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"Norbury"
Woodlands Rd,
Redhill.
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My dear Ai-ti,

We were overwhelmed by your kindness & delighted with the contents of the parcel! It's a real treat. We are keeping the milk-chocolate for little David, as this is so difficult to get over here. This will last him a long time, because he only has a small piece occasionally. ~~My~~, I can tell you that your parcel is a joy to each one of us. Thank you very much.

Yesterday I received my new passport. I was very pleasantly surprised to get it so quickly, for I made my formal application only a week ago. I think it was due to the conclusive evidence which

I was able to obtain from Mr. Bond
& Dr. & Mrs. Handborough to prove
that my parents are Chinese, as
well as due to the good words
which my friends here, both Chinese
& British, have made on my behalf.

Anyhow, I am greatly relieved
of an anxiety & thus enter into the
second stage, i.e. to apply for
our passages. It seems to be
a reasonable hope now that we
shall be able to leave for our
island this autumn. What
is your prospect of return? It
will be grand if we can return
~~at about~~ ^{at about} the same time.

Three weeks ago I received a letter
from my step-mother, through Dr.
David Handborough, ^(junior) who is a
medical missionary at 泉井 near
Amoy. The following news about
our Church & her work may be
of interest to you, although you
may have already heard it
from other sources.

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(A) 趙天慕先生 is now the principal of our Middle School, (B) 劉圭安先生 is the principal of our Girl School in 台南. (C) Our theological college has been closed for some time now. (D) Many pastors or preachers have left the ministry because of the tremendous economical pressure. On the whole I have an anxious impression not only from my step-mother's letter but also from Mr. Dowie's reports about the weakened condition both spiritually or materially of our Church in Formosa.

We must go back as soon as we can, Si-ti. The opportunity is unprecedented but is our Church strong enough to take it — that is our problem.

I met Mr. Wee, the Associate

General Secretary of the National Christian Council, the other day at a meeting. And I am to meet Dr. Miao on Wednesday. ~~To talk~~ They are our two delegates who have been to the Conference held at Geneva. I shall ~~talk~~ ^{discuss} with them about our future relationship & co-operation ~~and also~~ ^{between Church of Christ in China & Church of Christ in our island}. I hope you will also see them when they are in America. I believe that we should join the church of Christ in China as soon as possible - & this must be carried out jointly by the Northern & Southern Churches. I heard with dismay that the Northern Church wishes to remain separate & under the Canadian Missions. I hope our mother Church in Canada will discourage this. I shall like very much to hear your views concerning these problems. Also I wonder if you have any preference of the sort of work you would like to do for our church. I personally

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would like to concentrate ^{on} the educational side of the church work, especially in the theological college. What about you?

I expect that Khe-Beng kean has gone to Japan by now. I suppose he will be the first of us three who will reach Formosa - unless you ~~will~~ make another "special mission" by air this time to our island. . . . Anyway,

I hope Khe-Beng kean will be able to find my brother ^{in 京都} & give me further news about him.

By the way, if we can do any thing here for you, we shall be only too happy to do it.

I hope you are all ^{as} well there as we are here.

Warmest greetings & love from us three to you three.
Ching hui.



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