The letters of 1924 were written, for the most part, by persons who had received copies of Herbert David Croly's biography of Willard Straight, and many contain recollections of Straight's life. A few notes were originally addressed to Croly. The book was published in April in New York by The Macmillan Company, and the first edition was largely distributed among Straight's friends and acquaintances. Some names that appear on the reel are Corinne Robinson Alsop, Mabel Boardman, Fairman Rogers Dick, Louis Agassiz Fuertes, Herbert C. Hoover, Peter Augustus Jay, and Philip James McCook. The correspondence ends with two 1925 notes and a few undated items.

Next on the reel are a group of passports, appointments and other documents. These are followed by memoirs from forty persons. These vary in length from a paragraph quotation to a 41-page article, and most are typed copies. Excerpts from George Marvin's Mukden diary from 14 August to 28 December 1907 are followed by excerpts from Mrs. Straight's letters to Beatrice Bend from 2 October 1911 to 25 June 1912. Most of these were written in Peking.

The last portion of the reel is made up of articles written by Straight.
Dear Dorothy,

First, I want to tell you how sweet to me was that little visit in your home, and how happily I am in the view I have had of the children. Such a precious heritage!

I have written on a separate sheet my feelings about the host characters. As I told you, Miss

Clyde seems to me to have been over-conscious in trying to tell everything in detail and to have been (otherwise) obsessed by a dream of seeming to

dress. Too much subjectivity, the man he was writing about. He needs brave and steady care.

With love,

Miss Harlow —

Hotel Astoria.
The story tells itself clearly from
the previous explanations,
the letters, the diary, the
the memorials of friends.

William's sense of failure
came to believe from a too
careful training in child-
given to correct his impec-
manship without enough
consideration for the other
side of his nature (which
seems to have included a
love of (nearly) a neces-
sary limitation from his
father) which may not in
childhood have strongly mani-
fested itself.

His mother died before
she had fully revealed her
character.
Dear Dobson—I have read with great interest these last chapters. It gratifies me to find you in them in your rightful place. The last chapter is very important, and also rather long; perhaps it could be made into the chapter?

The interpretation, thinking of the book merely as a book, is rather a disappointing one. It seems to me exaggerated, of the almost complete.

The book itself tells the story, and I believe, the true impression of the book as a whole, is somewhat contradictory, and gives it more vividly than does the interpretation which neglects what is already there. It is somewhat contradictory, and sounds a little like special pleading.

It should have been left to leave a strong, unclouded impression of the hero in the reader's mind. It must be admitted with the addition of unusual practical sense and executive ability, that we get that impression of him throughout the book. A mistake was made in the things he did. What he did was not done, and it was only the unclouded desire for perfection that made him think that because he had done it should be. Each of his various failures, taken as a whole, is the better and that he has failed.

If it is not a mistake to dwell so at length upon his failure to get to the front in the war?

I think that as time passes, all that will come down into a mere episode in his youth, and that it should not be specially stressed—at least not in this book. But consider too deeply the whole fabric of the story, and learn rather an unpleasant impression while as a whole the impression the book gives of him is of a radiant and beautiful and interesting nature. Why not leave it there?

This interpretation might be printed so as to interest your children, who would be interested in details that might not apply to the value of the book itself.

I should leave out nearly all of the interpretation up to page 820. After that, the material is needed to amount to the story. It is intended to round out the story. His wife is needed to round out the story. His description of his varied and varied life, and his relationship to the New Republic, his letter to his son—indeed, he often said in his letter to his son of it, that it was made a strong ending, and of this he never forgot. It was followed by a quick and general appreciation of his character, in a story that was never told. It was made in harmony with the general tone of the book.

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Metropolitan Building
Orange, N. J.
February 28, 1924

Gentlemen:-

Some time since, you sent me an announcement of a book on Willard Straight, but I have mislaid same. If I remember right, the book was gotten up for his friends.

As the memory of his fine character is one of the sweetest heritages that I have, I would like to get one of the books. Please advise me whether they are still to be had and at what price; or you may send one direct to me and I will send you check.

Please enroll me on the list of Mr. Straight's friends for any movement which will perpetuate the memory of so good a man as he. Had he lived, he would have become one of our greatest citizens.

Very truly yours

[Signature]

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HÔTEL PLAZA ATHÉNÉE
23 RUE MEURICE, PARIS

April 21, 1924

Dear Mr. Straight- 

Mrs. Savit and I have thought and spoken about you more than you would believe, I suppose, during the six months trip which we have been making with my brother and his family - in Egypt, Italy, France and Switzerland. And today we went out to the American Cemetery at St. Cloud, and stood in the place on the Sunny hillsides that you know -

where all the white crosses are, and the American Flag. And there we thought of you more than ever. And in front of the one marked "Willard D. Straight" I picked these living leaves, and I send them to you with our love.

Always your friend,

[Signature]

We are to be over here until September. We have tarred about, but our address for all purposes will be in care of Morgan, Frendes & Co., London.
June 4, 1924.

Mrs. Willard Straight,
Old Westbury,
Long Island, New York.

Dear Mrs. Straight:

In 1919, when the Willard Straight memorial volume was under consideration, at the request of Mr. Piedler, I left with him four postals, two letters, two drawings, and two pages from the "Cornell Widow," for possible use in the book.

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If these articles can be located, and I trust they can, I would like to have them returned.

I was reminded of the matter by a recent advertisement of the new biography to be published by Macmillan Company.

I will be greatly obliged for anything you can do in the matter.

My New York address is 1457 Broadway. Thanking you in advance, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Howard C. Lake

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June 4, 1924.
This Charlie and I often speak of the fine we all had together for which Willard was chiefly responsible with his wonderful gay way. You and Mr. Crowley ought to be very proud of this book. I haven't had time to read it all, but once I opened it last night I couldn't put it down. His sketches, the photographs and pictures are all so beautiful that worked in and whatever process was.
used for the water colors is marvelous! Willard wrote so well, and
you picked so well from his letters
diaries etc and Mrs. Crowley's
master hand has put them all

Straight

together so beautifully that the
whole makes unusually interesting
and delightful reading.
The second part included so
that I can hardly write of it. His
letter to Whiting, his reverence
and worship of you are all so
wonderful that they make me pause
and think again. That you have
a heritage such as is given to
very few women - in the elevation that
Willard gave you. But the beauty
of your face is such that not
only was devoted the devotion
that you inspired in everyone you
met. I feel that I have only allu-
danced the surface of the book but for
will not yield again. When I think it

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June 14, 1824

My dear Mr. Straight,

Thank you for the beautiful book you sent me. It will be most helpful in my studies of philosophy. I'm looking forward to reading it. It's a great pleasure to hear from you and to receive your kind thoughts.

Your truly,

[Signature]

[Handwritten note]
June 14, 1924

My dear Dorothy,

The look came yesterday and I wish to thank you sincerely for it. I appreciate you remembering me more than I can express. I will send many a pleasant hour following Willard's death. Career and I can assure you, I am glad and proud to feel his career
From my dear little Tom: I did not know her mother well, but I admired her very much, a charming and very strong character. I am sorry to know that you have just been told this. Hoping, but I hope that you are feeling much better, as the summer comes on.

Very sincerely yours,

Helen Lyon.

June 15, 1924

My dear Mrs. Sheffield:

Enclosed is this letter after days ago sent. Have been looking into it—admiring the drawings and reading portion of the text—quite in common feeling, as a preliminary to a fullnight reading of the whole. I shall not delay until you tell me that it is accomplished, for the levant of the manuscript a gift book with no delay, and I am at least confident that I am charmed and grateful, and that Willard's letter to his son, and what you yourself say about him struck a note which is moving, deep, noble, which affected me.
in point of fact, as I am not, I am not often affected. It is the least-for us I am at present able to judge, it strikes me as a most competent performer, and the drawings, to numerous and to great, give the book a unique value and charm. I like the very Mr. Willard's letters and journals, letting Willard tell his own story and leave his own nature in so far as might be.

I think of you often, and I hope you are not surprised that I do, but this is quite as a matter of course that I should. I am glad to learn that you are selling letters, and when you visit in the near work you make this a hobby. Sincerely,

Claude Bragdon

American Consular Service
Harbin, Manchuria, China,
June 15, 1924.

Mrs. Willard Straight,
New York.

Dear Mrs. Straight,

Perhaps you would be interested in knowing that I have a file of letters which Willard Straight wrote me over a course of a few years. He was the cause of my coming to China, due to the fact that he was a fraternity brother of mine at Cornell and that he took an interest in my work in China.

Although these letters are precious to me, I feel that perhaps you might desire to have them in your possession inasmuch as they illustrate the kind manner in which he interested himself in the careers of many of his friends, who hold his memory dear. If you care to have them, I would be pleased to deliver them to you when I arrive in New York next November on leave of absence.
If you are interested in this matter, I would appreciate your directing your reply to me, care of the American Consulate, Harbin, China.

Very sincerely yours,

[Signature]

G. B. Johnson
American Consul.

My dear Mr. Straight:

Received your lovely gift, and words cannot express my appreciation. There is nothing that could please me more than this book, or the life of that dear boy. This is just another deck of your kindness to me.

I hope that you and your children are
Dear Mr. Straight,

Willard's life has come to an end, so grateful to you for sending me a copy. It will always be a reminder of helpful companionship. How I wish he had lived. There was so much usefulness and charm in him.

We are going abroad the end of this month. I hope to revisit Harper as well as to...
I stand by his resting place in Summer, though I need neither to bring back his vivid personality. I am sorry I could not get to it there.

Faithfully yours,

Herbert Bacon

June 16, 1864

My dear Miss Straight,

I have just finished reading the life of your beloved and I am moved to tell you how very much I appreciate your thoughts. Your influence will spread through the book to many more who need to hear. This is the key to the power of the greatest man, their spirit novembre it off.

It was a real disappointment not to see you at the Buffalo Convention. I am sure you'd have been there. It was a great loss. I am glad to hear that you and Miss Warren are happy in this new life. It would be a rare pleasure for me to see you again.

Faithfully yours,

[Signature]

June 1900
I'm completely baffled by the inadequacy of any words of mine to say to you what I would say if I were able. Last night I took the book again and looked at my picture of that dear and implacable friend — and read again these letters to write while we were together. And that most beautiful letter to Virginia — read again the most beautiful letter to Virginia — read again the most beautiful letter to Virginia — read again the most beautiful letter to Virginia.
feeling of love and sympathy and gratitude
made me realize the impossibility of writing
you at such a moment— and now when sitting
alone in my office at the end of the day, trying
to express to you in some small measure the
thoughts that crowd into my head and heart—
I have known men so wonderful as William. I have known men such as whom
had one or two of his qualities, but there
could be none better who so combined strength
and courage with gentleness and sympathy—
vision, purpose with the deepest and most
absolute of the brave — intuison, ambition with
unqualified generosity — pride with humility
—and then practical purpose, with a charity
in his soul for the poor and those toiling
who so white and honeyed that it made the

Once — to men who bear the fiery
side of life more quickly than I,
the man was less such a host as
he in all my experience, or knew to
consider, that they might be happy—
less and in that little old
shining room in Tangiers — all
that honey — how sweet he is for
me to think of myself in all this when
I write to you —

52 Broadway
New York

Spirit of the age, professional
uplifters look like a prince and
a lady thing. William always read
me more as better than four —
three than three — firmer than
four — and yet there was none a
man with whom should rather
spread a merry evening for a
good dinner and a bottle of red

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With a heart full of love and gratitude—
and with so many hopes for the future for you
and for those you love—
Always
[Signature: Gaynor]

Dear Mrs. Straight,

I received this or these days ago a copy of the "Life" of Cousin Willard, and I take the first opportunity to thank you for your kindliness in sending it to me. I shall, indeed, value and treasure it.
Belvidere, S.D. June 17, 1924

Mrs. Willard Dickerman Straight
1130 Fifth Avenue New York

Dear Mrs. Straight,

I cannot express to you fully the appreciation of the book telling the story of your husband's life that came to me yesterday. I read the story as it appeared some years ago in "The Asia" but am sure that you, who may have seen this will be much more satisfied with it than could any fuller telling of the things that will be of interest to me.

I have had time only to look over the first two chapters of it which were of especial interest to me as it recorded in the second, the part that my sister, Dr. Rainier, played in the development of that wonderful life of his, and I must confess I feel that the writer not knowing what I did and the motive that prompted her to write too much, that she hardly did here the justice that he might have done had she known even as I did, personally, and believe if it were possible Willard would have agreed with me rather than the author from what he once wrote me, and from the many expressions of affection he paid her in his mature years.

She had herself passed through a disciplining that few people ever did and out of it was developed a character which was revered in later life by all who really knew her.

She was a woman that was not naturally gifted at all. She did not have the advantage of being born in an atmosphere of intellectual culture as Willard was, nor did she have the advantage of a training under a gifted mother as he had. Her early life was practically the opposite. She was naturally very dull intellectually. There was no pupil in the little country school where we attended that had such hard work to get their lessons as she had. While the rest of us were out on the schoolground at play she used to come and find it necessary, to deprive herself of the usual recreation, which she loved as well as any child that she might master the lesson that came to her so hard. At night she did what few pupils did in those days, always took her books home for study, and she and our father where she was always especially fond, went over the work for the next day, but in spite of all this she could hardly keep pace with the others.

When she fourteen, our father died. In his death she sustained a loss from which she never fully recovered. In spite of the fact that he had always found it necessary to discipline her more than all the rest of us, together, it was she who missed him most after he was gone, and whether at first it was because she knew it was his greatest desire that his children should have an education, or what she had deprived or whether she had herself, begun to see the need of it she determined in spite of everything to get one. We were poor, and even the little estate father left was in the hands of an utterly uneducated uncle of ours who had no sympathy with her desire, and refused to allow her anything at all toward getting one. I can see her yet, as she looked up into his face and said, "I will get an education in spite of you and she did.

Once our mother went to her room where she was boarding herself and going to school, and found all she had had to eat for more than a week was a little "wheat bran," and salt and water. Not the kind of bran we have now but just such as then was supposed to be used only for cattle feed.
When she a little later did get a little money from the estate she entered the State Normal at Emporia, but she worked so hard there after her years of unremitting toil in teaching, at the end of the first year she broke down, and was compelled to go to a hospital where she remained until her last dollar was exhausted. This hospital was conducted by two lady physicians, and like every one who ever knew her I think she became very much attached to her, and it was through them she had her attention first turned toward the study of medicine.

Then came the great struggle to gain a medico training, with no means at all with which to help herself. I presume Willard knew something about this, as she possibly would tell him something about them, but doubt if she ever would tell about these earlier ones I have mentioned.

After Willard came to her I think she had only one real overbearing thing to live for, and that was him, and I am sure if she might have been too severe in her discipline for his especial temperament, it was admitted in the greatest spirit of love her purely great heart was capable of giving to any mortal. Her letters to me were always full of "Willard," and the last one I received from her was after his first appointment to China, and she wrote as I remember, of how glad she was that he had the position, but she added somewhat prophetically "I shall never see "my boy" again but Oh! how I love him.

I think I wrote you when I heard of his "Passing" of the tender love he expressed to me in a little note he wrote me, when he had through my old time friend Dr. Steel of Grace Church of Owego, he had learned that I was greatly in need of some money to make repairs on the buildings of the little church I was serving then in Kansas, and enclosing his check for the largest amount ($1000) that it had ever been my privilege of having in my life as a Frontier Home Missionary, and as in reading the story of his life I found it was not the work, that he was interested in but just the memory of the love she bore him and I feel sure from the way he wrote me then it was reciprocated on his part.

Pardon me if I have written more than I should, but the book coming on the day it did, when my college classmates were celebrating the Fiftieth anniversary of our graduating, and I was a bit blue perhaps because I could not be with them, it started me to thinking of days long ago when "life was young" and I have been led out to say more than perhaps I should.

Possibly it may be of interest to you, however to know that I am all that is left now of "Auntie Doc's" family as our only remaining sister passed away during the last year.

My wife and I too are alone now as our last (adopted) daughter was married during the last year. All our children are gone, but all well and happily married, and have comfortable homes, and although we have both passed the "Three score and ten" mile post of life are enjoying excellent health and are as able and enjoy life and work (hard) as well as we have any of the years of the past.

With sincerest thanks for the beautiful book, and with a sincere prayer that God's richest blessing may rest upon you, and yours, and that your children may all grow up to be the comfort to you ours are to us I remain

Yours sincerely

M. T. Rainier
My dear Mr. Straight,

A day or so ago I read the pleasure of receiving a book which I have kept for the photograph. I want you as soon as you get this to send me a card and let me know if you received it and what you think of it. Also if you would like me to send it on to you. I think it's a very good book and sent it on to you as a gift for your son. It's a very good book and I'm sure you will enjoy it.

I hope all is well with you and that you are as happy as I am.

Sincerely,

C. Frazer Hadley, M.D.

June 19th, 1924.
Mrs. Willard D. Straight,
1130 Fifth Ave.,
New York City.

June 19, 1924.

Dear Mrs. Straight:

Receipt is acknowledged, with thanks, of the book, "Willard Straight" by Croly, which recently arrived in excellent condition. Your thoughtfulness in including me in the list of old friends of Willard's to whom this courtesy is to be extended is very much appreciated.

In the course of a conversation during Mr. Bennett's recent call my wife brought forth one of her treasures in the shape of a little water colored sketch which Willard drew for her years ago and mailed from China. He was very much interested and desired that you should see it and she permitted him to take it for that purpose. He mentioned the fact incidentally that you are in possession of quite a collection of Willard's work in the nature of sketches and drawings and Mrs. Puttung feels that if you would care to have it she would be very glad for you to keep it.

With best wishes for yourself and children, I beg to remain,

Sincerely yours,

Hugh Puttung

June 21, 1923

New York

Mr. Willard Straight

I deeply appreciated the kindness in sending me the copy of "Willard Straight in the Orient," the type of personality so vital and true to the best ideals in life, cannot be measured in words but to those who knew him and his memory will always remain an inspiration.

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June 20, 1924

My dear Mr. Straight,

The New York Post heartily thanks you for your kindness in sending them a copy of "Michael Straight of courtesy," which they received greatly, and shall therefore return the

I am all the copies of those containing this Dizzy. which is greatly appreciated. In hope to receive some
to finish in Ottawa and Algonquin.

When the New York Post wrote me of your decision to come to New York and your dear husband, a man
who died an instant before I could receive any information from him. They were always so firm and strong in following his
wonderful career, as Mrs. Straight had, the New York Post was always in Algonquin. When she was settling the estate.
Dear Miss Lemon,

I am answering for Mr. Senator, as he has been unable to read this...

His position in the National Bank at... which position he had
held for eleven years and was almost... five years ago. Since
then, he has been in... and... condition. A change of... in
March, and in January...

Mr. Senator, this place...

Very sincerely,

[Signature]

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I take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks for the great pleasure afforded in the books and papers received.

I am sincerely yours,

Anna L. B. Williams.

May 11, 1928

2411 N. Mission Ave.,
Pasadena, Calif.

June 23, 1928

Dear Mrs. Straight,

I am glad to hear that the Willard book has arrived. I hope you will enjoy it as much as I did. The stories of the days at Normal Park bring many memories back to mind. The beautiful, brilliant little boy who was so inquisitive about life as a child is as remarkable now as it could have been later.

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jumps and ecstasies were as natural.

After the reading of a story, his

head reeling, he dashed away the pen,

and I burst into tears. Sometimes

in silence, sometimes accompanied

by brief nervous comments,

he brought in triumph of the

wonderfully (for his years) expec-
ted delusion, all stood out

again.

His intentions on his purpose

presented his recognition of

any obstacles less than im-

possible. The directorate of this

method of approach conquered

all snails, once these the

unreconquerable one of

the elders, who were to listen,

such doors, uncomprehending

mountains in his path. Of

their poor existence to the left

over to the right, but only the

object of his desires, usually as

shameless in itself as the his

difficulties once of the gifted child,

here too, whose attachment

in a world of and for adults

disannounced their plans and

shook their equilibrium accord-

ingly. What would people become if

the only limitations imposed on

their efforts were those inherent

in their medium of expression?

You must teach me all this

in the children he left.

May they make life as good

more than worth living for their
My dear Mrs. Straight,

Mrs. Merriman and I very much appreciate your kind thought in sending us the book memorial of Willard Straight. We are finding the volume in its earlier pages abounding in delightful human appeal, and we know the later chapters will also be full of keen interest, in their portrayal of the brilliant career of this remarkable man, whom we like to claim as an "Oswego boy".

May I remark, it is one of the most gratifying incidents in my business experience, the readiness with which, among the very first, he took stock in my prospectus of that infant industry, now the Oswego Yarn Mills. Then, upon my further appeal, he promptly doubled his subscription, offering also the support of his influential name and co-operation by proposing to supply a director for the new company. It was those first few subscriptions that gave the enterprise its real start; for capital was the one thing lacking, and the best informed opinion locally advised that it could not be done, to raise by popular subscription the necessary amount for an Oswego enterprise of those proportions.

I knew Willard Straight far better than ever before that day, as he sat there at his desk in the offices of one of his great international promotions. The very daring of my little venture seemed to find a responsive and sympathetic chord in his vastly enterprising imagination. This, and his kindly consideration and ready helpfulness, I shall always remember with especial pleasure and appreciation. I am much indebted to you for the more intimate acquaintance with him which I am now gaining from this book of his life.

