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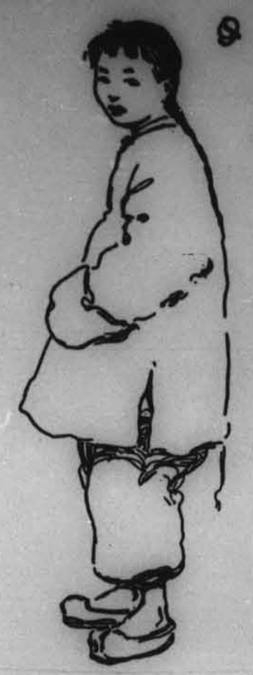

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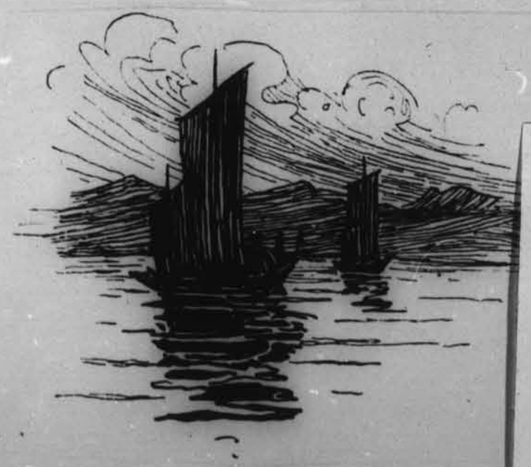

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Reel 9 1924 letters and other manuscript material

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.

REEL 9

Segment 1

1924 and
passports and other documents

Segment 2

Memoirs and diary excerpts
George Marvin, 1907
Dorothy Whitney Straight
1911-1912

Segment 3

Willard Straight MS articles

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simple. It reminds me of old-fashioned, country hotels where I have at times stayed. But it is clean, quiet and on the wrong side of town, with no interesting guests, which is a real advantage to me, as I can settle down to work without too many distractions.

I wonder if you really will come to Washington. How lovely it would be to see you! You are among the rare and true souls, dear Dorothy, and I love you sincerely.

Aunt Margaret.

Close friend of Willard's parents.

Miss Morley —

Personal.

Hotel Potomac.

[Late 1923 or early 24]

Dear Dorothy, - First, I want to tell you how sweet it was of you to write little visit in your home, and how happy I am in the view I have had of the children. Such a precious characteristic!

I have hesitated on a separate sheet my feelings about the last chapter. As I told you, Mr. Crosby seems to me to have been over-conscientious in trying to tell everything in detail, and I have been (thoughtfully) observing by a gain of economy to drive the man to his writing again. He need have no such fear.

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The story tells itself clearly from Mr. W's previous explanations, the letters, the diary, the testimonials of friends.

Willard's own sense of failure came I believe from a too careful training in childhood given to correct his impetuousness without enough consideration for the other side of his nature (which seems to have included a love of scientific accuracy inherited from his father) which may not in childhood have strongly manifested itself.

His mother died before he had fully revealed his whole character or completely have helped him to escape from undue self-condemnation.

To stress his own belief that he was a failure, leaves an impression contrary to the truth. Mr. Crosby gives me the feeling that he is trying to excuse any act plain away a state of failure that to my mind dig more out and ought not to be made.

This letter is very plain and

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[late 1923 or early 24]

Dear Dorothy — 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 two chapters?

The "Interpretation", thinking of the book merely as a book, I find rather a heavy ending. It seems to me too explanatory, apologetic almost. The book itself tells the story, and gives, I believe, the true impression of Willard's character, and gives it more vividly than does the Interpretation which repeats what has already been well said, is somewhat contradictory and sounds a little like special pleading.

Should not the summing up leave a sharp, unclouded impression of the hero in the readers mind? Willard was a winged spirit with the addition of unusual practical sense and executive ability. I think we get that impression of him throughout the book. He made no failure in the things he did. What he did, he did well, and it was only his inborn desire for perfection that made him think that because he had not pursued each of his various undertakings (stepping stones really) to the bitter end that he had failed.

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

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I think that as time passes, all that will dim down into a mere episode in his full life, and that it should not be specially stressed — at least not in this book. It colors too deeply the whole fabric of the story, and leaves rather an unpleasant impression while as a whole the impression the book gives of him is of a radiant and beautiful and intensely active nature. Why not leave it there?

This Interpretation might be printed separately for your children who would be interested in details that might not add 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 round out the story. His wife's description of his varied friendships and his genius for helpfulness to all whom he touched, his relation to the New Republic, his letter to his son — indeed, all after (and including part of) 820, make a strong ending, and if this could be preceded by a quick warm appreciation of his general character, without analysis or explanation, I believe that the ending would be more satisfactory, and more in harmony with the general tone of the book.

You asked me, dear Dorothy for my feeling as an outsider, so to speak, of these chapters, and I have given it to you for what it may be worth.

