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Pochow, Anhwei, China,
Feb. 23, 1934.

Dear Friends in Christ:-

"As cold waters to a thirsty soul, so is good news from a far country", especially if that news is the assurance you are holding me up in your prayers. I love that negro ditty "Standin' in the need of Prayer" and "it's ME" that is continually thus "standin'". The little handkerchief is also appreciated. We love to have these little useful things- but the MOST needful ALWAYS is the spiritual help.

Perhaps you did not know when you selected "Miss" that you were getting one in her 59th year, but I assure you I do not feel old at all, though I am inclined to think of others of that age as nearing age! I notice the King of Belgium, whose death my paper reported yesterday, was that age, and he certainly did not look old! I visited an old College chum in San Antonia in 1920-Mrs. W.W. Lee whose husband was pastor of one of the Baptist churches there. They live in Harligen now and I did not get to visit them when I was home last-1929-'30.

I hardly ever have a "lonely" thought-too busy. I am forty miles from the place I am "booked" for in the Home and Foreign Field Workers were short here, and my brother is away with his wife who has been ill since her return three years ago. I came here in Oct. 1932, thinking it would only be a short while, and the time goes on lengthening out. In sight of the home in which I live, and which he superintended the building of, is the grave of my other Brother G.P. who died in 1926, just after his 68th birthday.

Sundays I play the organ for church and S.S., teach a class of Christian women in S.S. In the afternoon I meet with the Sunbeams-about 50 and help with their meeting, and play the organ at night. Our evangelist wanted to know last week if I would take one of the services. I told him I thought I had about as much as I could do on Sundays!

Wednesdays we women meet at eleven and study the S.S. lesson for the next Sun, have our W.M.S. and prayer meeting all combined. That night there is an evangelistic service at church and I play the organ. Sat. night the Christians meet in our prayer room for special prayer. When the weather is good the Bible Woman and I try to visit in the homes where there are interested ones. We found the ground covered with a foot of snow when we got up this a.m. and so I am getting some writing done. Chinese New Year came on Valentine's this year and we had two services a day at church till yesterday and reached a great number of people as it is the one time in the year when every one takes a little time off. Quite a number have raised their hands or stood as wanting to follow Christ. On the other hand, some who have claimed to be enquirers for months, went with the GREAT crowd at this time and put up idols again in their homes. This is discouraging, but wherever there is the true, there is also the false. Influence has a great sway here as well as in the U.S. and when they see so many others getting ready for idol worship at New Years time, they join with them.

Our golden text for next Sun. commands us to pray for labourers- and how they are needed! But I know two families who have been out here, have the language and are keen to return here and to Kweitch, where I belong, and yet are delayed for lack of funds. May there be the giving on the part of Southern Baptists that will allow them to return.

In Christian love and all good wishes, and beseeching that you continue your work at our Father's Throne.

Your sister in Christ,

Attie T. Bostick.

Dear Mr. Parkard:- I thought you
would enjoy Wade's letter &
so wrote on the back - to
save postage! If Mr. Beathurs cares
for anything from either of
these, for our friends, among
his readers, it will be alright
for him to use them. Thank
you for the card (I sent Wade & to love)
& the help. I in ever love. Thos. B. Bishop

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them ere they get beyond being babes or even little girls. I think likely each of you would fall below the mark at such a guess,;and further, they are not our only drawings toward home. Yet it can be said that the DRAWING toward America and Pochow, "do mutually surpass each other". With all our homesickness, Flora has never expressed a desire to quit the work and go home, and I have not felt such a desire. We greatly long to be well and back at Pochow with and in the work. We crave your prayers.

Now as far as you can, this is begging you to think of this as a personal letter to you. I would do better if I could get the needed quantity of writing done. And if you count this as a personal letter to you, why then I hope that you will do as most people dowith such; that is, write us a letter. And be assured that you seldom, if ever, write a letter that will be more appreciated and do more good.

Mrs. Bostick was too nervous to take much part in the shaping of this letter, but she joins with me in the very warmest of greetings.

Sincerely,

WADE D. BOSTICK.