Sincerely yours,

James G. Merriman

June 21, 1924.

Mrs. Willard Dickerman Straight,
1320 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.
Willard Straight at

much interest. "It took a long time,
Remember," as they say down South.

I hope all goes well with you. I am
still a crook, but have never
been able to get my hands
to stand many crooks. I
arrived since the Washington
Conference, but am happyhere by the sea. I always
be happy to help any chance
of your coming this way
some day."

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Monday, June 27

My dear Mrs. Straight,

I have just finished reading
"Willard Straight & My First"
impulse is to write you a
inkwell in five lines: first a
note of the casual way I find
read, I became so interested
in him before meeting you,
and it was a surprise while
working at Gardner's to hear
from your lips that you
were his wife.

I feel now that I've
known well a fellow I've
enjoyed reading about.
Secondly I want 5 with
5 to you because although you
wonderful kind to me when I was alone in New York. I feel in spite of your goodness to me I was ungrateful and that a keen spirit you were. Little did I realize in the atmosphere of your presence how that you had ever shared the dangers and hardships in line with what we went through in the war, yet that is exactly what you did. Gee! but I think you were brave, so you will forgive my misunderstanding of having never conceived of your having had an easy, sheltered life, when in reality you had really lived & lived as only a few men do!!

I do hope you are very much stronger so that many years from now you will be well well again.

I had not been at all well in Los Angeles so came up to San Francisco, I am beginning to feel better than I have for a very long time. I expect to stay here at the Fairmont about a month for it is very up top of a hill & seems to agree with me. By the way how lovely and nicely that book is put together, I shall always treasure it & perhaps someday you might put your autograph in it for me. Remember me kindly. 

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To Mr. Roger who so kindly saw me in New York recent when you were so ill.
I believe we dear Mrs. Straight to be.
Your very sincerely,
Henry C. Hicks.

ALBERT H. WIGGIN
FIFTY SEVEN BROADWAY
NEW YORK.

June 23, 1924

My dear Mrs. Straight,
Your husband and always close friend of mine. My acquaintance with him began when he came on the street. I gained much from him during my friendship. He was an inspiration to many in many ways. I am greatly pleased to have Mr. Lea's book. I appreciate very much yours,

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I BROAOWAY,
NEW YORK,

June 24th, 1924

My dear Mrs. Straight:

Please accept my sincere thanks for the book received today on the life of your dear husband, and my beloved friend, which I very deeply appreciate and which I will read with great interest.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

Mrs. Willard D. Straight, 1150 Fifth Avenue, New York City
June 24, 42

Dear Dorothy—

I've read it all—so I

Don't think it's too much to remember

presentations of Holland—

You really had them all

through or the authors

personality does not abrade—

How splendid that it came

out so well—

I think his mother's account

of him is the most touching

or beautiful thing; or so

like him as he always was.

or his own letter to his son—

I am enclosing some letters

that I could not find inform

the in lighter vein—& one all

about you—how wonderful

Caril
June 24, 1924.

Mrs. Willard D. Straight,
1150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Mrs. Straight:

Herbert Croly's biography of your husband came in today with your card enclosed. I am just leaving Washington to join Mrs. Hoover in California for a vacation, but before I go I want to tell you how much I appreciate your sending me this book and with what pleasure I look forward to reading it. I think you know in what great admiration I always held Mr. Straight.

Yours faithfully,

Herbert Hoover

HH-M.

My dear Mrs. Straight:

I am indeed very grateful to you for your thoughtfulness in forwarding me the book about Major Straight. I am looking forward with a great deal of anticipation to the time in the very near future when I can sit in some quiet place and read about our old comrade and chief whose untimely death was a great shock to all who knew him.

There are only three of the original overseas War Mail Detachment in the bureau at the present time. We frequently speak of Major Straight and think of the days when we served together in France. I do not know of any man who had a greater influence over those surrounding him than did Major Straight nor anyone whose memory will live longer or be cherished in any greater degree by his friends.

Very sincerely yours,

Henry C. Gar

Mrs. Willard D. Straight,
1130 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.
June 24th, 1924.

Dear Mrs. Straight:

Your kindness in remembering me among Willard Straight's friends and admirers, and in sending me a copy of his life, is greatly appreciated. It is appreciated even more because I had already purchased one which I can now give to someone who will value it. I prefer to keep the one which comes from you with personal associations, because I am sure there were few who felt more warmly than I the sweetness and manly strength of his character.

Very truly yours,

Alba B. Johnson
and happy periods of my life. Mrs. Straight's friendship for me, a shy, undeveloped young girl, was a great blessing. My disappointment in being forced by circumstances to refuse an offer to accompany her to Japan was one of the keenest of my life. The picture of Willard at the age of five brings back a vision of the beautiful children with whom I used to play.

I thank you, Mrs. Straight, with sincere appreciation.

Alice M. Taft

H. L. 1741 K St.
Washington, D.C.
24 June 1924.

My dear Mrs. Straight:

I have just received the very handsome volume—

Willard's reminiscences, with much pleasure and appreciation.

And considerable sadness.

It has been a number of years since his death, but his memory has been much with me. His attractive personality, great charm, and sweetness of disposition served me more than his ability to endure him to those who were closely associated with him in the far East, and render it much less likely that his memory...
My dear Mrs. Straight:

I am in receipt of a copy of the book "Willard Straight" and am taking this first opportunity not only to thank you for favoring me with a copy but to tell you how much I appreciate having it.

It was my pleasure and privilege to be associated with Mr. Straight from almost the very beginning of India House. I have never met a young man who made a greater or more favorable impression on me for his splendid qualities, his remarkable mentality and his real genius for accomplishing great things. His loss was a National calamity. Few men had accomplished more really great things than he had. Few men had made a greater impression on world affairs, and had he been spared to live out the full measure of life, he would not only have...
I brought great credit to America but would have succeeded in carrying out the great plans which had inspired his life.

I shall read the book from beginning to end with keen interest, because it is the life record, short though it was, of a great man. With renewed expressions of appreciation, I remain yours very sincerely.

MRS. WILLARD D. STRAIGHT

1130 Fifth Ave.
New York, N.Y.
first of all there was such very rich material to draw from in his diary, his letters and his papers. What a gigantic task it must have been for you to uncover that vast store and sort out the significant parts to form a comprehensive whole with that accomplished. I think that Herbert Ailey has drawn a very sympathetic and poignant picture, and the result is to me more inspiring than any biography I have ever read. It is endowed with those great and small sparks that tend to kindle our souls. I understand and Dorothy, dear, I don’t think I am the prejudiced, nor do I exaggerate when I say that it is one of the most touching human documents in existence. I would prize a copy from you more than anything else. As many already passed out in copies that I intended for myself simply because two people who had not known Willard were deeply interested in little parts that I pointed out to them and I wanted them to have the inspiration that I knew the book would give them.

What a great blessing it is, Dorothy, clear that he came into your life and shared it with you, and by so doing he has made so many wonder trails. Some day we must go on a picnic with Edith and the children. I have just come back from the most beautiful one in the Poconos. If he had only kept his health so equal to doty’s and ours we might have had clay pigeon
June 24, 1924.

Mrs. Willard D. Straight, 1120 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

My dear Mrs. Straight:

A copy of Mr. Herbert Croly's book has just been received from India House. I appreciate very much being included in this distribution.

I knew your husband before the date of his marriage and, as a fellow Cornellian, as well as a Governor of India House from the beginning of that organization, we had many points of common interest and I always enjoyed his company.

I have long admired his works, including his drawings and sketches, and on glancing through Mr. Croly's book I am pleased to see that there are a number of these sketches which I have not had the pleasure of seeing before. Many of them show exceptional talent, and it will be a great pleasure to read the text of the book and to have an opportunity to study closely these drawings.

With sincere thanks and hearty best wishes, I am

Very respectfully yours,

J.S.W.

The Willard Straight Papers at Cornell University
Dear Mrs. Straight:

I have just received a copy of Mr. Herbert Croly's biography of your late husband. I appreciate very much your thought of me and am very happy to have this book.

In all of my war experience Willard Straight stands out as one of the striking characters. I appreciated knowing him and only wish that time and stress of war had permitted us to become closer friends.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Willard Dickerman Straight.

June 25, 1924.

McMillan Co., Publishers,
New York City.

June 25, 1924

Broad Hollow Farm,
Westbury Station, L.I.

Dear Dorothy

Thank you for the book. I am
about Willard. I am
reading it with the greatest
interest. May I have
a letter from
Willard's book.

The Willard Straight Papers at Cornell University
Westbury, N. Y.
June 25, 1924

Mrs. D. W. Straight,
Westbury, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Straight:

I am very grateful to you for sending me a copy of the book of Mr. Straight's life.

I was a great admirer of Mr. Straight and I shall always remember him as a fine, democratic, splendid gentleman.

Thanking you, I am very truly yours,

John A. McKenna
I was interested in the little pictures for I always felt that I might be able to do something with his illustrations, and watch that a very fine artist was teacher under the discipline of an artist and business man, and while the world gained in one may be great artist must lose, and in the end he would have been recognized for more than he was. Had he put the energy in the study of art that he did in the work that he did at work, and if I think this biography is not only most interesting interesting.

My dear Mrs. Straight,

I want to tell you how much I appreciated your sending me that most wonderful little painting and little note, life of your husband. I wish you had time to rest and think so well and live to proud of your kind and warm wishes. I was there, I naturally had even more paper.
friendship for them—
that though I was more
at home when you went
in Ashago and went not
quite as far as to nurse
the first thought of me
is especially appreciated
because of the association
with Miss. The fact
had just reached London
and I was only writing
for an opportunity to book
the book one with this
idea of keeping me, then
the late Prof. John Muir.
And of course it will mean
writes to me that you would
send it to only of your
write. And peace torefer—
all interest in his wonder-
ful work and career,
though this line of train
because I think them;
that the name pride of
the American—liking
this home. And may
you so very find you
that you feel your child-
ren—the role of near-
his in age, and your
kindness to him and
the photographs that you
cook Mrs. Wrentham and
the things that Willard
was doing may so
intertwine with thy
Children that particularly home—Children are so interested in such things.
I am

My sincerely yours,

Mary Barns Millers
By 7 to 5 off Warren
June 25, 1924

But that if you do try and that in what it will help many toys who my han
in them to make successful and useful and yet have not quite
the courage to face all the troubles that mean to succeed to feel that it
can be done and done alone, if need be. and that if all his own
strengths and not in outside influence that their life shall mean
and in that way you can find that life.
That might give you some small measure of the pleasure you have found me. I thought you might like a letter of the tenor when I received Willard van Houten so the other day when I was not at home for you. It has been unopened since I came here twenty-five years ago and I thought you might like to have four

and go in many other

fine—and all he did and

might have done and the

is in no very lost that is

going on—and that his

great spirit is only just

beyond the reach of

the world.

You have given me so much pleasure in

sending me these books

I reaped my humble as

to express my apprecia-

tion, in some way
Dear Mrs. Straight:

I appreciate very much your sending me a copy of the book about Willard. I am looking forward to reading it and I'm glad to have this record of him.

I always recognized that he was a person of very unusual ability but I never realized until I looked over this book what real ability he had for drawing and painting. The sketches published in the book are remarkable.

I am sure that all his friends will welcome this record of him, which is evidently written with so much sympathy and is so complete.

With renewed thanks, sincerely yours,

June 26th, 1924. [Signature]

26 June 1924

Dear Mrs. Straight.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart for Mr. Coddy's letter. Willard Straight which I received today brings back many dear memories of the fine fellow Character I knew in China and the fine fellow Soldier.
Legend in France—
I prize it and shall always keep it by me.
Dear dear Miss Straight with great respect,
Yours sincerely,
Julie Blomme

Dear Mr. Straight,

The day I was leaving New York to come here I received a copy of the book—*Willard Straight*—It is such a wonderful tribute to Willard and brings out the most striking side of his own personality which so many of his friends love.
to remember. I am delighted
to have the book and especially
pleased to know you remembered
me and sent it. I hope the
book will real fortune for
you both and read it
to my young son when
he gets a little older.

In closing I must say,
I hope you will
soon be well and will

allow me to come and call.
I shall be at home most of the summer except
for a few week-ends when
I rush off to see friends
who will be away until
the fall.

I greatly appreciate
your thoughtfulness in
sending me the book.

Very sincerely yours,

Manchester, Mass.
June 22, 1924

[Signature]
Edward S. Morse
15 Linden Street
Salem, Massachusetts

My dear Mrs. Straight,

How can I find words to thank you for the wonderful tribute you have given to the greatest work in the greatest world. I should love to work with the greatest interest. I did not know of Major Straight until I saw the paper in Algeria. The portrait of him published in that number I have preserved in my library with other commemorations of the man and his love for literature.

With deepest sympathy,

Edward S. Morse

June 26, 1914

Washington,

My dear Mrs. Straight,

A day or two ago I received a biography of Major Willard Straight. Your card was enclosed.

Thank you very much. I appreciate the book not only for the opportunity it affords of knowing the Major better, but also because, as a lover of books, in an humble way, I delight...
I continued with very kindly good type and friends. I enlisted and was not receiving a commission until after Major Straight left the New York section. I had little opportunity to know him personally.

Upon the Atlantic voyages, I volunteered to work on one of the life-boat crews in which the Major took a keen interest. I remember very vividly climbing over the railing.
June 26, 1924.

Dear Mrs. Straight:

I cannot tell you how deeply I appreciate your kindness in sending me the admirable book which sets forth in such an inspiring way the splendid services of Colonel Straight.

During the period that I had the privilege of cooperating with him in the work of organizing the war risk insurance for the men overseas, I learned to admire his devotion to the welfare of his fellow men, as well as the high standards of public service which he personified. His example will ever remain an inspiration to American youth and I shall always deem it a great privilege to have been associated with him in public work.

with renewed expression of appreciation, I am, very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Willard B. Straight,
1120 Fifth Avenue,
New York City
laying of the cornerstone. They were simple, but very heartfelt and in admirable taste.

Believe me ever,

Very sincerely yours,

George L. Beard.

June 27, 1924

My dear Mrs. Straight,

I was greatly interested reading in learning that a book on Willard's life and career was being written in

the last crisis, and was planning to

get it when almost before I read

the book was available. I received

a copy in which you and was

enclosed.

I have as yet not had an oppor-

tunity to read it, being for the present

nearly in and out of town and I

do not want to ask it. Still, I

do not want to wait either, and so I

hasten to tell you how greatly I

appreciate being remembered in this

personal way, and to thank you

most truly for having me there.
him. I suppose with Heinie Schwell's help and one or two others was the real spirit that was within the undergraduate body to appreciate the change and to be big enough to recognize it and lend a hand. It should be the establishment of his vision into reality. Your generosity and wise following up of his hopes have placed all of us who love Cornell and particularly, we who knew and loved Willard, forever in your debt.

I hope that I may prove of it when you next come to Ithaca. If I can do my way, however slight it may be as you wish, I shall feel, anyway, if I am not allowed to do so. My influence is not great, but at least I have no motive, and I should be happy if I could help, even in little things, to further your plans here.
June twenty-seventh
1924

My dear Mrs. Straight:

I want to thank you for remembering me, among the other Governors of India House, with the Biography of Willard's life, which I have already read through once, and parts of it two and three times.

If we, who are "carrying on" at India House, have been able to express the spirit and imagination of Willard, we feel well repaid; and I never go into India House without thinking of him and missing him. No man of my acquaintance has left the impression that Willard did, and I appreciate very much your sending me the book of his life,- and the whole Board of Governors feel just that way.

I hope you are better, and that later on, after Christmas, you will be able to visit India House and see the result of the necessary repairs and alterations, and the building of the Marine Room, all of which are being done now by Will Delano, in the same spirit in which the original house was laid out by Willard.

Cordially yours,

Joshua A. Hatfield

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H. H. Price & Co., Inc.
71 Broadway
New York

Dear Mr. Straight,

Allow me to thank you for the gift to me of one of the Governors of India House of the life of Willard Straight. I value it and will enjoy reading the record of a man of large ideas. He certainly lives in spirit in India House.

Sincerely yours,

John F. Whitney

June 27, 1924
My dear Mr. Straight,

I can not tell you how much I thank you for the beautiful book. It came just as I was sitting down and reading this letter, and I must take the liberty of silencing your letter and telling you how much I have enjoyed reading it...
Give you deep happiness than
such a through view of Mr.
husband's fine
ness, courage,
high character.
The pictures which
he himself drew
paints reveal
not only still

but his understanding.
hip of the qualities
of life around him.
I go over & over the
work, looking at
the faces he sketched
I am impressed
by his eagerness &
so beyond any
previous achieve
ments of his dis.
You, as I trust, will.

Please remember me at your children. I hope it is right for you. Thank you again.

Sincerely yours,

Walter D. Scott

[As]

Done his part with this wonderful art which conceals itself. It is evidently the root of love. Remember that he was one of the founders. When I baptize boy Michael,
I don't know what the matter was. It was clear how much he cared.

I often think of you all. I wish I could see you more. The days are

as long as ever.

I find time difficult in getting away for the summer holiday. It is pleasant to think that you will be within the bounds of this Diocese. If you come to Wood's...
June Twenty-seventh,
Nineteen Twenty-four.

Mrs. Willard Straight,
Eleven Thirty-Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Mrs. Straight:-

I wish to express my hearty thanks for your courtesy in sending me a copy of the Autobiography of your husband, which, I assure you, I shall be much interested in reading, as I was a great admirer of Mr. Straight and have many cherished memories of him.

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,

E. P. Thomas
to one that I believe
with Elgin. But his
spirit lingers in our
atmosphere. I liked his
poem.

He was a gentle
soul: his mind and
heart so quick to
sense accomplishment.
I am proud to
have his book in

my shelves.

When you feel like
it there are two people
here who would like
to see you:

I send you
Woodbridge's love as well
as my own.

George Willman.
June 29, 1924

My dear Dorothy:

I was very pleased and touched with the book you gave Frank of ours. I am reading it and can get enough in it to know that Craig has been a fine piece of work. He has really made me feel Holland and the importance of his life. It is a book that not only his
June 29, 1927

AMBASSADE DE FRANCE
WASHINGTON

My dear Mrs. Straight,

We are deeply indebted that you should have included us among the friends to whom you are sending that splendid and interesting volume: "Willard Straight."

I plunged into it at once and read it through almost without a break.

It is indeed a monument that you can be proud of.

David Gray
I am that your children will be
period, I happy is forever for
through that they will know
their father as I the was.

We are sailing for France in
a few days & if my husband
is just now too I fancy I have
been able to read this book
myself, but knows only that I
have told him of the 9 first stanzas
I have read to him. But he is
looking forward to reading it.

Yet that his moments of leisure
are approaching & he joins me in
Thanking you for having understood
with full sincerity appreciation
the volume would be received
by us.

The possession has made me un-
derstand better than ever that
great is your loss, but also how
great is your courage in carrying
on in trying to make your
life & that of your children What
The Willard Straight Papers at Cornell University
Willard Straight

Dear Mr. Straight:

I want to thank you very much for your kind thought of me in wanting "the life" of Mr. Straight.

I shall deeply appreciate

Go to Arrell Farms in One
Uxbridge
Conn.

30.6.24.

The Willard Straight Papers at Cornell University
have ever met.
The little drawings & paintings
are mostly familiar to me
that makes the book
more treasured.
I hope your Summer at
Woodstock will be a happy
one & that you bear well.
Straight will return much
reading it & it will always
be amongst my most
treasured possessions.
I look back on him
and think of the
wonderful man he was.
I feel as proud to have
known him - the finest & noblist American I

The beautiful book which
I shall value always.
With love & honest thoughts
dear tv? Straight.

from
Bee.
My dear Mr. Creely,

When I have finished reading Dew Crake's book, my footsteps, dawn certain, come to a queer as my present anticipates. Meanwhile, let me say the cordial appreciation you have received through these notes in sending my copy to me.

Sincerely yours,

Ralph Waldo

Mrs. Willard Straight

1730 5th Ave.
New York
July 1, 1924.

Dear Mr. Creely,

Tonight after dinner, I wandered into the library and, looking over the rack of recent books, I came across your Biography of Willard Straight which I found so absorbing that I cannot help letting you know how jealously I await your next volume and at what a magnificent pace you have thrown your first volume. The real life we write his life is one of the most beautiful books I have ever read, it is remarkable in its delicacy, its sentiment, its good

The Willard Straight Papers at Cornell University
June 30, 1934

80 STATE STREET
BOSTON

Dear Mrs. Straight,

I wish I could adequately express to you the pleasure that Willard's life has given me. I have spent all my available time with it since it came there, and not quite all of his will. He is one of the few men that has really strongly influenced my life.

Phil M. Murray
that I did not know and explains things that I knew only in parts. And dream during Willard's life of doing things with him and since his death they have done more with him things which we did together and often there have been times when if Longy could have had him with me things could have been accomplished that should not have failed. More than any one knew, he saw things to be done. I am not quite sure that I agree with Colby or Bland in their interpretation. I am not sure that I am right that Willard would have accomplished really great things, using great things in the concrete sense. He did accomplish great things in the real sense in what seems to me the real sense. But he always felt that given the
Slight circumstances he would have
and they always felt that you
would have been the influence that
would have made it come about.
This time of course that William
was impatient with the small
minds point of view of many of
the successful men. This time that
he was too prone to press but it
always seemed to me that if with
understanding and affection
all that would itself out. This lay
enough to be patient when you don't
see a thing with all hope of accomplishing
but he did see and never would have
lost hope of accomplishment. Be all
that as it may the world is a better
place because William has lived
and many of his turns are better
or began a brighter because of them
I was very sorry that I could not
get to the dedication of the chapel
wanted very much to go but thought
just about Commencement time and
I am too tied up that I could not
arrange my work to get away.
Thank you for remembering me.
Some day I hope we shall meet
and perhaps then say what I am
unable to write.