Very cordially, Margaret G. Morley

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Mr Frederick
Do you want to
answer this? 6/18

Metropolitan Building
Orange, N. J.

February 28, 1924

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ASIA MAGAZINE INC.

Asia Publishing Co.
461 Eighth Avenue
New York City

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 price of same; 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

Walter Nuttall

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25 Avenue Montaigne Paris
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April 21. 1924.

Dear Mrs. Straight:-

Mrs. Gavit 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 hillside 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,

John P. Gavit.

We are to be over here until September. We shall move about, but our address for all purposes will be in care of Morgan, Grenfell & Co., London.

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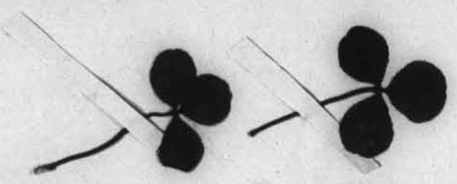

Paris - April 21. 1924.

Bennett

125 BEDFORD ROAD
PLEASANTVILLE
NEW YORK

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. Fiedler, I left with him, four postals, two letters, two drawings, and two pages from the "Cornell Widow", for possible use in the book.

I wrote and telephoned him in 1921 and was finally referred to Mr. Croly. I wrote Mr. Croly in 1922 - inclosing a copy of a letter I had written to Mr. Fiedler. He replied that the volume would probably be published the following winter.

I wrote Mr. Croly again in 1923. His secretary replied that he was in Europe and that the matter would be brought to his attention when he returned in July.

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

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125 BEDFORD ROAD
PLEASANTVILLE
NEW YORK

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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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of us. Charlie and I often speak of the fun 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 + pictures are all so beautifully worked in and whatever process was

June 4th.
[1924]

Mrs Lindley

156 EAST 82ND STREET

Darling Dorothy -

We both want to thank you for sending us "Willard Straight" and I was so touched by your inscription that I wept. It was you, dear, who gave us those two weeks. It was your place, your house and above all your wonderful selves that made those two weeks so happy for all

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used for the water colors is marvellous! Willard wrote so well, and you picked so wisely from his letters diaries, etc. and Mr. Crowley's master hand has put them all together so beautifully that the whole makes unusually interesting and delightful reading.

The personal part touched me so that I can hardly write of it. His letter to Whitney, his reverence and worship of you - are all so wonderful that they make me pause and think again, that you have a heritage ~~that~~ such as is given to very few women - in the devotion that Willard gave you. ~~Such nightly~~ ~~so good for one in this world~~ ~~ever who deserved the devotion~~ ~~that you inspire in everyone you~~ ~~meet. I feel that I have only skimmed the surface of the book so far I~~ ~~will write you again when I finish it.~~

good-bye, my dear

Edith

[1924]

Law School of Harvard University,

Cambridge, Mass. June 29

Dear Dorothy:

Herbert was good enough to send me Willard's Life and it came this morning, finding me immersed in examination book. But I had to drop everything, at least 50 page the volume, and linger here and there. I lingered long, and read all of his war letters. I thought I knew his qualities, some of them at least. But his letters brought the Willard that I knew and cared for with poignant vividness - his directness

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of vision, his extraordinary blend of vigor and tenderness, his passionate desire for a world of loveliness and worth. How keenly he penetrated through the mists of "bunk" – and how like a surgeon he wrote.

This much I had to say, after reading and rereading bits of the book.

Faithfully yours
Frederic Lawrence

Oswego. N. Y.
June 14. 1924.

My dear Mrs. Straight,

Will you please accept my hearty thanks for the beautiful book you so kindly sent me.

We knew Willard and his family from his early childhood. After his return to Oswego to live with his "Aunts" we were very intimate with the family, greatly admiring the kind and firm control of "Aunt Dae". I am greatly interested in the vivid and true story of his life as given in the book.

Thanking you again for your kindness in sending it I shall read the book with much pleasure and long cherish it. With kindest regards of Mrs. Dowd and myself I am Yours sincerely
Pascal M. Dowd.

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Owego N. Y. June 14 1924.

My dear Dorothy.

The book came yesterday and I want to thank you sincerely for it. I appreciate your remembering me, more than I can express. I will spend many a pleasant hour following Willard's wonderful career and I can assure you, I am glad and proud to feel he came

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from me dear little
boy. I did not know
his mother well, but I
admired her very much,
a charming and very
strong character. I am
sorry to know that you
have not been well this
Spring, but I hope that
you are feeling much
better, as the Summer
comes on -

Very sincerely yours,
Annie Lyon.

CLAUDE BRAGDON
The Shelton, Lexington Avenue at 49th Street
NEW YORK CITY

June 15 1926

My dear Mrs. Straight:

Receiving the "Life" a few days ago and have been looking into it — admiring the drawings and reading portions of the text — quite in woman fashion, as a preliminary to a forthright reading of the whole. I shall not delay writing to you till that is accomplished, for the acknowledgment of so beautiful a gift books no delay, and can at least tell you, that I am charmed and grateful, and that Willard's letter to his son, and what you yourself say about him strike a note which is moving, deep, noble, which affected me,

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in point of fact; as I am not often affected. As to the text so far as I am at present able to judge, it strikes me as a most competent performance, and the drawings, so numerous and so good, give the book a unique value and charm. I like the way Mr. Croly has used letters and journals, letting Willard tell his own story and reveal his own nature in so far as might be.

