

**THE UNIVERSITY CLUB  
PITTSBURGH, PA**

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

January 3, 1921

Samuel A. Moffett

Dear Jamie:

A New Year's greeting from Pittsburgh where Charles and I have spent the time since Saturday morning as I suddenly was invited to speak - morning and evening in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Presbyterian Church here and left New York Friday night to do so. It is a great church and I was mighty glad to get access to its people. Today I spoke to Shadyside Academy boys and to a ministers meeting.

Saturday we had a great time in Carnegie Institute and saw the finest kind of exhibits. Charles learned a lot and wished often you were with us.

We were mighty glad to get your postal in New York. From New York I had sent to you a fine pair of shoes - a \$14 pair for \$7.85 - and a pair of rubbers which you can wear more often with your good black shoes which you are to keep for special occasions, using these brown ones for everyday wear. They are supposed to be water proof in soles. Let me know when they reach you. Also from here I have sent you a good sweater which I believe you will find a daisy. It is a "Patrick", therefore all wool and good. Wanted a two color one but this seemed just the thing and your size, as I figured it out, so bought it. It is your Christmas gift from Mother.

We leave here tonight for Indianapolis, reaching Madison tomorrow noon. What a good time we did have in New York together and how much we owe Uncle Tom for it. I hope you write him soon and let him know how much you appreciate it. It was fine for him to invite us all.

I shall be eager to hear from you as to this term's arrangement. All the details of your daily life interest me greatly. Keep your accounts this term.

Will write again from Madison.

Lovingly,

Father

Charles sends love -

(from the Samuel Hugh Moffett collection of Samuel Austin Moffett papers)

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Samuel A. Moffett

[letter to his younger brother, Thomas Clinton Moffett]

Dear T.C.

We had a good time here Saturday afternoon, spending several hours in the Carnegie Institute where we saw many things of interest - the exhibit of animals and birds & skeletons of ancient animals being especially good. Have you ever seen the Indian [American Indian] exhibit here? It is a very large one, indeed.

Sunday I had a good day speaking to Sunday School and in Church morning and evening. I was sorry to find both Mrs. Thaw and Mrs. Harbison out of town. Today I spoke at Shadyside Academy to a hundred boys and to Presbytery's Foreign Mission Committee for a few minutes and at Ministers' meeting for a few minutes, Charles [son] and I also putting in a little time in sight seeing.

[We] have been very comfortably cared for here at University Club. We leave tonight at 8:25 and reach Madison Tuesday noon. We certainly shall not forget the fine Christmas visit to New York City. It was fine of you to give the boys such a treat and I am more than glad to have had the visit with you. How many good times we have had together.

This morning some of the men, including Mr. Ralph Harbison asked me to come to Pittsburgh again, saying they would arrange for me to speak to the Rotary Club or Chamber of Commerce on "America's Relation to the Orient". I hope to plan to do so.

Today I sent by parcel post a sweater to Jamie which I found here - a good one at reduced rate - a \$15 one for \$12. The church here gave me \$50, so I thought I could afford a good sweater for Jamie.

Please look up the "Weekly Review" for January 5 and read the critique on Barrie's *Mary Rose* and played by Ruth Chatterton. You will find it of great interest, I am sure.

Charles refers frequently to the great pleasure he had in that basket from Mrs. Stewart. He did have such a good time, but is eager now to get to Madison.

May the New Year bring you many many blessings and fill your life with good things as you make your own life tell in so many helpful ways to many others.

As Ever, Yours faithfully,

Samuel A. Moffett

(from the Samuel Hugh Moffett collection of Samuel Austin Moffett papers)

Pyongyang, Korea

January 3, 1921

Samuel Hugh Moffett

Dear Papa -

I love papa, I want to say, Lovingly Sammie.

We went for a walk with the Biggers and I slided on the ice and didn't tumble.

The Phillips have a little baby that came yesterday. We have a little card that tells us. His name is James Potter. Everybody has a Charles and a Jamie.

We have a little rose and we put it in the window every day.

I hope Jamie and Charles had a nice times. I hope they had a football. Thank you for our toys. The other two packages have not come.

Lovingly,

Sammie

(from the Samuel Hugh Moffett collection of Samuel Austin Moffett papers)

Pyongyang, Korea

January 3, 1921

Howard F. Moffett

Dear Papa -

Johnnie and Willie and Ruth came to supper last night.

I love Damie and Charl. I can guide down hill. Sammie starts me. I sit in the wagon and hold the handle and go awfly fast.

I play with Ruf Bigger and Ruf Reiner, too. Maybe Ruth Reiner will see you soon in our dear California.

I have some shoes. Thank you for the toys. We take our Tommy Tinkers to bed and we take turns with Whirly Tinker.

Lovingly,

Howard

(from the Samuel Hugh Moffett collection of Samuel Austin Moffett papers)

Madison, Indiana

January 10, 1921

Samuel A. Moffett

Dear Jamie:

Isn't it time I had another letter from you? Am wondering how you got started on the new term's work and how it differs from last term. This morning I was greatly gratified to receive a notice from Mr. Cutler that you had won the distinction of "Honors Fall Term 1920" in your record. I do not know just what or how much that means but it is good at any rate and I am ever so glad to have had you make such a good beginning. I think your hardest time of struggle with new conditions and unknown circumstances is now over and you can settle down to a work which will be a constructive one, each month's work building up on what has gone before as foundation.

I am wondering if the parcel post package of shoes and rubbers from New York and the one of sweater from Pittsburgh have reached you. You ought to acknowledge such things at once. Make a habit of doing so. Today I mailed you another parcel post package. It contains a Christmas present from Louise and Clinton which went to Ft. Wayne, then here and now on to you there. Also I sent a few walnuts thinking you and the boys would enjoy cracking and eating them if you can find a hammer to crack them with. They are real good on winter evenings but very rich and you ought not to eat more than three or four at most at any one time. We are eating some here now from day to day. Charles gathered and hulled them this fall.

Tomorrow I go to Indianapolis and then to Columbus, Ohio where I speak Thursday and Friday to men's clubs and twice on Sunday in churches. Then I go to Wooster for a day to see the Swallens.

Many here inquired for you when we returned and were glad to hear you were well and enjoyed the New York visit. That certainly was a great visit.

A letter from Mother today from Korea says all are well in our home. Mr. Holdcroft is very unwell and must come to America. Also the Sharps come on James' account. Aunt Susie and Lenore went to Indianapolis last week and are still there.

I wish you would write to Charles at least once a month. I had a pretty hard time with him Saturday when he declared he was going to the movie, although I had refused consent for this once because he had had so much entertainment in New York. I thought he should be willing to give it up one week. He ran off declaring he was going anyhow, but after getting down town got the victory over himself and did not go to the movie. He had a hard struggle with himself but I am glad he finally won out though he was stubborn as could be and rebellious for quite a time.

I am eager to hear from you. Love from all of us and greetings to the boys there whom I know.

Lovingly,

Father

(from the Samuel Hugh Moffett collection of Samuel Austin Moffett papers)

**THE KAUTZ STATIONERY COMPANY**  
116 NORTH PENNSYLVANIA ST.  
INDIANAPOLIS

Indianapolis, Indiana

January 12, 1921

Samuel A. Moffett

Dear Jamie:

On my way to Columbus, Ohio I have stopped off here. Find Aunt Susie and Lenore very much better and we did a lot of shopping yesterday, buying things for Mother - a suit, skirt, sweater, blouse, gingham dresses, apron, night gowns, underwear - a whole lot of new and pretty things for her Christmas - greatly delayed. Also a couple of hats. She will have a great time with so many parcel post packages coming.

Aunt Susie told me to tell you how greatly pleased and interested she was to hear of the good report of your work last term. It did us all good, my boy, and I am sure you are glad after fearing you were not doing very well. Keep it up. Be sure to write me each week.

Watch the stamps on my letters - I get some of the "Pilgrim" ones here and will use them for a while.

I leave here for Columbus this afternoon. Let me know when the parcel post packages reach you - shoes, sweater, walnuts.

Love from all of us,

Father

Columbus, Ohio

January 14, 1921

Samuel A. Moffett

Dear Jamie:

I was made glad an hour or two ago upon receiving your good long letter which I so greatly enjoyed. I will be sure to return to you the report blanks after I have had time to look them over more carefully.

Am so glad you feel in good physical trim now that your hospital experience is over. I was afraid you might be sick after that hard trip back on top of your late hours and strenuous sight seeing in New York. Glad to hear you received parcel post packages and like shoes and sweater. Color of latter is a little conspicuous but it is a good one.

I have every confidence in your teachers and their judgment as to what is best in your studies. Just keep at it. You will make up what you are behind in and will come out all right. It did me lots of good to have you get "E" in four studies and I fully sympathize with you in your mark "M" in English. Didn't I have a time of it all through my course in writing themes, etc. and in speaking - and yet you have an idea that your "old dad" can write and speak and preach now. I thought I never would be able to and I have hardly ever risen to speak without being scared half out of my wits and I forget pretty nearly everything I had in mind - until after I get under way. Just keep at it, get up anyhow and speak as well as you can and little by little you will get control of yourself. Take a few long deep breaths always before rising to speak.

I spoke yesterday to Business Men's Club and today for 5 minutes to Chamber of Commerce here - tonight to men at Central Church and Sunday twice - then go on to see Swallens at Wooster.

This is just a line to say "hello" once more and to tell you how glad I am to get your letter.

More later -

Lovingly,

Father

Keep the stamps & use enclosed in writing me.

