

Feb 19, 1937.

My dear good friend,

Yesterday I went to the Bank to receive the money that you so kindly had sent me. I sent you a telegram, in order to thank you and to show you that I fully understood the situation, and deeply appreciated your willingness and readiness to help me. I again sincerely thank you.

As I explained to you in my letter, the situation is a peculiar one. I have plenty of valuable assets, but it is impossible to turn these into ready cash at present or in the immediate future, as there are no buyers - all are sellers. The Government owes me plenty, admits it, promises to pay, and then simply declares it has no money. I had tried, before I wrote to you, to get them to pay me at least enough to live upon, month for month, but they could not manage it. All the money they can lay their hands on goes to and for the war. The Bank (foreign) will only advance limited loans on property, and as foreigners, outside of missionary bodies, cannot buy or hold property in Peking, the Bank cannot legally lend or loan anything on Chinese title deeds. As far as really serious, it has not been, is not a pleasant position, in which I find myself placed; and owed to my other worries, I should like to look now cheerfully upon the immediate future than what I do.

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My dear friend

I received your letter of the 11th and was glad to hear from you. I have been thinking of you very much lately and wondering how you are getting on. I hope you are well and happy. I have been very busy lately with my work, but I have managed to find some time to write to you. I have been thinking of you very much lately and wondering how you are getting on. I hope you are well and happy. I have been very busy lately with my work, but I have managed to find some time to write to you.

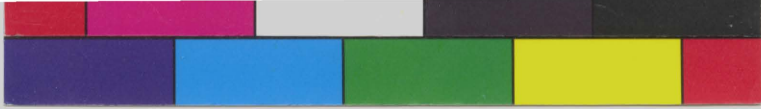
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On the other hand, I do not wish you to thank for a moment that I feel dumbstruck, or do not thank you for all His goodness to me, for I do. I know, best come what may, He will, in the future, as in the past, find a way out for me, however dark the outlook may appear to human eyes. But you know how it is, our old mortal human self, likes to look ahead a little, and to feel that there is enough for daily needs. I am so glad for Chr. bc. and for the blessed membership of you, that it has brought into my life. But for this thank-leave, where should I have been by this time? We are all so apt to feel worried at times, instead of counting our blessings, and do our our part life with it in many experiences, and thus see and realize, how you have and again, all the time, has kept His hand over us. When I think of all that He has done for me, and of how little, if anything, that I have done in return for His goodness, then I feel abashed, and I can only say: God be merciful to me, a sinner!

This winter I passed 7 months in my bedroom, but this last week I have been able to go down in the garden, and to-day I went to the office; yesterday was the first day outside my gate, when I went to the Mall.

I am so grateful for your friendship, I feel I can speak to you, as to nobody else. I always feel you are such a true, loyal friend. All kind and true thoughts and wishes to you, my good friend, and your friend,
Norman Macmillan.



I am so glad to hear from you and to hear
 that you are well and happy. I have been
 thinking of you very much lately and
 wondering how you are getting on. I
 hope you are enjoying your life and
 that you are all well. I have been
 very busy lately but I will try to
 write to you more often. I love you
 all very much and I hope you will
 write to me soon. I am your
 affectionate father, John.