I think of you often, and hope you're not surprised that I do, but take it quite as a matter of course that I should. I am glad to learn that you are getting better and when you want to see me wont you make me a sign?

Sincerely and gratefully
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.

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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,

G. C. Hanson.

American Consul.

June 15th 1929

My dear Mrs. Straight:-

Received your lovely gift, and words cannot express my appreciation. There is nothing that could please me more, than this book, on the life of that dear boy.

This is just another deed of your kindness to me.

I hope that you and your children are

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all well.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Henry Sears.

52 WILLIAM STREET,
NEW YORK.

Dear Mr. Straight,

Willard's Life has come & I am ever so grateful to you for sending me a copy. It will always be a reminder of delightful companionship. How I wish he had lived. There was so much of usefulness & charm in him.

We are going abroad the end of this month. I hope to resist Jasper as well as to

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stand by his resting place in Sweden, though I need neither to bring back his vivid personality.

I am sorry I could not get up to Ithaca.

Faithfully yr.

Herbert Parson

June 16, 1924

CURTIS HOTEL
LENOX, MASSACHUSETTS

My dear Mrs. Straight:—

I have just finished reading the life of your husband and I am moved to tell you how many people share your loss. I think his influence will spread through the book to many more who never saw him: "This is the key to the power of the greatest orator their spirit diffused itself."

It was a real disappointment not to see you at the Buffalo Convention of the League of Women Voters and I hope you are well on the highway to health. If you and Miss Morgan should motor here this summer, it would be a rare pleasure for me to see you again.

Faithfully yours,
Chas. A. Bolton.

June seventeenth.

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52 Broadway
New York

Tuesday -

My dear Dorothy -

For times since I had your wonderful note with the book about Willard I have tried to answer it - and always I have been 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 every picture of that dear and irreplaceable friend - and read again those letters he wrote while we were together - and that most heartfelt letter to Whitney - and again the overwhelming

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feeling of loss and sympathy and gratitude made me realize the impossibility of writing you at such a moment - and now I am 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 never knew anyone even remotely like Willard. I have known men each of whom had one or two of his qualities, but where could there be another who so combined strength and courage with gentleness and sympathy - serious purpose with the clearest and most absurd frolicsomeness - intense ambition with unqualified generosity - pride with humbleness - and keen practical purpose with a charity in his soul for the poor and down trodden that was so white and flaming that it made the

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52 Broadway
New York

wine - no man who saw the funny side of life more quickly or lived - No man was ever such a host as he in all my experience, or knew so well how to bring out the best in his guests that they might be happy - I can see him now in that little old dining room in Tangier - ah - dear Dorothy - how selfish it is for me to think of myself in all this when I write to you —

spirit of the average professional uplifter look like a soiled and bawdy thing. Willard always made me want to be better than I was - abler than I was - kinder than I was - and yet there was never a man with whom I would rather spend a merry evening over a good dinner and a bottle of old

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About yourself, you are always too kind to me – I know how pitifully little I have ever done – It was not that I was lacking in desire – if there might be some trifle that I might lift from your shoulders because ~~you~~ I had been Willard's friend – but you were so surrounded by people and interests ~~in~~ ~~wh~~ apart from any sphere where I might serve you – and I could not add to your burden by asking you to add one more to those ~~to~~ who were already pressing you almost beyond endurance – I then hoped that now that your strength is returning you might some times let me go to see you – and that we might talk about Willard – and that I could feel that that was just what you might be doing – and not voting against that terrible self sacrificing service to which you gave yourself so ruthlessly –

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52 Broadway
New York

I have made a mess of this letter again, dear Dorothy, but I am going to send it anyhow – and when you are quite ready – not one moment before – will you let me know that I may see you – I have missed you more than you can know – and want to see the children – and to look at Whitney again in the rosy light of that wonderful letter —

In my desk for a long time I have had a dinner card that Willard made for a party in 11 Rue Chambiges. It was his card – and he passed it round by Bennett or Edward with a message on the back because he wanted a health to Kitchener and to France – I am sending it to you

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with a heart very full of love and gratitude — and with so many hopes for the future for you and for those you love —

Always

Grayson —

[Grayson Murphy]

Dear Mrs. Straight,

received, two or three days ago, a copy of the "Life" of Cousin Willard, and I take the first opportunity to thank you for your kindness in sending it to me. I shall, indeed, value and treasure it, and

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Belvidere S.D.June 17.1924

Mrs Willard Dickerman Straight
1130 Fifth Avenue New York

Dear Mrs Straight

I cannothexpress to you fully the appreciation of the book telling the story of your husbands life that came to me yesterday. I read the story as it appeard some years ago int "The Asia"but am sure this will be much more satisfactory as it cannot help being fuller of the things that will be of interest to me.