(from the Samuel Hugh Moffett collection of Samuel Austin Moffett papers)

**4059 NORTH PENNSYLVANIA STREET**

Indianapolis, Indiana

January 24, 1921

Samuel A. Moffett

Dear Jamie:

Had a good day here yesterday speaking in First Church and Meridian Heights Church and am just now at cousin Mary's. Leave this afternoon for Madison to spend my birthday (25<sup>th</sup>) there tomorrow. (Not 25<sup>th</sup> birthday but January 25<sup>th</sup>)

This morning I got a suit of clothes for you and have had it sent by parcel post. It should reach you on Wednesday I think, and I should like you to answer at once upon its receipt for I should like to know it has reached you before I start for California on Friday. The suit cost \$30 and I wish you would compare it with the one we bought in Louisville and tell me how you think it compares in quality, etc. I should like to have gotten a different color - this is just about the same as the one you have but as this conformed exactly to the measurements I had taken I felt pretty sure it would fit and it seemed a first rate suit. They said it was guaranteed - a Shaffner Mark suit. It may be a little long in trouser legs in which case you can take up an inch for a cuff and make it just right. Let me know how it fits and how you like it. Keep whichever one of the two you think best for your best suit and use the other for a school suit. It may be this will be as good a one as the other you have already worn for a while.

I leave for California on Friday, spend Sunday in Kansas City and go on to San Rafael before the next Sunday. After your next letter, send all mail to me at San Rafael - 614 Fifth Avenue - until the end of February. I guess you'll have to count this suit a sort of a birthday present sent a little in advance.

Charles has passed into 7a and did better the latter part of the term, getting one 1, three 2, three 3 and three 4 grades. He got 2 in deportment this time. It has been steady improvement but he ought to and can do better still. I am not satisfied to have him get as low as 4 in anything. Writing, Grammar and Language were his poorest grades.

Last Friday night in Madison we saw a really fine basketball game between Madison High and No. Vernon High. The final score was 30 to 28 in Madison's favor - but the score alternated in favor first of one, then of the other for about a dozen times. It was exciting and the last two minutes when score was 28 to 27 Madison succeeded in throwing two baskets in succession and won out. We enjoyed the game very much.

Hope you write to Cousin Emma thanking her for the Christmas present she sent you. I expect to return from California early in March probably. Hope you have a real good term, keep well, study and work steadily and enjoy study, work and play - all of them.

Lots of love from  
Father

(from the Samuel Hugh Moffett collection of Samuel Austin Moffett papers)

Pyongyang, Korea

January 26, 1921

Samuel Hugh Moffett

Dear Papa,

Our kitty's name is Victor Kaferon. We sweep the house every morning. We have two letters ----. We like to get letters from you. We can paint in a book we got from ---- this morning. We brush up every noon. We are making a train. We put the dust in the stove. This noon we had two dates. We are going to get some little bibles. I like my little flatiron. We took our Tommy Tinkers to bed last night. We made you some hearts out of parafine this morning for Valentines but we can't send them. They looked like this: [Two heart shapes, one with a backward "S" under it and one with an "H".]

Lovingly,

Sammie

[This little note so seriously faded and discolored that it was hard to read]

(from the Samuel Hugh Moffett collection of Samuel Austin Moffett papers)

Madison, Indiana

January 27, 1921

Samuel A. Moffett

Dear Jamie:

I was delighted to get your good long letter today with the photographs. I want 3 more of the one where you are alone on the front steps of the Library Building. I think that is a good photo. I enclose the stamps as requested. Just keep all of these Pilgrim stamps that come to you. I start tomorrow afternoon for California but am hoping I may get a card from you saying your suit arrived by parcel post.

With reference to your swimming in the pool I want to give you a warning - viz. be sure to put a little iodine listerine - better the tincture of iodine - on any pimple, sore or abrasion of the skin you ever have so as to prevent any infection from getting in [from] the water of the pool - for very often fellows with skin diseases go in there and you may contract a serious trouble from the water in the pool if you have a sore or broken place on your skin where the germs may take lodging. Get a small bottle of tincture of iodine, a little cotton and a stick and apply it whenever needed. You can prevent trouble instead of having to cure it.

I am interested in your gym work and so glad you are getting into it. Will try to get the Korea pennant when I go to San Francisco. As for shoes - don't wear the tight ones any more. Sell them to some fellow or give them away if they fit anybody. If the 9½ size prove to be really too long you will have to try 9 next time but don't buy a 9 until you try it on to see if it is too tight or not. I expect a 9C will be what you want.

I think you will find the French easier than Latin but what you want is to put in good solid study on your Latin and make it easier. Go ahead - strike for "E" in everything and success to you.

Thank you for the birthday greeting. I was home here for it and we celebrated by having candy and plum pudding. Went through the Cracker Company plant here also. They have "Crackers good Crackers". Yesterday Uncle Rob and Aunt Nellie invited all of us there to dinner and we had a fine afternoon together.

As for finishing your course there in 1922 - all well and good if you can do it, but I am not so eager to have you finish then as I am to have you lay good foundations by doing good work and learning what you study. You want to talk it all over with Mr. Yaeger and get his advice as to which is best for you to do. You can take 5 or 6 more terms if that is best but unless it is, I will be glad to have you finish summer of 1922 and then go on to college. I do not know about college yet. I liked Wooster very much and we may decide on that. Again, we may want you in Occidental, California for a year if we are in California on furlough in 1924. We will settle on colleges after we know when you are likely to get through at Mt. Hermon.

I am glad you heard Dr. John McNeill. Yes, he is a Scotchman sure. I have heard him and enjoyed him greatly.

If you want skates and can find what you want you had better get them there. Draw on your money there to pay for them. Try a pair belonging to one of the other boys first to see what you want. Glad you liked the walnuts. If you want any more write to Charles to send you some. Send your next letters to me at 614 Fifth Avenue, San Rafael.

Love from us all - - no word from Korea for some time.

Lovingly,  
Father

(from the Samuel Hugh Moffett collection of Samuel Austin Moffett papers)

San Rafael, California  
[postcard to son Jamie]

February 8, 1921

Samuel A. Moffett

Dear Jamie:

Here in the old home again and I find Grandma pretty well - so much so that I induced her to go to San Francisco yesterday to Women's Missionary meeting and it did her good. Today I saw Miss Best and five other new ones off to Korea at one o'clock and at 1:30 met the *Nanking* coming in with the Reiners on board. Hugh and twinnies and Ruth seemed well and happy. In afternoon saw Mr. Holdcroft in hospital. Have seen Mrs. Holdcroft and Miss Reiner also and Mr. Lee, the Korean in seminary. Lots of Korea these days!!

Your good letter was here awaiting me. It did me good. Yes, I think I can plan to see you again before going to K[orea] but do not know just when as yet.

Love from Grandma and  
Father

(from the Samuel Hugh Moffett collection of Samuel Austin Moffett papers)

Los Angeles, California

March 1, 1921

Samuel A. Moffett

Dear Jamie:

Sorry I missed getting off a letter to you yesterday on your 16<sup>th</sup> birthday. Many happy returns, my boy. I wish I could have been with you. Hope something reached you from New York which I asked Uncle Tom to send you. Had some good letters from Mother today - with some from Sam and Howard, also. I came from San Rafael on Thursday of last week - made a visit to the Lees at Gilroy [Graham Lee's widow and family] and had a fine time and then came on to Carpinteria where Mother was born and where Uncle Henry Fish lives with two daughters, a son and a married son and wife. [He] also [has] a son in Santa Barbara. I certainly had a great time there and they want so much to see you & Charles. How I wish you might have made that visit there last Spring which I had planned for you.

I am here now with the Gillises again and this morning saw dear Mrs. Burnham who is always so greatly interested in you and Charles. She is frail and her eyesight not good but as cheerful as ever. Tomorrow I hope to go to see Miss Strang (your Auntie Louise, as you called her) at Riverside. Will be here until next Sunday at least. Wish you could have been with me to see the prune orchards and then the lemon orchards with the finest kind of lemons on the ground going to waste with no market for them because of high wages for labor and high freight rates - and the olive orchards, all ripe but not being picked for the same reason. Orange orchards are beautiful also.

I do not yet know just when I can go East. I want you to ask Dr. Cutler if it will be possible for you to get permission to come to New York City sometime in early May perhaps to meet me there and to have an operation in the hospital - for I want you to have that mole on your neck removed by an operation if after I correspond with the doctor there, it can be done then. I want to know in advance what Dr. Cutler will say about your getting off from school for about a week. Let me know soon, please, and then I can make plans.

You know I have always told you not to scratch or rub that mole and I think it should come off. Sometimes they develop into troublesome things.

The work in Korea is going on well. Thousands of new believers, notwithstanding imprisonments. Today is "Independence Day" there and I suppose another demonstration has taken place.

I go back to San Rafael for a week and then on to Madison, I think.

With lots of love and hopes you have had a good birthday.

As ever Lovingly,

Father

(from the Samuel Hugh Moffett collection of Samuel Austin Moffett papers)

Los Angeles, California  
[postcard to his son, Jamie]

March 9, 1921

Samuel A. Moffett

Dear Jamie:

Am sending you a Korean pennant which was what I wanted to send you for February 28<sup>th</sup>. It is all the more interesting as it comes to you as a gift from the wife of An Chang Ho. He is one of the cabinet officials of the Korean Provisional Government in Shanghai. She lives here in Los Angeles and last Sunday when I preached to the Koreans she offered this when I asked who could get me one.

Have had a fine time with the Gillis family, Mrs. Burnham, Margaret Lee [daughter of Graham Lee] and others. I leave tomorrow for the north and reach San Rafael on Saturday and Indiana probably about March 24<sup>th</sup>.

