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## THE MIYAKO HOTEL, KYOTO.

Kyoto, Sept. 11, 1937.

Dear Nanice -

This very beautiful hotel, one of the most attractive of the many nice ones in Japan has been my home since Sept 5<sup>th</sup> when I arrived with Mrs. Johnson, two babies and two baby amahs. We travelled together from Tientsin, taking a small Japanese boat from Tanaka to Kobe. At Kobe on Sunday we had lunch with Mr. & Mrs. Wintrop Scott in a most lovely Japanese house on a hill overlooking the city. Stan will remember Ted Scott nephew of Mrs James Dempsey, now Mrs Harley. He is now American consul in Kobe and the house, one of the show places there has been used by the American consuls for some years.

I left Peking on Aug 25<sup>th</sup> with the idea of sailing from Tientsin direct toward Hongkong and India but all the ship that I planned to take either changed their schedule or stopped taking passengers altogether so I decided it would be easier to get booking in Kobe. On the way over ~~it was decided~~ Mrs. Johnson asked me to come on to Kyoto to do portraits of the two children which I have just completed. Not very successfully since the two brats are perpetual motion itself. I may have orders to do more portraits before I leave so I have



(I have one definite order for a portrait of Ambassador  
Grew's daughter who is in Tokyo.)

not even now made sailing reservations.

It is significant that Mrs. Johnson, before leaving Peking, packed all her possessions in the Embassy residence with the idea of never returning there to live. Mr. Johnson is in Hanking as are all the other Ministers with which there is no connection except by government radio. There was still no telegraphic communication even with Tientsin, and as all the foreign newspapers as well as most of the Chinese had been suppressed we had little news of what either the inside or outside world.

I brought with me only my clothing and drawing materials, having left one small trunk of odds and ends to be shipped to Wilmington as soon as conditions become a little more normal. Also I left ~~for~~ shipping (c/o Cooper Szabo and Ehrmanns, Legation St Peking) one box of drawings and prints which I will have sent to America when I get there myself. The tenants in my house are already a little hysterical and might leave at any moment, but I think that another friend of mine would take it if they did.

Whom should I find in this Hotel but Mrs. Russel, recently married to a Mr. Brown of Philadelphia, and her daughter Betty, wife of a Danish architect in Shanghai, and so your Aunty Bronte has been the subject of numerous conversations. She is held in great admiration by the Russel family and her ears should have been with all the compliments that have been payed her. Mr. & Mrs. Brown were on their way to Peking, but their plans like everyone

McIntire  
No one here are other friends of County Bronte: a Miss Knight and the Misses  
Philadelphia  
of Wilmington  
with her Italian husband.



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esses have been completely upset.

Here the China Incident occupies everyones mind and all the people are stirred up to a war pitch. One goes to the movies and sees reel after reel of the scenes we have been witnessing first hand about Peking. The other (fictional) films are selected to arouse the war fever which it does — so different from China where the mass of the population appear on the surface to be apathetic. The student class have not been so, and accordingly the Japanese have been especially sever with them in North China. It is doubtful whether the many universities in Peking will be able to continue. There is now <sup>one</sup> daily train service between Peking and Tientsin tho it takes four or five times as long as normal. as there is a continuous movement of troop trains in from Manchoukou. It was very sad to leave, especially not knowing when ones circle of friends would ever be gathered together again, and I am homesick to be back there already.

It would be interesting to know if you are Stan are still in existence - I've not heard from you for at least 8 months - but it will be long before I can

get letters now. Please write me c/o Thomas Cook & Son  
Colombo, Ceylon. I don't know where I will be but  
letters can be forwarded from there.

Just before leaving Peking I ordered a most  
handsome blue table cloth with white embroidery on  
it and napkins to match for you. You will be  
lucky if you ever see it! It will be in the trunk  
of things to be sent to Wilmington.

Adieu for the moment - more from the next  
stop

Scho

Sept 12. Now I am doing a portrait of Betty Russell  
Myholm which will delay my onward march a few  
more days. T.H.

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