I have had time only to look over the fi rst two chapters,which were of especial interest to mme as it recorded in the second, the part that my siter Dr.Rainier played in the development of that wonderful life of his,and I must confess I feel that the writer not knowin her as I did and the motive that prompted her in what he seemes to think was her too sever discipline,that he hardly did here the justice he might have done had he known here as I did personaly,and I 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 hi s mature years.

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

She was a woman that was not naturly gifted at all. She did not have the advantage of being born in an atmosphere of intilectual culture.as Willard was,nor did she have the advantage of a training under a gifted mother as he did. Her early life was practicall the opposite. She was naturaly very dull intilectually. There was no pupil in the little country school where we attended that had such hard work to get their lesson as she had. Whi le the rest of us were out on the schoolgroumd at play she used to often find it necessary ,to deprive herself of the usual recreation,which she loved as well as any, that she might master the lesson that came to her so hard. At night she did what few puples did in those days,allways took her books home for study,and she and our father of whm she was allways especialy fond, went over the work for the next day,but in spite o f all this she could hardly keep pace with the others.

When she was fourteen ,our father died. In hiis death she sutaind a loss from which I think she never fully recoverd. In spite of the fact that he had allways 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 each have an education,of which he had been 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 her 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 onely for cattle feed.

I know, from what I have already read, that it will be an inspiration to come in contact with such a noble character. I shall always hold him in affectionate remembrance because of his constant interest in my sisters and me. I am sure that they, if living, would enjoy this book as much as I.

I was very sorry to hear, through Teresa

Mortens, that you have not been well and sincerely hope that rest and the beautiful summer will quite restore you. Believe me

Yours cordially,
Charlotte S. Nichols

So Hadley St. Salem,
June 17th.

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When she a little later did get a little money from the estate she enter the State Normal at Ypsilanti Mich. but she worked so hard there after her years of unremiting stress in teachin,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 exausted. This hospital was conducted by two lady physicians,and like every one who ever knew her I think they 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 mdical training,with no means at all with which to help herself. I presume Willard knew somthing about this ,as she possibly would tell him somthing 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 overtowering thing to live for,and that was him,and I am sure if she might have been too sever in her discipline for his especial temprement ,it was adminstd in the greatest spirit of love her realy great heart was capible of giving to any mortal. "er letters to me were allway full of "Willard"and the last one I received from her was after his first apointment to China and she wrote as I remember ,of how glad she was that he had the positin but she addeded somwhat 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 Oswego ,he had learned that I was greatly in need of some money to make repares on the buildings of the little church I was serving then in Kansas ,and enclosing his check for the largest amount ($500) that it had ever been my privilage of having in my life as a fronteer 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 Fifthies anniversary of our graduating ,in Mich,and I was a bit blue perhaps because I co uld 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" familey 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 excelent health and are as able and enjoy life and work (hard) as well as we have any of the years of the past.

With sincer thanks for the beautiful book,and with a sincere prayer that Gods 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 sincerly

M.T. Rainier

Century Club
of
Syracuse

6/17/24

Dear Mrs Straight

Yesterday I received the splendid book "Willard Straight" and I spent last night absorbed in it. Of course I knew much of the matter but it such an inspiring life that I could not put it down. It is a fine compilation a beautiful piece of publishing and to me like me, knowing Willard as I did and admiring him so intensely, it will remain the best + choicest book in my library. I cannot thank you enough nor express my appreciation adequately.

Mrs Hazard told me recently that you have been forced to take up. I do hope it will prove not serious nor long. I would like to drop in on you when next in New York. Thank you.

Sincerely
E.L. Corbin

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C. FRAZER HADLEY, M. D.
3320 FEDERAL STREET
CAMDEN, N. J.

My dear Mrs Straight,—

A day or so ago I had the pleasure of receiving a book with your card enclosed. I want to assure you I appreciate the gift very much and have started to read the book, am enjoying the chapter on his boyhood very much, as during that period we were very good chums. I know my father and mother will enjoy the book as they were well acquainted with Mr. Welland, and he spend quite a little of his time at our home in Oswego.

I have been wondering how you got my name and address. Several years ago I read the series of articles in "Asia" on the life of your illustrious husband, and I know I will enjoy the book far better.

C. FRAZER HADLEY, M. D.
3320 FEDERAL STREET
CAMDEN, N. J.

I have several pen and ink sketches made by Welland and a photograph which I have kept for thirty years. I do not know if your husband ever spoke of the various pranks and difficulties we were both in during our High School days, but we both occupied a bench in front of Prof. Richards most of the time during our second year in school.

After Sept. of this year my home will be in Merchantville N.J. and if you ever get over to Philadelphia I would be most happy to have you call and see me.

Again thanking you for the book, I am

Cordially yours
C. Frazer Hadley

June 19th 1924

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1351 Newton St., N. W.,
Washington, D. C.,
June 19, 1924.

