

To be copied

Friday, 6 December, 1945.

Chief, Gen. Frink,

I thank you for your welcome letter; received some time ago. "Enough of the day, has been the evil thereof" has been the burden of my song for some time now. Whatever, so far from getting more and more settled, seem to become more and more un-settled, and one does not feel much inclined to write.

I was glad to hear that the things I got for you had arrived. You do not say a word about how you liked them - I hope you did. Nor have you said anything about the supposed missing parcel that we had traced here as having been properly delivered at your end. You have still here the make of the big Kong. He's blue and white first vase, but it will have to wait till other things are sent, as it would be too expensive to make a special shipment of the vase, which is too big for the post, and would have to go at freight. You ask about my position etc. When the next regime went out, all the positions automatically ceased to exist as it was at the government here ceased. I had 2 positions, one as advisor to the Board of War and another as Commandant of the Chinese Legation Guard. In this latter capacity I have been retained as advisor, but as all pay has been reduced by half, and as this again comes around every 2 months or more, the pay is more in the way of promise and good intention than a tangible fact. However, I have found that whenever I, from a mobile stand-point, cannot see no opening, God has invariably found a way for me. But for His protecting arm, I do not know where I should have been at

11th August

Dear Mother

July 22nd 1917

I have not for some weeks  
 been to the office of the  
 for some time now. I have  
 had a letter from you which  
 was very kind and I was  
 glad to hear from you. I  
 am well at present and  
 hope these few lines will  
 find you the same. I have  
 not much news to write  
 at present. I am still  
 in the hospital and  
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at times. Human mind would perhaps be inclined to explain it all as coincidences, but it is no such thing, I can see God's hand in it all, and no other explanation is possible. This feeling gives me great happiness and contentment of mind. I know that come what may, He is ever here with His omnipotent love, and will see me through. I had been in hopes of being able to come to America this year that is now drawing to a close, but apparently it has not worked out that way, and my visit I now hope, may materialize in 1929. I cannot start from here till I have a settlement of my collection in America and of what I have here now. The option is up on April 1<sup>st</sup>. There are no difficulties as far as the collection is concerned, all agree to buy, but there are apparently some difficulties as regards Mr. Furman. Whether they think he is wanting too much for himself or not, I cannot say. I have had offers from others to disperse of the collection, but in fairness to Mr. Furman, I have decided to entertain any proposals till his time-limit - April 1<sup>st</sup> is up. If nothing has transpired before then, we shall then see what will be the best course to take. I do not worry, I have left the whole matter in God's hand, He knows what my intentions are, and I pray that He will find me working to do His will, whatever form it takes. This letter will reach you about New Year, may it bring you my most sincere, loving thoughts and wishes to you and for you, and for all near and dear to your hearts, but grateful thanks for every kind thought word, or deed in the past year, and above all a grateful heart to God who has given me your friendship.

Ever your friend,

Norman Bennett.



at times. Justice must be administered to all  
 it is a sacred trust, but it is not a sacred trust  
 in it all, and no other explanation is possible. The feeling  
 was great indignation and indignation of mind. I think  
 came with me, the more I was with the more I was  
 were as we thought. I had been in hope of being able to come to  
 America this year but a man becoming a clerk, but apparently  
 it has not worked out that way and my wife and I have  
 very much to do for this time. I am in a special way  
 the settlement of my business in America and of course I have been  
 the office is up on the 1st. There are no difficulties as far as the  
 collecting in business, and I am sure, but there are apparently  
 affairs as regards the business. Whether they should be made  
 more for myself or not, I cannot say. I have had a great deal  
 to do with the collection of the business, but in business I have  
 been to withdraw my property from the business - I have  
 if nothing but the business before me, we shall then see what will be  
 the best course to take. I do not want to see left the whole matter  
 in your hands, the thing that we must do is to get  
 the way first we wanted to do the more, making forms a letter  
 this letter was never for other than for, most of being for my most  
 various, having thought and wanted to for me for for  
 was not due to for best, but grateful thanks for very thing  
 thought was in the first place, and should be a duplicate  
 sent to the man who has given me for my property.

your friend  
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