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### Correspondence - Annie Bostick - Feb. 5, 1932

Annie T. Bostick

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copy.  
(to my teacher  
Richard in Fla.)

Feb. 5, 1938.

My dear good friend:-

I much enjoyed yours of Dec. 2nd and just wish I might sit down and talk with you this morning instead of writing you. There is so little to encourage in writing, as we get no mail from Shanghai these days. Jan. the 20th was the last Daily paper we had, and all our mail is supposed to go that way. But we hear from a neighbor Missionary who gets a paper from Tientsin that Japan really started war in Shanghai, and that saddens me very much for this is MY COUNTRY and I feel no good can come from this war to China. War is so horrible too. I feel so sorry for our friends in Shanghai. I heard Miss Willie Kelly was planning to go to the U.S.A. soon to spend her 70th year, but I doubt if she had gotten off. Well I take comfort in Rom. 8:28. I cannot feel our kind Father has spared this country as a nation all these years, just to let her be destroyed now.

It is just a year ago that I got back here and I am very thankful for being allowed to come back and for all His goodness and mercy that have followed me through another year.

Thank you for The Triangles which I much enjoy. I wrote Miss Kirtley that I received yours and I thought afterwards she might wonder how I knew the difference. Yours are addressed on the type writer and wrapped and I have an idea hers ~~is~~ sent just as she mails them in the States, with that little stamp holding them, but while I received one or two years ago that way I have not had one this year. They wear that stamp off in the long trip and the P.O. just throw them aside, but they should not for the address is still on them. Anyway the copy you send is plenty and the expense of sending the other might be saved.

Some one wrote me a very sweet, comforting letter from The Attie Bostick Circle. It sounded very much like Mrs. Richard Woodfin, but I believe she belonged to some other circle. Any way will you read them any part of this letter you care to and tell them how much I appreciated that kind and loving thought on the part of The Circle. It was more welcome in that it reached me when I was shut in (two weeks) with a fat jaw, from mumps. That was the right one and went much harder with me than the second one. It is good to ~~be~~ out again after being shut in for what seemed a much longer time.

Tomorrow is Chinese (lunar) New Year and while the officials have adopted our calendar and have insisted that this one should not be celebrated, - the common people have made great preparation. Great turns of incense have been for sale for the past weeks. Men and boys have carried around paper gods for sale in their baskets, two hundred cash a piece. The people have been very busy collecting all outstanding debts (if they could) food and clothes have been prepared for feasting and a good time in general. I have so many times recalled the Psalmist's words - "They that make them are like unto them" in regard to idols, and it is often a very self evident fact about these people, and yet I know God has His own chosen ones among these people. I have just finished reading David Livingstone's Life and feel it is an inspiration, but in contrast it makes me feel I have done nothing. My love to all friends there. I am so grateful for the prayers of you faithful ones. May our Father's presence in His Holy Spirit constantly fill and comfort you. I pray for His best for you at all times.

Dear love.

Attie