Mrs. Willard D. Straight,
1130 Fifth Ave.,
New York City.

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. Bennet'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. Nutting 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,

Very sincerely yours,

Hugh Nutting

Arroyo N.M. June 20th 1923

Mrs Willard Straight
Fifth Avenue
New York

My dear Mrs Straight

I deeply appreciated your kindness in sending me the copy of "Willard Straight in The Orient" The loss of a personality so valiant and true to the best ideals in life cannot be measured in words but to those who knew him well his memory will always remain an inspiration

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NEWKIRK
405 FLORIDA AVENUE
SAINT CLOUD, FLORIDA

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Mrs Willard Dickerman Straight
1130 Fifth Avenue, New York.

My dear Mrs Straight —

Mr Newkirk wrote heartily thank you for your kindness in sending him a copy of "Willard Straight by Early", which he received yesterday, and will treasure it among his valued possessions.

He has all the copies of "Asia" containing his "Diary" which he greatly enjoyed, loaning them many times to friends in Ithaca and Cyn.

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NEWKIRK
405 FLORIDA AVENUE
SAINT CLOUD, FLORIDA

When Mr Newkirk was visiting cousin Launa Newkirk at Chicago and you, dear husband, a mere lad, then, and very much interested in the Life Saving Station, he visited upon their demonstrating to the Newkirk's the Life Saving method, which they did - as he seemed a great favorite there, that is his earliest recollection of Mr Straight, and he had always been interested in following his wonderful career, also of Mrs Sanborn whom he last saw in Chicago - when she was selling the estate

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NEWKIRK
405 FLORIDA AVENUE
SAINT CLOUD, FLORIDA

My dear Lamont,

I am answering for Mr Newkirk, as he has been unable to use his eyes, to any extent or do any work, since the 2nd Liberty Loan. When, through mis-stating them, he was forced to resign his position in 1st National Bank at Deposit — which position he had held for twenty five years — and was almost blind for five years — Last July he had pneumonia — and it left him in such a condition, a change of climate was necessary — and in January we came to Saint Cloud, Florida the most reasonable place

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405 FLORIDA AVENUE
SAINT CLOUD, FLORIDA

we were able to find, where he is improving, and we hope the state of our finances will enable us to remain, until he makes a complete recovery.

Again thanking you, I am,

Very sincerely,

(Mrs) Ada R. Newkirk

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sakes alone!

With many thanks for the great pleasure bestowed in the book and paper, I am sincerely yours,

Anna L. B. Williams.

246 N. Mentor Ave.
Pasadena, Calif.
June 20, 1924.

My dear Mrs. Straight: The "Life" of Willard has arrived and, as for the continued arrival of "The New Republic", I am your debtor. The pages of the days at Normal Park bring vividly to mind the beautiful brilliant little boy with his impetuous chase of life, as marked then as it could have been later—

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joys and sorrows were so intense. After the reading of a story his hasty seizing of paper and pencil, the swift strokes sometimes in silence sometimes accompanied by brief nervous comments, the bringing in triumph of the wonderfully (for his years) executed delineation, all stand out again.

His intentness on his purpose prevented his recognition of any obstacles less than impossible, the directness of his methods of approach conquered all smaller ones than the unsurmountable one of the elders who, were, to him,

such dense, uncomprehending mountains in his path. He saw neither to the left nor to the right but only the object of his desire - usually as harmless in itself as the less difficult ones of less gifted children but whose attainment in a world of and for adults disconcerted their plans and upset their equilibrium accordingly. What would people become if the only limitations imposed on their efforts were those inherent in their medium of expression?

You must daily see all this in the children he has left. May they make life for you more than worth living for their

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JAMES G. MERRIMAN
34 MONTCALM STREET
OSWEGO, N. Y.

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 it's 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 it's 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,
1130 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

TELEPHONE, ALDEBURGH 12.

WENTWORTH HOTEL
ALDEBURGH-ON-SEA.

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Dear Mrs Straight,
It was good of you to send me Croly's life of Willard & I am very glad to have it. My room is very mindful of his memory - which remains evergreen with me - pictures of his on my walls & two portraits. I shall read the book with

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much interest - "y muchos Recuerdos", as they say down South.

I hope all goes well with you. I am still a crock - have never been able to get my nerves to stand down crowds & noises since the Washington Conference, but I'm happy here by the sea & always busy. Is there any chance of your coming this way some day?

Yours sincerely

John P. Bland

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Sunday June 22nd

My dear Mrs Straight.

Have just finished reading Willard Straight & my first impulse is to write you a few lines; first on account of the casual way I first read & became so interested in him before meeting you, and of my surprise while working at Gorham's to hear from your lips that you were his wife.

I feel now that I've known well a fellow I so enjoyed reading about.

Secondly I want to write to you because although you

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were so wonderfully kind to me when I was alone in New York I feel in spite of your goodness to me I far underestimated what a keen sport you were.