Father

(from the Samuel Hugh Moffett collection of Samuel Austin Moffett papers)

Madison, Indiana

April 2, 1921

Samuel A. Moffett

Dear Jamie:

Just a few lines in order to enclose some stamps which, if you have them, return to me - also some markers (?) which you had better have. Before you get out of these you had better send for another two dozen some of these days. They are made in Connecticut. I think you have the box with address - have you not? Also I enclose an extract from one of Mother's letters. It was received last fall I think when the youngsters were a little younger than now.

In five more days Sammy will be 5 years old - quite a boy. Shall be glad to hear from you after you hear from Laurens [Fish]. Hope you can have a few days there with them.

Robins are running all over the lawn here and we see redbirds often. Beautiful weather now. Charles [second son of S.A. Moffett] has been working on stamps a little bit while Uncle Howard & I have taken to it and have been putting ours in shape. Please send me your stamp catalogue by mail. I want it for a few days. If you have any extra Japanese stamps surcharged "Chosen" in Chinese characters - let me have them, please. Do not trade those. I will be here for another week and then probably go to Indianapolis and maybe to Detroit before going East to Pittsburgh for a week and then to New York where I will have you join me.

Aunt Susie & Lenore are in Chicago and will be for another week I expect. Rob's Sam has scarlet fever - a mild case we are glad to say.

Love from us all and from

Father

(from the Samuel Hugh Moffett collection of Samuel Austin Moffett papers)

Dear Jamie:

Please excuse us for not thanking you earlier for the very nice painting book you sent to Howard [for] Christmas. I thought from something your father said that there was a parcel for Sammie, too, and so have waited. We have been waiting more sadly still for two packages of yeast which have gone astray. No yeast, no bread.

Elizabeth Sharp had an accident which would probably have been fatal if Mr. McMurtrie had not been at hand. All the children were at the Blair's. A hanging lamp broke, covering Elizabeth with burning oil. She saved her eyes and face by covering them with her hands and will not have unsightly scars. Her hair - bobbed - will be quite fashionable. But for a week she has been in bed swathed in bandages and drinking through a tube.

The dormitory has been quite full this vacation. Mrs. Eversole [PCUS missionary in Chunju] and Katharine came to stay at the Biggers. Johnny [Bigger] developed measles the day they arrived, so Mrs. Thomas [a dorm matron ?] took them, besides keeping Jock, the young boys, etc. Elizabeth [Sharp], of course, stayed at the Blair's as she could not be moved. Nor could her mother and father come soon for their house was full of guests, Exec. Com. meeting in Chai Ryung this time. Miss Boyer, Miss Anderson and Mrs. Blair have taken care of her. Now Mrs. Bernheisel has taken Miss Boyer home with her for a little rest before school opens - if school opens soon --- Laura P. [Phillips] shows signs of measles and the dormites are being anxiously watched. Willie and Ruth [Bigger] usually spend considerable time here but four days before J. [Johnny Bigger] was sick, Sammie went over there, taking Howard, without permission. In fact, I had just told him he couldn't. So I cut off communication for the rest of the week and am so thankful. It is quite likely the wicked ones may escape the measles. Andersons and J.Z. Moores [Methodist missionaries] had severe cases.

B. [Charles Bernheisel] is looking forward to his trip to America. They do not leave until July 19 so the Charleses may meet [Charles Moffett is in America with his father]. Nan [Bruen] will spend the rest of her time in Korea at home in Taiku.

Mrs. Baird sent over some nice strong tomato plants yesterday. I have some in the front room window and some in the unheated nursery. So far so good, but who will attend to the pruning? The apple trees really look quite well. They should, for community have all and severally offered advice.

It is evident our tools have been loaned far and wide. One day I found the pruning shears gone - loaned by Kim to Yu Sabang. Next day he didn't dare do the loaning so Pu Mo Kol Yi Si came to me to borrow them, etc. Then Dr. Baird came to say he had a weight on his conscience. Our Kim borrowed a saw from his Pak and returned it broken - all without saying anything to me - so Dr. B. said he would have to charge him a yen for it. Kim took him the yen but that same day the Chinese mender appeared and hearing the story from the servants, mended the saw for nothing. Query. What shall Dr. Baird do? He thinks he will keep his gains a few days to drive

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the lesson home, then send for Kim.

You know, I suppose, Korean girls are asking for coeducation.

Good night now with love from both the boys to "Damie".

Mother

Sammie will be printing you a letter soon. He began all of a sudden instead of drawing pictures and scribbles on the black board, to make the letters. He wrote L O. I suggested another O and K to make LOOK. Yes, he said, "There are two eyes in the middle to LOOK with." Soon he made *p* like *q* then corrected it so he had *q p*. They are just getting interested in simple puzzles but in mud pies lie their greatest joy.

(from the Samuel Hugh Moffett collection of Samuel A. Moffett papers)

## THE SITUATION IN THE ORIENT (Far East)

[notes for an address by Samuel Austin Moffett given on some occasion, probably in 1921 in U.S.A.]

Factors - China, Japan, Korea, Siberia - (Russia), Philippines (hence the U.S.), Hongkong & India (and hence Great Britain). (Neither France nor Germany is a great factor.)

Politically Japan is now the greatest power, with a powerful army, navy, a centralized government dominated by an unbounded ambition and a colossal conceit with a mercantile fleet, corporations, banks, government monopolies patterned after the latest business methods and developments of the West - forging ahead now as a manufacturing nation competing for the markets of China, India and Russia and seeking to control the development of the raw materials and to manufacture them for Asia - securing untold wealth and thus to become the commercial power as well as the military or political power - looking forward to what?

China - potentially the greatest power - if only she can reach a stable united government administered with a fair degree of honesty and patriotism. Unlimited raw materials - coal for a thousand years, iron in such quantities and so easily mined that Japan can land iron bars in Seattle to compete with the steel trade of America. Industrially with a population of 400,000 families, an almost unlimited supply of laborers at cheap wages and of the most patiently industrious men in the world capable of a training to make them as efficient as any labor-organized community, with great hongs or guilds centuries before the West - - handling immense sums of money and carrying out contracts of wide dimensions with an honesty and fidelity to promise which has given the Chinese a great reputation in the business world in marked contrast to the Japanese - with potential developments in Manchuria and Mongolia which promise enormous crops of grain and great numbers of cattle and sheep.

Siberia, the great unpopulated, undeveloped largely unknown country capable of such development and containing such resources as well as with a people such as developed the great west and northwest of America & Canada capable of becoming the greatest wheat and dairy country of the world - with timber and mineral resources of untold wealth - with great navigable rivers whose names you now hardly ever heard - aside from the Lena & Yenisei - rivers as large as the Ohio with great steamboats and rafts of lumber - soil 15 and 20 feet thick of the finest black loam, a severe climate to be sure, but not much more so than that of Minnesota and Dakota and Alberta & Saskatchewan in Canada.

A part of Russia - that people going through the awful throes of the revolution - not yet free from the terrors such as followed the French Revolution of over 100 years ago - but as we believe - eventually to gain the upper hand of the Bolsheviks and to provide for its great population of peasants an opportunity for education and development. Not long out of serfdom - going in 1910 by the thousands to Siberia - 23 train loads a day - 9 to 30 cars each, packed with men and women and children - every station crowded.

Korea - at the meeting point of these three great Asiatic nations - the buffer state - for centuries nominally subject to China but enjoying her own independent existence as a nation which for 3000 years has had its own lines of kings - - brought in the first 40 years out of its hermit life of seclusion awakened rudely to the fact that small nations for a century have been but the bones of contention of the larger nations and finding the dogs of war let loose all around her - Russia and Japan greedily contending with each other as to which should have this bone - at a loss as to which way to turn - her corrupt official class blindly grasping for light not knowing whom to trust and finding their allies ignored and set aside treated with contempt by all the nations which used Korea as but a pawn in the great international chess game for the domination of the markets of the world. The occasion for the Japan-China war of 1894, of the Russo-Japan war of 1904 and brought, to her consternation and dismay and her deep seated but quiet

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resentment under the sway of the long hated Japanese in 1910 by annexation through fraud and deceit - and in 1919 after the great World War which was supposed to restore to the smaller nations the right of self-determination - brought to a sublime exhibition of courage and hope in the spontaneous uprising of the whole people in an unanswered non-violent assertion of independence. Korea, politically having no home, commercially almost a negligible factor because of its size in contrast to the great areas of China, Manchuria & Japan, but morally and spiritually a people of character and influence and potentially the probable great spiritual factor in the life of the Orient.

Great Britain - the great commercial and maritime power of the world - always conserving [?] her markets, has great interests at stake. Hongkong, the great free trade hub, Shanghai, the great commercial city of China at mouth of Yangtse valley - Great Britain's special sphere where Japan is making inroads and already controls the great river outpost of Hangkow. British interests in China are enormous. Lady traveling came out impressed with British domination of everything in China. Politically Britain interested because of India and the possible independence, or its coming under influences from Russia or Japan.

The U.S. - a factor now because of [the] Philippines - - a greater factor because of commercial development - banks, insurance, ships, friendship.

(from the Samuel Hugh Moffett collection of Samuel Austin Moffett papers)

Madison, Indiana

April 11, 1921

Samuel Austin Moffett

Dear Jamie:

I suppose this will reach you just as you return from Monroe. I hope and believe you have had a good time and all has gone well without any mishaps. I wish however you had dropped me a line from Monroe so that I might have known you were safely there (perhaps the mail today will bring me a letter). Also you have not yet written me that the 2<sup>nd</sup> Korean pennant reached you - nor that the letter for Mrs. Sharrocks was received and forwarded to her (that had a check in it and you should have let me know at once).

Now, do not fail to acknowledge receipt of this - for I am enclosing a draft on New York for \$200<sup>00</sup> which you are to give to the school treasurer for payment of another term's tuition, etc., the balance to be placed to your personal account.

