that the very best may be done for your culture and development....What a joy you could be to your parents and to God if you would do of your own accord out of love to us what you know we would be pleased with. Parents obedience is the same in kind as obedience to God; simply keeping the law or trying to is not the highest form of obedience to God, but to do as Christ when He said, "I always do those things that are pleasing to Him." ....This is a wicked world and a sadly dangerous time we are living in. We are trying to help you escape some of its perils, its pitfalls, snares. How the world in disobedience is running away from God to its own destruction!....There is no safety in an unsundered life, no hope, either. I trust you will heed and be blessed.

From your loving, loving, loving Father.

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Pyeong Yang, Korea - June 4, 1915

My Dearest Gertrude,

I did not write on Sunday; I thought I'd wait until your letter came, which it did on Monday, and one from Olivette, Wilbur, Aunt Tirz, and in a day or two one from Aunt Jennie, Della and Cozette, and today another from Olivette. Don't that cheer our hearts!

Father has written you an epistle so I shall only add a short note. It has not yet been mailed for we wanted to re-read it; we don't want to be hasty or make a mistake; they are written with a heart full of deepest love. We covet the very best for you. We can look ahead and see what golden opportunities are yours; now is your time to improve them. What a happy summer you can have with Aunt Jennie; I believe you will. Do all you can to help her with the work; get up and get the breakfast for her. Keep right at your music and put in as time as you can reading, books that will be of benefit to you.

The days go by just as usual, preparing lessons and teaching. Only four more periods and I will be through. Last evening we had a Korean supper at the Marquis chapel. We gave it but Koreans did the work. Our school closes June 11. College commencement is June 14; Bible Institute June 14 p.m.; Seminary commencement June 15. Father is to give the address.

I am having Old Yi make flower beds, so I must go have my plants set out. The snowball bush has just lost its beauty; last night's rain spoiled it.

I have written to Olivette about your going camping. She will talk to you about it, and so will Aunt Jennie. I do not understand what it is but if its a lot of boys and girls out together, why then we could not consent for you to go. You had better make up your mind to stay at Aunt Jennie's until school begins. Count your blessings, and don't hanker so much after fun. Don't do anything unless you confide in Aunt Jennie and get her consent; she is just like a mother to you. She will only advise you for what is your own good.

Lots and lots of love,

Mother.

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Pyeng Yang, Korea - June 4, 1915

My dearest Olivette,

Your letter of May 2 came a few days ago, and letters from Wilbur and Gertrude, Aunt Jennie, Della and Cozette and Tirze. My, wasn't I glad to hear from them all. I was sorry Aunt Lene had been sick, and trust she is all right now.

A Board letter was passed around the Station where they said they were waiting for your application blanks. Dr. Brown's letter was April 26. Your application went in just a few days after that. Day before yesterday Miss Snook received a letter from Mrs. Forsythe saying the Board of the Northwest had taken your support, so that means to us that you are coming. When Miss Snook called the Station on the phone and announced what she read from that letter, I said, "All things work together for good to those who love the Lord!" Isn't that true! You are coming because it's God's will, and we are glad it's that way. We need you and it will do you good, to be at home. I want you to be a blessing to the girls in the school. I feel you can fill a most important place not only in the everyday routine but in the girls' spiritual life. You may feel your own helplessness and weakness but you know where to go for your supply of strength. What a blessed comfort! We don't have to do our work in our own strength. What a failure it would be if we did. We are thinking of you and praying much for you these days, for it must be just about the time for your examinations. I feel sure you will get through all right. You will go direct to Aunt Jennie's and it will keep you rather busy. Keep in touch with the Hunts and come when they do. The Ross family is coming at that time also, and the new teacher Marion Hartness from Cedar Rapids, Iowa. It will be very pleasant for you both to travel together.

It would be nice if you could stop in Chicago and attend the Friday meeting at Room 48. I wish you could stop in Iowa. I am going to write to the Synodical president, Mrs. Hale, and it may be you can plan to go by Des Moines and travel with Miss Hartness to the coast. You see, our faith has been strengthened; we believed you would come.

Your letter of May 9 came this morning. It was laid on Father's table so I did not get it until he came home. We had it for dinner! I can't understand about your sending your papers to the Philadelphia Board; you must have sent them to your Board in New York. Miss Snook wrote to Mrs. Forsythe, so she must have taken it up right away, for she wrote to Miss Snook that the Board of the Northwest had taken your support. I do hope some way you can be at one of their meetings at Room 48.

I'm glad you got a taste of rooming alone, and hope you will want to. Wilbur is alone this term. By the time you get this he will be out trying his hand as a salesman; we do hope he will succeed. Gertrude is to stay with Aunt Jennie all summer and work and take responsibility and earn her board. She says in her letter of May 2 that she has to go back a few weeks before school begins and go camping with the boys and girls. I don't know what that camping is but it's my opinion she had better not do anything of the kind. You find out exactly what it is and you talk it over with Aunt Jennie. She is to do just what you and Aunt Jennie think best.

Father has written her an epistle which she will let you read. You know we told her not to make dates to go with the boys while she is in Preparatory; she has broken over. I don't think she has been making dates, yet she has been going with the boys, contrary to our wishes.

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We know she can never do her school work and keep going to everything. She is young and when she is in college will be time enough for her to have young men take her places. I have confidentially talked it over with some of the ladies here for fear we might be too demanding but they said it was not too much; that is just what we felt.....

If you do come, I wish you would bring some kind of summer hat for Esther and Mary. They are wearing those broad-brimmed white straw hats you and Gertrude wore. Mary wears the little hat you made. I am still wearing the same hat I got when I first went to America. If you could get me one for summer that don't cost much, or if Aunt Jennie has a cast-away one, you could have it trimmed up, and it would do very well. I would prefer a black straw of some kind. If you don't have any good way to carry them, why, never mind. We can get on. My clothes and hats don't take up much of my mind and time. One thing I do want you to bring me and that's a corset. I tried to select one when we sent an order but could not find any, only the extreme long ones. I want one with good strong stays in front. Esther ought to have a Ferris corset waist for a girl. You will be surprised when you see her, she is so big. She is one who wins people's hearts. She is doing so much better in school, working hard. School closes June 11. Mary has had to quit music. Harriet Whiting Gillis has gone to Chair Yung; Mrs. Whiting is very sick; is better now. Dr. Fletcher is sick with typhoid fever and pneumonia. Miss Grace Davis has been sick for months, in Severance Hospital and they don't seem to be able to find out what is the matter. Dr. Fletcher and Miss Jessie Rodgers are engaged, it was announced just lately. He, too, has been taken to Severance. We hope and pray they will all fully recover.

We have had another lovely rain, everything is glorious outside. Yesterday we rushed the garden and had everything cultivated Today I am getting places ready to set out flowers. We had the black cherry tree cut down; the bowers finished it up.

We have had a blessed study in Romans. I have only four more periods and I will have finished teaching in the Bible Institute.

I must close and will write again in a few days.

Many thanks for the  
"Mother" poem, also for  
the birthday card.

Lots and lots of love,

Mother  
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Pyeng Yang, Korea - June 13, 1915

My own dearest Girlie, Gertrude,

Father has written his letter so I shall begin and finish in the morning. I was so sorry not to write last Sunday, nor during the week. On Sunday I was just too tired to write after going to the South Gate. and to the English service.

Monday Morning, 9:30.

Last night Father said its time to quit and go to bed, so I obeyed. We have had breakfast and Korean prayers. Yeie wants me to cut out Mary's dress so she can sew it, but I will finish your letter first. You shall not be cheated out of your letter this time.

Now glad I am that you can make your own dresses. I do hope you will learn to sew and even make your own good dresses. Miss Snook gave Esther one of her gingham so Esther is ripping it up and will make it over herself.

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She and Mary have now gone over to the Seminary building to help decorate for this afternoon. I'm sorry the rambler roses are not out, but everything is late this Spring, - so much cold and so much rain. Our garden just looks fine, and so does the yard, so green and fresh. The roses are in bloom and are beauties, except for the ramblers. I wish they were for they would be so pretty to use for decorations. The college commencement will be held this morning at 10 o'clock at the Central Church; 9 graduates. I won't try to go, for there is always such a crowd and it lasts so long. At 2 p.m. today the Bible Institute has its commencement with 14 graduates. Dr Reynolds will give the address. All the teachers are to sit up on the platform. Tomorrow morning at 10 the Seminary commencement will have 28 graduates. Father is to give the address. As soon as the benediction is pronounced there will be a rush for the train going south. All the teachers and students go at the same time. Also Mrs. Lockett who goes to Taegu and then on to Japan for six weeks. School (PYFS) closed on Friday. Esther and Mary passed into the 7th grade without any conditions. My, but Esther was a happy girl.

I am wondering where you are; I hope at Aunt Jennie's. I want you to be the best girl and help Aunt Jennie and take responsibility when she gives you anything to do you do it to the finish and the very best you can.

I can't write more for our letters will be too heavy.

Lots and lots of love, hugs and kisses,

Mother  
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June 20, 1915

My own dearest Girlie, Gertrude,

Your long letter, partly written one week and finished May 23 came on Wed. It was very interesting to read of Color Day at Wooster. It was certainly a full and strenuous day for you; too much so, I fear. I am so anxious to get your grades for this term.; they will soon be coming how....I am glad you have found a congenial friend in "Charlie"

Carleton and such a nice house to go to; but don't get too carried away with any one person. Have self-control at all times. Don't ever be sentimental.....Make a good record in every way this summer. Do all you can in your music, and read as many helpful books as you can.

Our school (PYFS) closed a week ago last Friday. Mary has read four books since then; one, Minnie Barstow gave to Wilbur - "Great Men and their Sisters"; another is "Bright Boys". Esther is reading so much more now. Don't be content to read just light, airy books; read History, Poetry, books that will lift you away up above this light literature..

I will finish in the morning, as its late now.

Monday Morning - 9 o'clock. I have just had Korean prayers. Just now a Korean woman came and it has taken an hour to get through with her.

Last week on Monday morning at 10 was the College commencement, and at 2 p.m. the Bible Institute commencement in the Seminary building. The teachers all put on their good dresses and sat up on the platform; the graduating class just below them, and the women-students down in front.

