Dec. 6th, 1924

Percy B. Tripp, Esq. Tientsin, China.

Dear Percy: Yours of November 1st just received to-day. I am very glad to hear from you and to learn that you had a safe voyage although some of your experiences were not so pleasant. I surely would have been frightened at the typhoon and storms but all is well that ends well and I know that you are happy that the trip is over. I trust you are going to be successful in your undertakings there and by happy and prosperous.

As soon as I receive the check from Mr. Rust will distribute it as you direct.

The tenant has paid no rent since I wrote you last and has now advertised his stock for sale and has given me notice that he is going to vacate the place so I am looking for another tenant. I shall take such steps as I can to collect the rent in arrears. I am enclosing you copy of a notice I have served on the tenant. I understand the sale is set for the 20th.

There is no new development in the quarry. It is standing just as it was, the machinery still there and nothing has been done. I suppose Mr. Rust is getting the legal matters in shape as rapidly as possible.

I am enclosing you several letters that I have received since I wrote you last. Hope you won't get mixed up in any of the fighting over there.

Very truly yours, M. E. Church

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