Asiatica, 3 April 1928.

My Dear Friend,

Thank you ever so much for your 2 letters, of 17th March. Well, this is my last letter to you, this time, in this country, for I am leaving here on the Norwegian freighter "Nanemville", on the 9th, and your letter to me, will be addressed to Peking. Neither to say that all my good and kind and loving thoughts go to you, wishing you all that is good. My stay in this country has been a trial and a tribulation, but even so, it must have been good for something. As I see it, I cannot not have put my affairs into legal, safe shape, if I has been well and able to proceed. Granting this, we have granted and accepted what was most important, perhaps. Personally, individually, my stay has been more or less of a nightmare. Frankly, it has tried my faith and hurt in God hard, to see lots of us suffer

suffer. You, who are the best and most loyal friend, whom I know, and who at all times, are being loving and kind and helpful to your fellow-beings, and trying to please God in the best way, you know how. And there you are, young and suffering as this time. I certainly cannot see my way clearly in all this, for I also have had to face a hard fate, it seems to me. But this, no doubt, we are both wrong, for it has been said that those, who suffer most on this side, shall have it easier on the other side. Well, I hope it may be so.

We like to grumble and think we are hardly used, and indeed it does seem hard at times, and hard and difficult to understand. This in our deeper-down, better understanding and knowledge, we cannot think and feel, but whether comes to us, in fact, just so, only we cannot see it; but it is in, just the same.

everything in connection with my affairs have been satisfactorily arranged. My art collection in the museum is in the hands of a committee, consisting of: President Rufus von Kleinsmid, Trustee Bryan, Professor Dr. von Kowker, Mr. Comstock (Curator), and Rev. Hance. This Committee will canvass for subscriptions to buy the rest of the collection, and feel confident they can do so, as soon as better times set in, which they expect in the course of the year; but they are starting canvassing at once, or for as best goes. My auxiliary collection is in the hands of the Rev. Mr. Hance, a good, reliable and capable man. Mr. Freeman is entirely out of it. I am telling you all this somewhat circumstantially, as you have so often referred to it.

I thank you for each and all loving thoughts that you have sent my way, while in this country, and can assure you they have found a ready response in my heart.

All loving and kind and true thoughts and wishes to you, and may God ever bless you, my good and loyal Friend.

Ever your friend,
Normanwathstone