Very sincerely yours,

Thomas N. French

My dear Mrs. Straight,

I do so appreciate
your sending me the book
of Willard's life, which is
so beautifully gotten up.
I shall read it with a
great deal of interest and
I do thank you so much
for sending it to me.

It was such a shock
to us who had known.
July 1, 1924

Dear John,

Thanks for your letter, and interesting as the story was of your life, and that of your friends, I should have preferred you simply to have written.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

Rue for so long and admired you, in this strange, arid life. You know that I had been staying with Walter Hove, and the at our house at G.H.Q. for several days, just before he had gone to Paris.

I always wished to tell you that I so admired the story you showed me in writing the decision where he should stay, and the apt words you used in expressing your decision.

Yours truly,

[Signature]
July 1st 1924

I cannot tell you how much I appreciate your sending me this life of your husband, my dear Mrs. Straight. It was such a full rich life, so noble and so virtuous with promise of usefulness to many. Thank you for having it story told and perfected in this way.

Faithfully yours,

Mrs. Willard Straight
Dear Mrs. Straight:

July 2, 1924.

On my return to my office yesterday, I found with great pleasure Willard's "Life", which I shall read with the keenest interest. You know how deeply fond I was of him, and already, in running through the pages, there is a tug at my heartstrings when I see his picture and so many of his sketches.

Your thought of me is very deeply appreciated.

Will you please pardon this typewritten letter, but I am going out of the City tonight for about ten days so my time is very restricted.

Faithfully,

[Signature]

To - Mrs. Willard Straight,
1130 Fifth avenue,
New York City.
My dear Mr. Straight,

My husband and I enjoyed reading the book and took you as kindly as we could. We are fortunate in spending several months with them. Mr. and Mrs. Straight are the most kind and 2½ years old.

I hope you and Mrs. Straight are well.

Very sincerely,

Susan Straight
Westchester Country Club Grounds,
Westchester
New York City
July 3rd.

Dear Mrs. Straight: — The life of
Willard Straight came to us on Tuesday,
I did not meet Willard Straight after
he was three years old, but Mrs.
Thompson had the good fortune to
meet him again about the time of
his graduation from Cornell.

We have heard that you intend to
write a book about the members of
the Osceola Normal School faculty;
if the time when the Straights were in
that group — the 1890s — you will do
this. They were a rare group of
educators, and would be worth your
time.

Mrs. Thompson joins me in
thanking you for the interesting volume.

Willard Straight Papers at Cornell University
July 3, 1924

80, Lombard Street, E.C.

Dear Mrs. Straight,

It was a very pleasant surprise to receive from you the book about Willard and I look forward to reading it with a great deal of interest. I often think of the summer you were living here when Priscilla and I used to go down and stay with you. I also often think of that long day your senior year at Harvard when broke Cottridge asked me whether I would go out to think about joining a man called Willard Straight. I never went but I have wondered what sort of a

Life I would have had if that gone. It would have been, I was almost every different to the somewhat usual one I have so far led. I also frequently recall the talks Willard and I used to have together about many subject under the same theme and I hope that reading this book will bring this personality vividly before the mind and will give me again the pleasure of always had at any contact with him.

Thank you very much for remembering me and sending the book. Which I both Priscilla and I am extremely glad to have. I hope we may meet again some other time or the year side. With very best wishes and best regards,

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

John P. Smith
July 6, 1924

Mrs. Millard D. Straight
1130 5th Avenue, Seattle

My Dear Mrs. Straight,

I received your copy of "Willard Straight" from Macmillan & Co., with your letter enclosed. I would not have had time to read it at this time unless you were so kind as to send it to me. I have read it very carefully, and am sure you will find it as interesting as I did.

Naturally, the facts appealing to me are those in the front part of the book where he left him in prison, referring to his letters and your school days. I have been there a block from Millard, 30 years since, and since he came to camp. I was in high school together and often to the contrary, he ended up

With cordial regards,

[Signature]

Joseph B. Ringland, M.D.  
Osweo, N.Y.
Sunday 6

Dear [Name],

First of all, I want to tell you I've been so busy in visiting my relatives. The moments have been absorbing and so beautifully presented. So much of the Middle East as being possibly dry and arid, but it was not so. The water was thrilling in its difficulties and achievements, and all lives were divided through his letters, which are so wonderful and full of pictures of the scenes in his own letters.

Yours truly,

[Address]

[Date]
above all of his most humane
hearty views -- they only rest at the end. one must "have
how much worse -- although
wondering at your generosity
at seeing and take the benefit
of so much-- and your tribute
was only considerate. the
beauty of what I had seen before.
Because of the difference
but it takes a few minutes
in leaving -- but you will get
in the event of time.
Anglican -- the girl to answer
a week ago -- the letter
very well -- having had
just now. Anglican not
so fine -- I knew a man
not for it meant from then
Beth I had will be before visiting.

Burlington, Vermont
Allenwood Inn
July 7th.

Dear Dorothy,

At Asbury July 1st

on my desk at the
Bank I found this
book by Willard and

no body sent me --
I had not been in
Asbury for a long time.

for four years now I
have not lived there.

I think you know
after my father died

the house there, and has been
living in Princeton.

Where I stay at this

Fireside -- and G
have been realizing some of the dreams of my life, Egypt and Sicily, where I spent last winter.

I was most sorry to hear from you before you have not been well.

I sincerely hope you are all right again, and that I may see you sometime soon, and thank you in person.

Ever sincerely yours,
Nile StraigU.

Nashville, Ind. July 7, 1934

Mrs. W. D. Straight
1150 Fifth Ave., New York.

My dear Mrs. Straight,--

I have just this moment completed the reading of this wonderful book.

When it first came, my impulse was to immediately, write you my "Thank you"; but after I had opened it, studied the first picture a long time, thoughtfully read the lines dedicated to you by the author and carefully examined the Table of Contents, I concluded I would read part of the story before I wrote.

And now, I've read it all--and, if you could have received all the wireless messages that have gone from my heart to you during these continued days of reading, you would better understand how sincerely I thank you for this most unexpected remembrance.

All through the reading, I never once allowed myself to look ahead and so all the pictures formed one long series of happy surprises. I love them. How shall I prize some of them as long as I live?

How glad I was when Baby Whitney's picture came. How I watched for two others. And now I hoped for the last for the group picture of the three kiddies. But it did not appear.

Never satisfied in this world, are we? Then I wanted more about the father of Willard. All through the story I was reminded of him. Many things spoke to me of him more than of his mother. However, the lives of both were represented and how proud they would have been of his life--and who knows but what they were.

They were so different yet so congenial--I never knew which one I cared for most. The other day I looked through a box of old papers and found--if I correctly remember--Willard's first letter. How the pensmanship looks very much like that of his dear mother. I am enclosing it, thinking you may care to read it and that possibly, Willard's sister or daughter may care for it.

I am sure no one could enjoy the first two chapters of the book more than I have. They bring to my mind many incidents of the past. I used to laugh at Prof. and Mrs. Straight about some of their ideas of Baby Training but at the same time, I was usually in full sympathy with them and have always felt that they both had no small influence over me when my own little boy came to our home just twelve years and two days (less ten minutes) after Willard arrived in his home.

(over)
I did not intend to make this so long—I lost track of the boy I pondered over so much in his babycod, after Dr. Ranier died, too; occasionally I saw his name in some paper; but so little have I known all these years and so much have you given me on these 569 pages.

For every page, I thank you.

Very Sincerely,

Mrs. E.S. Miller

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My dear Mrs. Straight:---

I received this morning a copy of the book "Willard Straight by Herbert Croly", with your card. Thank you very much. I shall read it with great interest. I have always been a great admirer of your husband and have happy recollections of our trip to China some years ago.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Mrs. Willard Bickerman Straight,
1130 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.
July 5, 1824

Dear Dorothy,

How glad and thankful I was to get the letter of Major Straight! The book was waiting for me on my return from the Denver-Chicago-Cleveland trip. Alleged Straight began to read it not straight through at random. Every page that turned to held both my mind and my heart.

Ah! I felt literally lifted to a higher plane, and when I put it aside for a while, I wanted to come straight to you my Beloved Friend, and just sit with you in the dear solitude for a long sweet time when spiritual your own perfect words about the wonders rare man who was my husband and the father of your precious children, then read that last sejera, a friendsly beautiful single letter of his to Whitney, it was hard for me to control my strong emotions. Deep desires were strong within me, the one that might mean something to you and your dear children, the other that might be something after the war he was. Soon left with a wholesome sense that had ever feared or from anything, especially from wanting anxiety about security for the future. With all my heart and soul do this rare gift, tell that it has a

Dorothy.
In Western New York she was born.

Your best wishes are very much appreciated.

I got the value of this book as we had a help this year on our farm.

I am reading it and I think it is a very wonderful piece of work and has been

Thermon ever since.

The summers are nice and

couldn't have been much better.

I have many of your people

at the Cornell shoe ceremony

and they had it so
good as you are.

Please give the children any

special message you wish. I am

Sincerely yours

July 11

Walter Iger

My dear Mrs. Straight,

It was so nice of you to send me the biography

of Willard Straight. I am glad to have this

book, a reminder of his

life and personality.

Please let me know, will bring
clearly to mind my

recollection of him.
As a friend whom success made none the less loyal or unaffectedly cordial. As a friend of his life at Cornell, where he exerted an wholesome influence. I have noted with the keenest interest the progress of the Aurora at Athens. May it prove to be a fitting memorial to a right-thinking man, who was held in such high esteem by all who knew him.

Sincerely yours,

Edward Burns.

July seventeenth.

10 July

I'm glad to hear you did well. I wanted to thank you for the letter. I know everyone will want to hear

for the letter. I'm glad you got some time to think on it. I have been thinking a lot too. I'm glad you feel for it. I can't have been wrong to do this to get a better understanding. I want you to find
Straight Paper.

July 11

Darling Dorothy,

How lovely it was to

receive your letter. It was

delighted to receive the cable —

I had been thinking of you

all day. It's just one

year ago today since I

said goodbye to you in Delhi.

Goodbye to you in Delhi.

It seems so long ago, it's

too long to be separated, and I

am counting the days till we

see you, when we expect to leave.
For home. Willard's book has arrived, and both Swallen and I are delighted with it. We both think it is very well done and printed, as well as any book could be. A picture of his vivid charming personality. The illustrations are delightful. I do hope you are as pleased with it as we are. It is a wonderful provision for the children.

ONE HUNDRED ELEVEN BROADWAY NEW YORK

July 11, 1914

Dear Mrs. Straight:

Thank you for sending me the biography of Mr. Straight for which, as I wrote Mr. Cady a few days ago, I had spent an evening at the Century entrance with the contents of this book which I found in a box on my table. I am very glad to have a copy of my own, especially as it came from one who meant so much in the life of him whose career is so interestingly put forth by Mr. Cady.

I regret that I did not know Mr. Straight more intimately, but now...
July 11th, 1924

Mrs. Willard D. Straight,
1130 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mrs. Straight:—

I am exceedingly glad to have the copy of Willard's story which came to me this morning. As I glance through it, all sorts of old memories are recalled and I again realize what I have missed in the later years in losing the intimate contact with him when we both went "east" in opposite directions.

Thank you for your thought.

Very truly yours,

FRANCKY Y. JOANNES
Architect
Two Forty Seven Park Avenue
New York

Francis Y. Joannes, A. I. A.
Robert C. Dunbar,
Henry C. Hahn, A. I. A.
My dear Mrs. Straight:

It gives me great pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of Willard Straight's Biography. It is truly a story of a life filled with lofty ideals and noble achievements.

In nineteen hundred and fourteen, as President of the American Manufacturers Export Association, I had the pleasure of frequently meeting Mr. Straight, who represented the Asiatic Association, at our meetings preparatory to holding the first National Foreign Trade Convention in Washington. Mr. Straight was always brimming over with interest in this new venture, and most enthusiastic over plans to form a club to be known as India House.

It is a great satisfaction to Mr. Straight's friends that India House became one of his dreams, one to be an enduring monument to his memory.

A man many years Mr. Straight's senior, I entertained for him a deep affection, and his death was a great personal loss. Be assured, therefore, that this intimate history of his life will always be one of my most cherished possessions.

Yours sincerely and gratefully,

Charles E. Fennwijk

[Signature]
to my nearest and in many, I fear, forgotten students of Byron's years and the passing generation of poet's friends. As my own are long past me, I heard a thank you from his relatives. Your letter, with estimates of the man, makes a name in almost all genuine and good. I was very pleased with his reference to my old friend Mr. Colby, which is more dearer than when one knows more even sentimental his country in the Fox line.

I know your husband lived in Canada and his family and can only understand all that his imagination has had of his life's achievement and noble cause.

My best wishes to my husband, who

Sincerely,

[Signature]

John Jordan
(formerly British minister to Russia)
specifically about the part
of it when he alone led a
fight for principle, which
subsequently became the foun-
dation rock of its present suc-
cess.

I am proud from giving myself
this privilege. However, becau-
se my failure during his life,
I am unable to do my own.

The more I learned to love
him, the more individuals I
realized, due to the increasing de-
mands upon me. The more, the
less "within" less.

But I am not so bad
as to read the old
book so kindly.

Would really be interested
in hearing about
next time, any change
in the Morriss Plan association.
At four of meeting you, I felt

the greatness of your character,

how richly you have influenced us.

Miss Smith in her dedicatory poem, has so richly so beautifully expressed my present acquaintance with the life and memory of Willard Straight. This can only renew my expression of gratitude for your thoughtfulness, and in addition express my indebtedness by you to Mr. Straight's work. In every way, the subject of a permanent record for others to read, study, and preserve.

With my highest respect,

Believe me, Sir,

William Garner

Mrs. Willard Straight

[New York]

July 12th, 1899

My dear Mr. Straight,

Your thoughtfulness in sending me the Biography of Willard is greatly appreciated. The book will be among my valued possessions and will be a frequent reminder of the man I admired and loved.

Sincerely yours,

Richard T. Finley
July 13, 1924

Dear Sir Strauss,

It was indeed kind of you to send me a copy of your dear husband's life which I have just read with great interest, especially the chapter dealing with his work in China during which period of his all-too-short life I was brought into such constant and close contact and collaboration with him and was able to appreciate his stellar qualities of high purpose, enthusiasm, absolute patience, energy and determination, such as are given to few of us. He always
Child straight on his way, but one whom
most harmed by his good. Thence a
by no strickly old, fashion'd diplomate
he was always the same courteous, charming
friend. I am glad he cannot write
the catastrophe of all our hopes in these
of today, indeed, 'with fornication assembly
Of Willard's humor into the author
seems to me to have gain as a wonderful
portrait. I am fully open with all he
does here. It was indeed a fine man, a
friend of good fellows and a perfect
Godsend to our little coterie in Oxford.

You must live in the clear memory
of the few short years of great

happiness that were vouchsafed
to you.

My wife is taking a cure in
Burlington, else she would join me
in sending you warm thanks for
your kind thought of us and her
affectionate remembrances.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

July 1828

[Handwritten note]

Dearest Dorothie,

How perfectly sweet

If you # send me

Emily Dickinson's Life

& Letters. She has always

interested me intensely,

and I know I shall

love this book. That

wonderful writer. F
again again a rainy and very
summer weather.
I can't tell you, dear brother,
how deeply interested and moved
I was by Willard's life. It has
been a great inspiration
to me this summer and will
continue to be for the rest of
my life. I hope you got my letter
about it. Please don't think
I am writing this — I know you're not
allowed to. Ever devotedly, Jane.

Glad this has been done.
Somebody was the
man to do it. In
not 35 I read the book
as Washington Irving
at the annual dinner of
same. I'm more than
fond of your thinking to send
it to me.

We have been
here so many times in
November. It's been a very
long time since I
was here. You can
not feel this, Jane. We
are to her last

July 14

Dear Mr. Straight —
I am pleased
beyond measure at this,
touched by your sending
the City Life of your
husband. That I am glad
I have not yet obtained
it elsewhere, much as I
have wanted to have it since
first hearing of it, and I am
writing to say that the first
issue is for the last time
at the beginning of a
month ago. I am so
Dear Dorothy,

I was so pleased and touched to have you. I think of a marvellously inspiring life, he had so much charm, imagination and energy that besides being beloved,...

July 14th

Brookville D13
Peldon Farm
Rosalyn, Long Island
I will send my original copy to someone else with a boy for it is an example of what an American boy can make of himself. Dear Dorothy, I do hope you are better and that when Bessie comes back in September you will be able to enjoy seeing her. We are going to Electra August first but hope to be back early in

by everyone he was able to lead them also in reading about him. I kept thinking all the time what a wonderful thing it was for his children to have this record of his life and a life to be so proud of! I have finished it and now is reading it now. It is affecting in it.
September. With love from both of us.
Affectionately
Katie Kellogg

July 14

Dearest Scott,

I have read every line of the book again and think very fondly and very moving.
It is a wonderful and triumphant achievement and what you have done should
I send my love—had no idea how I should feel about it.

I am now spending a few days with Mrs. McCulloch in order to try a little work in the garden.

I think & gm.

[Handwritten note crossed out]

[Handwritten note crossed out]

Sue made the effort before during the past week at least 15 to have enough to telephone in—

Shall be done for a few more letters it to do to.

My dearest one

R. M.
July fourteenth,
Nineteen twenty-four.

My dear Mrs. Straight:

I have just received the copy of Willard's Biography which you have been good enough to send me, and appreciate very much your having done so. Needless to say, I shall read it with the greatest interest; there were few men of my generation for whom I have had so sincere a regard and so great an admiration. I am glad you have put the record of his life in permanent form, as it cannot but prove an inspiration to others.

With cordial greetings,

Very sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Mrs. Willard D. Straight,
1130 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

Abraham Flexner

INGLESIDE,
MAGNETAWAN,
ONTARIO.

July 16, 1924

Dear Mrs. Straight:

I have word from the office today that you have sent me a copy of Mr. Croly's Life of Mr. Straight and I want to send you at once my grateful thanks for your kindness and thoughtfulness. I shall never forget how years ago Mr. Straight used to talk with me about his ideals for civic education in the United States. He was one of a few - a very few young men - who really had large views of political and social things. There was never a time in the history of the world when men of this type are so urgently needed. I shall read Mr. Croly's book with the keenest interest and the profoundest sympathy with you and your children.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Mrs. Willard D. Straight
1130 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y.
him in the car,
Fast and at some
And we were all
Among his very
Many admirers.

This was a
Noble character - a
Real person and
His friendship
Was always the same.

July 16.

Dear Mrs. Straight
Captain Gates

And I was much

Satisfied because
A copy of your
Husband's life -
We had known

The Willard Straight Papers at Cornell University
Our parties have not
been very regular.
I am writing to acknowledge
the book and to thank
you for your kind
thought of me.
The men have been
very busy.
While the men were
working, the good
neighbor, Mr. Dodge,
attended to the
house.

Yours sincerely,
Maud Ely Gibbons

Mrs. Joseph Swan
DARK HARBOR
MAINE

[Crossed-out text]

Dear Mr. Swan:
I enclose the clipping
that was packed with
the letter you wrote before.

Also, the account from
Mr. Lindsay — but I
received the check at the time.

This would interest you.
He thinks it beautifully done and that it gives
a fine picture of Willard's character. I am waiting
to read it until he is through, as I don't
want to interfere with his pleasure in it.
It must have come on just as we left for
Europe-which is why we have not read it
before. I have heard only the most
favorable comments on it. I know that
much it must mean to you to have it
published at last, and it cannot be easy for
So send it in that the same—Em had a beautiful time like Beulah. Thank you very much for having her run.

Joe is very deep in Willard's life, reads in every spare minute. He wants to write you when he has finished.

You too, give him time. The world is full of freckles, but I think because beings—perhaps particularly men—will benefit by your having done it. It is such a relief to know that you are better—
I wish you much if it is too much trouble that you would get your horse to drop me a line. I would you?

Even with a heart full of love

July 16 1924

Piaha

342 Beacon St.
Boston.
July 17 1924.

Dear Mrs. Straight:

I am more grateful to you than I can say for the loss of your husband. The book takes me back many years, and brings to my mind a rush of associations. I remember so well George Marvin's bringing Willard with him to Erskine once when they had come back together from China. And I recollect so well Willard's speech in
Dear Mrs. Straight:

I want you to know that it was a great pleasure and satisfaction, in view of the warm regard and high esteem in which I held Mr. Willard Straight to receive from you copy of the book portraying his life and incidents pictorially and otherwise. I am going to peruse the volume carefully, and no doubt in the latter part of it I will cross incidents which will bring Mr. Straight more forcibly back to my memory, for it is this part of the volume that will play a part so far as I am concerned in my contact with him, his charming, delightful, and pleasing personality.

