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Poehow, Anhwei, China,
April, 1, 1933.

Dear Mrs. Packard:-

It was good to get your annual letter, though a little later than usual. No matter how many letters come from others they do not take the place of yours and I am always very glad to have every one that comes. I do so appreciate your interest and prayers and though you assure me of it each time, I never grow weary of seeing it in your letter. I never get any dull letters! I fear I do not live on nearly as high a plane as you give me credit for, but I certainly desire to live on the very highest my Father has, and Christ commanded that we be perfect, "even as your Father in Heaven is perfect". I often think of that verse in Neh. - "The joy of the Lord is your strength", and I do desire this and all the other fruits of the Spirit.

Yes, these are strange times and I believe very near the time of our Lord's coming. May we be found ready.

I am so sorry to hear Florence Haynes and her husband have separated - and they have grand children I believe. I knew Sarah and her husband were not together before I came back. Florence and I were in school together and I have always loved her very dearly. If you see her at any time please give her my love. I was so sorry I could not go and eat with her when she asked me just before I left, but I had another engagement. I saw very little of her this time at home.

I know you do miss your good neighbor, my Cousin Esther, but I love to think of her as happy with Jesus and all her loved ones, and I do hope Elizabeth will comfort herself with this thought.

I hope the giving of old gold trinkets etc will help our Baptists out of debt. I saw where one church in Knoxville had given a bushel basketful!!

The war out here is very far away from us and I have gotten so used to this country being in war I do not give much thought to it!

It is very spring like now and peach and apricot blossoms are wide open, evidently later than with you for Judie's letter of March 3d came to day and she was afraid the fruit would soon be in bloom there and get killed.

There are many in need here, and Wade wrote some letters asking for Famine Relief, but none came. We are helping a little ourselves. Conditions are not as bad as they were last year, but pretty hard as last fall's crop failed on account of drought. Wade went from Mission Meeting to Flora and found her in much more encouraging condition than he left her in last Nov. and we are very thankful. We hope he can come back again and help in the work. There is so much waiting to be done. They are both very thankful their two children are happily married and doing so well.

It is sad indeed that our country has taken this backward step to get money to run the country. It will do as Rome and Babylon and perish because of leaving God out.

I must get some written to Wade and as I am enclosing several "copies" for you to read I had better stop and not take up more of your time. My love to your daughters and good neighbors and lots to yourself.

Your sincere friend,

Attie T. Bostick.