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[Written on Hunan Bible Institute letterhead]

December 30, 1926

Mr. Chester Rutledge,
c/o Messrs. Dollar Steamship Line,
3, Canton Road,
Shanghai.
Passenger on the S.S. "President Lincoln."

Dear Mr. Chester:

At supper Beth told me that Elden had received a telegram from you saying that you would be sailing on the 6th on the President Lincoln. Immediately after supper I hustled over to the office to write you a steamer letter. I had just taken the cover off from the machine when Bob Veryard came in, he is leaving for Hankow and Shanghai tomorrow. Then Mr. Witt came in, he had heard some rumors and was much disturbed, a big parade is staged for January first, but we were able to comfort his heart and he left smiling some time ago, but is now five minutes of ten and Bob Veryard has just departed!!

We had a splendid faculty meeting this afternoon and we have decided to begin classes next week. All the union prayer-meetings of the week of prayer will be held in our auditorium from Monday to Friday next week at 3:30 p.m., so there will be classes in the forenoons only, but after next week there will be classes in the afternoons also. The various missions in the city will have charge of the daily prayer-meetings. Monday, Presbyterian; Tuesday, Episcopal; Wednesday, Wesleyan; Thursday, Norwegian and Friday, Leibenzeller. We are not down for one of the meetings because we have the first one of the regular monthly series, on the first Wednesday in February.

We will be glad to know the number of your cabin so that we can place you on the ship, we will be praying for you daily and hope that you will have a most happy and restful voyage and a good time at home. Beth is sitting here writing to Helen. With our united warm love to you both, Most truly yours,

Frank