I plan to speak in Indianapolis on the 17<sup>th</sup>, Detroit on the 24<sup>th</sup>, Pittsburgh for a week April 28 - May 4 and be in New York May 8<sup>th</sup> and a few days before. Then is when I shall expect to meet you but as plans are not yet definitely made, wait until you hear from me again.

I am rejoicing over another gift of \$5000<sup>00</sup>, this time from Captain Dollar of San Rafael [of the Dollar Steamship Lines], for taking down and re-erecting the Theological Seminary building, for West Gate Church for *Training Class* rooms and [for the] College auditorium. We want to put the new building for the seminary on the site of the present one.

[Uncle] Rob's Sam is down with scarlet fever - a mild case. David Kantz [son of Aunt Susie's step-daughter, Mary] in Indianapolis has whooping cough and pneumonia - pretty seriously sick.

We have had a freeze here which has probably killed almost all the fruit except some apples.

No very recent word from Pyengyang. I shall be glad to hear of your visit - also await your term report in confidence. Am rejoiced you are doing so well and all seems to be turning out nicely.

How very very much we have to be thankful for. Lets hold on to the real things in life - the things that are worth while.

Love from us all,

Father

(from the Samuel Hugh Moffett collection of Samuel Austin Moffett papers)

New York City  
[Columbia] Presbyterian Hospital

May 15, 1921

Samuel Austin Moffett

Dear Jamie:

Just 4 days since my operation and I am up today dressed - using only one arm but almost well again. Doctor says I can leave tomorrow and come back on Wednesday for removal of last stitches and then go west on Thursday. All have been surprised at the rapidity of the healing - with no temperature and no change in pulse. That is what comes from a straight clean life with generations of good blood and clean living back of one - and also from a faith in God which keeps one calm and assured without worry. You cannot be too thankful my boy to your father and mother and to all of their ancestors for your inheritance of a good clean sound body and mind - good health and a good constitution. How much of suffering is avoided by it and it is what every man owes to his children. I am so thankful that I was so taught and so kept through all my school and college days and was able to keep clean and true. How often your mother and I expressed to each other our gratitude that we were able to give to our children that which we had inherited from our parents.

The doctor found a cystic condition and removed a lot of growth but said it was harmless, nothing malignant and that he did not have to cut the muscles. I went into unconsciousness after four long breaths of the ether and knew nothing until they were putting me in bed back in my room again. Didn't even see the operating room or the doctor. They gave me the anesthetic on a wheeled cot in the elevator before going into operating room. It was a wonderful experience. It took 25 minutes for the operation and they said I didn't move a muscle all the time. Uncle Tom has visited me every day, Mrs. Stewart sent me some beautiful roses and Mr. Stewart brought me some grapes. A cousin, Edmund Moffett, [who] studied in Columbia law school came with Tom yesterday and today Professor Hulbert, formerly of Korea called. Others have called also. [I] have gotten along famously and now I will be all right. Expect to leave Thursday for Madison and on Monday go to Winona [Minnesota] to General Assembly.

Received your card. Yes, we certainly had a fine time. Take your own choice of either physics or chemistry for science after talking it over with Prof. Yeager, your adviser.

If I can get to it on Tuesday I will try to get you a suit where we got your overcoat last winter. Uncle Tom has a circular from them about some attractive suits. After you get this you can send me one more letter to 54 Gramercy Park [Uncle Tom's residence] and then after that, direct to Madison until June 1<sup>st</sup> and then to San Rafael until June 16<sup>th</sup>. That means only one more month, doesn't it?

I don't feel very strong - but otherwise am all right and expect soon to be as active as ever.

Write me quite fully about all your problems or questions, whatever they may be - just as they come up. How thankful we will be for our good times together at Madison in the summer - at Mt. Hermon in the fall and here in New York in winter and this spring. We certainly have very very much to be grateful for. Do not let us forget it.

Lots of love as always from

Father

(from the Samuel Hugh Moffett collection of Samuel Austin Moffett papers)

I was so busy that I forgot your request for a parcel post package and woke up when I looked up your letter. Am ever so sorry, for I had fully expected to send one for the 18<sup>th</sup>. That is just one more of the many things I wanted to do which I have left undone.

Now, my boy, you have gotten a good start, are fairly well supplied with clothes, etc. and from now on you will have to supply yourself. Make sure that you plan ahead of time for what you need. Feel free to buy whatever you need and get good quality goods. Keep in touch with Uncle Tom and ask his advice as you need to. Just count him your "little father" (작은아버지), as the Koreans say. He will be glad to help at any time. Make sure of keeping in touch with him for the summer and go to Dr. Whipple there for the operation on your neck. Don't forget this - and be sure to plan for it in advance. Write Uncle Tom in advance and have him make arrangements through the Board and Dr. Whipple for you to be in Presbyterian Hospital at the time. Uncle Howard will expect you there [in Madison] after you get through in New York and you can plan for a rest and vacation this summer - and just as good a time as you can have on the hilltop.

If Mrs. Stewart should ask you to stay a few days at Greenwich - all well and good. It will be a good experience and you will enjoy it.

Write me very very freely about everything and especially about any puzzling questions which come up, and if anything goes wrong, tell me all about it.

One more thing, you must manage somehow to write to Grandma once in every three months at least. That is not a hard task and you owe it to your own dear mother to keep in touch with Grandma and give her a little share in your life.

Every blessing be with you and the Lord keep and guide you in all things.

Mrs. Sharrocks wrote nicely of Myron Hume, your former roommate. I hope you may be with him next year.

Lots of love from Grandma, Charles and

Father

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I won't tell you what it is but if you get it you can use it all right.

(from the Samuel Hugh Moffett collection of Samuel Austin Moffett papers)

Bridgeville, Pennsylvania

May 20, 1921

Murray C. Reiter

Rev. Harry A. Rhodes, Syenchun, Chosen, Japan

Dear Brother,

I have kept the card you sent out to your friends when you were leaving, with my unanswered correspondence - and have looked at it at least once a week ever since I received it. I appreciated the fact that you thought worth while to send us one of them. I determined at the time that I would surely write you. I have thought of you and your work every time I came to my desk to make an effort to bring my correspondence up to date and I have offered a prayer again and again - but other affairs have crowded on me and I have just failed to write that letter. I was surprised this morning to notice that your card was dated July 14, 1917. I said to myself, "Is it possible that four years have almost passed?" They have been busy years for me and I suspect even busier for you. They have been good years in our work and I suspect even better in yours.

We had Dr. Moffat [Moffett] with us at our mission at Beadling a few weeks since and he told of thirty years work and how the work had grown. It was marvelous as we compared it with the growth of our own mission work in the mining village which had been established about the same time. Beadling is very, very fond of Rev. Eli M. Mowry, as he worked there for a time, and when he was fined they sent the money to pay his fine. Then recently we learned that he was in straightened circumstances and the school work in great need, and our Beadling folks sent him a nice purse - so they have a very special interest in Korea. They were delighted with Dr. Moffat's address. It was good. He is an inspiring speaker and then he was able to tell them so much of Mr. Mowry and speak in such high praise of his work.

Our Bethel church conceived the idea that it would be a nice thing to send Dr. W.C. Johnston of Africa, who went out from this church, a Ford to be used in the mission station and we have just about closed up that matter. The Ford is on the field and they are having a time with it - I mean a great and good time. We are very proud of Dr. Johnston and his splendid work - and enjoy being so closely related to both these men.

You must have a large work. I am sure such a work must be very taxing. I hope you are all quite well and able for the task. You have had very strenuous times in Chosen on account of the big social questions with which the world wrestles and no place more sensitive than just where you are, perhaps. Korea is much in the eyes of the world and we are praying and waiting for a happy solution of their difficulties. You surely have splendid church buildings, or I should say, roomy ones in Syenchun. Our Bethel church seats some five hundred in the main auditorium and we think it good sized. We trust you will be greatly prospered. We assure you that our letter writing is not an index to the number of times we think of you. We are glad you have gone forward in the great battle by which the kingdoms of this world are to become the kingdom of our Lord and his Christ. My cousin, Ernest Clements, and his family returned to India, arriving at Christmas time. Love to all and an interest in your prayers for us and our work, sometimes even harder than yours, but also a peculiar joy to us, because our Master praises.

Fraternally,

Murray C. Reiter

Enjoyed your article telling of your great Korean evangelist.

(from the Samuel Hugh Moffett collection of Samuel Austin Moffett papers)

Harrodsburg, Kentucky

June 1, 1921

Samuel A. Moffett

[postcard to his son, James M. Moffett, Box 131, Mt. Hermon, Massachusetts]

Five brothers and sister here in auto ride through blue grass region. Fine trip. Will write you more at length soon. Have been so busy since leaving New York that could not write. Wish you were with us. We return to Madison tomorrow.

Father

(from the Samuel Hugh Moffett collection of Samuel Austin Moffett papers)

On train enroute Chicago  
[postcard to son, Jamie]

June 7, 1921

Samuel A. Moffett

Dear Jamie:

Charles and I are off to Korea. Have had such a busy time these last ten days that almost no letters have been written. We leave San Francisco on June 22<sup>nd</sup> so write me at San Rafael up to 15<sup>th</sup>.

With Susie, Will, Howard & Tom I had the finest kind of 2½ days auto ride through Blue Grass region of Kentucky.

Charles finished school passing into 8<sup>th</sup> grade with only fairly creditable maths. He is not doing as well as I wish he were and needs help along the line of truthfulness and honesty in dealing with me. Write him now and then and hold him up to high ideals. Keep in touch with Uncle Tom and Uncle Howard and make your plans with them for the summer. It has been a fine year and we certainly had good times together in New York.