The house was packed. Some of Miss Snook's girls sang, and the B.I. women sang, and also a selected few. The exercises were good. At 4:00 there was a reception for the college graduates.

On Tuesday morning at 10 the Seminary commencement was held. All the professors wore their Prince Albert coats and sat on the platform and took some part in the exercises. Father gave a good address. It was inspiring to see such a fine body of Korean men, - the largest Theological Seminary in the world

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Seminary in the world; McCormick Seminary in Chicago is the next, so Dr. Niffett said. What an exodus at 1:30! All the foreign teachers went at the same time. At 3 p.m. the Presbytery began. Father was rushed to death, because that dreadful trial came up at that time again. One night Father was up until 2 A.M. and had to leave for Nampo at 6:00, to meet the officers of the church and take away this "chosa" from being a Helper. He came back on the afternoon train, and went right to the Presbytery meeting. He scarcely had time to eat, and was up until 11:00 that night. He was rushed until Thursday when Presbytery closed.

The Summer Conference bawn on Friday. Father is teaching I John. It will close on Friday this week.

We have such a lot to do before we can go to Sorai Beach. I am rushing the sewing as fast as I can. I have my report written ready to copy on the typewriter.

We are having quantities of strawberries; we'll pick nearly a bushel today, I am sure. I have canned 25 cans, and made 3 qts. of sun-jam. Father wants to have the men in from our territory this P.M., and wants to give them berries., wlich we will do if there are enough. Esther and Mary are just now going out to pick them. The girls are both studying Korean, the Guin System - lessons that Father made out long ago. My, don't I wish I had made you children study it.

Yesterday we allwent to the South Gate; Father took us down and came back for us. In the P.M. we went to the English service. Mr. Holdcroft preached on Luke 7:18-35. It was Miss Snook and Virginia last Sunday with us. Virginia Wells goes tomorrow, and Miss Snook the next day, but they go on the same boat. Virginia leaves with the Roberts abd Dorothy Adams joins them at Taiky. There will be quite a party. Mr. and Mrs. E.H. Miller go at the same time, on the Manchuria. The Hunts, Rosses, and Miss Hartness come on that same ship, and Olivette, too, if she is appointed by that time. There must be some slip, for Dr. Brown says they are waiting for her application paper. Clivette says she is waiting to hear from them. It will turn out all right. Romans 8:28.

Lots and lots of love,

Mother II Tim. 2:15

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June 20, 1915

My dearest Gertrude,

I was nearly worn out by the close of the Presbytery that followed right upon the close of Seminary, beginning on commencement day. Having a church trial to look after in addition to much of the church work of our territory, I was pretty well tired out. I took a little rest this A.M. and then drove Mother and Mrs. Phillips down to their S.S. The girls, Esther and Mary, went with Mother to the South Gate. I was not much more than back, 'till I had to go down again and get them.

We are having quantities of strawberries now. I wish you could be here to help us eat them. I suppose you are at Aunt Jennie's today, for of course Wooster commencement is over by this time. However, we really do not know it closes; when you write us again do not neglect to tell us when you left the Home, for of course you are aware there is a rebate of ....dollars for every week you are absent. Do not fail to tell us the day you leave and the day also that school opens in Sept.

We had such a cool pleasant Spring, a nice shower every week, so that the trees and our garden look fine.

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Suddenly, about June 12, it was very warm and rainy weather, sort of sultry "rainy season" weather. I have been trying to make a little hay for Billy (the horse) but find it exceedingly difficult to get it dry. We ride out occasionally. Dr and Mrs Baird went with us a few nights ago and enjoyed it very much.

We are glad if you have found a congenial friend in "Charlie" Carleton. I have heard they are a nice family. Only do not get too thick with anybody. You are old enough now to stick to business, and make yourself useful to Aunt Jennie. Do not play at work but work hard and dispatch work. You have two things you ought to put first: that is your music, and work at Aunt Jennie's. Go regularly to S.S. and to church every Sunday and take part. Titus 2:11-14.

Lovingly,  
Father.

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Sorai Beach, Korea - July 11, 1915

My own dearest Girlie,

You see we are at Sorai; we came on Friday, leaving home on Thurs. p.m. at 3:30 and arrived here about 10 the next morning. I had not thought I would come until the 15th, but I had all the fruit put up and really it was the best time to leave home. I can't tell you how I did rush the work after the Bible Institute closed, - sewing, putting up fruit, and fixing the house. We put up over 40 cans of strawberries and a lot of sun-ham; over 20 jars of cherries and sun-jam, besides current jelly and gooseberry conserve. I don't know how many dresses I fixed and made for Esther. In the Spring she didn't have one she could wear. Mary was not quite so bad off, but I made several for her, too. Mine were left to the last; one dress is half-done at home, but the one Aunt Jennie sent I got the Jap tailor to make, so that is done and ready to wear. My, I can't say how thankful I am for it. He does very well and I have just about made up my mind that I'll do very little sewing for myself after this. I hadn't cleaned a bit of the house all Spring, so I did what I could before coming here. I had the bathroom papered and painted white and enameled. We tore out the old box that enclosed the chimney in the dining room and fixed all the loose plastering in the kitchen. I have sent for paper and will paper the dining room and sitting room Father's study and the back bedroom and hallway upstairs, when we go home. I almost dread to think of it, there will be so much to do getting ready for Annual Meeting, that begins on Sept. 10.

Our guests are to be: Mr and Mrs. Hoffman and two children, Mr. Erdman and his two boys, Miss Helstrom, Miss Esteb, and the new nurse for Seoul, and Dr. Speer who is making a tour of the East and will be in Pyeng Yang for part of the Annual Meeting. I can't say I look forward to Annual Meeting with pleasure any more; its just rush all the time, and this year especially when the college question will have to be decided one way or the other. Of course, it really has been decided, but there are two sides in our Mission. Just as soon as the meeting is over we have to rush right into our classes. Oh I will be so glad when Annual Meeting can be here at Sorai, and all over with in the summer, and we can go back home and give all of our time to our work. We feel it will be only a few more years until it will be held here. There are 19 houses here now; 8 have been built and are being built this summer. Mr. Moons came last Tuesday; his house has gone up in 4 days and is now ready for the roof. He and Dr. Mills had their houses all framed and ready to set right up. They were sent from Seoul in a big junk. Dr. Mills' house is nearly done, and they have moved in.

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We left home Thursday at 3:30 and came to the station by automobile. Pyung-sunie had the tickets, all the baggage checked for Nampo; there we went over to the boat landing by jinrikasha; got right on to the boat and had our supper (a lunch we had taken with us). Mr. and Mrs. Holdcroft, Mr. and Mrs. Lampe and 3 children (of Syen Chun) came also. The boat left about 9:00. There were swells that made the whole crowd sick, except Mr. Holdcroft. I kept from being sick all night, but had to give up in the morning. We came in to Sariwon about 9 a.m. and had to wait so long for the little boat. But at last we were on land, all rejoicing to set our feet on solid ground. We found our cottage all opened up and scrubbed out. Mr. and Mrs. Phillips had come down the boat before and went in our cottage for a little while. I was so glad to find it aired out so well. We have been busy getting it ready to live in. I am going to stain all the woodwork, and paper with white and paint the woodwork outside green and whiten the wall with lime. We wanted to build a porch on the North side and a kitchen at the end, but we will have to wait, I guess, until next year. We are only too thankful we had enough money to come. We had a chance to sell our 3 stoves to Dr. Baird for the new Academy for 75 yen, which helped us out. If we ever get anything ahead again I am sure we will be very careful.

We have just come home from service at Dr. Underwood's cottage. Mr. Bunker preached a sermon from Isaiah 48:18 : "Oh that thou hadst hearkened to My commandments; then had thy peace been as a river and thy righteousness as the waves of the sea." The main thing is to obey the commands of God and then our peace will be as a peaceful river.

My own dearest sweetheart, I am thinking of you a lot these days and I trust you are having a good and profitable summer vacation. Let your light shine for the Master; don't for one moment let it be hid under a bushel; work for Him; now is your time. He will give you the opportunity if you want it; ask for it and then when He gives it improve the opportunities given.

Esther has written and Father wants to put in a sheet or two, so I must close. I will soon write again. Tell Aunt Jennie I am going to write her now that I have a breathing spell.

Lots and lots of love,

Mother.

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Bay View Cottage, Sorai Beach, Korea  
Sunday Evening, July 11, 1915

My dearest Gertrude,

In the rush of closing up the work and getting off to come down here, I fear you have not been getting letters very regularly. We decided to leave Pyeng Yang just as soon as the fruit was done, - strawberries, raspberries, cherried, currents, gooseberries. I amde several tons of hay. We just got through in time to take the steamer on the 8th, 5:30 p.m. arriving here at 9 a.m. on the 9th. We were all quite sick at sea, but it did not last long. We are not quite settled yet but still we are comfortable and happy in our Bay View cottage, the most quiet and restful view in all Korea, and we think the best site at Sorai. It is so cool and pleasant; the swimming is perfect. the most lovely scenery, and oh such sunsets! There are about 40 here. now including children, and more to come. We hope you will have a profitable summer, and keep faithful. Lovingly, Father.

Sorai Beach, Korea - July 15, 1915

My dear Sister Jennie,

You see we are at Sorai in our little Korea house for a month of rest. We arrived just one week ago today; we came a little early because our fruit was just about all over for the present and Will had his work done. I did not have mine all done but I just left things and came, and will have a lot to do when we go home. I got as much of the house fixed up as I could before we left. I papered and painted the bathroom and got the upstairs all fixed, but the floor. I will have 4 rooms to paper as soon as we get home, and all the floor to fix up. The paper had not come yet so there was no use for me to wait; so we thought we would come and go home earlier. We found our cottage opened up and cleaned, by the Phillipses, who had come on the boat before and stayed in our house a little while until they could get theirs ready.

We have been fixing our house some, but will leave the porch and kitchen until next summer.

