

Pasadena, 3 April 1932.

My dear Friend,

Thank you ever so much for your 2 letters, of 17 & 24 March. Well, this is my last letter to you, this time, in this country. For I am leaving here on the Norwegian freighter "N[]", on the 9th, and your letter to me, will be addressed to Peking. Needless 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 could not have put my affairs into legal, safe shape if I had 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 trust in God hard, to see both of us suffer suffer. You, who are the best and most loyal friend whom I know, and who at all times are true, 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, going on suffering all the 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. And 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 [], and indeed it does seem hard at times, and hard and difficult to understand, still in our deeper-down [] understanding and knowledge, we should think and feel that whatever comes to us is best, just so, only we cannot see it; but it is just the same.

Everything in connection with my affairs has been satisfactorily arranged. My art collection in the museum in the hands of a committee, considering of [names less than clear]: president Rufus von Kleinbaurd, Hector Bryan, Professor Dr. Van Koeular, H. Comestock (Museum), and Rev. House. This committee will canvas 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, as far as that goes. My auxiliary collection is in the hands of the Rev. K. House, a good, reliable and capable man. Mr. Furman is evidently out of it. I am telling you all this somewhat circumstantially, as you have so often referred to it./

I thank you for each an all loving thoughts that you have sent my way while in this contry, 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 [] you, my good and loyal Friend.

Ever your friend,
Normann Munthe

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