With very warm and sincere regards and hoping you are enjoying the best of health,

Faithfully,

F. L. Clarke

Mrs. Willard D. Straight,
1130 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.
If not, do so; it will help you to understand my meaning.

Said in me for being so frank, but this is but an example of what I mean. Wirtz's influence impels me to say what I think, and I am not often seen doing so.

Very sincerely,

J. Willard

Yours,

July 17th

Dear Mr. Straight,

Just now the mail has brought me the book recounting the wonderful and interesting life of Willard, and I heartily appreciate it that you consider me as one of his intimate friends.
Here are very few people privileged to be blessed with his many gifts and still fewer who are able to influence our generation and leave our mark on our influence it will be used in which we live today by those lived, and in so doing Willard has left many devoted, if enemies, friends; but the
Dear Mrs. Straight,

I have just received the Life of Willard Straight by Croly, with your card enclosed, and I thank you greatly. My association with Willard Straight was one of the bright spots of the war and to read his comments on Langres, Nancy, the Seine, Remicourt, and the 3rd Corps brings those times vividly back to me. You can imagine how delighted I am to have the book.

July 18th, 1921

[Handwritten note on the left side]

My being highest in arithmetic. I shall read the Straight life with double interest. Skim of the romance and adventure of his life, because I can do dearly.

Hope your summer is very
happy and healthy. Write.

The Willard Straight Papers at Cornell University
The only other tangible remembrance that I have is a sketch
he made of me, perhaps I should say a cartoon, at my request
to send home to my daughter.
I had seen him dash off several
for his children when we were
in Ramirmont and he kindly made
one for me to send home. His regret
is that it isn't signed.

I was exceedingly sorry when
we left Ramirmont that he decided
not to come with us and I
missed him greatly, both from
a professional standpoint and
a personal one. His comradeship
humor, and cheerfulness were

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF
WASHINGTON

a constant delight to us all.

When I heard of his death I felt,
even though I had known him
a comparatively short time, that
I had lost a sincere friend and
the country a patriot it could

With my grateful thanks
for the book, I am

Sincerely yours

Francis W. Clark
Mrs. Willard Straight,
1180 Fifth Avenue,
New York.

Dear Mrs. Straight:

I was very much pleased to be included on the list of those to receive a copy of Herbert Croly's Biography of Willard Straight. I am particularly pleased to have this book and have already read most of it.

It strikes me as an admirable piece of work. It is written with a sympathy and understanding which are quite unusual, due no doubt to the fact that the author knew his subject and was supplied with a large amount of intimate and colorful material. The illustrations are charming and the book as a whole takes an immediate place in American biographical literature.

Beyond all this, however, it seems to me that it serves to perpetuate the vivid memory of a very fine and lovely character who made a very distinct impression on his day and generation and, as I think I had the opportunity of writing you once before, was a real inspiration to the younger men of his time. The book also brings out the relationship between you and Mr. Straight which in those times, or in fact in any times, would be an example and a lesson.

With renewed appreciation of your kindness in giving me so early an opportunity to own this book,

Very sincerely yours,

Guy Emerson

July 18, 1924.

Corning
New Hampshire

July 18, 1924

Mr. Straight,

Just a few days ago I had neglected to tell you how delighted I was to have the new biography which is due out next winter and spring, while I was in Italy. It is unusual until yesterday that I received the latest biography of Willard, which is the best book Frank's has published, and as it is the most beautiful American book I have seen. The printing, the illustrations of the cover, the binding, the paper, the type, the paper, all would have satisfied Willard's
LINDENLAND
HAY GROUND

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July 19, 1924.

Mrs. William D. Straight,
1130 Fifth Avenue, New York City,

Dear Mrs. Straight,

Yesterday I finished the second volume that came with your card of a few days ago. This morning I finished my first reading of the 569 pages. I think of the letters I have just read and their care and beauty. They are so human, so realizable and so beautiful. That I shall never forget that wonderful article.

Almost every week Paul and I have met with some of William's intimates. I always knew he had a number among men young and men with a number.

In the field of nature and in the portrait of our great Americans of the 18th and 19th centuries, the writing, art and literature, there is no one who has a deep interest. William joined our small circle of collectors and offered his help and friendship to the many who came and welcomed. It is a pleasure that had never lived. Then my doubt that I shall ever see another one of his masters, your County:"

I am so happy to possess the book containing
Dear Mrs. Straight,

Since its receipt I have been delving into Carly's life of Willard, with very real and ever-increasing interest. When I saw it advertised I made up my mind to buy it but had not done so when the copy with your card enclosed arrived.

I was, as you know, not an intimate of Willards but were he less a friend and an admirer? My thought of him is not greatly connected with the different public and business enterprises of his life but mainly with 1878 at various gatherings where his delightful personality and the unacknowledged leadership in thought that he held among us.

Sincerely yours,

Almira D. Carpenter.
In many if not in most respects I am learning the incidents of his life for the first time through this book.

Pardon this paper, I am at the office although it is Sunday and the family is all away. Thank you for your thoughtfulness in sending me the book. Yours sincerely,

Elliot R. Goodwin

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E. CARLTON BAKER
MOUNTAIN, CHINA

July 21st, 1924.

Dear Mrs. Straight:

I thank you most heartily for your kindness in sending, with your compliments, the biography of your husband, and hasten to express my appreciation. I had been hoping that a full account of his life would appear, and was very happy indeed when I saw the excellent publication which you were so good as to send.

While all of your husband's friends admired him tremendously, I think that we admire his character now even more, as there were many things, of course, in the book which had previously not come to our knowledge. Just the one letter alone, near the end of the book, which he wrote to his son, shows what a marvellous man he was, for the modesty, wisdom and depth of feeling which he showed, has seldom, if ever, been equalled, and I think we can sympathise more than ever in the irreparable loss which you suffered.
With highest regards
and renewed thanks, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

E. Carleton Baker

My dear Mrs. William Straight:

I write you to express my surprise to hear from a stranger, this is my reason for writing. This morning I was in our little room when a letter my husband was pleased to my hands. Imagine my delightful surprise. His father, Dr. Straight, was a college classmate of my husband and myself, besides a very dear friend since childhood. His lovely daughter, Mrs. Alice, also was dear to me. They all were my childhood a little children. In a childish way, I have kept track of him, his wonderful development, etc. I only heard from this morning to write.
as the story of his early life. It is given very accurately. As soon as I saw I intended to get the book and know about the rest. My husband who was then living, grew very sick. I was out of town. I had to go out of town.

My only excuse for mentioning you is to my deep interest in him as the son of our dear old friends.

I don't even know your address or even when you wrote. I am writing to you for I am deeply interested in you as the wife of that charming boy. Very sincerely,

(H. J. L.) Anna L. Biddle,
I hope that you and your children are enjoying the very best of health and I wish you and each of you the fullest measure of happiness.

Very sincerely,


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period during which we were so closely associated made me know him in a way that comes ordinarily only after years of contact, if then. I remember so clearly night after night in France, when we had finished the day's work, as the day's work plus the night's work, for he worked day and night with equal vigor and willing devotion to duty, he would say to me, "Lincoln, we will call this a day's work and I shall write a letter to Dorothy." And I can see him now, sitting in his chair with pen on a book in his lap, writing in that characteristic chirography those letters to you.

Perhaps you know that I
July 19, 1924

My dear Mother:

I have just received through the courtesy of Mrs. Willard D. Straight a copy of "Willard Straight" by Herbert Grely, just published. I am sending you a copy of this book.

I wish you would first read the dedicatory poem, "To W. D. S.," by Eliza Morgan Swift, at the first of the book. Beginning at the bottom of page 462 and continuing on page 464 is a statement by Major Straight in a letter he wrote to his wife with regard to me, I then serving under him in the army in France. This statement is:

"Colonel Henry D. Lindsay was associated with Straight in the work and succeeded him after he resigned. Early in January he (Major Straight) wrote to his wife about his associate. Lindsay has been perfectly devoted. He has absolutely off-faced himself. He has been untiring. I have never seen any one who so completely subordinated his personality to the job. It is touching and in a way almost frightening."

I am very much touched by and very grateful for this expression from Willard Straight. During those three months when I was so closely associated with him in France, I formed an admiration and an affection for him which I have felt for but few men.

The statement by Major Straight about me is especially interesting to me because the circumstances then surrounding my association with Major Straight permitted the illustration of a very definite theory I have with regard to loyalty, discipline and organization. I had entered Major Straight's organization as a major of infantry, commissioned in the Plattsburgh training camp. Willard Straight himself was a major. My rank in the army therefore was the same as Major Straight's. Three months prior to that time I was Mayor of Dallas. I had, as you know, some years occupied positions of responsibility in Texas in which I was the directing head. I was several years older than Major Straight. Prior to entering the Plattsburgh Training Camp I had had no military experience whatever.

But I did have a very definite idea with regard to military service and the discipline necessary to make that service a success.

I believe that no one in the United States Army was qualified to command who could not implicitly and effectively and cheerfully obey. This thought, which applies not only to a military but to any other organization, I kept constantly in mind in those early days of the war, when I was so fearfully new to and ignorant of the game.

I hoped to command some unit during the war, and this I later did, but the commander under whom I then served was Major Straight. I could therefore test myself and determine whether I might be fitted to command by my ability to obey. The words of Major Straight, written as they were to his wife, unknown to me then and never expected to be published, I value very greatly.

Affectionately your son,

HENRY D. LINDSEY

Mrs. Phillip Lindsey,
4126 Gaston Avenue,
Dallas, Texas.
Mrs. Willard D. Straight,
1150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Mrs. Straight,

The receipt is acknowledged of a copy of Herbert Croly's Willard Straight. It will be placed in the library of the State Normal School on whose faculty both the father and mother of Mr. Straight served for some years. So the name is intimately associated with this school, and I am sure the book will be to students what a gentleman termed it today "as interesting as any story could be".

I knew Miss Newkirk well and recall how she treasured his letters and his remembrances which stated dates never failed to bring.

Please accept the thanks of the school and faculty for the gift to the Library.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

July 21, 1924.

My dear Mrs. Straight:

I have just received a copy of "The Life of Willard Straight", by Mr. Herbert Croly, and I am looking forward to reading it during my vacation. From what I have seen of it, I should think that Mr. Croly had done a very fine piece of work. The book will be of great interest to all who knew Mr. Straight and should also be helpful to those who are engaged in any of the varied activities with which Mr. Straight was connected.

Please accept my heartiest thanks for your kindness in sending me this book.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

July 22, 1924

61 Broadway
New York

Mrs. Willard Dickerman Straight
1150 Fifth Avenue
New York
Willard Straight at

begin to tell you what pleasure this work has given me. Not only has it served to refresh memories of one of the greatest friendships of my life, but I can feel that it is going to furnish inspiration to me for many years to come.

The book has also satisfied my long felt desire to know the Willard Straight of the years prior to my association with him of the A.C.A.

It was my great privilege to see much of him during the war and the memories of these associations are the most cherished of any of that trying period.

120 Broadway, N.Y.
July 21, 1924

Dear Mrs. Straight:

Even so many thanks to you for sending me a copy of Mr. Groly's Willard Straight. The appearance of this work is the occasion for much satisfaction on the part of those who were privileged to know your dear husband. His life so typified the ideas and ideals of young America that it was only fitting to memorialize it in print.

In my own case I cannot...
I have been distressed to hear that you have been suffering from ill-health and sincerely hope that you will promptly recover.

Again please accept deepest appreciation.

Sincerely

[Signature]

July 27, 1927
Place Vendôme
Paris

Dear Mr. Straight,

I have just received Willard's biography which you have been good enough to send me.

Your kind thought is very greatly appreciated and I am taking the book with me tonight on my holidays to read in affectionate remembrance of dear Willard, whose friendship was so highly prized and whose great qualities were so much admired by all who had the privilege of knowing him as I did.

With renewed thanks.
22 July 1924.

My dear Mr. Straight:

I want to tell you how much I appreciate your sending me a copy of "The Life of Willard Straight" by Herbert Courteny.

It was very good fortune to know Willard very intimately during his college days; in fact, we had adjoining rooms in the Chapter House, and I always look back with a feeling of pride to our association together.

The splendid memorial which you have given to the University is one name will serve as a source of inspiration to all the men who go to Cornell.

I hope that some day I may have the pleasure of meeting you personally.

Very truly yours,

S. W. Wakeham.
the g惠ards, children, and prose, things in ad
reason, why the Lord
shouldn't lead me up to
the mountain tops. Everything
poor and happy of souls might
belong to me.
I must trust that you
had attended Barbara's corn
at Barbara's wedding. I sent
your message by the bud in
the same to B. W. who may have passed to
reject them.
I am so happy that
about English coming
manuscript to B. W. while

Dear Father, thank you
for sending me C. W. 's book
at Woodside. Some day your
Wife will appreciate
that letter from the Truth
and your closing sentences in
the book. I can't let you
with it made one feel.
I am so glad to hear
that you are employed
increasingly in God's battle.
It is a struggle to get in
firm friends but

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Here in what I find the task the most
money might be like. My wedding is &. in
the same large house in Altoona, on bridge,
where I have grown there. The last for this
essay mom. The band is coming to spend a
week with me. The first part of August,
I am determined to miss the first part
of Beethoven's work to visit me, so I have
a return of some sort won't end
of October. I can't find too little
money would be to you and these boys
in one. Someone is to see you in June,
let me make up for it. I'm

August 20, 1924.

My dear sons, Straight,

The biography by Croly was delivered
while I was away on a vacation and I now
hasten to acknowledge its receipt and
tell you for the thankfulness that
prompted its sending.

I would be futile at this time to add
my testimony of the high esteem and warm
personal regard in which Willard was held
during the time it was my good fortune to
know him at Cornell. For twenty years
now, a little framed sketch which she gave
me has hung in my home. I remember,
that he drew a most amusing sketch
of me in the tremendously baggy trousers
which were affected by the students at the
time and have often regretted that I allowed
it to get away from me.

This activity, after he left Cornell,
were at a general way familiar but
it will be with renewed interest that

July 23, 1924.

Herman Percum
Harbin, China, July 23, 1924.

Dear Mrs. Straight,

I appreciate very much your kindness in sending me a copy of THE LIFE OF WILLARD STRAIGHT. Not only as a consular officer who has been inspired by his career, but also as a personal friend of his, I am very happy to have this record of his useful and inspiring life. When a student at Cornell I first met him, and then was interested only because he was a fraternity brother of mine. I later came to know him as a friend, and during his life he aided me in many ways in my career in the consular service.

Again thanking you for your kindness in this respect, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Willard Linderman Straight,
1130 Fifth Avenue, New York City,
United States of America.

Mrs. Willard Straight
Old Westbury, L.I., N.Y.

Dear Mrs. Straight:

Thank you very warmly for the copy of the Life of your husband which I found on my return the other day from a few weeks’ absence. I have read it with absorbed attention and don’t know when I have been so interested and thrilled.

It has been for years one of my keen regrets that my acquaintance with Willard was of the slightest and since coming to Cornell that regret has naturally been intensified. The impression he left here is vivid and the passing of the years does not dim it.

Now that I have read Mr. Croly’s story of that extraordinary and inspiring personality and life I appreciate more than ever Cornell’s privilege in numbering him among her sons. I wish every undergraduate could read those pages and I am going to see that as many as possible do so. When I laid
the book down last night I could not help thinking that it must be a constantly comforting thought to you that your children have that wonderful inheritance.

Always sincerely yours,

Livingston Farrand

14, PLACE VENDÔME
PARIS

23rd July 1924.

Dear Mrs. Straight,

I beg to thank you very much for the Memoir of your late husband, which you so kindly sent me.

I am reading the book with much interest and shall always keep it as a precious souvenir of the remarkable and lovable personality it portrays.

With my reiterated thanks and appreciation, believe me;

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

Mrs. W. Straight,
1130 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.
July twenty ninth,
1 ET 5 RUE DES ITALIENS
PARIS

Dear Mrs. Straight:-

It was very

generous and thoughtfúl

of you to send me Willard's
book. It came yesterday
and I spent most of last
evening reading it.

Cook, I think, has ac-

complished a fine work;

it is done with such

a sympathetic under-
Standing and fine feeling.
Parts of it brought back
just so recently the
days when John Mitchell
was trying to do a
decent job for the
city — when we used
to call on Willard
to help us in so
many ways. Poor
Mitchell and Williams
had many qualities in
common.
I had good news from
the other day from
Mrs. Cromwell. Martin
and I both wish of-
ten that you may
come to Europe again
soon.
With very good wish,
I am, faithfully,
yours, Theodore Roosevelt.
their offer in a letter two days ago. But I still can't believe that a hard-boiled newspaper wants to take on the burden of a critic of my type. It was a full and debt relief offer, but they may get out of it some way or other after due thought and due advice from their practical friends. If they do, I shall not die of it. It is a strange cross current for me.

I have read coming down on the train and much of it ever since I got here. HC's life of Willard Straight. I hope you feel about it as I do. I regard it as a great success. When one has finished it, one feels a profound emotion, and an extraordinary sense of scope and distribution so far as the author goes. This humanity and deep understanding was particularly necessary in the case of such a man as HC, who never lived to carry through what was plainly so finitely begun. One must get the right outlay of

Dear Dorothy

Whatever it was that I thought, whenever I am a time to remember, but I send along just the same that treasure of some thoughts that I began to you two weeks ago.

You will be glad to know that after two weeks in bed my father is remarkably improved and although he is constantly threatened with several things he is on the whole doing fairly.

I am in the throes of an offer from the Times of the dramatic critic's place. I hate to leave New York and to postpone plans I have in theatres and all. On the other hand I can't see my way to declining this chance to put our point of view over to the larger audience. I am waiting now to hear what they will say. I accepted
wholly convincing.

One lighter but necessary ground I must say that the book is entertaining, partly due to the amazing variety of material and partly to HC's management.

I feel that in time Willard would or could have been the greatest editor in America, with the generosity of interest and the endowment in himself that would have created what a group! How I wish he could be one of us even at the NR, though a more sweeping enterprise would surely have drawn him eventually.

Please you, and I wish I might tell you more of what I feel about this book, you will know anyway.

I hope to see you in the fall.

Love to you.

[Signature]

all these beautiful and ample and stirring traits and qualities, and then feel the reality, not the scattering, that underlies such a nature. I don't know anyone who could have spread out the book with an effect of so much tenderness and intelligence combined, as HC shows in the interpretation of this life.

As far Willard Straight I can so easily understand why people loved him. There is a sort of undying youth to him, something of the pathetic freshness of an artist too, anda loyal, abundant goodness that is to me one of the fine things that can happen in human life. I keep wishing that I had known him, whatever he might have thought of me at first, we should have been the most real friends later.

The most wonderful testimony I can give to the book's account of the man is that when that final intimate and beautiful paragraph from you comes at the end of the book, it seems simple and true and

Madam,

Please receive my most sincere thanks for the splendid volume of Mr. Straight's life and work that you have been so kind as to send me.

Having known Major Straight for so many years, it gives me all the more pleasure to be in possession of his biography which will stand out among my souvenirs of those fine men who have accomplished great things during their lives and have done so much good work to help my Country.

Again thanking you for your kind thought,

Believe me to remain, Madam, always,

Yours most respectfully,

[Signature]

[From the Willard Straight Papers at Cornell University]
I should have asked you at the outset to pardon a type-written letter, as I am not yet favoured with very consistent service from my temperamental eyes.

Mrs. Palen joins me in warmest regards and in thanking you for the great satisfaction we take in having the volume.

Yours sincerely,
[Signature]

Willard

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CUSTOM HOUSE,

[Address]

October 26, 1924

Mrs. Willard Dickerman Straight,

1130 Fifth Avenue,

New York.

Dear Madam,

I have received a copy of "The Life of Willard Straight," and I am doubtless indebted to your kindness for it. I write therefore to express my grateful thanks to you for this lasting memory of me for whom I had the greatest affection and for whose memory I shall always hold the greatest respect.

I am, dear Madam,

Yours very truly,

E.B. Howell

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The Willard Straight Papers at Cornell University
Of them, I had never suspected. What an amazingly various nature he had. On
instance, I knew nothing about his drawings, and yet, while
I am not very competent in such matters, surely
there was in him an
artistic genius.
The book brought back to
me the impression that
of his irresistible vitality
the manifold quality of
his interests, his order
and his thirst for life.
It is a good book and

The University Club
Fifth Avenue & 54th Street

Dear Mrs. Straights,
I got a copy of
Herbert's biography
of your husband some
time ago, and I am
ashamed at having
failed to write to
acknowledge it. But I
have been fairly pressed
in getting away on my
vacation and perhaps
that is a little excuse.
I had already read
some of it and was very
interested in the aspects
feels its are up very well. It has an interest to all of us even though we had not known him as did his intimates.

Please be hearing encouraging reports of your progress, may they continue. I am hoping that perhaps by next February you will be able to get about.

With much thanks for remembering me. Believe me, very sincerely yours,

[signature]

July 25, 1924.

Seven Gates Farm
Vineyard Haven, Mass
July 27, 1924

Mess Straight:

Thank you so much for sending me the last Coyle book about Willard. I am reading it with the keenest interest and attention. Willard remains as vivid a figure
To all of us who knew him
that reading about him revives
of old contacts with a simple
freshness. This is one of the books
to keep.

I am sending this letter on to

Col. to forward to you. If you
are about Camp Hole

I hope will get any letters
and news in good time when you are
here soon. My wife and I are

passing that way.