Sorai is having quite a boom this summer, 8 new houses have been built, and several are still being built. There are 19 houses here now. Esther says there are \$ 61 people here, and more will be coming. Dr. Underwood says 90 have written and expect to come during the summer. A Chinese from Chelmulpo has a store where we can get all our provisions. The Koreans bring chickens, fish, clams, and fruit to the door to sell. Just as soon as we get our house in shape and can have enough bedding, etc so we don't have to take things back and forth from home, our outing will be easy and inexpensive. It is certainly one of the most beautiful spots on the earth. As I sit here at the table I look out to the North on the sandy beach where there is a full tide just now, to the East where is a lake with a back-ground of mountains, to the South is a bay with islands and mountains in the distance, and to the West is the sea (but I can't see that from where I am sitting). This is a promontory projecting to the west out into the sea, with rugged cliffs on one side and a white sandy beach 3 miles long on the other side,- a perfectly safe place for bathing, not one bit of under tow. Its a lovely place for children, and what a good time they are having! We expect to be here just about one month, and hope to rent our house for the next month.

If I had written as many times as I have thought of you and intended to write you would be overwhelmed. My hands certainly have been full. Just as soon as the Bible Institute closed I began sewing for the girls; I left mine till the last, consequently I have a dress half-done to be finished when we get home. I got the Japanese tailor to make the dress you sent me, and he certainly did make a neat job of it. It is made like one of Miss Best's she just brought out. She paid \$9 gold, and I paid ¥5.50 yen or \$2.75. I wonder if I ever did write and thank you for all those nice things; we certainly do thank you many times; I can't say how much we do appreciate them.. You would not know Esther, she has grown so fast. It seems I don't much more than get a dress done for her until a tuck or a hem has to come out of it. I made Mary such a neat, pretty dress out of the piece left from Olivette's that you gave her several years ago, thin goods with a pink flower in it.

We haven't heard yet whether Olivette is coming or not; her last letter written in June sounded like she would soon be appointed. I need her so much and she will have plenty to do in the girls school.... I do hope Gertrude is helping you this summer. If its convenient for you I want her to spend her vacations with you and you have her work just like you would a child of your own and obey you in all things.

The boat will soon be here to pick up the mail, so I'll close. We are expecting a box of fruit and vegetables from home. We all join in sending love. Your sister, Sallie.

Bay View Cottage, Sorai Beach, Korea  
July 19, 1915

My own dearest Children,

I am going to write one letter this time, Gertrude may send it to Wilbur, and Wilbur to Olivette, that is if she has not already left for Korea. I have sent letters to meet her on the boat thinking maybe she has been appointed and can come with the Hunts

Olivette's letter of June 13 written from Montgomery, New York and mailed at Newark, New Jersey, and also one from Wilbur written the same day at New Washington, Ohio, came Saturday morning; also Wilbur's picture and the stamp album for the girls. Many thanks, my dearest boy. We were so glad for the picture. If you could have seen the girls over those stamps and the delight and pleasure it gave them, you would have felt more than repaid for sending them. The greatest delight will be when they get home and can put stamps in their new album.

We missed your letter, Gertrude; it really seems ages since we have heard from you. Do be sure and write every week. We are so anxious to hear every mail. I feel sure this mail will bring letters..

We are having a real old fashioned rainy season. Yesterday morning all of a sudden we had the most awful rain and storm. Our roof leaked a little, just enough to make our house in an awful mess. We were just ready to sit down to the breakfast table, when the storm began. I immediately covered over the fruit (stewed dried cherries and apple sauce), and just then some mud and water came down on the table. It would have gone right into the apple sauce. Oh what a hustling time! It was something like we used to have on the boat (up the river). Its rain and fog, rain and fog, until we just long for a ray of sunshine. Its almost too cool to be real pleasant. We sleep with 2 blankets over us every night. Tomorrow the boat comes from Chemulpo and will bring quite a crowd:-Mrs. Owen and her family, Mr. Erdman and his 2 boys, Dr and Mrs. Clark and Allen, Mr and Mrs McFarland and Ruth,-that's all I know of. There are quite a lot here now, 61 including children. Esther and Mary are invited to Miss Van Wagner's and Miss Pye's cottage this evening to make candy. The others seem to enjoy the bathing. I haven't yet because its really too cold and I can't get over this troublesome rheumatism. I am much better and hope this rest will do me as much good as last year. Father is writing so I shall close

Lots and lots of love,

Mother II Tim.2:15

My dearest J. Wilbur,

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July 20, 1915 - Sorai Beach

You will see by the heading where we are. After coming down and were just set up, we received your letter of June 13. How interesting and yet how enterprising. I suppose you will be advertising in the local papers next thing we hear. If you only don't become discouraged I think you will succeed. Of course you will have your trials, everybody has them; the great thing is to overcome. Did you ever think what Columbus had to overcome before he discovered a great continent?

We are praying for you every day. Only remember that God alone can keep you and that He will do it only as you daily yield yourself in full obedience to Him. You should not want to make too much (money), for if you set your mark too high you will be disappointed the more. It will be interesting to hear how you come off with your demonstrations. The whole thing sounds very novel. I was wondering whether you and Ed Adams divide your proceeds or work independently; only rooming together.

We are having it cool here on the bluff, a beautiful place to take

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a rest; the sea bathing is very much finer than the river. We have over 50 persons here now including children, and a whole lot more are coming on the steamer from Chemulpo today

We were quite surprised just before we left Pyeng Yang with a note to the children inviting them down to the boat on the river in front of Faulks. Dr. Moffett and Miss Fish had slipped off to Seoul and got married, and this was an invitation by Mrs. Moffett to a little picnic on the river. They came down from Seoul reaching Pyeng Yang on the 3:30 train and went right to the boat. It was their way of announcing it to the community. This Miss Fish is a cousin of his first wife.

Here it is the 20th of July and we have not heard of Olivette's appointment yet. We are hoping that she has been appointed before this and is on her way out, but the Board is terribly pokey in not seeing to the appointment before this.

But I must close. Mother is also writing to you, so you will have enough to read by the time you get this though.

With much love. Phil.1:6

Father.

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Sorai Beach, Korea - July 27, 1915

My dearest Gertrude,

It has been so long since we received a letter from you. I wonder how you are. Mother is writing. I can only write a little.

I hope you are making much of your opportunities. I hope you will recognize how God has given you special privileges and opportunities. It is not every girl that has such a dear good Mother, and Oh I have often told you how you were the gift of God in direct answer to prayer. You must make good. Your purpose in life should stand out before you every day. You are living for Christ, for His glory., not for fun. We have not ceased to teach you, to help you, to pray for you. But you are so far away.....We are trying to keep you in school and give you a good education and preparation for life.

Now as to finances,- I have asked Wilbur to give you \$25. for incidentals for the first semester,-books, fees, etc. If you render a proper account for this, about November I will see what we can do for you in the 2nd semester. Your board, and room, and tuition, of course, are all settled for you through the Board. As you render an account and write us concerning your needs we shall try and provide you with what you need.

I wish you could be with us a while. Its too bad that you have had to be separated from us so early. But if you mind, and read your Bible and commune with Christ and do your best in school, you can do good if you will. I wish you could enjoy this summer with us here at Sorai Beach.

We pray that you may grow to be that sweet, modest, loving, true, thoughtful, purposeful, strong woman which your younger days have always given such promise of.

With a heart full of love and of best wishes for you,

From your loving,

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Father

Pyeng Yang, Korea - August 11, 1915

My own dearest Gertrude,

I am so sorry so much time has elapsed since I wrote you, my dear sweetheart, I feel bad about it, but down at Sorai the last 2 weeks were confusion most of the time, except Sunday, and then I just did not feel at all like writing.

Well, you see we are at home, - Esther, Mary and I. We left Sorai Sat. p.m. at 3 o'clock and got in to Nampo at 3 a.m.. Well, there was nothing else to do but to wait over Sunday. I wanted to come on home - oh so badly, but for the sake of the work and the Koreans we stayed. And I am so glad I did, for God certainly did give me a blessing for it Mr. and Mrs. Holdcroft came with us; we all went to a Jap hotel, - a different one from last year and much better. It was so clean and neat, we enjoyed the stay there. We had our own food, so did not take any meals. I went to the Nampo church and also to the Ung-nan-tul church in the p.m. How glad they all were to see us, and I had a long talk with one of the women who has become "disgruntled" and quit going to church. I think she repented; anyway, she said she would attend church again. I came away Monday morning feeling so thankful I had stayed, for God I know did use me, and then I had a clear conscience. Quite a number of the women and the pastor were at the train in the morning to see us off. I went right to Mr. Gillis to get the key (as we had left it with him), but the girls came on home. When I unlocked the door I found it in splendid shape; there had been a few leaks but not many and the house wasn't any musty. It didn't take me long to have it all opened, and then I found a big mail.

Your letter of July 11 and also one from Wilbur of the same date. I read them, then wrote to Father and sent them right on to him. As yours was in reply to his letter I won't try now to say anything about it; I'll let Father write. Really, I think we have written about enough anyway.....We really are thinking seriously about your coming out next year. If you can get work in our foreign school, you will have to be very industrious this year. I hope you will keep at your music and try to fit yourself to teach. My, you would have just about all you could do; there's no one to give our children lessons. I don't suppose Mrs. Gillis will give any lessons this year as she will have a bew baby to care for.

This is a short letter must it must go. Bushels of love from

II Tim. 2:15

Mother.

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Pyeng Yang, Korea Aug.15, 1915

My dearest Gertrude,

I know you will be disappointed in not having word from home for so long. I have tried to write about every Sunday but did not always get all around. We are all home again today. Mother and the children came last Monday and I stayed over another steamer and arrived home Friday night. There was a little more to do to finish the cottage, so I stayed over. The Morrises came down and are staying in our cottage. We have a nice cottage now that we have put on a large porch.

Mr. Blair, Mr. Lernheisel, Miss Frey, and two ladies from Syen Chun went down to Sorai on the return of the boat which I came home on. I think Bernheisel decided to go, after I returned and told him how nice it is down there. Bowling Reynolds came just before I returned. There were over 100 there this summer, - 115 I think. We always like to get back, though. Its so restful to be away for a while, but its nice

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to get back to the luscious fruit and the lovely garden and the horse and buggy.