Love from Charles and Father

(from the Samuel Hugh Moffett collection of Samuel Austin Moffett papers)

San Rafael, California

June 8, 1921

Martha A. Warner Fish

(Postcard sent to "Master Samuel H. Moffett, Pyeng Yang, Chosen (Korea)% Rev. S.A. Moffett)

My dear grand-son,

I send to you and Howard squash seed of two kinds, "Italian Cheese Squash" and small cream squash. You both may enjoy planting them and watching them grow. The cheese squash is a peculiar variety raised in Ramone Valley near Martinez, Calif. It is canned in large quantity for market.

Your father & brother Charles will be here in a few days. Charles will have his birthday here again.

Your loving grandmother

Martha A. Fish

note: While Jamie and Charles were children of Samuel A. Moffett's deceased wife, Alice, (daughter of Charles and Martha Fish), Sammie and Howard [and later, Tom, were the children of Lucia Fish, child of Charles Fish's brother, Thomas, and first cousin of Alice.

(from the Samuel Hugh Moffett collection of Samuel Austin Moffett papers)

San Rafael, California

June 13, 1921

Samuel A. Moffett

Dear Jamie:

Here we are at Grandma's again and yesterday celebrated Charles' 13<sup>th</sup> birthday - the fourth one he has spent in this home here. It is long since I heard from you and I have not written anything but postals for some time. How very busy I have been this last month!

I had a good time at General Assembly after I got there. I was late because of the hospital operation. I saw Dr. McCune, the Swallens, Dr. Clark, Herbert Blair, McFarland and Kagin, all from Korea.

Had a successful campaign and secured promise of \$4000 more for the college. I go back greatly encouraged.

We had the finest kind of a time on the hilltop with Uncle Will and Uncle Tom there for a week. The auto trip to Kentucky was simply great. Sunday night the 5<sup>th</sup> I spoke at Hanover to the Christian Associations in connection with the Commencement Exercises and had a fine audience. Uncles Howard & Rob went down, as did Charles.

Tuesday the 7<sup>th</sup> Charles & I started for Korea - and after a hot and dusty and tiresome journey, arrived here Saturday the 11<sup>th</sup> in afternoon. Grandma seems quite well and was glad to see us.

Yesterday we heard Captain Hobson at the Presbyterian Church - a fine strong address on the Prohibition question and the work of the *Anti Saloon League*. It was great. If you ever get a chance to hear him, do so by all means. As he told of the awful effects on men and upon their children of the use of alcoholic drinks and the evils which follow it, I was even more thankful than ever that we have been kept free from such evils. Hold to the high standards all through life, my boy, and keep a clean, true life. What a factor it is in the happiness of one, and all one's dear ones. It is such a cause of regret to us all that Aunt Susie's Will has the cigarette habit. It is injuring him so much and he is not doing as well in his studies, nor is he keeping so well physically, while he admits now that it has such a strong hold on him that he is not willing to give it up. Don't talk to Aunt Susie about it, for it hurts her so - but just pray for Will, that he may seek grace to give it up.

When we left Madison Charles gave his bicycle to John, which pleased him greatly and will help him in his lonesomeness after Charles' departure. We will be here now until the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Yesterday we saw Mr. & Mrs. Holdcroft and took dinner with them at San Anselmo.

Letters from Mother say all are well and they are looking now for us to return. The Bernheisels sail July 25<sup>th</sup>, the Sharps leave this week, June 15<sup>th</sup>. Direct your next letter after this is received to me at Pyengyang. It takes 5¢ postage remember. Write every week. I shall be so eager all the time to hear from you and it will be so long before the first letter reaches me after we leave here.

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San Rafael, California  
614 Fifth Avenue

June 19, 1921

Samuel A. Moffett

Jamie Dear!

One last Sunday in San Rafael and America. We are about ready for sailing. I will finish packing tomorrow, put our trunks on board on Tuesday and off we go at 1 p.m. on Wednesday.

Am hoping I get a letter from you before we sail. Am afraid you have not kept up and written me once each week. Now, please do not get careless along this line. I want at least one letter from you every week - just as regularly as you eat your meals. Make it a settled habit for all the years. Write as soon as you get this and direct to Pyengyang - for I shall be eager for word from you when we land there.

Yesterday I saw Mr. Holdcroft, Mr. Reiner and a Mrs. Byram, M.D., wife of Dr. Byram who is to go to Syen Chun. We were all at luncheon at Mrs. Gorderins [?] as was also Mrs. Ames, Mrs. Sharrocks' mother, with whom I had a good visit.

On Friday Charles and Mr. Holdcroft and I went up Mt. Tamalpais on railroad and then to Muir Woods. We had a fine trip and enjoyed the views greatly and the walk through the forest of great redwoods. Charles wanted to send you something in connection with his birthday and liked the Mt. Tamalpais pennant which has gone to you by parcel post. If we keep on sending pennants you will soon have quite a collection.

How we shall miss you in Korea. Pyengyang, the home, the compound will not seem like the same old places and I shall be lonesome without my big boy. Well, we shall just have to stand it in the best spirit possible and we must live much in each other through our letters. It will be but about a month now before your summer vacation. Hope you have a good time the rest of the term and that all goes well. If Mrs. Stewart should ask you to spend a day or so at their summer home at Greenwich (on way to New York from Mt. Hermon), well & good - you will enjoy it and prob ably get some good ocean bathing. Take your bathing suit or if it is too small or torn, get another one.

I wrote you to keep in touch with Uncle Tom and to be sure to plan for a week with him on your way to Madison if he is in New York then - and also to see Dr. Whipple and have the operation on your neck.

Should the way be clear then, or upon your return to Mt. Hermon in September, for you to spend a few days with Uncle Azel and Laurens - feel free to accept such an invitation. Learn to keep up your correspondence with friends - not writing frequently but at the right times. It will help you greatly and will make friends.

You have not written Grandma for months - when did you write last?

Tomorrow Charles and I take luncheon with Dr. and Mrs. Day in their new home in one

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of these cottages at Lansdale. They were interested to hear of you. I wonder how you have gotten along in your tennis. I rather think that is where you will find your greatest athletic interest - that and the swimming.

Charles was greatly pleased with the Mt. Hermon pennant you sent him. It will be fine for his room. Do not know just how we will arrange our house when we get back or what room he will have. Will write you about all the changes.

Mr. McMurtrie has begun to build his new house. The Sharps are on their way to America, having left June 15<sup>th</sup>. The Bernheisels leave July 25<sup>th</sup>, just after we reach there. Latest from Mother, a postal last of May, says all are well.

Love from all of us here and especially from

Father

(from the Samuel Hugh Moffett collection of Samuel Austin Moffett papers)

San Rafael, California

June 21, 1921

Samuel A. Moffett

Dear Jamie:

Two good letters from you just before we get away and it is good to have them.

Now about your studies and time of graduation: I want you to do just whatever seems best after you talk it all over with Mr. Yeager and have his advice. It will not disappoint me if you do not finish in 1922, provided you do good faithful work. I am not over anxious for Honors even though I have been greatly gratified that you received them - but I am eager to have you work faithfully and hard enough to require some effort on your part. I don't expect you to shirk or to be lazy. I want you to get the most good out of your education and to lay good foundations and if good grades result, so much the better - but it is more important that you get the education aright than that you get Honors. Now, talk it all over with Mr. Yeager, tell him just what you think and feel and desire and ask him what he thinks is best for you. Of course, one advantage in finishing in 1922 is that you would enter college that fall, while if you have to take another term in order to finish, you will have to wait until the fall of 1923 to enter college.

Now, if you can arrange to take some extra studies - and especially if you can begin Greek by waiting until 1923 to graduate, that may be a great advantage. Just think it all over, talk it over with Mr. Yeager, do good work, decide as you think best. Talk it over with Uncle Tom, Uncle Howard and Aunt Susie this summer, also.

You won't disappoint me, my boy, if only you work faithfully - keep true - and seek to do the Lord's will.

God bless you, my boy. I am more homesick for you than you are homesick, but it is all right. We shall live much in each other by our letters.

Grandma and Charles unite in love.

Lovingly,

Father

(from the Samuel Hugh Moffett collection of Samuel Austin Moffett papers)

Sorai Beach, Korea

July 23, 1921

Samuel A. Moffett

Dear Jamie:

We arrived safely at 5 a.m. July 14<sup>th</sup> at home and found all well except Edgar Blair, who was down with typhoid fever - a light case, they said.

My, but it was good to see Mother, Sammy and Howard and all the PyengYangites.

The Koreans began to come in on me, of course, and in between visits I managed to unpack and pack again for Sorai, for we came right on here the Wednesday after our arrival, the 20<sup>th</sup>.

The annex to dormitory - Mr. McMurtrie's house, Miss Best's new house and a brick building at Miss Snook's school are all going up and the Methodists have a new big brick building for their school over beyond Dr. Hall's hospital just outside city wall. Found Eng Do and Cho Si at our house and Eng Do has come with us to Sorai.

The Bernheisels left Tuesday for America but the two Charleses [Charles Moffett and Charles Bernheisel] had five days together. The Bairds have a little daughter two weeks old and the Phillips and Roberts a new little one.

The compound looks very familiar - no changes except larger shrubbery. Lots of apples for this year and some already coming in from the farm [the Moffett farm].

We had a fine trip to Sorai - leaving Pyeng Yang in a pouring rain but getting on steamer at Chinnampo at 3 p.m. with no rain. [It was] a fine smooth voyage without rain. A beautiful sunset - fine full moon and safe arrival at 8 a.m. Thursday morning. There are lots of people here, but how I do miss you. 138 here on the beach last night for a clam chowder supper and how the children do enjoy everything. Charles & Ned Whittemore and Edward Avison are the big boys with a lot of others about 10 to 12 years old.