Farewell.

With remainders,

Vincent F. Browne
Edward S. House

July 26, 1924.

Mrs. Willard B. Straight
1130 Fifth Ave.
New York City

May dear Mrs. Straight.

I was with great pleasure to
receive this biography
of my dear friend Willard
Straight.

It came as a very delightful
surprise, and I feel
greatly honored to think
you thought of me in
such a kind way.

I value the book very
highly and know it!
will give me many hours of pleasure, and I greatly admired and cherished the friendship which existed between Mr. Straight and myself. I have only pleasant memories concluded through to his health, and always felt proud to think he never forgot me on his short visits to Ithaca. Accept my deep appreciation for your gift and very best wishes

for your future happiness. I am,

Very Sincerely,

[Signature]

57 West 4th St
Ithaca, N.Y.
Dear Mrs. Straight,

Please accept my heartfelt thanks for the column "Willard Straight" which I received from you a few days ago. As a classmate of Willard in the College of Architecture, I am enjoying its pages. While his life and work were unfolding in the Arden, his fellow students were made to

241 Park Avenue
New York City

July twenty-sixth

Charles E. Stevens

The Willard Straight Papers at Cornell University
My dear Dorothy:

A few days ago I received a copy of Harriet Beecher Stowe's book of Hilliard's, with your kind note enclosed. I intended writing you at once and thanking you for having thought of me, but was interrupted. I am ashamed in one way as much as delay. I

Mark Swinney

July 30, 1912.
His desire for action, his disappointments and regrets (which many or some perhaps appreciate), and his lasting courage are so well set forth, that I feel the book is a magnificent tribute, not only to his life, but to the story of many who gave so willingly in their country's hour of need.

Do I am doubly thankful (in my humble acknowledgment) of your thought in sending but pen and ink and another to me the uniting I have read the book and been thrilled by it. The play of Willard's life is interesting and an honorable tribute to his landed home, but the intimate feeling of his struggle and sacrifice during its war is a story to a story of service and understanding.
I shall value it always and be reminded of you.

too and far off days
in Cuba and New York.

When for a brief moment
our lives came in touch.

Thank you again and
please accept for the children
and yourself the warm
and very affectionate good wishes
of your friend.

[Signature]

Jul. 30, 1924

Dear Mrs. Straight-

I cannot sufficiently
thank you for the book
about Willard. It reminds
me of so many happy things
and, best of all, of him. So
Sunny, so generous and kind
so filled with energy. and
the very bloom of life.

[Signature]
July 30, 1924

Dear Colby,

I want to thank you for congratulating me. I know your life in Williamsburg and you know we have to please in this subject. We are delighted with the better report of Dr. Strong's health and now hope she is really on the way back to health.

We expect to spend part of August and the rest of summer.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]
in the U.S.O. and I hope
to have the pleasure of a
short or argument with you.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Willard H. Roos
July 30, 1924

Mr. Fletcher

Dear Jonathan,

Thank you so much
for sending me Herbert Cody's
Life of Willard - I think
it riveting, well done and
very satisfying - I am sure
I, do not think more now
and in can even do him
justice nor tell it wrong
which did not know him
what manner of man he was.
Mr. Willard Dickerman Straight,
1138 Fifth Avenue,
New York.
My dear Mrs. Straight:-

Please accept my thanks for the biography of your highly esteemed husband. I shall enjoy reading it very much.

I was well acquainted with both his father and mother, was a student under both in the Oswego Normal School. I knew Willard when he was very young and also as a young man.

Again thanking you, I am
Yours most sincerely,

[Signature]

Allen W. Poucher
16 West Third Street
Oswego - New York
July 31, 1924.
The Willard Straight Papers at Cornell University
I was the other night at the bank, and
Willard was there with me.

I shall never forget to be in New York on the
afternoon of the death of the man I
all too short time ago, apparently
with this row and others.

Always yours,
[Signature]

Mrs. Straight

[Illegible]

[Illegible]

The Willard Straight Papers at Cornell University
Fort Monroe, Virginia.
August 2, 1926

Dear Mr. Straight:

I have been waiting

to finish reading the book on your husband's life
before writing, knowing your kind things happen to
rubber to me. It is a fitting tribute to a noble
life and I am glad to have the chance to inform
you of the complete on all of his activity and high

I was a guest at the Temple at Philom
for a month. Later your husband was in Washington
and I had the pleasure to dine them at the
Tennis Club to have him at my guest at a "Club"
dinner at the home of Charles Garth of
This "Tea Club" used to meet once a month
at the home of one of its members, each one
of whom brought a guest. It was the ambition
to introduce these on the house in

The party in the informal conversatiom that
often lasted till very late, Nelson to say
that Straight was rated a complete success.

Among the incidents which I happened to
Know are, which would interest you. I am one

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new talking canvas opportunity to show their dominating position. One expression of the idea was to erect a flag pole in which the Japanese flag could fly higher than any other in the city. You know how hard it is to stick a pole for a flag in China or even in Asia perhaps. The Japanese got one down there and were quite proud of it, bragged about it in fact. And, Straight did not hesitate to be outdone. He started out to find a flag for his town. Finally, he did get one, I know not where. He may have them devised and a ship to get it.

It had thin appearance. It made the long and difficult trip to Minskian was erected with proper ceremony, Judge the rumble and change of place. Hence the American flag flying being put higher than their own.

I had dinner with your husband in Paris about August 15, 1914. An inexorable law was returning me from Geneva at the age of 64 years, so I was going home. Straight was a fine picture of health and vigor. He asked me to call on you in New York, to tell you how well he was, how interested in his work. You see how long I have been in keeping my promise.

To do so, when I arrived in New York I found my son in Camp with his division in Long Island training to go to Europe. I had been there for a long time and I might not see him again. So, taking out my time with him and actually signed in my promise. It would have been better if it didn't happen. And I suppose if Straight had not asked to have go soon. A lot is to read a lasting memory. The best I can do is to offer this feeble excuse.

My wife who has so often heard you speak of your husband has been equally inclined to write in reading the book. She joins me in cordial good wishes to you and express.

Wm. Straight Gent
 còn Sccll clck

The Willard Straight Papers at Cornell University
The right time. Most of us can only be credited with the right intention.
I appreciate more than I can tell you your kindness in sending me the book.
Most sincerely yours,
L. Austin Barnes

August 28, 1924

My dear Mrs. Straight,

Upon my return to the office after a three weeks absence I was very much surprised and touched by your thoughtfulness and kindness in sending me the beautiful volumes on Willard's life.

It has been in such demand by so many of Willard's old friends that I have had no chance to only glance at one as yet. I took it to Henderson Helen over the weekend and when it gave pleasure...
August 6.

Dear Dorothy,

Let me thank you really from the heart for having read in the life of your husband, I not only care to have it in your account, because of our very long friendship, but in his. The accomplishment is admirably successful, he reaches a dignity as well as the vividness of the whole picture are unusually perfect.

The Willard Straight Papers at Cornell University
The story as it is told in your husband's own letters is of course what makes the color of the whole, a fact with which it was to have led him really tell his own story. The letter to "Boo" as he calls him, seems to me as fine as any I ever read, and the whole life as a story, record of beauty, achievement, appreciation of the great things, that are for ever.

It is good news that you continue to improve. I trust you will get well again so that you may have a long and happy life at home.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

The Willard Straight Papers at Cornell University
Dearest Dorothy,

I have just finished reading Willard's life and I must write to you that it is a very
wonderful work. It seems to me of a very original, serious, and
big man. That an
inspiration it will be to his
children, not only the ambition.

draw to accomplish that
he showed all the way through,
but because of his humanness
and breathlessness. He was such
a dear understanding and human
father, and one they will feel
very close to him. I think his
occasional loss of belief in his
own abilities—all this while he
was so steadily going ahead
will be quite as much an
inspiration to them as his many accomplishments.

You must be very happy that
you have done so much to produce
this volume. It has been
meant a great deal to his
friends and should be a second
Bible to his children.

Nothing more beautiful than
his letter to Victory has I
received ever been written. Thank
you so much for
forwarding me a copy. Reading it has
been a very inspiring experience.
Dear Mr. Straight

Wanted you to know I am sending you a clue about just how you are. Mrs. Boyce called me up after she just visited and I was promised to do so again but I have heard nothing in a long time and I must know how things are with you. I don't want to be a nuisance, but if she could send me just a clue even so often it would mean a great deal to me.

God bless you in being that man you truly are.

Your loving, Mathewina

[Write-up on the right side of the page]

August 7, 1924

10 Ma Ta-jen Hutung

Peking, China

Dear Dorothy,

I was touched beyond words by the little inscription in the book about Willard which you sent me. It was your golden age and it was mine and we still live in the glow of it. We haphazardly, though, in it was radiant enough to fill a lifetime with joy. The book is beautiful and it is handleable and to read. It gives a fine straightforward picture of Willard's spiritual life. I wish it showed where I felt honored and grateful which was as long a part of it and more of the artist that was in him. But one cannot have everything and there are glimpses of other things in his own letters. I followed the story with breathless interest especially through those turbulent days when God and I had worked and suffered and yielded to him. That man stands out from it for me in all that strength by his ancient soul.

The Willard Straight Papers at Cornell University
I feel again the want in the world in the loss of him.

Not for him though. The loss of him will never

The world has gone on in triumph. And he

It has found perhaps something in all the long and sad

And none quite reached.

I hope what he says. I call

And there are some high points in the book that one can never

One is your own tribute to him at the end and another is I cannot that wonderful

letter to his son.

I have distributed the two

copies of the book that you

sent me through December.

and I shall write to him in a day or two and tell him

What I have done with them.

I am distressed to learn that

you have been so ill. To be

careful, Dorothy. Soon and

get well quickly. You have

such a fine husband to

him for. I have seen the chil-

and have many regrets.

faults and need you badly.

but I am sure too that

they can make you happy.

I wish you might tell

the beautiful Admiral how

much Admiral that res-

toned for me. I love it all,
Aug. 12, 1920
Eagle Ridge Tavern
Upper Klamath Lake
Klamath Falls, Oregon

Dear Mrs. Straight: After much wondering the
precious things, so delightfully told, of our Willard's
life, found me in this out of the way place, I
wish you could
know how much I
prize this treasure of
volume for if you did you
would know how much
I appreciate your kindness
in sending it to me. Willard's death seemed
to me to be the most
tragic thing of that
cruel war. Had he
lived I am sure
he would have gone

...[signature]

Eagle Ridge Tavern
Upper Klamath Lake
Klamath Falls, Oregon

for in our country's
history, but in lieu
of this I can't help
but feel he is carrying
on and doing a man's
job in a fine way in
a larger and better
world beyond the stars.
Thanking you for your
kindness and with the
best of wishes for you
and yours and with the
most heartfelt joins
me here.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
August 11th, 1924.

My dear Mrs. Straight:

Please accept my cordial thanks and appreciation for the copy of Herbert Groly's book, recounting Willard's life and achievements. I am reading it now with keen enjoyment and I find myself marvelling at the large number of interesting and worth while things which your husband accomplished in a short life.

His personality radiated sunshine and hopefulness. I knew him well in his undergraduate days and I have always been thankful for two little things I was able to do for him at that time. At the end of his freshman year, I persuaded him that his country did not need him as a private soldier in the war with Spain. He wanted to enlist, after talking it over at my home, he gave up the plan. The second occurrence was at the end of his Junior year when he came to me with a request to be allowed to do special work in decorative design in place of the regular projects in architecture. This request was made so that he might elect work in modern history under More Stephens, life class drawing under Brauner, and English composition under that department. He declared that he did not wish to be an architect, but that he wanted very much to graduate with his class.
How fortunate it was that red tape was not a part of our School of Architecture and that he was permitted to carry out his unusual but entirely reasonable plan. You can understand how absorbing his career is to me, who had a hand in shaping it at the outset.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. 63 Straight

Willard D. Dickerman Straight, 1120 Fifth Avenue, New York City.
and he has asked them with the greatest appreciation - he wants me to thank you -

Very Sincerely yours
August 12th, 1924

Augusta, New York

Pine Orchard, Connecticut

August 12th, 1924

Dear Mrs. Straight:

Thank you sincerely and warmly for sending me the tee. Crotly's gift of your husband.

I found it awaiting me upon my return from England a short time ago, and brought it with me to our summer home in the fall, where horns and 2...
August 15th, 1924

Dear Mrs. Straight:

I thank you sincerely for the copy of Croly's life of Willard, which has but just reached me. A glimpse of its pages - I have so far had opportunity for nothing more - assures me I shall not leave off their reading without gaining a much more intimate knowledge of Willard, his ambitions and work than I now possess. You and his children have just cause for pride. Not often does a young man leave such a heritage, and even less often does a young man, leaving it, have the fortune that it became part of the public record for the world to know and appreciate. I congratulate you, his children, and himself.

Again thanking you for your kindness in sending me the book, I remain

Faithfully yours,
[signed]

R. Reuben Clark, Jr.

Mrs. Willard Dickerman Straight
1130 5th Avenue,
New York City, New York.
August 19, 1924.

Dear Mrs. Straight,

When I came to know you yesterday, after several months absence abroad, I found the copy of the Life of Mrs. Straight, which you so kindly and thoughtfully sent me.

I do not know whether any acknowledgment of its receipt has been made. But I wish personally to thank you for remembering me. I shall read it with deep interest and enviable regret that so fine and brave a life was so short.

Sincerely Yours,

[Signature]

The Willard Straight Papers at Cornell University
It was always a pleasure to talk with him and I have indeed missed his little visits to our store and with many books that pass through my hands. My thoughts revert to him. Knowing how he would have liked to have seen them.

With best regards,

Sincerely yours,

W. M. Brightman

in 1909. How long ago that all seems.

Believe me, still renewed and very grateful indeed.

Your most sincerely,

Peter J. Jay

August 30, 1923

Dear Mr. Straight,

Just a hurried line to thank you very much for your thoughtfulness. Unfortunately I couldn't open a copy of Willard's biography which has reached me through the Department of State to Budapest.

I have not had time to read it, but as soon

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on my way home or leavé, I am especially looking forward to
leaving the quiet undisturbed
place! I want to quietly do some
quietly through it - on my
journey.
I hope it represents him
as he really was - but unless
Mr. Rand knew him well, it is
difficult for me.
Here are just one or two
very minor and unimportant
experiences have I received
seen something only, never
very wise and talented
man with infinite charm
Last September I admitted women for the first time, and they wanted an "old maid" to organize the women's unit and initiate education. The Union Medical College for Women, formerly in Peking, is now merged with the School of Medicine of this University. My permanent visitor, however, is teaching religious education and translation of books. Dr. Harold Smith, my colleague's husband, is in the department of education, and Miss Smith adds much to our comfort.

Yours gratefully,

Riclle Minor

Fomenta, Shansi
Aug. 20, 1924

Dear Mrs. Straight,

A group of five of us dined every evening when we do not have guests and one of the guests reads aloud from the book which came as a gift from you — Dr. Bye, my friend for the summer, who is an inquiring reader, with a taste for biography! I read several a few days before it came. "That is a book which I must order soon; it will be facing me..."
For others to read, and I
must to add their thanks
to mine.

I am especially interested
in the book because Mr.
Straight's vivid personality
made such an intense impres-
sion on me, the first time
I ever saw him at an
American Legion function
in 1903, when I returned
from Turin. I still remem-
ber the story which he told—
the Irishman who, in his
shortened years, saw many
who fill the full measure
of youth and the exulta-
tion which he needed, in two
years. Remembered, meant to yearn
for, and pride—
I have often thought I
would write you a little
about some of the girls who
have been helpful in teaching
in College, by the Willard-Strait
Scholarship, but I had no
secretary, and the year went
by with the pleasant task
still postponed because there
were more urgent duties—

in 1921 the college was
affiliated with Boston Uni-
versity; and in 1922 I resigned
with Mrs. French. Both my
place, I want to thank
you for your generous gift
to the Massachusetts Insti-
tion—for I am as loyal
an ever to Peking University,
though I am now connected
with Shantung Christian
University at Tsinan.
The other, and I feel, merited the friendship and admiration for many achievements. I consider for the one man of his generation who knew he gone farther than any other on the road of action accomplish. I am deeply appreciative.

Dear Mr. Straight,

I am sorry to have been so long in trying to thank you for your kindness in sending me a copy of Willard's b.g. to Mr. Cole. I am away.
I am on my way to the hotel; I have been in Providence only a day before going away again for several days in Kansas.

I shall not open the package or know that it has reached the latter part of last week, or you should have had word from me before this. Already I have read parts of the book with much interest.

Though I saw at Boston a Willard after having been in college, he always kept closely to what we told.

I have your kindness in remembering me and will prize highly among my possessions the letter containing the record of Willard's association with his fellow men in this continent.

My hope is in Marie or the last join, he is thankful.
So, we must be thankful for the many in those. I think you have made a great effort to keep it quiet and fresh in our minds. This work, together with the memories that are very dear to us,

Very sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Thursday.

Dear Sir,

We shall remember with much pleasure one look of the Mansfield House, and are so glad to have had that opportunity of talking with you both at that time.

It has been a great privilege to have known Willard as a friend, and those of us that knew him.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]
Mr. Herbert Croly
0/o The New Republic,
421 West 21st Street,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Croly:

I have just read your book on Willard Straight. It is not a mere biography, it is a revelation — the spell of which still holds me. Last night after dinner I picked it up and before I laid it aside I had read it from cover to cover. Five hours straightaway reading — a thing I've not done in years, although I'm something of a reading man. That I think is the best testimony a reader can give of his absorbed interest.

It wasn't my own copy. I bought it for the University Club. (I happen to be chairman of its Library Committee). We emphasize biography in our permanent collection and so I consider it my "legitimate graft" to run through most of the books I buy for the club. I am not unfamiliar with many of the best biographies published these last few years. When I say therefore that I consider it one of the most satisfying books of its kind I've read for years, it means something, although the word comes from an amateur critic and not a writer of professional standing.

The intricate chapters on the negotiations for the Chinese loan spell an amount of research and painstaking care, to say nothing of insight, which are not often met with in biographies. Another thing; although he was your friend and obviously a man you loved and admired tremendously, your picture of his personality and life, your concept of its values, your estimate of his career and its potentialities so sadly terminated before his normal span, are all set forth with such lucidity and charm that one gets a complete impression. A rare and wonderful thing.

You as an editor receive without doubt a grist of mail each day in praise (or condemnation) of what you write, or of things which you as editor are more or less held accountable by the readers of the New Republic. Perhaps therefore a word of praise or blame means little to you. However, I am constrained to send this on because this book of yours is such a splendid piece of writing that my words are not mere unctuous praise, but a spontaneous reaction to a real work of literary art.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

August 28, 1924

Ashdale Farm
North Andover

My dear Mrs. Straight,

When I recently returned from abroad I found "Willard Straight by Herbert Croly" with your card enclosed, surprising me. Not knowing when it was sent I decided to defer my acknowledgment until I had found an opportunity to read it. I have done so with the greatest interest, and thank you most sincerely for your thoughtfulness in sending it to me.

Willard and I saw a good deal of each other during our two years together in Peking, and having similar tastes, we roamed all over the two cities and the surrounding plains, on Sundays and holidays when we both were free for a
few hours.

When the new Legation was sold to the
Romans, our Pinkie assigned to me for
my own temporary use, a considerable group
of tumble-down Chinese houses in a compound
facing the canal, with the privilege of
doing what I would with them, at my
own expense. This was my opportunity and
learning heavily on Willard, I assembled a
series, almost a labyrinth, of courts and
gardens and half-hidden passages, which
served as a setting for fascinating little
Chinese houses, each adapted to its own
special purpose. The place was complete
and unique, and no other Secretary in the
Legation quarter was half so well off as I.

When my useful house was completed
by the Pink Legation by the Treasury ar-
chitect, who had been a page in Congress,
I was bade to leave and Mr. Rochhill
allowed me to stay on in my temporary
quarters to the end. This was one of the
things that Willard did for me.

Another thing which I remember with par-
ticular pleasure, was a short interval of all-
nes and rest which we pressed together toward
midsummer in 1903. It was my first vaca-
tion and we decided to spend it at a certain
temple in the hills. After leaving the railway
and walking across the plain, we entered
a little valley that tended in the direction of
our temple, but coming across a clear brook
of running water, we followed it to its source
which proved to be a deep, cold, pool fed by
a spring gushing forth from a hollow
rock. Nearby stood another temple, very small
and old, and shaded by great trees, so we
decided to go no farther. We spent our
three or four days together mostly in the
pool, with walks among the surroundings
hills in the later hours about sundown, and in the evening with music talk.

When we grew tired of doing nothing, he sketched and I read. It is one of the pleasantest memories of my five years in Peking.

When the question first arose of his leaving the Customs, Willard asked my advice and I said to him “not yet.” When he did leave there I was convinced that he had chosen the better path.

Like so many others, I had a very fond of him.

Very sincerely yours,

John Gardiner Cotridge

Château de Cortez
Maryville, Va.