Olivette will be here soon. Her steamer reaches Yokohama day after tomorrow. She may be here before next Sunday. I know it will seem like a visit with you all when we see her, as she comes direct from you at home. Mother received your long letter to me, - she sent it and a letter from Wilbur to me at Borai Beach thinking that I'd get them before I would leave. She had hoped that I would stay another week. Mother told me what you wrote, but I shall have to wait until I read the letter myself before replying....I am so thankful and praise the Lord that you want to do what is right and obey in all things. If you can only trust and know that it is all for your good, and be happy about it, great are the blessings in store for you.

Dear Gertrude, do you meditate on the truth; do you love to read the Bible and pray and do as your conscience tells you? Psalm 1:1-3 Fun is proper in its place, but unless held firmly in check it very frequently makes fools of those who have no power of restraint. I am beginning to think there is altogether too much play at Wooster. The people who play through college are not the ones who in later life bear the world's heaviest burdens. There should always be amusements and social recreation, but it should be limited. It is against the excess of it that I am speaking. I do so wish and hope that you will be faithful to your Sabbath charge. You may be sure that if you will not keep the Sabbath holy (Is.58:13,14) the devil is going to have a great long lever with which to pry you little by little away from your moorings, where you have been anchored in Christ and the Holy Word. When you yield yourself to your surroundings and do as others do and go where others go, the Lord will let you go, just as He did Balaam to his own destruction.

Dear Gertrude, if you are going to be just like other people, what is to be the sign that you are a child of God? (Ezek.20:12) Probably the greatest sign of Christians today is that of professing Christianity and yet not knowing the Lord whom they vainly seem to acknowledge and worship. That was the sin of Israel, and it is of the church today. So you must not think you are all right so long as you do as other so-called "good Christians" are doing. You must think for yourself and use the judgment which God has given you, and the light that you have, so that you may be a witness now and forever for Christ.

I wish you would read carefully over and over Ezekiel 36:22,23 and see how God there shows or explains how those who truly know God are to be sanctified, that is, set apart from the world, so as to be a witness before the world of the holiness and righteousness of God. God's name is profaned before the heathen when we cease to follow Him, when they cannot see a difference in us from the world.....Oh we must live close to to Christ day by day, pure and conscientious lives before those with whom we are placed. This is what you should do while you are now at school. You should hold the Lord's Day to be precious....God will then give you the promised blessing.

We are all well. God bless and keep you, my dearest loving Gertrude. We do so want you to be happy.

With over-flowing love. I will write soon again.

Father.

Sorai Beach, Korea - July 27, 1915

My own dearest Gertrude,

Your letter begun on June 13 and finished on the 18th came last week. I see you went to Aunt Jennie's on June 21. I can't make out just when your school closed. Wilbur left on Friday; he said you were leaving Sat. or Monday; but I see by the Independent that you stayed one week longer. Did you stay at the Home or at the Carleton's that week?.... Aunt Jennie will be a true mother to you. She is willing to give you music all the time.....

We are still at Sorai and wish you could be here with us to enjoy this beautiful place and the bathing. We expect to go home in 2 weeks. from today. Mr. and Mrs. Morris will come with the children and stay in our house for 2 weeks. We are fixing our house some, making a bedroom out of the kitchen, and moving the kitchen back where we had a room for the servant, and also putting a porch on the north side of the house. We simply had to have more room when Olivette comes. So rather than wait we are building now and it will be done next summer, then our summer won't be spoiled by fixing the house as it has this summer. We are having cool pleasant weather, while inland, they say, its dreadful, If it wasn't for Olivette coming and the Annual Meeting we would stay 2 weeks longer, but I must go home and get the papering done and house-cleaning; I can't rush Like I used to.

I hope you are having a quiet restful and helpful summer. I am writing to Aunt Jennie in a day or two.

Bushels of love, hugs and kisses, from

Mother.

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Pyong Yang, Korea - Aug. 23, 1915

My own dearest Sweetheart,

I just can't say how sorry I am that I have been so negligent. You will forgive me, won't you, my own dearest girlie? Just 2 weeks today since we came home from Sorai and I have simply rushed things: cleaned the house from top to bottom, papered the sitting room, dining room, Father's study, the hall up-stairs, the back bedroom, fixed the floors, and am just about through. I have the kitchen to clean and varnish yet, and the front porch to paint.

On Friday morning, just as we expected, a telegram came from Olivette.. "Arriving Saturday morning at 4:14". Can you imagine what a happy set we were! We rushed to get her room all ready, -the south room upstairs is hers. The next morning at 3:15 we were up and by 3:40 ready to go. The automobile came for us; Mrs. Lockett and Mr. McMurtrie went too to meet Miss Hartness. The train was in when we got there so we made a rush for the train. I was the first to meet Olivette. She had already started over the bridge. Needless to say we were happy. Words can't express it. Old Yi and Choi-hong went down to carry up her baggage. We were all unspeakably happy. After we saw the Ross family we started home, all coming up in the auto. It was still dark. I went in and lighted up the house, then we all knelt and Father led in a prayer of thanksgiving. My, but we were a happy lot! We sat and talked until it was light enough to go out in the yard so Olivette could see everything. The trees had grown so, of course she scarcely knew the place. We had breakfast and Korean prayers.

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Olivette, Esther and Mary have Korean prayers now. Esther and Mary have been having it for some time. I do want them to read Korean well before they go to America.

Sat. forenoon Miss Tate and Carey Reynolds came to stay over Sun. They came on the boat from Sorai. Carey will meet her parents in Seoul and go on to Chung Ju with them. Bowling has come out for this year, and will teach his sisters this year, then Carey will go home with him next summer.

Sunday morning Father took Olivette, Mary and me to the South Gate church. Olivette surprises us all the way she can speak Korean.

She has had quite a lot of callers.

Sunday evening we all went to the 7 o'clock foreign service, and all sat in one row like we used to. Didn't I think of you and Wilbur though, and wish you could be here. I thought as we went down the road, "Oh, if Gertrude and Wilbur could only be here, wouldn't we be a happy family, all going to church again together." We had supper after we came home.

This is Tuesday p.m.

Olivette, Esther and Mary have gone to see Yisie who is sick. Father is having a rope-bed made and a seat on the porch. We are also going to have a swinging chair and a rustic bench made; then we can enjoy the porch. Yesterday at dinner we had Miss Best and her two guests, Miss Harge Lee and Miss Woods from China. Olivette attended her first station meeting at 4 o'clock. Miss Doriss had a dinner party and Olivette went over there at 7 o'clock. She said they had it on the lawn and had such a nice time. Miss Tate and I went to call on Mrs. Wells. Miss Tate and Carey left on the 1:30 a.m. train, so when we got up this morning they were gone.

You will be sorry to hear Dr. Wells has left our Mission and will resign to accept a position at the mines. He is at the mines now, but will come back for Annual Meeting and then they will move to Hol-cole. Its the money thats taking them. Last year he refused the offer, but the temptation was too great this time. They may see the day when they will regret it. Of course we are sorry to see them go.

Because of Dr. Well's absence Dr. Whiting came up and took Harriet Mr. Gullis and baby Elizabeth to Syen Chun, and the next day a baby boy, Robert Stewart was born. They are all doing nicely. Last week Caroline Smith was taken very sick suddenly. Dr. Cutler is doctoring her. They don't seem to know exactly what it is but fear it is the same trouble she has had before, T B of the bone, - this time in her knees.

Now it is Wednesday morning just after breakfast and your letter's not finished. Well, I don't do anything until it is finished and sent to the mail box. Please do forgive me for this long neglected letter. I just can't tell you how I do want to see you and Wilbur. We are so glad to have Olivette and we just love her and think she is such a dear; it makes us want to see you both just that much more.

How would you like to come and teach piano for one or two years? It looks now as if there is an opening for you.....Put everything in the hands of the Lord and just let Him lead and we know all will be well. Rom. 8:28. Mr. Blair wants you to come and I know he will do all he can to get you a place in the school. Everyone we have spoken to say that will be just the thing. You will be 18 when you come, and if you stay two years 20 when you enter college - just the age I was when I first started away to school. Make up your mind to do the very best this year both in your studies and in your music. What are a few dates and a so-called "good time" in comparison with what the blessed Lord has in store for you in the future! .....We are jealous for our children; we covet the

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very best in everything; for you all. Will you do your part to get just what God wants for you? He is so willing to give if you will only receive.

When you go back to school...get all the gymnasium you can. My, how you could use it out here. Do you want to come next summer? Miss Snook will be coming back the last of June. Maybe we could arrange for you to come with her. As I said before, we will leave it all in the hands of the Lord. He can do far better for us than we can for ourselves.

This must go now. I certainly not neglect my girlie again.

Bushels of love,  
Mother.

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Pyeng Yang, Korea - Sept. 1, 1915

My own dearest Gertrude,

I can't say how sorry I am that I have neglected you as I have this last month. My conscience keeps pricking me all the time, and the work keeps pushing me, so you see I have been between two fires.

Olivette got your letter written just after she left; and your letter of Aug. 8 came this morning. We had a good laugh over the anxiety of the dear old ladies, and am glad you could put them at ease. Olivette has been so long getting her letter written to Aunt Jennie and Wilbur; it seems she will never get it finished. She studies every morning with Suxsie, but she has plenty of time if she would only get at it and stick to it until its finished.

Last week passed so quickly and I got so little done, because I had so little help. We went swimming several times. Sat. I went to my class for the first time since we came home. Olivette took up her work and went to it for the first time at the Bible Institute which the Station assigned her for Sunday. She is to have charge of the girls' Sunday school of the 5th Church, - Miss Snook's work. I am so glad, for I know she will like it. The Academy girls go there. Mrs. Mowry teaches there.

On Sunday Mary and I went to the South Gate. Father came for us. Father preached there in the afternoon. Mr. Phillips preached in English at the 7 p.m. foreign service. It was so helpful; he took Is. 40:31. "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall run and not faint." I am going to ask you to commit this verse the week you get this letter and make it your very own. Gertrude, I do want you to make up your mind that this shall be the very best year you have ever had.....Your report for piano and Wilbur's for voice came this evening. You got 87 and Wilbur 85 which shows you must have done good work. I do hope you will do your best in piano this year. I want Wilbur to keep on with voice, too.