Little did I realize in the atmosphere of your peaceful home that you had ever shared the dangers & hardships in line with what we went through in the war & yet that is exactly what you did. See! but I think you were brave; & you will forgive my misconception of having never conceived of your having had any but a quiet sheltered life when in reality you had really <u>lived</u>! & lived as only few men do!!

I do hope you are very much stronger & that very soon you will be real well again.

I had not been still well in Los Angeles so came up to San Francisco, & 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 way on top of a hill & seems to agree with me. By the way how awfully 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 Mrs Rogers who so kindly
sent me in New York recently
when you were so ill.

I believe me dear Mrs
Straight to be,

Yours very sincerely
Harry C Hicks.

ALBERT H. WIGGIN
FIFTY-SEVEN BROADWAY
NEW YORK.

June 23, 1924

My dear Mrs. Straight:

Your husband was a very 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. Cravy's book. I appreciate very much your

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kindness and thoughtfulness in sending it to me.

Yours sincerely,

Albert Hyde

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

1 BROADWAY,
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,

O. H. P. Franklin

Mrs. Willard Dickerman Straight,
1130 Fifth Avenue
New York City

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June 24th

Mrs Cecil Davis

HOUSE - IN - THE - LANE
MARION MASSACHUSETTS

Dear Dorothy —

I've read it all — & I think it is truly a remarkable presentation of Millard — You really feel him all through & his author's personality does not obtrude — How splendid that it came out so well —

I think his mother's account of him is the most touching & beautiful thing, & so like him as he always was. & his own letter to his son! — I am enclosing some letters that I could not find before, two in lighter vein — & one all about you — How wonderful

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HOUSE - IN - THE - LANE
MARION MASSACHUSETTS

that life managed to give you two to one another — I ~~have been so terribly sorry~~ for you all winter — but now you must pick up — & very very soon I hope I may come to see you —

My love to you

Cecil —

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON

June 24, 1924.

Mrs. Willard D. Straight,
1130 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.

UNITED STATES VETERANS BUREAU
WASHINGTON

OFFICE OF
THE DIRECTOR

June 24,1924

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 Risk 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,

Frank T. Hines

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

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ALBA B. JOHNSON
MORRIS BUILDING
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

June 24th 1924.

Dear Mrs. Straight:

Your kindness in numbering 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

June 24, 1924.

Mrs. Willard D. Straight,
New York.

My dear Mrs. Straight:

It was a most gracious and thoughtful act of yours - the sending of the record of Willard Straight's life. It is difficult to express my appreciation in words.

It has recalled to me with the utmost vividness one of the most significant

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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 memoir, 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 even more than his ability to endear him to those who were closely associated with him in the Far East, and render it much less likely that his memory

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 her 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 loved to play.

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

Alice M. Krackowizer

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will ever grow dim to them.
I take very much that I may have the pleasure of seeing you and his children in the autumn. I have been little in New York having been busy in the West a great part of the time. We have a very active campaign on for this summer and autumn.
Again thanking you very much I am,
Sincerely,
Henry Leonard

247 PARK AVENUE
NEW YORK

June twenty-fourth
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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

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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, believe me

Very sincerely yours,

Frances Perkins

MRS. WILLARD D. STRAIGHT,
1130 Fifth Ave.,
New York, N. Y.

June 24th

My dearest Dorothy,

I simply can't tell you what a joy it was to get your letter and to know that you are really much better. You can't imagine what it is to be so cut off from you and to get so few inklings of how you are and to know that the kindest thing we can do is to do nothing. I have felt very useless very often but never quite so useless as I do towards you just now! But you will devote yourself to getting well and we will devote ourselves to helping in whatever way we can and that will be the happiest accomplishment that can come to all those, near + far, who know and love you.

I have been having a really thrilling experience in reading Willard's Life.

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First of all there was such very rich material to draw from, in his diary, his letters and his pictures. and 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 Croly 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 crowded with those great and small sparks that kindle our souls to understanding and Dorothy dear, I don't think I am too prejudiced, nor do I exaggerate when I say that it is one of the richest & most touching human documents in existence. I would prize a copy from you more than anything as I have already passed on two copies that I intended for myself, simply because two people who had not known

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Willard were deeply interested in little parts that I pointed out to them, and I wanted them to have the inspiration that I know the book would give them.

What a great blessing it is, Dorothy dear, that he came into your life and shared it with you, and by so doing blazed so many wonderous trails. Yours was a very rare and precious experience because you could give one another measure for measure.

You ever devoted

Susie -

Some day we must go on a cruise with Edith & our children. I have just come back from the most wonderful one on the Iroquois II. We had every kind of weather, from squalls to doldrums & we shot clay pidgeons from

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the dock, & we visited a life saving station & we landed on Fisher's island & took long walks among the holes of Bayberry & we picked up the nicest little Boston couple who were cruising alone on a sloop & were anchored in our harbour off Fisher's island. We wanted to give them a meal that they wouldn't have to cook themselves so we invited them on board and had such a nice time with them. We must go on a cruise someday!