[1844]

28 Oct.

Dear Mrs. Straight,

Je vous en nom de mon père Mourir le Douteur, surtout de foncé de cœur de, d’avois presi à lui envoyer la lettre. Si beau et intéressant.
sur votre mari -
sans savoir que vous aviez gardé en France et spécialement à Nevy un souvenir à rechercher à votre mari et que
sans ne savoir jamais oublier ce qu'il a donné à la France comme
courage et comme
lubrement -
sans pouvoir être sûr
que nous n'oublierons jamais ces Ameriques
vues si admirables
pas sans aide et
la France sous garde
malgré tant et l'âge
de son heureux cœur-
Je suis heureuse de
fais le redire aux
Aime de ma mère, de ma mère, de tous les Français qui ont eu trop
et admirer. Si vivant
a été fier comme le petit village belge
de loger. Ces belles
troupes américaines
pour la délivrance du
monde. — Dear
Mrs. Straight, de ce
nous
deux. La vie la vie,
mais
satisfaite. Je n'ai pas de vues, de
ne pas des en Anglais pour vos excellents, de votre reconnaisance
de Dante. Poulet.

My dear Mr. Straight,
I thank you very
much for the copy of the life
of Willard Straight. It is full
of interest, and I deeply
appreciate your kindness in
sending it to me.

I cannot appreciate the
thought of dealing with one as
diligent as you, the rare buoyant
spirit, the charm and strength
of his personality, and
character left an impression
that cannot be effaced.

May 24, 1924
Fargo, N.D.
Make one feel that human nature in its highest development is akin to the Divine and whose words kept coming to me. If only but remembered only. Such as these have lived. ---

My sympathy goes out to you, and I hope you have recovered from the illness that Mr. Randorn mentioned in this letter.

Sincerely yours,
E. Z. Fielding

Mrs. J. W. Alsop
Woodford Farm
Avon, Connecticut

[25 Aug. 1927]

Dear Dorothy,

I have thought of you and fought for you during the last months and have tried to wish what you have been doing. Evidently at least for me of you other than the has been written. Hector, the end of money and I am sure you think for must be on the right road. Israel was fine andadmire.
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[Handwritten text]

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[Handwritten text]
It is a very beautiful thing
And I am glad that I read it
for apart from very thing else
I hope it will help me - it
threw, if we can try hard -
be an inspiration.

How I wish I were there is
that we might talk over
many things - I want to
have the children and what
they are doing - I wanted to
tell you all.

The boys had a happy day
summer and the boys have

from past year to this - it
was a trip to get a trip
home from Avon.

Westford farm - it
missed him terribly all winter.
He is a stern father, always
how the other three from there.
And I cannot believe that
he is not around any more.

The boys all come in this
Can I ever believe that
he is 9 yrs. old yesterday.

Does not seem possible that
it is 9 yrs. since the came into
the world.
Stewart - the actinic one has been splendidly this summer - instead of cooking like a Cuban noon entrando, as he has all his life, he is now getting a head from down South that gives me fixation. They do, of course, is absorbed in the help of the electric astra (the Hasses aas) and is doing and 5 feet of help that though they have been in vain & this art may be affected & there are deficiencies of different varieties he seems to have alone them in to fit.

I have been interested in

Many things - politics & so on - and teaching the children a number of things from Rome to America to history and art and the bees that in all decided that in kind paint to each other a paint to in hand out of canvas & etch "enam(at) from the fire and on to help in the Lane and Saxon's done as it is only in the Lane (chump) be Sally forty - & of bo and pain the world.
Sister Hunt invites me of her friends in the best in the place it is quite a success.

Not very to change, and am all for the kindness and welcome;
I shall stay three days and write for my man as he is coming.

Tell the not great and then bring keep attendance as the first.

Shape must have the entire for constant Missus housekeeper the children for about 10 days & see

She is for such a time & then came last word to write again.

This is a volume but it is stand up taller into for if there is idea now much I have thought of me and the few absence for. Continue
Dear Dorothy,

September 16th, 1921

I received some two or three weeks ago the Life by Croly that you so kindly sent me; I appreciated your doing so and the personal inscription in the book more than I can say. I have delayed acknowledging until I should have had an opportunity to read and digest Croly's work. I have done so now, and I find the book not only interesting from the point of view of a personal friend of Willard but also excellent writing and inspiring because of its sympathetic understanding of Willard's very unique and fascinating personality. I am frank to say that the author has in this study made clear to me certain influences on Willard's character which I never had understood before, although I believed I had noted their effects. It all brought a lump to my throat, and almost tears to my eyes, as I realized how much Willard meant to all of us and how much of a gap he has left which can never be quite filled by anyone else.

I was in America in June and I was sorry to have missed you, but I am glad you were much better and I trust that now you are quite recovered.

I should have liked to have heard you speak. I am, with kindest regards, I am,

F. H. Knight
Darwin
Le N.
September 6th

Dear Dorothy,

I have been completely absorbed during the last two days in Willard Straight's Ane Geographical results to the year's remarkable. I think it is
you will be so well done with Castus
of praise. If I can give you some

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A period is an outstanding number—constitution, her // knowledge and experience // qualified him to do. Shall // always be a source of deepest // respect to you. No one of his // generation, within my knowledge, // was so peculiarly fitted // by character and inscription // to undertake and // available service at this // time.

Many thanks for your energy. I shall always treasure it.

Genuinely

Mrs. Willard D. Straight, Jr.
New York City

September 7th, 1928

My dear Mr. Straight:

I want to thank you for // permitting the publishing of the // July 6th note. I have // printed a copy of the book, which I read with the greatest // interest. She since the publication of // the blank's "China under the Empress // Dong'an". I've been intensely interested // in China, and the period when you // died, your husband and I in China, // during that strange, historic rise and // fall of Yuan Shikai. It is, in // reality, one of the most thrilling of // any by our contemporary writers —
and yet do few people, conscientiously, in some part of the world, care at all; conscious of it they, or are conscious of it now. I hope the best will turn out. I hope it will be as China, so that all that is happening there may mean new and vital to them.

I had known the story of China's Secretariat, your husband's in Mr. Blake's Adventure Days in China — and now the rise of the kite is artistically illustrated with his drawings.

I wonder if you know the collection of publications about China which the Mission of Cleveland left in Cornell — here is, if my memory is accurate at all, a log by the voyage of
Mr. Herbert Croly  
o/o Republic Publishing Co.  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

I suppose you receive congratulations so often that they grow monotonous, but I must tell you how much I enjoyed your Life of Williard Straight. I am sorry he did not get the daily newspaper started.

Yours very truly,

A. D. S. Gillett  
Commissioner

Superior, Wis., Sept. 9, 1924
An inexpressible love to America! I always felt that he would be President to China. We were in Peking in the Spring of 1911 and it was such a vivid memory. The next day at the railroad station, we shook hands. That first sight of his horse—I can never forget my impressions of the mixture of sent 14 best.

I was so much impressed by the way he dominated all the diplomats in Peking. Mr. Romey, Shepherd was the Mr. closest friend of Edwin Mayson another Mr. Black. At one time the books. The lady known to many of the people be named, it made it still more...
The work is
beautifully composed—I am
sure it will make people
who did not know you,
think that they did.
This letter by your son,
does to me—like one of
the most beautiful in the
English language—they
should be edited.

Thank you for letting me
have the privilege of
reading the book. It is a

American Legation
Pekin, China, Sept.
10, September 1924

Dear Mrs. Straight:

A recent mail brought
to me the biography of
Willard and I want to
express to you my thanks
and appreciation for
having given me the
opportunity to live over
again some of the many
pleasant days I spent
at Peking and particu...
nearly those that were associated with your husband for whom we all had, not only the highest regard, but the greatest admiration.

Thanking you again for your thought of me and with best wishes,

Most sincerely,

Maj. [Signature]

Chinkiang, 12 Sept. 1924

Kiau yen,

China.

Bar 504 Straight.

"The Life of Willard Straight has arrived, and I wish it well. Thank you so much for remembering me as one of those who is entitled to receive a presentation copy of the book from you.

Perhaps you may know I succeeded him in his Customs position in Peking and reached the rank of Commissioner two years ago, a place
which the record of his life proves would, perhaps, have not satisfied him. He was my best man at my wedding in Peking in 1907, and I always wished for the photograph which he always promised me. However, this record of his life from you is better, and renew the memories of many happy years.

Yours sincerely,

C. N. Holowell.

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Dear Mrs. Straight:

Please accept my thanks for the copy of the Life of Willard Straight which reached me on my return from England a few days ago. I have just finished the first chapter and am indefinitely interested in your delightful description of his life. Hopefully anyone whom I have ever known was less worthy of admiration and delight than Willard, and my association with him was one of the most delightful experiences of my life.

SOLANA
LOCUST VALLEY
LONG ISLAND
Mrs. Arthur W. Straight
THE KITAA
STOCKBRIDGE, MASS.

Sept. 17th

[Signature]

[Address]

My dearest Dorothy,

I have only written to you to let you know that I am well and that I am at your service. I am very glad to hear that you are well and that you are enjoying yourself. I hope to see you soon and to have a good time with you.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]
There are many and various reasons for publishing the story of a man's life and perhaps the three best of these are to be found in the life of Willard Straight. He was a man who lived to his fullest and deepest capacity; he took a prominent part in several history-making events; and he was articulate to the extent of being able to express to others the lessons that he learned through his keen powers of observation and his sensitive reactions to the world as he found it.

Herbert Croly draws in this biography a very searching and sympathetic portrait of an extraordinarily vivid and interesting personality. He shows us the amazing versatility of a man who could be, under pressure of varying circumstances, an artist, a diplomat, a banker, a journalist, a soldier, and one who was even responsible, at an early age for the series of burlesques, that appeared in a Cornell College publication of which the following is an example:

"Little Johnny hung his sister,
She was dead before they missed her.
Johnny's a lue up to tricks,
Ain't he cute? He's only six."

The material that Croly has to draw from is so rich and he was fortunate enough to know Willard Straight so intimately that it would indeed be surprising if the book failed to attract the attention that it deserves. It is an unusually complete and detailed record of what one man has lived by -- his "Work, Play, Love and Worship". The value of this record is probably enhanced by the fact that Straight's life was a comparatively short one and because his biography has followed quickly on his death. For these reasons, the impressions and reactions recorded in this book are particularly fresh and vivid and it will go down to posterity as a human document of merit and distinction. The following passage is particularly characteristic:

"I cannot help feeling that in some ways I am unsound. Inexperience could perhaps explain the difficulty; it cannot excuse it. It is human nature to make mistakes; it is human nature to do things in the ordinary way. The world expects the young man to be less acquainted with its tricks, easier to bemuse, to handle ------------ my lack of experience is a great handicap, but a difficulty that must and will be overcome. Another thing! I must not say unkind things about people, nor must I get too enthusiastic. Freshness must above all things be avoided. Steady at the game, always at your intellectual best, always observant, making notes, remembering ---- that is the way to do it. Now go." Could any words of our more vividly express the honest doubts and hopes of an ambitious and lovable young man?

It was a brave mother, who, after the death of her husband in 1887, took her two children, Willard and Hazel, aged seven and five, across the Pacific Ocean to Japan because she had been offered a position in a school that would enable her to support these children. And it was a sad little brother and sister who got off the train at Oswego, N.Y., in 1890, bereft of home and parents at an age when they most needed them both. That journey to Japan, however, was fraught with significance, for it was probably what determined Straight's later career; then
it was that he began to develop his great love of the East; and then it was that he began to understand the Mongolian; but for that early trip to Japan he would probably have made a profession of architecture instead of accepting an opportunity to join the Chinese Customs Service, and his life would have been a very different one. The part of "Willard Straight" that deals with his life in Mukden, as consul general, and in the many negotiations in which he had the larger share, is probably the most interesting and fascinating in the book. As he spoke Chinese fluently, he was able to understand the Chinese in a way that few westerners are able to do. To those who have never been to the Orient, these pages will serve as a series of brilliantly colored pictures that are very illuminating.

This is a book that should be read with reverence for the author deals very intimately with sacred human relationships. He does not attempt to give anything but a faithful and detailed story of a human being, who, like the rest of us, had his faults, but who had a personality of rare charm, a mind of power and versatility, a heart that was touched by all things real and a genuine desire to use his faculties in the service of mankind.

------SUSAN SEGWICK SWANN.
Straight, as he left China about the time I went out, you
are probably not aware in how many ways I have followed
the same interest and been on the same groundie-life at Cornell,
or intimate acquaintance with
more Stephens in California,
a love for drawing and sketching,
for years in China, and then
in Russia, Siberia, and
Mandchuria.

I have lived at Harbin,
and visited Chang-te-Kieh at the
estate down the Sungari
River, and escaped from
Siberia in open boats by way
of Blagovest church. Wei Ling,
Chung and Te-ti-tze, have
visited the Baker's at the
consulate at Harbin, ten
several times to Stend, knew Sir
Robert Hart, etc., etc., so you
can well imagine what a joy
and treasure this book has been, and
is to me. When I found it I
shall send (soon) it to my
friend in California, who spent
five years in that region, largely
with me, during war relief work,
and the war from 1895 to
1905.

I have heard that you are
ill this summer. I trust that
your health is greatly improved.
aid that you may soon come to me the program on the new
union building at Cornell. And
when you do come, will you not
give Mrs. Mann and me the pleasure
of entertaining you in our home
or at least of seeing you?

Thanking you again for your
very kind thought,

I am,

Yours very truly,

Hugh Mann.

would return as many letters that I held back.

You will recall I think,

going with Willard one

Sunday to Garden City & see

my Mother. My Father

I beautifully & your plan

the returned to college, and

of course the dearly loved

Willard - the third a

little less than a year

before he did. I then

came in the Times - and

I am looking forward to

reading your. Only took as

soon as I could get it.

took me back to the time

very dear Mrs. Straight:

I hope your will

pardon, if this is an in-

struction, but I have just

been reading the little

sketch of Willard in the

Magazine Number 2 of the

New York Times, and I

can't help writing you a line. I did not do

so at the time of his
death, though we were

all deeply grieved over

it, but I knew you
When Willard came to New York during his last term at Cornell, he visited Mr. Morgan. He stopped to see me on his way to Mr. Morgan — we had recently moved to New York, from Europe — and came back to dinner with me. We followed them to the trunk that finally was in almost every car if we were starting to China. I well remember thinking that a strange, rather visionary feature it was — but most great things are during the founding of China. In his short life — I have heard also of Hay’s death — and a few years ago heard of the death of a little girl through the reference I made to the visit near as Cornell to Hudson. She was near the age of my youngest brother, and he admired her as much. I did not know her as well. Of course, both she and Willard were years younger than myself. I feel as if I were writing to an acquaintance, and I hope that some time that feeling may be fulfilled.

With kind regards to Willard's wife.工作热诚地, yours.

(Signature) Marie A. Clark.
My dear Mr. Straight —

It is rather late to thank you for the copy of Mr. G. Colby's book about Mr. Straight but I did want to read it first and I have just been able to finish it. I enjoyed it very much and I think G. Colby has done a fine job. I am sure the book will please your straight friends.

I'm so glad to hear from Mr. Nix and that your heart is much improved. Phil and Polly were in last week from San Francisco and I wanted to see you. I told them you had not yet returned to the city. But my wife and I are due back Monday after a five months trip to the Americas.

I know you must...
be pleased to hear that "Tina" is learning to walk. It has taken a long time and you certainly have been most generous.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Sept. 6, 1924

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Mabel F. Straight

1801 P Street

Dupont Circle

Sept. 21, 1924

Dear Dorothy:

On my return home Friday, I found the letter of William Gay so kindly sent you by the Rev. Carl Fiesmiller. But-unluckily I was ill-prepared to receive it. I should have written you long ago but...
Not much relates. The exact location is unknown. The book was
put away in an old box and covered with dust. It was not read for
long. The only thing that could be found was a few lines of
text. It was not clear what the text was about. However, it was

Man I knew before. I have
already read more than half
of the volume aloud to my mother
and as she said last night only
in bed did I know him familiarly.

The notes have found in daily
literature, the few notes were
relying known him according to
her talent. Need you any
more. It was in Nova that I
find out William, and shall
My dear Mrs. Straight:

Please accept my sincere thanks for the copy of Willard Straight's life. He was an example of the fullest Higgins' character, and in the spirit of his life is a unique and original example.

May he lead us as an example of his character.

John J. Franklin

Sept. 7, 1932

Hotel Beau Claire

S. C. Dilley, President

Faub Claire, Wisconsin

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August, mentioned on page 55.

Remember that day how great was this moment in appearance to so many Regular Army Officers to speak in London. He appreciated his honor as a "Volunteer" of his must expiring days. Perhaps Heade's officers of great "all around" experience than his. Left a report to be mentioned in his volume on page 297. Jim Haddock is. To Joe Reed, be you may never, enjoyed your kind hospitality for a night.

Sent to him plans to the States. Dear William, he.

Attitude and activities is again to "Preparedness." Maintaining you again and assuring you, it is my the most valuable books you have ever had. Dear,

With great regret
William T. Reed.

Colonel U.S. Army.

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September 25, 1911

My dear Mr. Straight,

Will you pardon a liberty from a stranger - from a man who knew Mr. Straight more a fellow classmate 20 years in college.

In "horse cleaning," I ran across a small bottle which must have never been a which way I thought of even slight interest a which usage I might well refer it are - Edward
September 29, 1924

Dear Mrs. Straight:

This is a very belated letter to thank you for the book on Willard, which I received some months ago. Unfortunately, just at the time the book arrived, I was taken sick and now, about nine weeks later, I have just about been allowed to get out of bed.

I could, of course, have asked Gladys to write and thank you, but I wanted to write myself, as Willard was such a friend of mine and I admired him so much that I wanted to express to you myself how much I appreciated your sending me the book.

Due to my operations, etc., I have not been able to read it as yet, but I read the installments that came out in Asia at the time, and judging from this, I am sure I will be tremendously thrilled and stimulated by the complete book.

It has been a great many years now since my association with Willard in Honolulu in 1907, but when I freshen the memory of this association through these letters, I get back all the old thrill.

Sincerely yours,

Albert M. Jucker Jr.

30 Pine Street,
New York

The Willard Straight Papers at Cornell University
Willard's courage, thoughtfulness, consideration, generosity, energy and unselfishness have been a great influence upon many characters, among which I include my own.

I again thank you for sending me the book and regret that my own misfortunes prevented my writing you until the present time.

I hope you will excuse the typing as I have not gotten up yet. If I tried to write long hand, I probably couldn't read it myself much less anybody else.

Most sincerely,

Mrs. Willard Straight,
Old Westbury,
Long Island.
I am second to none a gift or silence. The
first was the second to read it - as the second was
not that I come often in
the last part of the earlier
November business. And
then thank you intelligently.
I can be this now. I
get a new office of
Willard, less success, who
wishes of course solely to
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natural nobility of soul and an instinct in nature might lead one to form an opinion and to act accordingly.

The influence on those few of your beloved colleagues, their children, and young women would have been along with the lines of:

"No man is his country and the women in it and the women human at heart and in the mind, the women he loved, and I could feel that in the Republic, it is true, the spirit, the method it - I could feel it, but from what I knew it must be basically incorrect which means..."
Willard Straight

Sunshine House, New Canaan, Conn.

M. P. King

Dear Mr. Straight,

The splendid book came this morning. Thank you! I should have
sent it back, but I was out of the office. I got some rest and
had a good time there. I am glad to hear from you again.

I have been working hard on the book of the
pictures of Dr. Lee's. I have some of the
kids at work, and I am working on
them. I think they are great fun!

For two names I must sign,

Sincerely yours,

The Willard Straight Papers at Cornell University
October 2, 1924.

Herbert Croly, Esq.
O/O New Republic,
481 West 21st Street,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Croly:

I have just read with a great deal of enjoyment your "Life of Willard Straight". I had the pleasure of meeting him only once, but the picture that I still recall is one that harmonizes entirely with that which you have shown in your volume.

I am curious as to one matter, and that is, what his attitude was in the Campaign of 1912. I do not recall any reference to Mr. Straight's connection with any political party, but wonder whether he was one of those that aided the Progressive movement actively during that Campaign. I should be much interested in knowing. It is quite possible of course that he had no vote at the time because of his long residence abroad.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

M. F. King
"Moonshine," Santa Cruz Park
Haines Falls, N. Y.

Clean room to clean room—from school to cottage—to clean Japanese table and to-him-seen. When they told me that a little son had come into the house. Then one to school—I could sweep the laboratory and see Willard Straight's radiant smile—and ten years crowded in and I was old in wondering.

I shall read the work aloud immediately. I am very glad that you
has just left for his 6th Indian assignment.
He has done you credit—update

[Signature]
October 20, 24

Dear Mrs. Straight,

It was very thoughtful of you to send me the splendid book on Willard and I am writing Herbert Crosby my admiring congratulations and my thanks for a portrait of my friend as he was and as I

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would wish the world of ways to know him. I had only just read it as things and I got back from a four months trip to South America only last week.

One of the cleverest things I know about is that you were better than ever. Thank you very much.

Faithfully yours,

Robert H. Hutchins

Herbert Casey, Aug
421 W 2, 21st St.
My dear Mr. Straight

Will you please accept my very humble apology for having delayed so long in acknowledging my receipt of and thanking you for the book containing the very interesting history of Willard's life. I have read its contents with exceptional interest, having known Willard intimately during our school years in Oswego, and I consider myself unfortunate in not having
Dear Mrs. Straight,

They write me from home that you have been kind enough to send me the beautiful biography of Willard Straight. I am in California, and have not yet seen the book, but I have so deeply admired him and all his work, I am sure you will appreciate how much I shall prize it. It is very kind of you to think of me.