Monday - We were expecting the Hoffmans family but they did not come until Tuesday. We are making cement steps in front, for the old ones were all decayed, and were dangerous. How nice they will be when they are finished! We will have cement sides and posts, too - such nice places to set plants on.

Father left for Seoul Tues. morning at 1:30 a.m.; he had a committee meeting at 9:30 that morning. He won't be back until next Thursday, when nearly all will be here for the Annual Meeting. Mr. Hoffman went to Seoul this afternoon.

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They have two of the fattest and healthiest children! Pyung-sunie came today to work, so I hope now to have more time for other things. I will have to get the house ready for guests. Dr. Speer will be here a week from Sat. night. He will have the front room upstairs with Mr. Erdman. Olivette and Miss Hellstrom have the back-room upstairs. The Clarks are in the guest-room.

Now my own dearest sweetheart, I send bushels of love and kisses and you can depend on it I won't neglect you so long anymore. I can't say how sorry I am.

Love, hugs, and kisses,

Mother. Rom.8:28

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My own Sweetheart,

These letters must go now. I am so sorry I haven't written, but I'm swamped these days. I have had 11 guests, and have 10 here still. Last night we had 17 people for dinner. Yesterday was a most trying day. The college question all day (at Annual Meeting). The Seoul college was voted out of our Mission, 36 to 8. Is it settled? Time will tell.

I must order the dinner and go over to the meeting.

Lots of love,

Mother.

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Pyeng Yang, Korea - Sept.20, 1915

My own dearest Children (Gertrude and Wilbur),

How I have neglected writing you; if you could see how disturbed we are and have been for 2 weeks or more, I am sure you would forgive me. I had 11 guests most of the time; one evening we had a family of 17. Dr. Speer left last Wed. p.m. for Seoul; but the other members of the party kept coming until they all left on Friday. The Annual Meeting has been going well. The college question was taken up on Tues. while Dr. Speer was here. He agreed with our Executive Com. and wanted them to have both colleges, our Mission to support both, which the majority of the Com. did not approve. He made quite a speech. Mr. Sharp, the chairman of the Ex. Com. made the best speech that day.

On Thursday, the college question which had been laid on the table, with Dr. Speer's recommendation, also a substitute motion by Herbert Blair, was taken up and discussed all day. They would have a speech on each side, then a prayer. There were so many more against the Seoul college that our side naturally got the most speeches. Thursday evening about 6 o'clock the vote was taken first for Mr. Herbert Blair's substitute motion that the whole question be referred back to the Board. It was lost, -11 for and 35 against. Then the Ex. Com.'s recommendation was voted on - that the Seoul college be entirely outside our Mission and no control of it. It was carried 8 against and 36 for it. It was just about the same that the vote has always been, but even though it was a majority, the minority ruled. Now it remains to be seen what the result will be, and what the Board will do. Dr. Speer's visit did not turn any unless it was a very few of the weakest ones. He did give some splendid and helpful spiritual talks and we did so enjoy his stay with us.

He is a grand man. His secretary Mr. S. was a fine man, everyone enjoyed hearing him play the violin. I go every mornin in time for the devotional; its so good to hear good singing. I just love it. How I wish I could sing and play! Do improve your time now and don't neglect piano. I am hoping you can take voice after a while.

Sept.20, 1915 - con.

Oh I do want to write a long letter, but this must go.  
The guests are leaving today. Meeting closed last evening (Wed.)

Bushels of love,  
Mother

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Pyeng Yang, Korea - Sept.29, 1915

My own dearest Girlie (Gertrude),

Your two good letters came last week. I'm so glad you visited Father's relatives and had such a nice time. Now we think of you all settled in school for another year of work. You are going to do a good year's work, I know, and be the very best girl in Wooster.

At last our guests are all gone. Mr. and Mrs. Hoffman left Sat. p.m. I have so much to do I scarcely know what to do first. What a wash the women have done today. I am having apple butter made, corn dried, grape juice made, and what not. I am sitting here at Father's desk he has just finished helping me with my lessons on Daniel. I have the last six chapters. Father goes to the country in the morning, so it must all be done today. He said I could write on the back of his letter.

Yesterday Mary and I went to the South Gate, and came back in a pouring rain. Dr. Baird preached at the foreign service. Father, Olivette and I went over to the Bairds for a little while. Esther and Mary went to Christian Endeavor. Dr. Baird read a letter from Mrs. Baird She had reached Wooster. I do trust she is strong.

Just as soon as I can get a moment of time I will write a long letter.

Bushels of love,  
Mother.

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Home, Sept.24, 1915

My dearest Gertrude,

Your letter written from Canton, Ohio while at Uncle Henry's, and another written from your cousin Frank's (Swallen) have just come. You touch my heart strings when you write about the old home place. I wonder what you could have said had you visited my old home in the hills where I grew up as a boy. But a very touching remark was that Uncle Chris was the only place where they had family prayers. You did not say it was the only place, but I gathered from the way you said it that it stood out as the one place, and best of all you enjoyed them. I am glad for that I hope it will be a lesson you won't forget. The going of the way of the world leaves the fireside cold and cheerless without prayer. It must greatly grieve the Lord, and the heart of Christ to think how many of the so-called Christians have no family altar to praise His name and deepen and strengthen character. Our daily prayer for you, Gertrude, and for Wilbur too is that you remember what God has given you in your early training. We know too well the temptations to which you are subjected, all the allurements which are so strong and which must be resisted and overcome.....I want you to know that on bended knee you are held up before God by your parents every day. Oh be faithful to Christ! stand strong in Him! He will keep you.

I told Wilbur to give you \$25. when you entered Wooster; also \$16.00 for any expenses of the summer....I will send you as much as you require. You must write and tell us what you need.

Olivette is making a good beginning and we are so happy to have her here. We all send our best love. Most lovingly,  
Father.

Pyeng Yang, Korea - Oct.20, 1915

My dearest Gertrude,

I am sure you will think we have forgotten you but we have not. I cannot tell you how rushed we are. But Olivette has written, and Mother too, so you are not wholly without news from home. There is much that I would like to say to you, but have not time now.....

I hope this will prove a good year and I trust you will keep up your prayer and Bible reading without which you cannot live right. You might as well try to live without eating and sleeping as to keep up your moral and spiritual life without daily devotions, -prayer and Bible study for yourself. God bless you my dearest own sweet Gertrude. Do not forget you are the gift of God to us and to the world. What a great future is before you! if you only abide in Him.

John 15:1-16

Most lovingly, Father.

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Pyeng Yang, Korea - Oct.27, 1915

My own dearest Gertrude,

It seems ages since I have written to you, or since I have finished and sent a letter. I don't know how many times I have begun, several anyway. Olivette and Father wrote so I concluded it did not matter so much. I have thought of you and Wilbur nearly all the time, even in the night when I waken my thoughts go to my children, in America. ....My faith has been strengthened because my trust is in Him. ....Resolve that your light and influence will be for Him always, no matter what or where, or when. When you get this letter you will be nearly 18 years old. Surely old enough to know right from wrong. Now I am going to say for my part (I do not know what Father will say) for he is in the country) but I will take back what I have said about you making dates with the boys, and give my consent if you will promise to be sensible and reasonable and only go once in a while..... You know we love you, Father and I, more than we can say. Don't think for one moment we don't understand; yes, we do understand. We know exactly what a treacherous sly tempting world this is. The old devil is always about trying to deceive and flatter and win all he can, and it just seems to me sometimes that he is bound to have my children. But he is not as long as I have a voice to cry unto God for my children. I will cry day and night. Oh Gertrude, do make a complete full surrender now, right now and trust all to Him. Then there will be no more anxiety, nor these hard things to settle, for He will settle them all for us.

There are many good and happy times for God's children, and such a peace of mind when we know we have done what we ought to do and what is pleasing to Him, whether we please ourselves or not.....

This afternoon when I was folding my summer dresses to put them away in the attic, when I took the one down you sent I couldn't help but fold it just a little more tenderly than the rest because my own sweet-heart had selected and sent it to Mother with a heart full of love. I want to thank you, Gertrude, many times, not only for the dress, which I do like and like to wear, but for the sweet love for Mother which prompted you to send it. Here's a hug and kiss, too.

I hope you will pardon this long delay but I just couldn't write. ....I have written this ~~to~~ with tears running down my cheeks and with a heart overflowing with love for the precious children God has given to us. It is now near midnight and I must go to bed for I haven't been well for several days. Olivette is so busy with her 60 girls. Esther and Mary love Miss Hartness. Bushels of love, Mother

Rom. 8:28

Pyeng Yang, Korea - Nov.11, 1915

My own dearest Sweetheart, Gertrude,

I must hurry and get this letter off or it won't reach you for your birthday, and think of it! this is your 18th birthday. I can scarcely realize it. My, don't I wish I were there to give you 18 kisses, 18 hugs, and 18 spanks! and one to grow on. Well, here they are! Many, many happy returns of the day, my own sweetheart. If you were here we would surely have a party. We had a nice little party for Mary on Nov.1 I was so glad I was at home. I left for my first class on Nov.8 and came home last evening at 9:15. We went to Chinampo and took a boat from there up the river, just a junk that took about 2 hours; then we had to walk about one mile. The class was at Chai-namie just about the fartherest part of our territory; for that reason the class was smaller than usual, 15-18 enrolled. I taught the last six chapters of Daniel; and the girls and young women the last two days in Acts. How I did enjoy it, and especially Daniel. I realize more than ever how very important it is for us to study prophecy and to understand the BOOK and set ourselves to pray not only for the Jews to return to Jerusalem, but for the Coming of the Master. He is coming again and we are to be caught up to meet Him in the air. I Thes. 4:13-18

Certainly the Lord was mindful of us. We had such beautiful weather all the time and a lovely day yesterday to come home. Today it is so cold and would be such a cold day yo come home. We have been so busy today looking after the apples. Father helped me until noon then he left for the country to hold revival meetings at Pun-kai until Mon. I sorted apples and had cider made and will make apple butter tomorrow. Also the kimchi will be made. Yisie bought all the stuff to put in it today. We will make 2 small "toks".(jars). How Olivette does like it! She is certainly busy these days; so many are buying things to send for Christmas. The girls do such beautiful work and Olivette is doing just fine, only she is really working too hard, we fear.