I write this, I suppose, just as you are closing your term's work. I shall be eager to hear how you feel after this whole year of work. Will send this to Madison and hope it reaches you in the midst of a good summer vacation. You will feel somewhat lost without us, but cheer up - you can be so thankful to have Uncle Howard and Uncle Tom and Aunt Susie in America - when so many boys are left without any near relatives.

This letter, too, will make you homesick for Korea and for all the good times here, but you will be having your own good times there and many new experiences.

All but I have just been down for a swim and as I write I have been able to look down and watch them having such a good time. This certainly is one of the most beautiful beaches to be found anywhere. I wish Lenore [his sister Susie's daughter], with her beautiful cerise bathing suit might be on this fine white beach. One of the girls here looks swell indeed in a turquoise

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blue suit but most of them are rather plain in colors.

We expect to stay here until about the 20<sup>th</sup> of August and then to go back to go to work again.

Lots of love from all of us to all the dear ones on the hilltop. Tell Uncle Rob the leather trunk got to Pyengyang with its contents thanks to the good strong rope which bound it but the threads, etc., which held it were too old to hold together and it will never return to America. It has had one good ocean voyage anyhow which few trunks of its age can ever say.

How I wish you and Elizabeth [brother Howard's daughter] and Lenore [sister Susie's daughter] might be on this beach during August. What a good time you would have.

Shall eagerly await letters from you.

Lots of love from all of us -

Lovingly,

Father

(from the Samuel Hugh Moffett collection of Samuel Austin Moffett papers)

Dear Jamie:

How Charles and I do miss you as we journey back. We have had so many good trips and good times together that it seems strange not to have you this time. We are on a much smaller and much slower boat than any I have been on since the first time I went out in 1889 and we have only about 35 first class passengers. But the boat is steady, the sea is calm and the passengers are a very nice little crowd and we are having a really fine trip.

We make a little over 330 miles a day where the *Asia* made over 400 and sometimes 440 a day. We shall be 7 days in reaching Honolulu and then 12 days more in reaching Yokohama.

We had service today and I preached. Next week a man from Japan will have the service.

We have a number of college students on board - several young Chinese in or just finishing American schools. Last night we all got together for a good sing around the piano in the Social Hall. Charles is enjoying shuffle board and particularly making friends with the wireless operators - two very young men. He hangs over the door of the wireless room half the time, I think.

Today we saw one fresh flying fish. The water has been most beautifully blue for two days - such a deep indigo blue.

It was fine to have your two good letters just before we left but I shall miss them greatly until the next one reaches me in Pyongyang.

When we left, Mrs. Algren (Aunt Tillie who sent you the \$5) was at the ferry to see us, and Mr. Holdcroft and two of my former Korean students were down to see us off. We left Grandma quite well but she will miss us and I hope you will write her quite frequently - once every two months - say, for it will do her good.

I was sorry not to get to Los Angeles again and Mrs. Burnham was disappointed not to see either you or Charles. I could not make it, though. Had a goodbye night letter from Uncle Howard and Aunt Susie. Be sure to keep in frequent touch with them.

Your grey suit came just the day before we left and was packed at once. It will serve Charles and he was pleased to have a pair of long trousers. I wonder what you get for yourself this summer. Don't dress in a slovenly way - get something pretty good - with Uncle Tom's advice, if you can.

If you find the money in your name at Mt. Hermon is not enough, write to either Uncle Howard or Uncle Tom for what you need.

We shall be glad indeed to get back to mother and Sammy & Howard and my - how we shall miss you. I suppose we will be in Pyongyang only a few days and then will go to Sorai Beach for a month. Charles has had only one swim - the one up the Ohio - since we left Korea. He will enjoy the ocean again. There is no swimming tank on this vessel.

Keep well - work hard - have all the fun you can consistent with good work and express to Mrs. Sharrocks my regrets that I did not see her again - nor her brother or Mr. Sharrocks in San Francisco. I saw her mother but my time was too short to see many whom I had planned to meet.

Love from both of us, as always -

Lovingly,  
Father

[June 29 - 6 a.m. arrived Honolulu all O.K.]

(from the Samuel Hugh Moffett collection of Samuel Austin Moffett papers)

Dear Jamie:

We had a good day in Honolulu visiting the aquarium, bathing at Waikiki, seeing the Kanakas [native Pacific Islanders] ride the surf boards, learning a few new things about coconuts, dates and mangoes, eating alligator pears (avocados they call them in California) for dinner and then watching again the boys dive for nickels as we came off the dock.

At the dock as we left we met a number of Koreans and I was able to arrange for two more Korean pennants which are to be sent you. When you receive them I wish you would send them as presents one each to Albert [Ross] and Bruce [Hunt] - unless you would rather send to one of the girls at Park College - to Katharine Blair, perhaps, who was your own classmate. Send to whichever of the Korean boys or girls you wish. I am sure they will be glad to have them.

Charles is thoroughly enjoying the tank - the only thing is, he forgets to come out and has been staying in too long. I have a time too trying to get him to do any reading. He loves to play and to talk but he does not like to read and he is falling pretty far behind boys of his age in that respect. Punch him up a little when you write him.

The captain tells us we are to drop out Monday the 4<sup>th</sup> of July this trip. We reach the 180<sup>th</sup> meridian that morning. That will give me a year without a 4<sup>th</sup> of July. You know I had one without a Christmas in 1889 when I first went to Korea.

We have very few passengers in first cabin - two more only coming on at Honolulu. Nine Koreans came on there as 3<sup>rd</sup> class passengers.

How I do miss you - and how much I should like to have a good long talk with you. We get a little paper every morning with the news which comes by wireless and so in a measure know what is happening in the world.

Will write again from time to time and mail when we reach Yokohama. Was disappointed not to get a letter from Mother in Honolulu but mail from Japan arrived there the day after we left.

Love from both of us,

Father

[There is one inconsistency between this letter of July 1<sup>st</sup> and the previous letter of June 26<sup>th</sup> which stated that "there is no swimming tank on this vessel". Now he says: "Charles is thoroughly enjoying the tank..." and yet the vessel's name is still the *S.S. China*.

Sorai Beach, Korea

July 23, 1921

Samuel A. Moffett

Dear Jamie:

We arrived safely at 5 a.m. July 14<sup>th</sup> at home and found all well except Edgar Blair, who was down with typhoid fever - a light case, they said.

My, but it was good to see Mother, Sammy and Howard and all the PyengYangites.

The Koreans began to come in on me, of course, and in between visits I managed to unpack and pack again for Sorai, for we came right on here the Wednesday after our arrival, the 20<sup>th</sup>.

The annex to dormitory - Mr. McMurtrie's house, Miss Best's new house and a brick building at Miss Snook's school are all going up and the Methodists have a new big brick building for their school over beyond Dr. Hall's hospital just outside city wall. Found Eng Do and Cho Si at our house and Eng Do has come with us to Sorai.

The Bernheisels left Tuesday for America but the two Charleses [Charles Moffett and Charles Bernheisel] had five days together. The Bairds have a little daughter two weeks old and the Phillips and Roberts a new little one.

The compound looks very familiar - no changes except larger shrubbery. Lots of apples for this year and some already coming in from the farm [the Moffett farm].

We had a fine trip to Sorai - leaving Pyeng Yang in a pouring rain but getting on steamer at Chinnampo at 3 p.m. with no rain. [It was] a fine smooth voyage without rain. A beautiful sunset - fine full moon and safe arrival at 8 a.m. Thursday morning. There are lots of people here, but how I do miss you. 138 here on the beach last night for a clam chowder supper and how the children do enjoy everything. Charles & Ned Whittemore and Edward Avison are the big boys with a lot of others about 10 to 12 years old.

I write this, I suppose, just as you are closing your term's work. I shall be eager to hear how you feel after this whole year of work. Will send this to Madison and hope it reaches you in the midst of a good summer vacation. You will feel somewhat lost without us, but cheer up - you can be so thankful to have Uncle Howard and Uncle Tom and Aunt Susie in America - when so many boys are left without any near relatives.

This letter, too, will make you homesick for Korea and for all the good times here, but you will be having your own good times there and many new experiences.

All but I have just been down for a swim and as I write I have been able to look down and watch them having such a good time. This certainly is one of the most beautiful beaches to be found anywhere. I wish Lenore [his sister Susie's daughter], with her beautiful cerise bathing suit might be on this fine white beach. One of the girls here looks swell indeed in a turquoise

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blue suit but most of them are rather plain in colors.

We expect to stay here until about the 20<sup>th</sup> of August and then to go back to go to work again.

Lots of love from all of us to all the dear ones on the hilltop. Tell Uncle Rob the leather trunk got to Pyengyang with its contents thanks to the good strong rope which bound it but the threads, etc., which held it were too old to hold together and it will never return to America. It has had one good ocean voyage anyhow which few trunks of its age can ever say.

How I wish you and Elizabeth [brother Howard's daughter] and Lenore [sister Susie's daughter] might be on this beach during August. What a good time you would have.

Shall eagerly await letters from you.

Lots of love from all of us -

Lovingly,

Father

(from the Samuel Hugh Moffett collection of Samuel Austin Moffett papers)

Tell Uncle Howard to be sure to send the \$2500  
I asked for in my letter from Calif. or the steamer.

Sorai Beach, Korea

August 9, 1921

Samuel A. Moffett

Dear Jamie:

Just how I have let the days go by without writing you I do not know except that we have all been so lazy and sleeping so much since arriving here that we have not realized that the time has passed so rapidly. We talk of you every day and in prayer each day you are always mentioned by name. How we do miss you and wish you could be here with us to enjoy the bathing, the fun and all that goes with a summer at Sorai. Wish we could know just what you are doing and how the summer vacation is spent.