I wish it were possible for us to see a little more of each other. Even my admiration for the splendid manhood of your husband would form a bond between us, I am sure, for I always feel such a bond myself with those who understand Will Moody’s work. If you would care to have me do so, I should be so happy to give you Will’s collected works, and to feel that you were interested in them.

I trust your health is now steadily gaining. When I am in New...
York again I shall see if I can break through the cordon of protectors who surround you, and try to have a few words with you.

With renewed thanks and affectionate greetings,

Sincerely yours,

H. Spedden.

Hotel Regina
Roma et Suisse
Venise

Dear Mrs. Straight,

Your card reached me yesterday with the delightful information that you have kindly sent me the book I have so longed to see since hearing about it a month ago from a New York friend who was with us for a while this summer. I can not imagine how you have been able to guess at my deep interest in Willard Straight— not only because I knew him as a charming child of five but also because of my affection for his father and mother.

I saw his very graphic and illuminating sketches as they came out in Asia (I think). And now to have in anticipation this beautiful book which you have sent me will be a very real joy. W. have lost so many things during our year away from home that I do not want to risk losing the book and regret that it must be sometime before I can really have it in hand.

With deep and sincere appreciation of your unexpected
ad and rare kindness and wishing very much to know
who suggested my long interest in anything that concerned
the brilliant little boy I knew in 1884

I am, dear Madame, with renewed expression
of gratitude

Sincerely yours
Ellen G. (Mrs. F.H.) Bigley
Venice, Italy
Oct. 8, 1924

To Mrs. Willard Dickerman Straight
New York City, U.S.A.

My dear Mrs. Straight:

Upon my return from abroad some days ago I found Herbert
Gudge book about Willard which you
were so good as to send me. I
shall always treasure as having
come from you this vivid story of
the life of one so dear to many of
me.

You may have forgotten that
I was present when in December of
1917 you so bravely bore Willard
goodbye as he was about to board the Adriatic, I have often thought of that parting and marvelled at the courage with which you have borne the heavy burdens laid upon you and the devotion with which you sought to do things which you felt he would have wished done had he been with us. The world is much the richer because of the love between you and Willard

All of us who were his friends are deeply in your debt, too, for the book which will lead us all more closely

Believe me, my dear

Mrs. Straight,

Sincerely yours,

Willard M. Wheeler
Dear Mr. Torrey,

It is some time ago since I finished reading that beautiful life of your husband which William is finishing now, and I cannot tell you how much we have been thinking of him. The last two years have been a true picture of work. The fact that we now have in our midst a living, warm heart that life would have been an endless and endless task for me.

From the descriptions of his helpfulness and his mother's early training I believe I have a sense of his character and his spirit. If all the love and care that is expressed in you, it is mine. I understand it. I cried at the end of it all, weep of interest. I tried to think of it in Paris and Brussels, but I have to take my fare...
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[Incompletes]
Ambassade de France
à Berlin.

Le 15 novembre 1911

Madame,

C'est à la suite d'une longue absence que j'ai trouvé ici le ciel éclairé de votre regrette mari que vous avez bien voulu me faire connaître. Le retard de cette lettre ne vous, j'en espère, aussi pardonné.

Rien ne pouvait me toucher davantage que l'ouvrage que vous m'avez fait et vous avez au sein de peine que j'y serais ici-représenté. J'ai conservé de votre mari un souvenir
qui me change par... Sa Gr. coupable, je suis grâce pour vous et ces âmes qui, nous avons vu dans... 

tu es belle comme le meilleur de vie en Chine.

La lecture du livre de... H. Clay avec ses nombreuses extraits de votre esprit, m'a vivement intéressé et je me suis trouvé certainement honoré de parlages où il a bien voulu voter quelques circonstances des relations que j'ai eu la chance d'entretenir avec un homme auquel la saveur touchait toujours si haute d'artiste.

Veuillez agréer, Madame, l'hommage de mes bien respectueux sentiments.

P. de Margerie

November 11th, 1924

Mutual Life Building

New York

My dear Mrs. Straight:

I spent my August in France last summer, reading your lovely account of Willard's life which you were good enough to send me last summer. I was in Europe when it came so that this was my first chance to go through it. It made a wonderful evening for me and I thank you.
The Willard Straight Papers at Cornell University
La Sala, 30 scale 60 ft.

Telephone: Ragg's 8400.

19th November, 1824

Dear Sir,

I write to say Good Willard,

Life awaiting me on my return from Europe.

May you have already had

the joy of receiving his letter and hear

that he is in good health. He and his

wife are trusty and a contented pair.

Neat, sound, purposeful, industrious and strong.

May his week brighten sufficiently to do some heavy

work. I am looking forward to his arrival.

May his health and my own be thus maintained.

Thank you for sending the book. It may prove very valuable.
My memory has painted a perfect day,
With colors that never fade,
For I found at the end of one perfect day
The soul of the friend I made.

[Signature]

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Dear Mrs. Straight:

Last summer I found a Sunday school teacher and his wife who are another one of the world to me—we had just finished reading the life of Willard Straight. She had copied our past paper several passages from the book for later use and inspiration. She said she intended sending some extracts to "The Friend." I published the books and to the local schools. As she looked over the book she said, "He's a wonderful boy—such a kind boy."

I have been fortunate in having Dr. and Mrs. Straight as instructors. He taught his students how to find out and investigate matters for themselves and not to accept a thing as truth until they had gone to the limit in their search.

I must have been favored by them, as I was offered the use of their private library, and was at their home often. I was invited to join them in an interesting study of "child life," and it was during this period that Willard was born. The records of this work I kept for years afterwards. I have often thought that I could account for much of his success through traits that were noticeable in the child.

Having been selected as the head of the Alumni to make Sheldon Hall a reality, I deeply feel that Dr. and Mrs. Straight should be honored by a memorial in the way of a library room to be known as "The Dr. and Mrs. Straight Memorial Room" and in it a library known as "The Dr. Straight Library." In this room we should have the portraits of both.

Most of the graduates are women who have since followed teaching as their profession. With the work so far done about $25,000 has been subscribed by them towards the building. It is greatly needed as a home especially for the girl students coming from different parts of New York State, who are to become teachers.

Whether you may be interested in this or not, or in my friendly relations with Dr. and Mrs. Straight, it would give me great pleasure to have a talk with you at any time most convenient for you and by your appointment.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

November 20th, 1924.

Mrs. Willard Straight
1130 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mrs. Straight:

When at the Oswego Normal School, the writer was fortunate in having Dr. and Mrs. Straight as instructors.

To him especially I owe much of success in my business life. He taught his students how to find out and investigate matters for themselves and not to accept a thing as truth until they had gone to the limits in their search.

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[Signature]
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the road, and as much into
confusion a bit of present in so
I went instead; and so the
crowd of men drew in a clow-
ty, I pursued. I see
stream through the book. In
showed a very hearty feel of trinity,
always such splendid book;
and this fascinated me,
and I walked up a field to
walk it, through a field to
short and yet to great hard.
It was very an attraction
thought heated as been in
another in this very out
claims in the best laid
plans:
"I came with fire to tell you
the pleasure for you in by the
book in send in. This last, they
like of Willard Straight, then
willing to come from going up.
Nothing to
as I may by boy story who is
in the very by boy story who is
as the very by boy story who is
away to send the folks that
was taken some but he did
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B URLING, CALIFORNIA

November 20th

My dear Mr. Straight:

My husband \textit{cheers} in \	extit{tender} appreciation of your \textit{kind} thought in sending \textit{him} \textit{this} \textit{book} \textit{"Willard Straight"}.

He admires \textit{your} husband and \textit{felt} in \textit{shout} a \textit{personal} \textit{prize} as \textit{well as a festive \textit{victory}}. \textit{May} I add a \textit{word} in \textit{my} \textit{own} behalf? \textit{Mr. Straight} was \textit{extremely helpful}. 

My best regards.

\textit{Your} friend,

[Signature]
Willard Straight at

2535 Ridge Road

Dec. 20th 1902

Dear Sir,

I am writing to you a letter.

I have just returned from California after a long absence of many months. Believe me,

Faithfully yours,

[Signature]

[Address]
December 24

TO OLD B. M. I. BOYS—EVERYWHERE

DEAR FRIENDS:

As usual, the old year is going fast and with all I am planning for this fortieth year, time pressure seems more severe than ever. We are nearly finished with the anxious and expensive compilation of old boys' records and recent addresses. For a long time every mail brought a thrill of individual reminder from many boys and from many different parts of the world. My impulse has been most earnest to write individual answers to everyone. Although time has failed me, I can now only thank those who wrote me and assure them I appreciated every detail of their information, reminiscences and good wishes. Some belated apologetic explanations of why second or third questionnaires were even then delayed in getting answered are coming in. We have had a special work in systematizing our alumni files since August, and we plan to have a very complete pocket album ready as a most interesting and valuable souvenir for the fortieth reunion next June. In the meantime let me most urgently and finally ask you that if you have not sent me the data about yourself since you left school and your present position and address, do return same for getting into the final sheets and our files.

I am having a volume of photos of the officers and non-coms each year since 1886 reprinted, and have been working on getting each boy. The same with the graduating classes. It has been most interesting to identify the boys of many years ago, and I hope many of them will have the pleasure of seeing themselves as they were.

I had the unique experience of noting the changes in my life in photos taken annually for thirty-nine years. You will be glad to hear that the year has opened most favorably with the largest number we ever enrolled—176 boarding pupils and eleven day scholars, making 197 in the battalion. We added two instructors to our faculty on account of the increase in number and a desire to advance efficiency in various lines. This necessitated extra dining room arrangements and the addition of five rooms to the Landon House. Also it crowded our school room as that next year we will have to make some provision for show rooms there. An improved ball field below the hill, and the fine concrete road, with the cutting down of the embankment in front of the White House, are some physical advances. We are making experiments now with a schedule that gives the boys more solid time together rather than splitting it into smaller periods, enables them to get their guard off on work days without interfering with the school room, and gives Mr. Goodale the opportunity to have all boys exercise on specified hours through the day and take showers afterward. This makes necessary an attendant on bathing accomplished in a way that seems nearly insure the desired things being done.

Recently there was published the biography of Major Willard D. Straight, probably our most distinguished alumnus. It is published by the MacMillan Company of New York and tells most interestingly of an extraordinary personality and life of whom B. M. I. and all who knew him cannot help but be very proud. A letter to his son, before he died in Paris during the World War is a rarely beautiful letter, and I commend it to every parent as a model touch between father and son. I am sure you all would enjoy the book if you will get it and read it. Interesting mention is made, though briefly, of his experience at B. M. I.

I enclose a B. M. I. calendar for the coming year in which we have tried to make some reminder easy for you to keep the memory green for the fortieth anniversary celebration, June 6, 1926. In the meantime be assured I am always glad to hear from you and pleased to see you.

With very cordial greetings and all best wishes, believe me ever

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

Dear Old B. M. I. Boy,

I am having a volume of photos of the officers and non-coms each year since 1886 reprinted, and have been working on getting each boy. The same with the graduating classes. It has been most interesting to identify the boys of many years ago, and I hope many of them will have the pleasure of seeing themselves as they were.

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Yours sincerely,

[Signature]
To Mrs. W. J. Calhoun,
American Legation,
Pekin, China.

Dear Madame:

May I thank you very much for your letter, also for the clippings, and Mr. Yen's letter with the list of people to whom you had sent the Major's book. Mrs. Straight read them all tonight, she said they were just the persons. I also told Mrs. Straight about the one going to the Peking Club Library. And she quite approved. Thank you for Mrs. Major Wood's address. We hope to get Mr. Norman Shaw's address from Mr. Thomas. A copy was sent to Dr. R. P. Feek after the list and other books had been sent, but he would probably give that other copy to one of the many institutions in Pekin.

Mrs. Straight has improved while here, but some days she seems fine then again on other days, she seems to go back. The children have been a great help to her for she sees much more of them now, and it's fine to notice the love of Whitney, but of course, the other children do too.

Here are a few pictures of the laying of the cornerstone at Cornell. It will be a fine place, and apparently what Cornell needs, also a few other pictures of the children while at Woods Hole this summer.

The letter I sent to Miss. Green. She has not been very well since she came back and is now under Doctor's orders, having a number of injections. She now lives at 26 West 10th St., but some of her mail comes here.

Faithful Louisa was glad to hear of you, she keeps well and is a real Christian and a Godsend to Mrs. Straight.

Good wishes to you madam, and I trust that you will have a very pleasant Christmas.

Yours faithfully,

[George Bennett]
Dear Dorothy,

please accept a copy of this book & let it bring you as in other years, best wishes for a happy New Year.

Your friend,

[Signature]

March 1924

My dear Mrs. Straight:

It was very good of you to include me among those to whom Willard's life was dear. I am looking forward to reading it soon.

Meanwhile I have read parts of it up here at Martin Agard's house. There I have been staying for a few days.

Willard was a most charming friend with what he has helped to make him charming, an unusually active imagination or vision. I remember his laying out, back in 1914 or '15, his dream of a great corporation that would carry American trade through the world and educate the people here at home to finance
It was a great loss to have had him go while he was still so young and active and I'm glad you've made a lasting record of his ideas and what he wanted to do.

With thanks again for your thoughts of me before me.

Yours sincerely,

Arthur McCandless
Dear Mrs. Straight,

I should think you would feel unreservedly pleased with the real success for so I seem to see of the creation Lady has achieved in the bath of your husband. Katherine read every word of it over nurse with peculiar delight by T. Congratulating, higher as I know being his fair. Sonality has always remained unimpaired in its wisdom for me, and the brave to whom this seems to refer. When I first heard this, I wished only your name and remark of it.

Evelyn.
To [Name]

I was glad to hear from you. I hope you are well. I look forward to seeing you again. I hope all is well with you.

Yours sincerely,
[Signature]

3. Elliot Terrace,
The Hoe,
Plymouth.
Dear Dorothy

I was much touched

by you should have sent

me a copy of your book,

which I shall always

value, and shall not give

the deepest interest and

appreciation.

These thoughts of you now

While this book was

being prepared, and with

the nearest sympathy, I

regretted that a

sacrifice has been for

you to share with others

many of your precious

memories.

But this love is richer

for being able to come in

close contact with such

Mrs. Rev. Bacon

Westbury,

Long Island.

WILLARD STOVER,

Dear Sir,

I have been

encouraged

by the

thought

of your

kindness.

Wishing you

success

in all your

endeavors,

Yours truly,

WILLARD STOVER.

Mrs. Rev. Bacon

Westbury,

Long Island.
I return as your husband, with its
joys and comforts, and wish
with such strength of purpose as
I possess.

It has given me intense pleasure
to receive this book from you per-
sonally, and I thank you sincerely
for your thoughtfulness in sending
it to me.

Affectionately yours,

the Willard Straight Papers at Cornell University
Willard Straight

Dear Dorothy,

In this quiet hour I have had an opportunity which I could not have, reading Willard's Life. I have said to my children and friends and they have agreed in just narrating the story of his life, because it has been so many different stories of one different thought of him. You want...

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I date this from Savannah, Georgia, Oct. 12, 1846.

I am so gratified at what he was then, I feel I can enjoy it in more than one respect. I feel that he was always the same, and that he was always kind and considerate. I feel that he was always the same, and that he was always kind and considerate.

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It's a wonderful thing to heed it, and all your work has come out so nicely. I'm truly glad you put it together into a more understanding hand.

I had always hoped you would let the letter to Atherton finish it, for it's such a brave letter.

My dear, yet when I always would love to see you, but that's beyond it. Can't lack her beside our fires.

And I sometimes feel that it is better...
for you to wait until the fall.

And especially, if you like my reduction

in your manner, feel free to ask me

'for' in the place that you want it.

Sure but I shall tell you never to

write as often as I want

but, don't do the thanks for the

book's & letters from as both.

Wednesday

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Dear Mr. Straight,

I heard the news

at my home in some few

days ago, and found the new

book of Willard's, which

you sent to me.

I think it was a very kind

thought of yours to remember

me amongst his friends.

Thursday

Upton Price College
BERNARDSVILLE, NEW JERSEY
I admired him enormously. He was such a vital and energetic
force—such a person. The word "visionary" he
would have reserved for himself. He had
the right mind and the courage and determination to
build it up.

In spite of all he did, he
was only beginning to
take the splendid form he
would have been if he had
lived.

I am genuinely sorry to
be only too few of his calibre,
and he was one of the outstanding
figures of our time.

Sincerely yours,

Alice Atlee
Dear Mrs. Straight,

I was very much pleased - in fact, much more than that - to receive the book of Willard Straight, which you most kindly sent to me.

I am reading it with the greatest pleasure and interest. Willard was quite a bit younger than I, but, of course, I have always remembered him, first as a small boy who went to school with two other neighbors of ours and then with my very dear "old" cousin, Miss Laura Newkirk. She was always kind to me, the as a boy I was very fond of her and have most pleasant recollections of the little more or less muddy old house, with its canary birds and cockerels.

Sincerely yours,

[New York, Sunday]
In later years, I admired Willard muy much, and followed his career with great interest.

I have lived in the West the greater part of my life, but met Willard in New York with much pleasure not very long before the war. We had much in common.

Recently I have taken up as a hobby, the mapping of last century American ships and work that I could have shown Willard a rare model of a U.S. "Ship of the Line" (a 74) perhaps almost a hundred years old, which originally came to me as a small boy from Maiden, New York, alias New York's father, who was in the Marine Insurance business in Osasco in the early 1800's.

It seemed appropriate and we great pleasure to meet you some time.

Yours sincerely,

Tracy Lyon

William J. Mack

My dear Mr. Straight,

You must know how very much Major Straight meant to me. The courage and gentleness, the strength and fairness, and the kindness of Major Straight have kept him before me - and before...
Dear Mrs. Straight,—

The copy of the life of William Straight which you sent me after I left for Europe was sent to me in Oxford a few days before I left for America. Thank you heartily for your thought of me and for the opportunity to share in the Adventures of your Husband's life.

These beautiful days in the Westward Voyage have been days of rest—without interruption. To open one's mind and

One is led to any author under such favorable skies to meet satisfying; it has been a particularly rewarding experience in reading the biography. Much of what pleased you need have remained this book when it was completed. It gave me the sense of a hand-made book with its beautiful paper and highly illustrative drawings. You seem to have reserved your highest admiration in blank passages which many have brought deserved praise from Thomas Bird Rudder.

The biography apart from its editorial format appeals because of its universality.
to those who knew him, and to those who did not. I think you know that I never met him, although Tom Jones knew him well at Cornell. The life will be read by many for many reasons, and it will be appreciated by all who love nobly.

Generous-hearted man, how he told courage and righteousness as virtue, to be loved rather than to be merely admired.

For me the book has had several points of unusual personal interest. I too, like your husband, went to the boarding Military Institute just ten years after your husband, not for reasons identical with his but for the discipline of military decency.

During my college days, Marks Stephens was the Beecher lecturer in French History, and he had a distinct influence on my collegiate life.

When I finished college I too thought of the Orient, and was even invited to teach at the High School in the Philippines at the suggestion of Bishop Griswold.

The larger aspects of public service have always appealed.
in interest, the biography is a source of highly important information on the Orient and our relations to China. What a privilege to share in the shaping of the policy of our country toward China!

But I shall weary you with my many reactions to the chapters of this book. As a biography it is an achievement in which you have allowed your many friends to share through your

To me and it is because of the fire enthusiasm which your husband brought to all that he touched, that I feel the book will live as the record of an unusual talent and fearless young man. His life is an example of intelligence joined with public service of a high order.

Aside from its personal side, so compelling
own graciousness. As one of these friends, I do thank you again most heartily.

With high regard,
Cordially yours,

Spencer Miller.

Diary has just reached me and once again enjoying him in it. To have had him as a friend was a great thing in my life, and this vital record is a wonderful thing to have and frequently to read.

My dear Mrs. Straight:

I have only recently heard that you have been rather under the weather. By now I hope you are better and are enjoying the holidays. The book of Willard.
Among all I know who were his friends, his memory remains fresh and he is often spoken of and always lovingly and admiringly. Nor have
more than at Judder House.

I hope the Christmas will be for you and your children most happy and the New Year all that you can desire; no person deserves more than you the recompense of happiness.

P. H. Boake

Mrs. Willard Straight
for the memory of things that a sketch Willard did for me I value highly.

With best good wishes

[Signature]

Andrew J. Peters

My dear Mrs. Straight,

Willard's life I have read with keen interest and I appreciate very much your sending me a copy. The book is a real tribute to tells the vital force which was a characteristic of Willard.

I hope to turn the public light half inclined you to take a look at the book.

The book I shall treasure.
To the beautiful memories
for which you must be
ever grateful —
The extracts from
his diary are so delightfully
written & the sketches
are fascinating & very
clever. —

I am delighted that
you are so happy —
I often think of
you & wish I lived
Cleftstone Road Bar Harbor
21 East 37th Street
Maine

Dear Dorothy
I am so very
interested in reading
Mr. Cole's book about
your husband — What a
wonderful vision —
Mr. Straight — Made me
look interested — I feel his
life was — He has
left for 4 more children
On more often
I have the same cottage here that I had last year
It is very comfortable up on
the hill I surrounded by glorious pine trees.