Next week I go to Sam-kol for another class, on Wed. I feel sure it will be a big class. Sometimes I wish I was well and strong enough so I could be out in the country more. I just love to be out helping these poor women and girls. My heart is just touched at the sight of these bright girls who could be trained and developed for useful work.

At the class there was a young woman who had been possessed with the devil. She studied and seemed all right, and the last night she testified. I must close and go to bed. Olivette is enclosing her present for your birthday. I am sending you \$3 for your birthday, the price of a box of apples. The check came today so I will send it to you. Get something t keep you warm, or if you are not in need of anything why, just keep it until you are.

Bushels of love and best wishes for many happy returns of the day (Dec.16) Rom.8:28 Mother.

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Nov.14, 1915

Dearest Gert,

Again we have been bereft of parents and are trying to run the house alone. Mother and Father left yesterday a.m. and will be gone two whole weeks without coming in once. Thank you so much for your letter of Sept.30 in which you advised me about my clothes.....

About your coming out, you asked me to tell you exactly what I thot I think its just the thing you ought to do. You ought to be seeing something of Father and Mother, and something of the work before you

Nov.14, 1915 - con (from O R S)

take it up as your life work. I think that is very wise. You will have a chance to try yourself out in the work, too. Don't fear that you won't have anything to do. If you want work there is plenty to be done. Of course we all want you to be over in the girls school where you will come in contact with the Koreans. But if the Board does not find it possible to support you there is no doubt but that they will put you in Miss Hartness' place (in PYFS)

About the financial side,- buying the furnace made it very hard for them for a while; but they want you to come out so that is enough. If you stay 2 years the Board will pay one way and Father the other. ... Don't get new clothes for this is a fine place to wear out your old ones and then you can get a brand new supply when you go back. Be sure and get shoes and hats,-the biggest worry on the mission field.

Miss Doriss is returning sometime in Jan. I have a little errand I want you to do. You know no liquid can be sent through the mails, and I want a bottle of violet perfume or toilet water,-good stuff, and Miss Doriss can bring it out. I want to try "Odorono", that stuff that keeps you from perspiring. They say its all right, so get me a small bottle.

O yes, I asked Mother and she said that your trunk, or box, was in the attic just as you left it and is waiting patiently for you to open it. Our letters have not been censored so far but you can't count on it in the future. I don't know what you are sending Father for Christmas, but I'm sure a tie would be greatly appreciated; he's rather low along that line.

Have you read Eleanor Porter's "Road to Understanding"? I finished it the other day; its quite good on the marriage question,- why do girls get married without knowing a blessed thing! Everyone here things that Bowling and I ought to announce our engagement. Well, I don't think there is any rush, and I'm not ready to be engaged yet. I mean, we are so much together the rest make conclusions. Don't worry, please.

I must close; I'm as sleepy as I can be. ....I want to make Aunt Jennie a counterpane of grass cloth and Chinese lace with a large monogram on it. You never saw anything quite as good looking!

Heaps of love from your own lost loving,

"Vett" (Olivette)

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Home - Nov.16, 1915

My dearest Gertrude,

Lest I cannot write you again for a fortnight I am writing you tonight after midnight, as I leave for another two weeks trip at 6 a.m. in the morning. I wrote Wilbur twice to give you \$25.00 when you entered Wooster last Fall. Neither he nor you have said anything about it, tho it is now past the middle of November. Why is it you are so indifferent with regard to your finances?...I want to give you the money you need and cannot unless you send a statement.

I saw your beaming face in the "INDEX"(college year book) today. Miss Swinehart sent one to her parents in Korea and they loaned it to the Adamses who sent it to Mrs. Hall who gave it to us. dearly

I hope you are making good this year..... We love you, Gertrude, with the fullness of devoted parental love .....For all the sacrifice your saintly Mother is making for you, does it seem too much for you to obey, simply obey? ...We crave the very best for you and it is only because we know what is best for your good.....There is a time for everything; if you only know to wait. But I must close.

Most lovingly, Father.

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Pyeng Yang, Korea - Nov.28, 1915

My own dearest girlie, Gertrude,

Your letter of Oct. 24 came a few days ago. Since the Pacific Mail boats have been taken off we don't get our mail as often now. What a shame that such a law was ever passed! Now the Japs have things just about as they please.

I was in the country last Sunday so did not get to write. Olivette came out on the horse and stayed over Sunday. I had written for her to come; then I wrote her not to come, as it was so cold. It got warmer so on Saturday about 1:00 she started and it snowed nearly all the way. I was surprised when the pastor came to the church and told me she had come. I had the pastor's "sarang" (office) which is two rooms, so we had a fine place to stay. Olivette left on Monday morning about 10:00. Our outside man carried out Olivette's bedding and took the horse back and then brought him back again on Monday morning.

We had a good class, tho not as large as last year. We had a contest Sat. p.m. I had told the women and girls we would have one on the four gospels so I made out 63 questions. At the Chai-munie class they didn't do well at all, but at this Sam-kol class they did much better, and I gav out 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prizes. Next year we are to have the gospels and Acts. I taught the girls in the 2nd Division; I think there must have been nearly 60. I couldn't help but think what a change it would be to help these country girls. Five days were really too short. There is a lot of potential to develop if it can only be done. I had so much to do because they wanted me to have the class only 5 days. The last day was the Korean Thanksgiving, so the women wanted to go home. I came home Tuesday afternoon; brought a bad cold, of course. It is some better. Esther and Mary both have dreadful colds. Mary was in bed all day yesterday and today but got up this p.m. She and Olivette took a sleep out on the front porch while I hugged up to the radiator to keep warm. Today is dreadfully cold. I went to the South Gate and it was so cold coming home! We have all been home this afternoon. Now Olivette, Mary and I are at the library table, writing letters. Father has been gone about 2 weeks, and will come home in the morning, I think. On Wed. he goes out with Mr. Phillips for a class. Then he will hold a united class in our territory.

Nov. 28, 1915 - con.

We certainly wrote you about the college. It was decided by a big majority in favor of Pyeng Yang. Of course, Dr. Speer stood for Seoul and he did all he could to influence our Mission in favor of Seoul. The Southern Presbyterian Mission has decided to come in with Pyeng Yang, and send Mr. and Mrs. Parker back. We are so sorry Dr. Baird is to leave. We are hoping Mrs. Baird will soon be getting better so they can come back. I can't say how much I do miss her. Am glad they have a cozy house. They had fixed up their house so nice just before she left, nicer than it had ever been before. We are wondering who is to be the president (of the college?) I am so glad we are not in school work. Time seems so short and we have so little time to do evangelistic work, but we are trying to do what we can. Certainly we are living in wonderful times, and we may be coming nearer the end of the age than we think. I have been reading about the Jews; thousands and thousands are homeless. It is surprising how many are in the war zone. Maybe the Lord is preparing the way for them to return to Jerusalem to rebuild the temple and prepare the way for the coming of Christ.

I trust, Gertrude, you will be serious about your Christian life. and try to win others for the Master. Read Daniel 12:3. What a wonderful promise! Are you reading your Bible every day? Olivette said you are rooming alone. I always liked to room alone for I had so much more time. I hope you will like it. We mailed a little package to you. I have been busy getting off letters, post cards, and our reports. Mary is writing about our Thanksgiving. We certainly did have a pleasant time. I trust you are doing well in school. Are you taking music? Improve every opportunity you have; you will always be glad if you do. I must close.

Bushels of love,

Mother      Rom. 8:28

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Pyeng Yang, Korea - Dec. 6, 1915

My own dearest Gertrude,

This is Monday p.m. Father is writing. Olivette is at school and so are Esther and Mary. Today while we were eating dinner 3 packages came for the Self-help Dept. - a lot of floss they were needing so badly. and handkerchiefs and braid for crocheting. Olivette was delighted. They sold 11 yens worth of things this morning to some guests. Olivette is just doing fine. I wonder if you could sell some of the bureau scarfs or table runners. I think Olivette sent you one. If you could get orders from the girls we could send them to you and it would help out. She has to make enough to pay the girls' board and buy the sewing materials needed. Its hard now, but if she can only get ahead I am sure she will make the expenses and more, too. I am trying to help her all I can. I went over and got the looms to going for making the rugs. We want to keep that going until all the rags are woven. She's keeping 63 girls busy during the afternoons and Saturday forenoon. Its splendid training for Olivette and she likes it.

Yesterday Esther and Mary went with me to the South Gate church. Mary taught the Primary class while Esther gathered the children. There were 36 little tots and it did look so sweet to me, - Mary in the midst of them. She can tell the story and have them commit the verse to memory. She reads Korean well. Esther doesn't take to it like Mary does, but she will gradually as she does other things. She is doing so much better in her music and in school this year. Think of it, - only one more year after this and they will both be in High School. There are several High School pupils now. Alden Noble is still here.

Dec. 6, 1915 - con.

I think he will go to Mt. Hermon school next year; he ought not to be here now, - the only big boy in the school. He is living with Dr. Hall and will probably not be in the dormitory anymore.

The children are writing a letter to Uncle Will (Ashbrook) asking him to do all he can to repeal the law concerning the Pacific Mail boats. Its just dreadful how long apart the mails come; we wait and wait in vain. However, a mail came a few days ago, but no letter from you or Wilbur. Wilbur doesn't write to us like he used to, and your letters are farther apart, - or it seems that way. .... It always pays to be faithful in all that you do, and obedient, too.