We had a good steamer passage from Chinnampo but others have not fared so well, a party from Chemulpo [Inchon] just before us striking the worst voyage of any group yet and barely getting ashore here without their baggage which had to go on to Chinnampo and come back with us. The sampan jumped up & down so with the waves that the people had to jump from the steps into the sampan as it rose with the waves. Sammy & Howard are enjoying it so in the water and on the sand. You wouldn't know Howard, he is such a big strong lively talkative boy - full of fun and dashing into the waves as brave as can be.

Charles and Ned Whittimore, Edward Avison, Willis Brockman from China and Liv Erdman are the big boys and what with swimming, tennis, parties and the weekly "stunts" are having a great time. Last Friday night we had a circus (a real one) which was a tremendous success. Bruen made a capital clown - Harriett Bruen & Barbara Koons dancing bear & coon. I was policeman with all the badges I could rake up and a saw for a sword.

This Friday we have a minstrel show and Mother is on the committee - so they have drafted me again for this one and I am to be interlocutor dressed up as "Uncle Sam". The beach is certainly fine and everybody bathes, of course. We have had considerable wind - one night a regular typhoon - and just now a very high tide sweeping over the entire beach.

Mowry & C.D. Morris built houses last summer and the Holdcrofts built an addition to their boat house and I bought a half interest in it - so we are occupying it now.

E.H. Miller & Miss Tate will put in foundations for new houses and build next summer. Charles goes in for his Sorai "S" this week and next week takes part in the swimming contest around the point.

One night we had a clam chowder picnic on the beach - 138 people there and it was fine. Miss Hess of Chemulpo has a motor boat and takes parties of ten or more to Mysterious Island every few days.

How the children have grown. Elizabeth Koons, Marion Morris and Charlotte Morris are

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the big girls - almost young ladies - and how they can swim!

They tell us that next year the railroad will come to Mungumpo just 60 li from here. It now runs to Chai Ryung from Sariwon - so next year we shall all probably come by rail and make the last 20 miles in autos or walk it if necessary.

I can't give you much Pyengyang news. The annex to the Dorm is being built. There will be only George Adams & Charlotte Morris in High School this year I believe. Elizabeth Sharp & Nan Bruen both went to America this summer. By the way, Mr. & Mrs. Bruen want very much to have Nan get in on your Round Robin. That is a fine thing and I do hope you all keep it up for years to come. Edgar Blair has been quite sick but is better now but they have been kept from coming to Sorai by it. The Bairds have a little daughter a little over a month old and so they stayed in P.Y. this summer.

A year makes a great difference and the P.Y. community is already changed. Miss Bergman, the Allans (?), Lutzes, Miss Boyer - Biggers, some new Methodists - four I believe - all make quite a new community.

Charles has just come in saying he has just had a "hot game" of tennis. He is enjoying it.

Love from us all. Will write again in a few days.

Lovingly,  
Father

(from the Samuel Hugh Moffett collection of S.A. Moffett papers)

Pyongyang, Korea

August 30, 1921

Samuel A. Moffett

Dear Jamie:

Have been home again for four days - leaving Mother and the children at Sorai (beach) for another week. This is a great compound of ours and I have enjoyed going over it, seeing the changes - how much some of the shrubbery has grown. Apple trees are full and the grape vines are loaded. I wish you could see and hear the orioles. There are a number of them - beautiful birds and how I do enjoy their sweet notes.

There are many changes in P.Y. - our community has so many new people that it does not seem like the same place. Buildings are going up all around us. Mr. McMurtrie's new one-story brick house is ready for roof. It is just below the Foreign School building. The fine new annex to the dormitory is almost finished. It joins right on to the other, making one long house - running back to where the path from the Gillis house ran past the orchard to the hill and gate up on top from which we overlooked the PoTong valley. It is now a fine building larger and comfortable with room for about 25 children and more on a pinch. Then Miss Best's & Miss Butts' new brick house is nearing completion - two story and an attic - well built and roomy. It stands way up overlooking everything. Miss Snook has her new Domestic Science Building (red brick) nearly finished and is making plans for the large Recitation Building which goes up next year. Mr. Engel has the cellar dug for his house over on Seminary hill on the point just in front of the Southern Presbyterian cottage where Mr. Packer now lives and which has been made into a brick house.

Red brick houses are the order of the day now and they change the appearance very greatly. We expect to put up the new seminary building next Spring and the 5th church will build there also on the site I have tried so long to get - the wall site where you remember the Japanese police stood during the "man syei" excitement of 2 years ago.

I have not been down town yet to see the changes there. The Methodists have a huge new school building (red brick) just beyond the road which ran around the old city wall site over to their church and Moore's house. The city is growing rapidly and houses are everywhere - a whole string of them along the road from our compound to Kicha's grave, making a large village there - and there we have a fine chapel - the one that was planned for "Pigville".

This week the Academy opens and next week the College. The Blairs are up the river yet - Edgar much better, having been sick a long time with typhoid fever. Miss Doriss has fitted up Mr. McMurtrie's old house and it looks fine. She seems well settled in it. We have not a teacher yet but Miss Lloyd, sister of Mrs. Hunt, who came out in February to stay a year with them - is coming up to help out so I guess all will go well. Capt. Soltau, our new man, is now chairman of the Board of Managers. A fine man he is and capable, with experience.

How I do miss you. Everything here makes me think of you and it seems as though you ought to be running in with some request or some question at any minute. I shall be glad when Charles and the others all get home. Charles went to Haiju to spend a week with Henry Norton.

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He should be home next Saturday.

I am eager to hear from you. Not a word yet since leaving America. I look for an American mail any day now. Am sorry to hear Albert has broken down again. Hope he does not become discouraged.

You Sychang (?) has just come in and wants to be remembered to you. He says he was delighted to see Charles. Kyen-Ho is, of course, out of prison and in college again. Kyem Nyanji is still in prison but well, so her mother reports.

I hope you get the habit of writing me once every week for I long to hear from you. With lots of love - as ever

Father

(from the Samuel Hugh Moffett collection of Samuel Austin Moffett papers)

September 19, 1921

Samuel A. Moffett

Dear Jamie:

I am becoming really concerned over not hearing from you. What is the matter. I have not had a letter since reaching Korea and your last letter received was written early in June and reached me in San Rafael. I do not know how to account for it. I did think irregular mails were responsible but even mails are not so long delayed as this. I certainly am eager to hear. I hope also you received my letter sent to Mt. Hermon, then to New York - then to Madison and the last one again to Mt. Hermon.

We had a good time at Sorai Beach and have been home now about a month and you may well know that I am busy. College & Academy have opened well and we have nearly 700 students all told. Foreign School is running with Miss Lloyd, Mrs. Hunt's sister who came out last Spring, acting as assistant teacher until a new teacher comes. They are expecting Dr. Foote's daughter, Jean, who graduated in Nova Scotia last year - to come as the new teacher. How long before you want to try a couple of years as teacher in the Foreign School? The annex to the Dormitory is finished and gives there a fine larger building now.

We have gotten a fine lot of grapes from the farm and have 60 bottles of grape juice - besides giving away about 10 kerosene boxes of grapes to others. Apples too are now coming from the farm - fine ones - while the trees at our house are well loaded this year.

Look out for the stamps on this letter. Kim Changno [Elder Kim] got a few of them the day they were on sale but could not get any 10 and 4-sen ones at that post office and by noon all of them were gone from the big post office also. Charles fortunately was able to buy 2 each of 10 and 4-sen ones at Haiju by going early in morning and waiting in line for P.O. to open. Will keep one each for your collection.

I have a letter from Mt. Hermon giving your grades and so realize that you are finding Latin & English pretty hard. Nevertheless - keep at them - do the best you can and never get discouraged because grades are not what you hoped they would be. Faithful work is what I want - not necessarily high grades, though of course the more of them you get the better. You need to give more time to trying to improve in Latin and English.

Charles is poor in Arithmetic - largely I think from carelessness and lack of effort. Mother has been teaching Arithmetic in the Foreign School for two weeks and now Mrs. Soltau takes it up.

Let me know soon what the result of conference with your adviser (teacher) is as to your trying in 1922 or taking another term or two. We all join in lots of love - missing you - oh so much. Wonder what you will plan for the next Christmas vacation. What a fine one we had last year.

Lovingly,

Father

(from the Samuel Hugh Moffett collection of Samuel Austin Moffett papers)

Cooperating Missions

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Presbyterian, North  
Presbyterian, South  
Canadian Presbyterian  
Australian Presbyterian

## Union Christian College

Pyongyang, Korea

September 26, 1921

S.A.. Moffett

Dear Jamie:

Here goes my weekly letter to you although I have had no word from you in more than 3 months. Hope the next mail brings me half a dozen letters which for some reason have been delayed. We are having a good deal of rain and very chilly weather just now which is far from agreeable but hope for clear bright sunshine weather soon.

Charles seems pretty busy and is finding various kinds of work put on him. He & George have been soliciting contributions for baseball outfit of gloves, bats, balls, etc. and he is treasurer. He is also Secretary & Treasurer of Christian Endeavor - is called on to lead - also to sing in special music, etc. He doesn't seem to find time for much work on chopping down trees and such like work - but rides his bike, looks after his one-legged pigeon and plays a good deal. In many respects, however, I think he is doing better.

Foreign School seems to be doing well. George, Ned and Charles are the big boys.

Theological Seminary opened Saturday and I begin my classes today. What with Seminary, College & Academy I have my hands full although Mr. Roberts as Dean of Seminary has relieved me of much routine work.

Have been having lots of Korean dinners - welcoming me back - and I enjoy a good Korean meal. It takes up much time however and I am glad to think that they are over.