THIRTY SEVEN WALL STREET
NEW YORK

June 24, 1924.

Mrs. Willard D. Straight,
1130 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. G. White.

JGW.RS

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF
WASHINGTON

June 25, 1924.

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,

P. C. Harris

Mrs. Willard Dickerman Straight,
% McMillan Co., Publishers,
New York City.

June 25th 1924.

BROAD HOLLOW FARM,
WESTBURY STATION, L.I.

Dear Dorothy

Thank you so much for the book about Willard: I am reading it with the greatest interest — I never knew that he had such a talent for drawing

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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

he was a real artist. How nice it will be for his children to learn that charming account of his life it will bring him so much nearer to them. Do ~~dear Dorothy send for me when~~ you feel like ~~seeing~~ me.

I would be so glad to come any time —

With love

Affy. Your

Lois Weekend

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My dear Mrs. Straight

I want to tell you how very much I appreciated your sending me that most wonderfully well written — and interesting, life of your husband. Running Mrs Norrish so well, and being so fond of Hazeli — and we to gather so much when she was here. I naturally had some more of a personal-

ally interested in the illustrations — for I always felt when Hazeli showed me his illustrations and sketches that a very fine artist was hidden under the diplomat and business man — and while the world gained in one way — a great artist was lost — who work would have been recognized by more than not generation, had he put the energy in the study of art that he did in the work that he did so well. And I think this Biography is not only most interesting

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friendship for them — that through I was never at home when you were in Chicago — you seem not quite a stranger to me — & your thought of me — is especially appreciated because of the association with Hazel. The book had just reached Chicago — and I was only waiting for an opportunity to look the book over with the idea of buying one, when the one you sent me came. And of course it will mean more to me that you should send it to me for Hazel's sake. And I am so especial interest in his wonderful work — and career: — through this love of him, I — because I find them: — the civic pride of the Chicagoan — in the — ing his home. And Hazel was so very fond of you — that you and your children — who were so near her's in age — and your kindness to her — and the photographs that you sent Miss Brookins — and the things that "Willard" was doing — was so intertwined with my

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children their fathers early home - children - are so interested in such things.

I am -

Very sincerely yours

Mary Burns Miller

444 W 5th St Uvango

June 25th 1924

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But that is goes far beyond that - in that it will help many boys who may have it in them to make successful and useful men - and yet have not quite the courage to face all the hard work it means to succeed - to feel that it can be done - and done alone, if need be - and that it all lies within themselves - and not in outside influence - what their life shall mean - And in this way you can feel that this life

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that might give you some small measure of the pleasure you have given me. I thought you might like a picture of the house where Hazeland Willard was brought up so the other day when I was out I took one for you. It has been unchanged since I came here twenty-five years ago and I thought you might like to show your

will go on in many other lives — and all he did — and might have done, had he been spared to the world — is in no way lost; but is going on — and that his great spirit — is only just beyond the latch of this world.

You have given me so much pleasure in sending me these books I wished very much to to express my appreciation, in some way

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DERBY FARM
HOFFMAN
NORTH CAROLINA

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. Roger A Derby

Gen Roosevelt

26 June 1924

Dear Mrs Straight
Thank you from the bottom of my heart for Mr Croly's life of Willard Straight which I received to day — I brings back many dear memories of the fine & lovable young character I knew in China and the fine gallant soldier

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I saw in France -
I prize it and shall
always keep it by me.
I am dear Mrs
Straight with great regards
Yours sincerely
Julie Bonaparte

Dear Mrs. 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

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to remember. I am delighted to have the book and especially pleased to know you remembered me and sent it. I keep the book with real fondness for you both and will read it to my young son when he gets a little older.

It has been with much regret that I learn you still must be careful not to overdo. I hope you will soon be well and will allow me to come and call.

I shall be at Glen Head most of the summer, except for a few week-ends when I rush off to see Margery who will be away until the fall.

I greatly appreciate your thoughtfulness in sending me the book.

Very sincerely yours,

Stedman Hanks

Manchester, Mass.
June 26th, 1924

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EDWARD S. MORSE
12 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 world. I shall read the work with the greatest interest. I did not know of Mr Straight's article although I saw the paper in Asia. The portrait I have published in that number I have framed in my library with other distinguished men. I loved the man and his loss was irreparable

With deepest sympathy
Very faithfully yours
Edw S Morse

June 26. 1924

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

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in editions with easy binding, good type and prints.

I enlisted, and not receiving a commission until after Major Straight left the War Risk Section, I had little opportunity to know him personally.

However, on the Adriatic going over, 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, this orders in what to do with the axe, Col was assigned. The job of cutting loose from the ropes as we reached the water-which we never had to do). There was no much alertness and wholehearted start in the really earnest & enjoyable it.

Thanking you again,

Sincerely,

Donald B. Kennedy

June 26th.