I am sending by this mail your little New Testament which you carried so aithfully for ~~years~~ so long. It will remind you of the pledge you took. You will be glad to get it, I know. I trust you read the Bible, not just from habit, but for the spiritual food which it gives you ay by day. I am sending wilbur's to him, too, and I hope it will do him good. I am glad if you like rooming alone; you will have si much more time for reading and to be quiet. It pays to be quiet with the Lord and talk to Him. .... You must not quit your music. I hope you can take voice sometime, and improve every opportunity you have. Remember, there is never a thing you can learn that won't come in useful some time. I really am hoping you will want to take a Bible Institute course after you have finished college, and fit yourself for definite work for the Master. Don't I wish I had had a course before I came out, but I am plodding away doing the best I can and God is blessing my poor efforts. He knows I never had anyone to write me long loving letters, giving me advice as you children do. Think of it, - all the time I was away at school I received only one letter from my father and not one from my mother. I must have been away 9 or 10 years altogether from the first time I started away to school. It was hard for them to write and they did not take the time for it. I wish you could realize how busy your Father is and how much time he spends writing your letters when he is here; and how anxious we are for you children to do the way very best in school; not only to get good grades but to do good faithful work every day, and how you are pleasing to God. We want you to fit yourselves for the Master's work, not for money making, but to serve, whether in U S A or on the foreign field. Set your standards high and work up to it. Pray and pray in faith; trust all to Him. Oh I tell you it pays. What peace! If Jesus should come today, think, - we will all be caught up together in the air to meet the blessed Lord, and be forever with Him. I Thes. 4:13-18 Let's live in this blessed hope all the time. What do we care for the things of the world? We are heirs of the King! .... I beg you to be careful where you go and what company you keep. Keep your heart and mind on Jesus every ~~min~~ and keep close to Him; He is right with you and will guard and guide you This comes from a Mother's heart which is full and overflowing with love for her children. I think of you so much of the time, knowing Romans 8:28 will be fulfilled.

With love,

Mother

Pyeng Yang, Korea - Dec.16, 1915

My own dearest girlie, Gertrude,

We are thinking of you today. This is your 18th birthday. Just 18 years ago this morning at 8 o'clock the dearest, fattest baby came to live with us. Olivette and Wilbur got their Christmas presents on ahead because they had to stay in the study. Wilbur's hobby horse pleased him well. Our baby was the nicest present we could have had. My, don't I wish you could be here today! We would certainly have a happy time. I would roast the fat hen and make a fine cake and put candles on it. Do you remember the nice parties we used to have? We don't have so many any more. I had a dinner for Mary, and had her class and teachers, Miss Trissel and Miss Hartness.

Its hard to believe my own little girlie is 18 years old. God has been good to you, my child, given you a strong, healthy body and such opportunities to improve yourself and to fit yourself for His own work. What a bright future you have before you if you only let Him rule and reign in your heart! Do, Gertrude, it will pay every time and you will be so glad that you did.

"Study to show yourself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed; rightly dividing the Word of God", of truth."

II Timothy 2:15

Father left for the country this morning, to hold a class at Shin-un-dong. Before he left he wrote you a little birthday letter. I know you will appreciate it. Olivette wasn't feeling just the best, so we let her have a rest; she has not gone to school. Next Wed. is the last day before vacation. I hope she will get some work ready on ahead so she won't be so rushed, when school opens. She is putting out a nice lot of work. I wish she had a place where it could all be sold without so much trouble and anxiety.

I have taken on a girl to work and help Yesie pay for ner house. Yesie borrowed money from me 3 years ago; her son don't even earn his salt, is no earthly account. She has a daughter by her husband's concubine, so she is here sewing and embroidering. I am going to have some under-clothes made for you right away. I will make you some slips. I wonder if you would like a pongee dress with some oriental embroidery on it; if so, send a pattern right away and I will make it. I can also get cloth at Songdo for a dress for you. I wish I could know about your clothes. Couldn't you give me a list of them?

I was interrupted so many times today that your letter was not finished and I had to gather it up where all my writing had been scattered on my desk. The mail came this evening while we were at the supper table, bringing a letter from you to Olivette of Nov.18. She read it to us; we were so glad to hear from you. We are glad you are happy and having a good time; but Gertrude, heed our warning and be careful of your conduct..... I hope you will accept Father's letter in the same sweet kindly way in which he writes. We are so anxious that you and Wilbur both set your standards very high and work for the highest.

You know we love you dearly. You are our own sweetheart, and even though you are 18 you are still our own little girl. Many, many happy returns of the day! 18 hugs and 18 kisses, 18 spanks and one to grow on!

Bushels of love from  
Mother

Remember Rom.8:28

My greeting and exhortation to you on this your birthday is

II Tim.2:15

Home - Dec.16, 1915

My dearest Gertrude,

Do you remember 18 years ago? Of course you don't, but we do. And what bright memories it brings as it comes wafted down on the breezes of the years. Such hopes! What prospects! Dreams of the years to come. After long days and nights of prayers and waiting and watching you came,- the gift of God in answer to our prayers. We can never forget And this is your 18th birthday. Today you are 18. We have tried to bring you up in the nurture and knowledge of the Lord, regretting very much that we could not have had you with us until now. No doubt, some times you thought we were severe, but after years will prove to you that what you took for severity was in reality only LOVE, and very far from severity or harshness. Now you are of age,- as we call it in America. You must now be on your own responsibility; you must think for yourself and judge for yourself, and you will be held accountable for all you do and think and say. Until this time we have spoken with the authority of a parent. Hereafter we shall speak with exhortation,- no more commands. Still our heart goes out for our children and we are ever ready and anxious to help.....You are able to make yourself a worthy girl. You ought to do so.

1. You ought to aim high and always seek the very best, lasting benefits.
2. Be sure that you do not lower your ideals; always strive to perfect them.
3. Do not be a creature of your environment; choose your company well.
4. Select your friends and do not allow anyone inferior to share intimacy.
5. Always be proper; never let down in order to have a good time.
6. Have no intimacy with either boy or girl who is not a Christian.
7. Be wise, thoughtful and modest; earnest and faithful at your work.
8. Keep your covenant vows in a worshipful spirit; read your Bible daily.
9. Be conscientious in all your studies.

God bless you to the end.

Lovingly,  
Father.

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Pyeong Yang, Korea - Dec.28, 1915

My own dearest Gertrude,

Your letter written Nov.21 came yesterday, and your gifts this afternoon. Many thanks not only for the gifts but for the love and sweet remembrance that is behind them and prompted the sending. Here is a hug and kiss, my dearest.

I have read over and over the beautiful verse in the little frame that seems to me speaks your thought and joy. The last line is -

"Just wishing I might somehow find a rare new joy for you" - you can find it by doing always what is right and what will please the Master,-that will bring joy to us. You say you will be careful. Be careful of your conduct in everything and every place. Please do set your ideals high and strive to reach them; be a leader for good.

Since the girls have written I won't try to tell you about our Christmas; only that we had a very happy time on Christmas Day. Oh, we were so tired. I haven't gotten over it yet. Father is sick with a cold and Clivette has one today.

I am so anxious to hear about your Christmas, How I should like to see your cozy little room. I must close and send these letters.

Lots of love,  
Mother.

Pyong Yang, Korea - Dec. 31, 1913

My dear Jennie,

Your good letter of Nov. 30 came over a week ago, and the Christmas package came Saturday, evening; made good time, in 27 days. Really, I do not know how to thank you and Will for your thoughtfulness of us and your kind remembrance. We all join in sending many, many thanks, not only for these beautiful and useful gifts, but also for the sweet and loving thought and spirit which prompted the sending. Words cannot express how thankful and grateful I am for the Reference Passage Bible, - the first I have ever seen. Will saw one once and was so taken with it that he has sent for one, but it has not come yet. I will make good use of it all the time in preparation for teaching. I certainly need all the helps I can get this Spring when I try to teach The Revelation in the Bible Institute. Will teaches it in the Men's Bible Institute and in the Seminary, so he will help me, or I fear I never could get the courage to undertake it.

I wonder how you knew I wanted a long brooch. I have wanted one for a long time but felt that was one of the things I could do without. The collar is a beauty and I shall enjoy wearing it. The girls were delighted with their rings and hair ribbons. They decided they would only wear them when they dress up. They will write and thank you. Mary has already written. Mary said, "How nice these ribbons will be when you make us brown dresses. I am going to make Esther a dress out of Olivette's, one you gave her, I think, - brown broad cloth. Will is so pleased with his tie, and said, "That's one thing I do not have to buy, - handkerchiefs and ties." They never come a-miss and are always acceptable.

We have had a very happy Christmas. About a week before the Columbia Grafanola came; a gift from Mrs. Forsythe of Chicago, with over 40 records. That was certainly a treat. We just feasted for days. Her selections were certainly fine; the more we hear them the better they get. She requested me to name 3 or 4 more records. The Hallelujah Chorus is among the number, so I think I will ask her to send selections from the Messiah, then we can have an Oratorio, or part of one on the Grafanola. Sat. evening we had a concert at Miss Best's, - Christmas music and "The Messiah" - it was grand. Last summer there was a musical when Mr. Grove played "The Hungarian Rhapsody" by Liszt; everyone was spellbound; he said he had never had such an appreciative audience. He is a natural born musician. I forget how many instruments he can play.

He has been out here about 2 years, as an itinerator, away from home so much of the time. They have no piano, nor any other instrument. One cannot imagine how he could live without a piano when he plays so well. We had a happy, quiet Christmas. Wed. p.m. the foreign community met at 3 p.m. for the children's program, then supper together. In the evening the Koreans had their entertainments at different churches.

On Christmas morning the children met at the church to receive little gifts, and the men and women went out preaching. Will went with them.

On Friday evening there was a community social and on Sat. the musical so we felt we had a full week.

Today I received letters from Olivette and Gertrude. With the 8 boys and 7 girls of the Korea group (Northfield and Mt. Hermon) they all went to the Joneses (near NYC) for Christmas. Now Olivette and Gertrude are with Ella Waring in Newark, N.J. Wilbur went back to school, as they have only a short vacation. We have written that both Wilbur and Gertrude are to go to Wooster next Fall.... We think it will be much easier for her to take preparatory there to enter college. There is a Home and she will be nearer you..... Lovingly, Sallie.

Pyeng Yang, Korea - Jan. 2, 1916

My own dearest Gertrude,

While we were eating supper last evening the postman handed in a big bunch of mail. Father said, "Let's have self-control and finish supper," which we did before opening it. It was hard enough, but we enjoyed it more because we had self-control. Your letter of Nov. 23 was among the others, - a lot of postcards; none from Wilbur. This is the 3rd American mail and no letter from him. I wish you would try to make him see it's his duty to write home more often. This week I think I shall try to send money to both of you for postage stamps for your home letters and then there will be no excuse. However, I don't think that has ever kept any of you from writing.