Willard

Love to you

Sincerely

Dorothy, dear

How sweet of you to think of me and give me a copy of Willard's biography writing it in your own hand. I do appreciate it so and will always treasure it as coming from you and because I love to remember my splendid friend your dear husband.

Ask how we miss him.

(Incomplete)
Willard Straight's life is intrinsically of exceptional interest. Throughout its various phases there was a blend of ambition and aspiration which naturally brings them together and which makes later phases a fulfillment of what had gone before. His biography is consequently a story, and it is a story which he himself wrote as well as lived. His diaries and letters tell vividly and with unvarnished truth the better part of the story. It is the tale of a brilliant and spiritual life lived for a purpose, which if he had been allowed to survive would have attained renown as well as distinction. Finally, in the art of living and telling his life he has illustrated many aspects of it. He could draw as well as write, and when he did not draw he collected photographs. It was possible to make his biography varied and entertaining because his life was many-sided and because it was so completely recorded.

The book has more than eighty illustrations in photography, as well as a number of pen-and-ink drawings.
Mrs. Willard Straight  
Fifth Avenue  
New York  

June 10, 1925,  

My dear Mrs. Straight—  

Here is a letter and  
some other matter which  
naturally belongs to you and  
your children.  

It was my privilege to know Mr. and Mrs.  

Tommy Straight well and I am  
perhaps the only one of their  
generation now left who  
stood close to them in the  
old Oswego days. I was in  
Oswego the year Willard was  
born and my love for his  

parents led me to watch  
his career with great interest  
though I never saw  
him after he was a lad in  
Knickers. He was the  
child of many prayers and  
his mother used to talk  
over her hopes and plans  
for the babies with me.  

It has interested me  
much to Mr. Willard Straight  

wonderful business ability—  

note what his mother says  
of him in the letter— this  
ability seems to have been  
joined to the fine ideals  
which were his birthright.
Mr. Barry straight like Agassiz with whom he studied at Penitence—had no time to make money and both Mr. and Mrs. Straight were the most unworldly of people. You will note this letter is not signed, but the text will prove its authenticity to you as it always was to me. I had written to Mrs. Straight asking her permission to name our little New Orleans Chapter the Henny B. Straight Chapter, which it became after receiving this letter.

The post card came later and it was I think the last message I had. There was I think, an earlier letter which I have not found.

The family should have had these things long ago but they were packed away with some of my possessions and forgotten until I recently came here. I recall many things of interest about the Straights and should you and the children ever come to Tryon I should be very glad to see you and tell you more of these happy years. I respect to have known you. With sincere greetings.

Eliot A. Cheney

Original in private hands.
Mr. Straight — I can't resist the impulse to say thanks for your kind note which warmed the very depths of my heart. It's a great pity in a quite different connection that the reference in your program shall be so far as you are going through this in pursuit of the people and inviting criticism. What the source of real strength would be in connection with the school is to us. The very type of question one most shows how deep your fight for fairness and progressive views gone. Probably it is possible to express anything so clearly. But it is impossible that you could hear the personal appreciation that is expressed to the peoplecordially.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
Mr. & Mrs. Straight.

Are you and your husband

Mr. Moore is here

and is living at

1712 11th Street. I do

hope so much you will come
to see him. He is an

interesting person here.

Sincerely,

Betty Franklin Bandy

April 8th.
I am crazy to have the saw how sweet the house looks with the Greek white hand to green roof and blinds.
I have also done a lot of painting inside and outside. Stained the floors and it looks sweet.
Also a new stove. I have gotten a man who will plant laurel in the bare spots around the home. Also vines.
I was going to have cedars transplanted to blow out the barn but if we are going to sell the house I will not go to that expense. We will talk over all that when you come. To o please have it done any time after Wednesday day.
It will be too perfect. I can scarcely wait any more.
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Angel I have you write
You are coming -
I will meet you at the
Station when you come
by telegraph what train
we will take -
You need so much love
Angel.

[Beatrice B. Fletcher]

in to dinner. I had
never met his before so
he was very nice & friendly.
He spoke with the greatest
admiration of Willard
for his intellect charm &
great qualities of the
same future he could
have had. My heart
warned to him for he
spoke of him with such
great appreciation.
Well my Angel please
ask Mrs. Forbes to
remember me a line.
Dorothy dear:

Just a few lines to send you

with the check for a little over one-half
our financial indebtedness to you.

Also to tell you that the address I
promised you is F. Hamilton Dykeman,
Esq. 132 Berkeley Avenue,
Orange, N.J. He would be delighted
to hear from you at any time.

The country is perfectly delightful
now with its blossoms in full splendor.

My eye has been very troublesome & to-

Ridgefield 2-31
Conn.
Tel. 69.

day, at last, the Doctor cut it out, an
efficient, though painful method of
saving it - As I result I am confident
for the first time in a week although
heavily bandaged until tomorrow's
dressing - Enough of this however -

Do let me have how the Examination
came out although I feel sure you
once again have given your parents
carry on pride - Also if you want
to go to the Theatre some evening just
telephone or telegraph me and I will
try to arrange it. I can and can if
it is any time during the last or next
weeks of June -
Take care of your cold and don't even get an abscess on the face & then get it infected!

Good night, dear. My brain is tired and my eye too, but if I had your strength and self-control, I would 'cany on' instead of admitting defeat.

Always, devotedly,

[Signature]

11 O'Clock, Sept. 1, 1883

Dear Mrs. Straight:

It's a marvellous privilege here to be a part of the program of another "need" to the opportunity I have to try as one of two eager men of a boy version formerly known as tree cutters, hickies, batters, spinsters, and to eager men, unfrayed, because devoted to the effort. [Handwritten, unclear]
Mr. Mrs. Straight:

May it please to address you in an uncustomed manner - and to intrude enough to ask of you something that means much to me -

Six years gone by
I knew your late husband slightly, and because of the impression he made upon me, I have followed his career up to the time of his death through mutual friends of his - through the press - what other channels were available.

His success in the concrete world - in the business world - in military service as well as his model home, were to me a cause for happiness, but with full realization of
the character be possessed it could not last for otherwise.

If I had my life to
live over again. I
would make every effort to be
like him - as near as possible.

At the time of Mr.
Straight's death I was in Latin
America - and although as I said
I knew him only slightly, I missed
him as a true friend had

Am here for a very short
time only - on my way to open
up a business - home in Mexico
by - and if it is not an
imposition - and you have one.
Could you send me a photo of him
to keep in my office there.

Mrs. Willard Straight
New York.
Dear Dr. Hett: We are going as well as possible. I feel finally able to get the excellent nursing. But for a week I could not get out of bed. Now I am able to get up and am sitting in the sun as (felt that it).
Caffened in the gold city

Dear, Don't

Thank you for your offer. It has been hard
to hear but of my health only better. Walking due care.

Tranter

Best Coz.

DeLeev.
Dear Mr. Straight,

You may or may not remember me as an old China friend of your husband who stayed a few days with you at your Long Island home 1st 60 years ago.

My wife and it went down to New York, soon after our arrival on leave from China a few weeks ago. We reached Forton, I called your house up to ask if I could obtain a photograph of Willard, in remembrance of him and our association in China.

I hope you and the little ones are as well.

With kind regards from my wife and myself. Yours sincerely,

[Handwritten address: 823 North St.]

N. Stoddard
Very dear Mrs. Straight

I wish you a Peacefull blessed Easter, May the Peace of God which paseth all understanding abide with you and guard you. I wish love and most sincere wishes yours

Respectfully

L. B. Holden
My dear Mrs. Straight,

I am sending you a little book in which you will find a selected bibliography for children. It is the best that I know of, and it will give me much pleasure if you will keep the work for future reference. I notice that there is a new book mentioned, but I am not familiar with it. I have not had an opportunity to see the book. I hope to get the opinion of the book from Professor Smith. I believe they are always ready to enjoy it, but it may be a little

There was nothing else of import, only wanted to see you before you hand some day soon. I hope to find you at home late afternoon when life calms down a bit after the daily rush. —Farewell.

Write me a letter. I hope to hear from you. My best wishes to you and family.

Your affectionate husband,

[Signature]

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early. As a piece of literature it has many charm
able from the latest hearing books called The
story. The and also A story written in very
little child... Dr. Burch would say the letter.
It would be splendid. If the story could have
a small but strong carpentering touch with
a few good tools. A hammer (Mayday
tell face) a saw a brace and bit, and a
plane. With the painting, topics previously
mentioned, some of them knotted down, and
a little assistance in getting started in
cutting down and sanding. They could get
much fun out of building and furnishing
houses, making wagons, sleds, et cetera.
While carpenters would come to see the
painting, there were written plans for
them. These plans were opened all the costs
pains they took in. Mr. and
Mrs. Morris might buy some suggestions along the
line.
I hope Mrs. Santin did not anger any
because of the long ride the other evening.
OLD WESTBURY, LONG ISLAND

Dear Mr. Lewis,

Thank you for your letter and for its enclosure. I am afraid that I am a difficult person to convince, but I shall hope to see you in the near future and talk over the book with you once more.

Sincerely yours.
great deal of I did not do. Times have been tough last week. I have seen a dear letter from my landlord saying just 100 dollars and I am working on a men's hat. The hat is made with my own hands. It is a brick. I have bought a brick of bricks, and the bricks. All the.

was the kind of thing that we have interested. I told him about straight. I told him the same words were made to me for the 18th time which I think a remarkable tribute to the great qualities of Mr. Straight. Again thanking him thought for her kindness which I value, love with all my heart, your affectionately, J. Willard Straight.

July 16

The University Club
Fifth Avenue & 54th Street

Dear Mrs. Barger,

I thought to have acknowledged your kind letters in writing to me twice but I have become very busy instead.

In need of

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Mr. Straight's sympathy with a perfect understanding of what I want to do. I am naturally very sorry that I cannot have been here.

With regard to Judge Gary, I had received a promise of financial cooperation at the time I saw him. Straight and mentioned this, I think.

I remarked to Miss Straight that 13 persons there had suggested that this.
Oh, when Cornell and
particularly the 
the faculty
was so very happily
til I think I had a
friend and was not in
the party. I have met among the
faculty that was present
in the beginning of the
first year. The man however and there
were splendid things about
the second. I heard there
in the evening of the other day.

G.W.

My dear Mrs. Straight

Think of the water for
the next few years I
found your name.
This recalled to me
so many memories of
my childhood and the
There always妥善地 his life
than other were always his
Marriages - his late and now to work
and his the past
going - at all their passed
in my mind when - gave your
name - a picture - showed away
With other things of the past
come to me - and I wondered
if you wouldn't care to have
if - to your traveling
you could send this morning
have found it and now
sending it to you
"The soul's armor is never well set to the heart unless a woman's hand has braced it, and it is only when she braces it loosely that the honour of manhood fails." - Reinstein

"Sir! There! Brenda! Thank you for the nice hot milk sent me. Can you read parts of it? The Young Recruits and the 'Bugler.' We have flowers in the Tray House. I hope you are having a nice time. Michael can read. He saw a white rabbit at her 'Pea-body' and we came done in the sled."

"Goodbye. Good luck. Come safely home. Recruits are wanted. Do you know what time by did at school?"

"With love and kisses from a hug."

Whitney.
"His constitution has made a wonderful fight, but he is afraid it is too much for him. His position here was so important and he had begun to do such good work. Col. H. says he can't spare me. I don't know anyone who will have to bid a dear friend goodbye as he has. Miss H. has done everything possible to save his life. He has had the best care and she has not left him day or night for three days. I wish he knew that there was not a stone left unturned. His illness has naturally had a very depressing effect upon us all."

Willard died this morning at 12:45. He quietly, without any struggle, The nurse feels no. He simply stopped breathing. He has regained consciousness. It does not seem right. I regret his loss more than anything that has happened in my life. What he had to accomplish was so great - so many ideals to work out. The only consolation is that he has left a deep impression on his many friends. I hope that each of them will live up to what he found best in them - and may his spirit go on in them. I cannot imagine what I will do without him. He had liked to keep a part in her life.
he arranged about his funeral and sent it to the State Department a message asking if he thought he would like to leave town.

Spent practically all day in the room, luncheon there with Hippocrene & dinner there with Mr. H., who did not want to be left alone. Called on8 him. Cenecano8 l. left his death. There was a steady stream of his friends all day.

Dec 24th

Spent a very sorrowful day in keeping to make arrangements for his funeral.

All those questions I kept asking if a funeral - military, a civic - etiquette precedent, etc. - ever so small. Present at a funeral poem if expressed the wish that he be buried here among his soldier. I am glad that she so decided. I think all his idea of burial here. His death so awful. It's so peaceful was so like her thinking where she had helped him. All the men who had been living in the midst of death felt as I do. Straight's death - that doesn't

be so much left to carry on the ideals we had so much a part of him. Do not return needed in these kinsmen like Straight, who had, in addition, to his ideas for such a little work.
Dec 3rd

Held a short service at Gillon for a few of straight friends. Bishop Brent said a prayer, then we all walked behind the body, up the Champs Elysées to the Arc de l’Alma, to the Ave. Church there Bishop Brent again officiated. The body was put in a mili. casket with an Ave. flag over the coffin & his sword & cap laid on it. About five of his best friends walked behind. After the church service we went in huts to France where he was buried in the Ave. Cemetery. Bishop Brent said a few words & he was lowered into the grave by soldiers. I feel that a
Visa, issued to Straight, to visit the three northeastern provinces of Manchuria. Dated the 28th day of the 1st month, 1904.
FEE RECEIPT.

Series-Passports

U.S. LEGATION & CONSULATE GENERAL,
Seoul, Korea, March 26th, 1904.

I have received from Mr. Willard B. Straight,
the sum of Yen $10, equal to $1.44 U.S. Currency,
for Passport, Application & Visa No. 13.

GORDON PADDOCK
U.S. Consul General

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE.

To all to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting:

I CERTIFY That Willard O. Straight, of New York, has been appointed Vice Consul General of the United States of America at Seoul, Korea, with all the privileges and authorities of right appertaining to that office, subject to the conditions prescribed by law.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I, Francis P. Loomis, Acting Secretary of State of the United States of America, have hereunto subscribed my name and caused the Seal of the Department of State to be affixed.

DONE at the City of Washington this sixth day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifty, and the 129th year of the Independence of the United States of America.

[Signature]
DEPARTMENT OF STATE.

To all to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting:

I CERTIFY That Willard D. Straight, of New York, has been appointed Vice Consul General of the United States of America at Seoul, Korea, with all the privileges and authorities of right appertaining to that office, subject to the conditions prescribed by law.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I, Francis B. Loomis, Acting Secretary of State of the United States of America, have hereunto subscribed my name and caused the Seal of the Department of State to be affixed.

DONE at the City of Washington this sixth day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and five, and the 1295th year of the Independence of the United States of America.

Francis B. Loomis
The President of the United States of America,

To all who shall see these presents, Greeting:

Know ye, that relying on the ability and integrity of William D. Straight, of New York, I have nominated and, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, do appoint him Consul General of the United States of America at Shanghai, China, and such other parts as shall be nearer thereto than to the residence of any other Consul or Vice Consul of the United States, within the same allegiance, and do authorize and empower him to have and to hold, the said office, and to exercise and enjoy all the rights, privileges, and authorities to the same of right appertaining, during the pleasure of the President of the United States, or for the time being, the said William D. Straight—demanding and receiving no fees or perquisites of office whatever, which shall not be expressly established by some law of the said United States; and I do hereby enjoin all Captains, Masters, and Commanders of ships and other vessels, armed or unarmed, sailing under the flag of the said States, as well as all other of their citizens, to acknowledge and consider him, the said William D. Straight, accordingly, and I do hereby pray and request His Imperial Majesty, the Emperor of China, to the Governors and Officers, to permit the said William D. Straight, fully and peaceably to enjoy and exercise the said office, without giving, or suffering, to be given unto him, any molestation, or trouble, but, on the contrary, to afford him all proper countenance and assistance, I offering to do the same for all those who shall in like manner be recommended to me by His said Imperial Majesty.

In testimony whereof, I have caused these Letters to be made Patent, and the Seal of the United States to be hereunto affixed.

Given under my hand, at the City of Washington, the twenty-second day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and ninety-six, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and thirty-sixth.

By the President:

Theodore Roosevelt

By the Acting Secretary of State:

Robert Bacon
United States of America.

Department of State.

For all whom these presents shall come, Greetings.

William D. Strahan, citizen of the United States, of London, is about to

return to his native country.

We therefore request all whom they may

concern to extend all possible confidence and protection to

him upon his return to the United States.

In testimony whereof, I, Peter G. T. Beck, Secretary

of the Department of State of the United States of America,

do hereby sign and put my hand to this proclamation.

Washington, this 3d day of July, 1835. By the command of the

President of the United States of America.

Peter G. T. Beck.

[Seal]
Emergency Passport

This passport is issued to
Willard Dickerman Straight in order that he, his wife, and his maid may proceed to Peking, China.

Legation of the United States of America,

at Peking

To all to whom these presents shall come, Greeting:

I, the undersigned, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of the United States of America, hereby request all whom it may concern to permit Willard Dickerman Straight, a citizen of the United States, with his wife and maid, to safely and freely pass and in case of need to give them all lawful aid and protection.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Legation of the United States at Peking the 20th day of March in the year 1902, and of the Independence of the United States the one hundred and thirty-sixth.

[Signature]

No. 504

W. J. Calhoun
ИМПЕРАТОРСКАЯ
Российская Миссия
в Пекине
10 февраля 1912 г.

№ 924

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Выдано сие свидетельство ИМПЕРАТОРСКОЙ Россий-
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ложением казенной печати, Представителя Синдиката Са-
веро-Американских банков в Пекине, гражданину Саверо-
Американских Соединенных Штатов, Виллард Дикерману Отять,
возвращающегося в Америку с женой и одной прислугой-
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лиц следуют транзитом через Россию заграницу, поэтому
и могут быть освобождены от оплаты таможенных пошли-
нами.

Секретарь Миссии: О[рфография]
PASSENGER TRAFFIC BETWEEN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND FRANCE.

Passengers to France.

(1) British subjects must hold either the new form of passport issued since February 1st, 1915, or a passport in the old form issued between August 5th, 1914, and January 31st, 1915, but the holders of the old form of passport must obtain a supplementary document from a French Diplomatic or Consular Officer in the United Kingdom.

(2) French subjects must hold either a passport issued in France or pièce d'identité (with photograph affixed) issued elsewhere.

(3) Belgian subjects must hold a Belgian passport and must obtain a supplementary document from a Belgian or French Diplomatic or Consular Officer in the United Kingdom.

(4) All other persons must hold both a passport and a supplementary document issued by a French Diplomatic or Consular Officer in the United Kingdom.

(5) The supplementary document mentioned in regulations, 1, 3 and 4 will serve for more than one journey, subject to its being valid as in regulation 6.

(6) All passports, supplementary documents, and pièces d'identité must be valid for each journey to France by a French Diplomatic or Consular Officer in the United Kingdom. A visa will be valid only for three days and will show the French port at which the holder is authorized to land.

(7) All passengers en route to France who have arrived in the United Kingdom from territory occupied by the enemy will be allowed to land only at Dieppe, unless another port of landing is named in the visa.

(8) No passenger will be allowed to embark in the United Kingdom for France who is not in possession of documents in accordance with these regulations.

(9) The following are exempted from these regulations: King's Messengers and diplomatic couriers, the holders of diplomatic passports, and persons furnished with military passes.

Passengers from France.

All persons desiring to travel from France to the United Kingdom must obtain a permit from a French prefectural authority.

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Ministère des Finances
Cabinet du Ministre.

6 avril 1916

Cher monsieur,

Je dois vous dire que je suis en retard pour vous rendre visite le 8 avril à votre retour de Cambridge. Je vais donc vous contacter par lettre à cette occasion.

Veuillez agréer, monsieur, l'expression de mes salutations distinguées.

[Signature]

Ministère des Finances
Cabinet du Ministre.
Министерство
Иностранных Дел

Императорское
Российское Посольство
в Вашингтоне

Открытый Лист.

16/09. февраля 1916.
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Представитель его лично хорошо мне знакомый г. Уиллард Стратт /\
Милс Уиллард/ Директор американского международного общества, представитель влиятельной группы банков заинтересованных развитием финансовых и торговых отношений с Россией, куда он отправляется на этих днях.

Владычество его покорнейше прошу
Российских Таможенных, Пограничных и иных Властей сказать г. Стратту всякое законное дозволенное содействие и облегчение как при пробых его через Русскую границу, так и при дальнейшем следование его по Империи.

Императорский Посол
Гофмейстер ВЫСОЧАЙШЕГО Двора
PERMIS DE SÉJOUR À UN ÉTRANGER

Mr. Straight, William Dickerman
né à Ottago le 31 Juin 1816
de nationalité américaine
s’est présenté le 4 Juin 1916
pour faire la déclaration de son domicile et de son identité.
Il a ______ enfants de.
Il est autorisé à conserver sa résidence à
Paris, 7 avenue Franklin no. 10
Il devra exhiber ce permis de séjour à toutes réquisitions des

Commissaire,
To whom it may concern:—

This will certify that Major Willard D. Straight, United States Army, has satisfactorily completed the course of instruction of the second course of the Army General Staff College, American Expeditionary Forces, France, from March 14, 1918 to May 30, 1918 and is recommended for General Staff duty with troops.

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