Sammie & Howard are having great good times with their "scooters" which I sent them from Los Angeles - and the neighborhood children enjoy them also. We are beginning to think of Christmas and this will be the first Christmas you & I have not been together. Wonder what you want this year. Better write at once and let me know if I am to plan to reach you by Christmas with any gift. Where will you be?

Wish you would drop a letter to Mr. & Mrs. Holdcroft at Hobart, Delaware Co., New York and tell them to drop in to see you if they get anywhere near Mt. Hermon, which is quite possible. They will be in America until next summer.

Dr. & Mrs. Ross have a cable message regarding Albert's health which calls them home and they plan to leave soon. Too bad, isn't it?

Wonder if you ever got a couple of Korean pennants from Hawaii. I arranged there for two to be sent you but as one was sent me here I am wondering whether any were sent to you. Thought you might like to send one to Katharine Blair & to Bruce Hunt - or anyone you wish. Am sure they would appreciate it.

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Last word I had from Uncle Howard was that Elizabeth was about well after the operation for appendicitis.

How quickly I have been plunged into Korean work and now feel all out of touch with conditions in Madison, etc. We are all real well - and all seems to go well in the main - but I do miss you dreadfully and long for word from you.

With lots of love from all of us

As ever Lovingly,

Father

(from the Samuel Hugh Moffett collection of Samuel Austin Moffett papers)

San Rafael, California

October 17, 1921

Mrs. Harriet Shaver

(note to James McKee Moffett, "student at Northfield", written on the back of the weekly bulletin (Oct. 16) of the First Presbyterian Church, San Rafael, California.)

Dear Jamie,

Perhaps you will be glad to know that I am thinking of you these days. Your grandmother had me out after church October 2 & brought me home. She had changed her dress & was sitting on the front porch near the blue flowers in the shade when she had her stroke & fell off her chair. She got up & called for help & got to her bed before she lost consciousness. She did not fully regain consciousness again but knew people. It was a beautiful way for her to die, no pain & only semi-consciousness. Mrs. Thomas Fish was at the funeral. Mrs. Judge Cutler & her daughter, Emma Paige reached there Saturday a.m. [Oct. 15] before she breathed her last. Dr. White made a beautiful address about her. There were many friends at the funeral .... singing. Dr. Thomson had the first part of the service & then Dr. White. It was beautiful & all remarks bore the impress of truth.

With much love. Let me be your grandmother now. I loved your own mother so much and cared for you & fed you on the ship on your first visit to America.

Harriet B. Shaver  
1031 4th St., San Rafael

Note added December 6th: Dear Jamie, This is the second trip for this letter to Northfield. I'm hoping it will reach you this time. The "Mr. Bouquet" referred to [in the bulletin as new Superintendent of the Sunday School] is now a subscriber to R.C.W. [*Record of Christian Work*]. All looks as usual at 614 5th Avenue, but we miss your grandmother.

Second note tucked into the envelope dated December 30, 1921: Dear Jamie, This is the third trip this letter has made. This time it will reach you I am sure, as it goes by the hand that has guided you for nearly 17 years [Jamie's father]. We shall have a birthday ere long if we live. You will be 17 & I, 80 years. Your grandmother always remembered my birthday the same as she did yours. It was good to see your father at the church p.m [prayer meeting] last night. I wish you a happy & prosperous New Year. I'm glad you have taken your Father's & Mother's God for yours. "He will be true to thee till death." I will give you a sentence from one of Dr. Thomson's late sermons. "Happiness is neither within nor without us. It is in the union of our hearts with God." We may each have that union. but I give you the prayer I got lately "Teach me the secret of fruitful endurance".

With a heartfelt of love - Your precious mother gave me that expression, in her letters to her mother.

Harriet B. Shaver

(from the Samuel H. Moffett collection of Samuel A. Moffett papers)

Cooperating Missions

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Australian Presbyterian  
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Canadian Presbyterian

# Union Christian College

Pyongyang, Korea

October 20, 1921

S.A. Moffett

Dear Jamie:

Doubtless you heard at once of Grandma's death as I suppose Cousin Emma would write you [Grandma referred to was Mrs. Charles H. Fish, Alice Moffett's mother]. The cablegram came to me as a great surprise and has necessitated quick changes in my plans. I cannot write at length now but want to let you know at once that Mother & I with Sammy & Howard plan to leave for America as soon as we can get passage on the steamer - and will expect to be in San Rafael by Dec. 1st at latest. We will plan to stay about 2 months or so, hoping to be back here March 1st.

Do not know just what plans in America will be but of course I shall plan to see you somewhere - probably in Madison or New York.

I am greatly disappointed that I have had no letter at all from you all these months and so do not know anything of your plans or even where you are, although I am taking it for granted you are in Mt. Hermon.

As soon as we know date of sailing I will cable to California and I suppose the news will reach you before this does. Will write you again also as soon as I know our dates. Charles will stay here in the Dormitory.

Am so grateful you had the visit with Grandma last year. She suffered much but had a great faith in Christ which sustained her. Write me at San Rafael as soon as you receive this.

Lovingly,

Father

(from the Samuel Hugh Moffett collection of Samuel Austin Moffett papers)

Pyongyang, Korea

October 22, 1921

Samuel A. Moffett

Dear Jamie:

It was a great relief to get the first news from you today - your postal to Sammy & Howard postmarked Mt. Hermon Sept. 19. I am hoping that letters will come soon. I cabled today to Dr. Landon of San Anselmo saying "Sailing Eleventh", which means we sail from Yokohama on the *Taejo Maru* on November 11th arriving San Francisco about Nov. 30 or Dec. 1st, I judge. I want to find letters from you there so I can make arrangements for meeting you when I go East. I am enclosing some stamps which you left here when you left and which turned up here a few days ago - also some I received from a young fellow in New Zealand to whom I sent a lot of Korean stamps.

If you find you already have any of these and one extra for trader - send any over and above those back to me to keep for Sammy & Howard or for Charles, if he has not them. He has received many of these and a few which you do not. Wonder if you ever take time to fix your stamps and get them in order.

Word from Cousin Clinton [his brother Howard's son] tells of the arrival of a little girl in their home. That is fine indeed.

Our apples are just about all in and we certainly have a fine lot of them - cellar full - your room half full - guest house back room full. They are the finest we have ever had and certainly are good. We like our new ones - King David, Delicious, Northern Spy (?), etc.

Charles is a good deal of a fraud along some lines and is not worrying much over his not working very hard in school or in cutting down the willow tree. He says he is working hard in school.

With love from us all -

Lovingly,

Father

(from the Samuel Hugh Moffett collection of Samuel A. Moffett papers)

Kobe, Japan

November 18, 1921

Lucia Fish Moffett

Dear Jamie,

Your letter of October 16 reached us today and was a great satisfaction to your father. On our way to America his strength gave out at Kobe and the doctor soon felt it best to have him taken to the International Hospital here where he is being well cared for and this is the third day he has had no temperature. Probably by Monday he can sit up a little bit but we are not encouraged to think he can travel before the *Tengo* December 6. The trouble is para-typhoid, of which P.Y. has had so much this past year - Winn Erdman, Mrs. Blair, Mrs. Hamilton, and I think Edgar [Blair]'s long fever was the same. Recovery is always very slow but I hope a great deal from the ocean voyage. We expect to go direct to San Rafael and let him rest there quietly as long as necessary. He sends you word to go on with your own plans for Christmas - we may not even be in America by that time - but he will see you as soon as he can, of course. Perhaps it will be all the better later.

He has been exceedingly sick - only four days ago he wanted his back rubbed "to build up those toppling hedges and get the eggs out". Drinking troubled him, too - "were we putting water back there to build up a Britisher or an American"?

I am not allowed at the hospital mornings as they clean, give treatment, etc. so then we go out for exercise and sightseeing. Mr. Sanborn has been most kind, afternoons the children play around under his supervision, or the boy's and seem to enjoy that part of the day best. A five year old English girl is staying here, too, and helps along the entertainment. On her birthday I came home expecting to find joy reigning. "She had on her best clothes all day and her mother said she mustn't play or she'd get them dirty". Sounds like P.Y. birthdays, doesn't it?

Charles may not write you very often. We haven't heard from him yet. But he was quite cheerful at the prospect of becoming a dormi. His room is at the head of the boys' stairs in the annex and very pleasant. Ned [Whittemore], Douglas and George are close by.

Little boys send love and say tell him we can undress and have an engine and an auto (both Mr. Sanborn's gift) and that we have a purse and that we have found a nice little girl to play with name is Edith, and we wish we could send you the picture of the auto and the train from their boxes but they won't come off, and we're glad you are bigger than George, and we want to see you.

With love from all,

Mother

Most of your Christmas from home, like Charles' will be very late. I asked Aunt Susie a long while ago to get you something that may be on time but your father's will come later.

(from the Samuel Hugh Moffett collection of Samuel Austin Moffett papers)

San Rafael, California

December 30, 1921

Harriet B. Shaver

Dear Jamie,

This is the third trip this letter has made [referring to her letter of October 17<sup>th</sup>]. This time it will reach you, I am sure, as it goes by the hand that has guided you for nearly 17 years. We shall have a birthday ere long if we live. You will be 17 and I, 80 years. Your grandmother [Martha Warner Fish] always remembered my birthday the same as she did yours.

It was good to see your father at the church last night. I wish you a happy & prosperous New Year! I'm glad you have taken your Father's & Mother's God for yours. "He will be true to thee till death."

I will give you a sentence from one of Dr. Thomson's late sermons. "Happiness is neither within nor without us. It is in the union of our hearts with God." We may each have that union but I give you the prayers I got lately. "Teach me the secret of fruitful endurance."

With a heartfelt of love - - Your precious mother gave me that expression in her letters to her mother.

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