We certainly thought of you children all during the holiday season and wished you could be here. When we made marshmallows I thought of Wilbur and his strong muscle and the time he and I made it. We had a busy week. Katherine Blair was sick all the week. They were very anxious for a few days but now she has passed the crisis and is better.

On Mon. or Tues. Dr. Baird received a wireless from midocean from Dr. Ludlow saying Mrs. Baird was seriously ill and for him to meet them at Yokohama. He left Wed. night expecting to spend today in Tokyo. They expected to arrive in Yokohama on Tuesday, then we will receive a telegram from Dr. Baird. It is so sad about Mrs. Baird and we are anxious. Mrs. Whiting is very ill. Harriet is there all the time, and will probably not come back while her mother lives, which can't be very long. The Phillipses spent Christmas at Chairyung, and so did Miss Hartness. Mrs. Lockett went to Syen Chun. On Friday evening Mrs. Lockett and our family were at the Bernheisels for dinner. I had my teachers' class that afternoon.

Yesterday, New Years Day, there was a reception at the Seminary Building for all the Koreans; men in the morning, and women in the p.m. I was chairman of the committee so I had to be there. We had a very good program and a social time, - no eats.

This morning all the family except me are under the weather, with colds, so they are at home all day. Dr. Pollwell stopped in to see the "hospital" this afternoon on his rounds to see Mrs. Holdcroft who has tonsillitis, and Katherine, and Mrs. Smith, too. I went to the South Gate; our first Sunday after the new Organization. I have some new teachers; all teachers changed classes. I think it will prove beneficial. I have a new superintendent for the girls' Sunday school. Mary has about 40 in her Primary class.

Again I want to thank you for the Christmas love you sent and for the remembrances. I have that dear little verse on my desk. Father and I have been reading it just now; it's so sweet and true. Yes, you can find a joy for us by always doing just what Jesus wants you to do. I am so glad you want to do it, and I trust you will have much time for sweet communion with Him, now that you are alone.

I want to put my letter in with the girls', so I must close.

Bushels of love from Mother. Numbers 6:24-25.

I am sending you a silk scarf, - my present from the Bible Institute women. I hope you will like it and wear it. I trust you and Wilbur are well. A telegram from Dr. Baird says that Mrs. Baird is dangerously ill, in a hospital. We have all had colds; Mary is in bed with a cough.

Pyeng Yang, Korea - Jan.12, 1916

My dearest Gertrude,

Olivette and Mary have written so I will only add a note. Your letter of Dec.12 came last week, a month ago today. Our whole household is much better and at work. Father is about swamped these days. The big winter Class for men, and the men's Bible Institute are going on at the same time, and Father has charge of the evening meetings. They have an early prayer meeting at 6:15 to which he goes nearly every morning. There are about 800, Father thinks. Could they get 800 Americans up at that hour for a prayer meeting?

No doubt if could if they were in earnest for the Lord and wanted a blessing. We ladies have a prayer meeting at 4 p.m. every day.

Olivette is at work just as busy as ever. She doesn't feel very well this morning. Mary has had such a bad cough but she is better, and has gone to school. Caroline Smith, poor child, is sick again. If she don't soon get better they will go to America with her.

Letters have been received from Dr. Baird. He met Mrs. Baird at the ship, and with Dr. Adams took her to the General Hospital in Yokohama.

They are doing all they can for her. She had a very hard trip over, was unconscious part of the time but has rallied and talks, and is ready for her "translation", which he thinks may come any time. If she should improve they will bring her to Pyeng Yang as soon as they can, but they fear there is no hope of her recovery. Dr. Baird wrote a beautiful letter; he is resigned and we know God will give great grace and strength. It is so sad for us who are left; we so need her help and she is so well fitted for it. Miss Best is sick and may not be able to do but little work. We wonder what we are to do for workers, but there is always a way and we know God will care for His own. Mrs. Whiting is in a very critical condition, not expected to be with us much longer. The doctor thinks its only a matter of time.

There are probably nearly a thousand in the winter mens class, and Bible Institute. I will look over your letter and answer it soon.

bushels of love, Mother.

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Jan.17, 1916

My own dearest Girlie, Gertrude,

I will begin your letter while we are waiting for the men of the Class from our western Circuit to come. On Friday p.m. we had 125, and this afternoon there will be over 100. The house is all cleared out the cookies, apples, bowls of hot water (for tea) all ready to serve. The men are out in the yard having a "Kyu-kyung" (sight-see) until its time to come in. What a treat it is for them! The Class is not so large this year, -160 in the Bible Institute; 550 enrolled in the Class. Father has attended the early prayer meeting at 6:15, and says its the best part of the Class. He attends every evening meeting, and is getting very tired.

Its now 9 o'clock; Father has gone to the Central Church. Olivette is up in her room, Esther is getting her to help with her arithmetic, and Mary is in bed sick with a cough (for over 3 weeks) On Sat. she had a temperature of 102 and by 9:00 it was 105. It reminded me of the time times when you children were sick the same way. So I began my same old remedy of Calomel every half hour followed by a big dose of salts.

I telephoned Dr. Follwell and he told me to give her a sponge bath of hot water with Epsom salts (2 tbls. to a qt. of water) I did it and her temperature went down. Next morning she was normal.

Jan.17, 1916 - con.

Dr. Follwell was over this morning and found she had a bad throat and bronchitis, so she will be in bed until she is well. Caroline Smith is quite sick again; she suffers severe pains in her hip. Poor girl. Its so sad that one has to suffer so. Katherine is well and has started to school.

Today we received a letter from Dr. Baird saying Mrs. Baird is improving; he thinks they can bring her to Korea in two more weeks. We are all rejoicing and hope and pray that she may yet fully recover. It will be a miracle of the Lord. Multitudes are praying for her, and we, too, remember them all the time in prayer. God will hear, and if she is raised up it will be to His glory. But His will be done. Dr. Baird writes most beautiful letters; he is perfectly resigned. Oh its so blessed to trust all to Him and not have to worry one little bit. God is more willing to give than we are to receive. If we only know how to receive these rich blessings which He has for us His own children, I truly long and covet them for you children. If you would only receive while you are young and not wait until you are old. I trust you read your Bible every day prayerfully just as you used to. It will do you good to read that little tract I sent you, "The Life that Wins". Read it over and over and search your own heart.

My, but I wish I could see you and Wilbur. I feel sometimes I'll certainly have to go to America for a little while,- which of course I can't do, for we can't afford to use our money that way. I am wondering what you are thinking of doing this summer. How would it be for you to go to Aunt Jennie's during vacation and teach music and keep up your practise besides. Father and I do not want you to go to some summer resort to wait tables.

Mrs. Mary has been sick all week and I have rushed from one thing to another. She is still in bed and must stay there until she gets over this cough. She has a temperature today, which looks like it may be malaria. On Monday p.m. Father had the rest of his men,- 105, here. Yesterday p.m. I had to give a talk at the Girls Academy Missionary Society. Today I have done little else but wait on Mary. I am reminded of the time when you used to be sick (with malaria).

Dowling Reynolds is coming to teach in our school hte 1st of Feb. Carey will come with him and the 1st of March Dr. and Mrs. Reynolds and Ella will come. They will live in Dr. Moffett's guest house. Dowling will have his room in Mr. McNurtrie's house. During the Conference Mr. and Mrs. Kerr are to be our guests, and Donald

I am wondering if you dress warm enough. Olivette doesn't and it just distresses me. Another winter if I am living I shall see that you both have warmer clothes. Father says I must quit and go to bed. I really am tired.

Bushels of love and kisses,

Mother

Mizpah - Gen.21:49

Quotations from "Christ of the Korean Heart"

by Dr. Arch Campbell (published 1954)

The church of Jesus Christ is the one bright spot in the present dark picture of Korea. It is a church characterized by prayer, by love of the Word, by eagerness in telling the Story, by giving beyond their poverty, by persecutions "for My Name's sake", by martyrs' crowns. (ch.1)

The city of Andong was 90 % destroyed. The people spent two awful months in pine bough shelters on a mountain side far to the south. Only two months after their return I was asked to come and hold - of all things - a Bible Conference in the Central Church, which was one of the few large buildings that had escaped "war's desolation". The pastor told me that in the recent Thanksgiving offering his people had given 3 times the amount they had given the year before. I asked in amazement, "How can that be possible?" He answered, "Oh the people all tithe now, not just some of them." Then he added, "They have learned that the things that are seen are temporal and the things that are not seen are eternal." (ch.1)

The story of the faith of many of God's precious ones in the midst of suffering and persecution and horrors of war is one that should bring gratitude, encouragement, inspiration, and conviction to the hearts of Christians in the home-land. It has already brought blessing, and even repentance. I visited a wealthy church in America. The pastor told me, "I have a distressing situation here and I hope you can be of help. My predecessor did not believe in missions. The benevolence dropped from \$16,000 to \$700. There was plenty of money but it was spent on the church itself. Although a frightening challenge I decided to bring them simply the story of the faith of the Christians in Korea, - their zeal, their sacrifices, their giving, their soul-winning, their suffering, their victories over crushing circumstances. A few days later came thanks from the pastor and a letter from the elders. "You can be sure that the history of this church will be different from now on". A year later the report came - "more than a thousand percent increase in missionary giving." (ch.1)

After returning to the field I asked a group of believing Koreans, to whom had been given much relief clothing and money from America. "Do you think you can repay the many gifts Christians have sent you?" "Oh no, we could never possibly repay even a fraction of the help we got." "Do you realize you have already been repaying it?" "How?" "In something more precious than gold". "What is it?" "Faith!" "For from you sounded out the Word of the Lord and in every place your faith in God is spread abroad." I Thes. 1:6-8 (ch.1)

The Christians in Korea do not "embrace Christianity"; they are not induced to try the "Christian way of life" They are not won to a new religion. They are introduced to a Person, the most wonderful Person who ever lived, who is living! A Person who loved them before they ever heard of Him. A Person who loved them so much as to die for them. A Person who invites them into fellowship with Himself throughout all eternity. A Person who stands at the door and offers to come in "and sup with them". They have opened the door and received THE CHRIST OF THE KOREAN HEART." (ch/1)

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Chapter 2 - "We just can't kill you."

Ch.3 - "He died twice".

Ch. 4. The story of Soon-ae (Gentle Love)

Its a book worth reading!