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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 co-operating 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,

J M Rowe

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

CORNELL UNIVERSITY
ITHACA, NEW YORK

GEORGE LINCOLN BURR
John Stambaugh Professor of History, Emeritus

27 June 1924.

Dear Mrs. Straight,

That beautiful book on Willard Straight by Herbert Croly — one might better call it "Willard Straight's autobiography by pen and pencil" — reached me during the hurry of Commencement. But I could not refrain from dipping into it, and I am now fast earning the right to thank you for it. It is a wonderful volume, and I am deeply grateful. It has taught me much more than I know about one of the most heartening of lives and has corrected some twisted memories. What a world of beauty and of interest this was to him. I wish, as I have often wished, that I had known him better while he lived. But not all of us could have that joy.

I am sorry that you could not hear the words of Mr. Brinckerhoff at the

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laying of the corner-stone. They were simple, but very heartfelt and in admirable taste.

Believe me ever

Very sincerely yours,

George L. Burr.

LOUIS AGASSIZ FUERTES,
CORNELL HEIGHTS, ITHACA, N.Y.

June 27, 1924

My dear Mrs. Straight:

I was greatly interested recently in learning that a book on Willard's life and career was being written by Herbert Croly, and was planning to get it, when, almost before I realized the book was available, I received a copy in which your card was enclosed.

I have as yet not had an opportunity to read it, being for the present much in-and out-of-town, and I do not want to skim 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 heartily for having me thus

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him "Iggy", with Heinie Schoellkopf and one or two others, was the leading spirit from within the undergraduate body to appreciate the change, & to be big enough to visualize it and lend a hand + shoulder to the establishment of his vision into a reality. Your generous and wise following up of his hopes has placed all of us who love Cornell, and particularly us who knew and loved Willard, forever in your debt.

I hope that I may know of it when you next come to Ithaca. If I can in any way, however slight, forward your wishes, I shall feel sary if I am not allowed to do so. My influence is not great, but at least I have no possible 'motives', and should be happy if I could help, even in little things, to further your plans here.

Faithfully yours
Louis A. Fuertes

in mind.

We were all sorry that you were unable to be present at the recent ceremony. The Union is rapidly assuming an impressive appearance of reality, and I am sure that this tangible manifestation of his hopes and plans for Cornell would be a deep gratification to Willard. To us, who knew him so well, and who still live here, it will always be a privilege and a matter of deep pride as well to keep green and living, in so far as with our gifts we can do so, the person and spirit that have meant so much to us and to our University.

That was a great period: Cornell was changing from a very serious but not very personal institution into one more in sympathy with youth and more in touch with the changing times: Willard — or as we who loved him all called

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JOSHUA A. HATFIELD
71 BROADWAY
NEW YORK

June twenty-seventh
1 9 2 4

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

H. H. PIKE & CO. INC.
108 WATER STREET
NEW YORK

My dear Mrs. Straight

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

Very sincerely yours
H. H. Pike

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290, MARLBOROUGH STREET

My dear Mr. Straight,

I can-
not tell you how
much I thank you
for the beautiful
book. It came
just at twilight
yesterday, & I
gave myself up
to it. It must

Content with the
pursuit of his ideals
which always keeps
moving onward.
Best of all is the
letter to his Son. That
will be an inspiration
to other boys, & your
own words at the
end are a perfect
conclusion.

Mr. Croly has

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give you deep
happiness to have
such a thorough
record of your
husband's fine-
ness, courage,
& high character.
The pictures which
he himself drew
& painted reveal
not only skill
but his understand-
ing of the qualities
of life around him.
I go over & over the
book, looking at
the faces he sketched.
I am impressed
by his eagerness to
go beyond every
previous achieve-
ment, & his dis-

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Hole, as I trust
you will.

Please remem-
ber me to your
Children, & to
Mrs Bond, if she
is with you.

Thank you again
for the inspiring words.

Sincerely yours
Bishop Charles Lewis Slattery

done his part
with the wonder-
ful art which
conceals itself.
It is evidently
the work of love.
Remember that
he was one of
the forefathers
when I baptized
your boy Michael,

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& I drove down
with him after-
wards. It was
clear how much
he cared.

I often think
of you all, &
wish I could see
you once more.
The days are
as busy as ever,
& I find some
difficulty in
getting away for
the summer holi-
day. It is plea-
sant to think that
you will be within
the bounds of this
Diocese if you
come to Woods

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EUGENE P. THOMAS
30 CHURCH STREET
NEW YORK

June Twentyseventh,

Nineteen Twentyfour.

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

WYCHWOOD
MANHASSET, LONG ISLAND

My dear Dorothy.

It was good of you to send me Cody's book about Willard. My glimpse of it, all I have had a chance to get, brings back his enriching personality so clearly

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to me that I believe with Elizabeth that his spirit lingers in our atmosphere. I liked her poem.

His was a gallant soul: his mind and hand so quick to nice accomplishment.

I am proud to have his book on my shelves.

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

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

George Milburn.

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friends will read and understand but people who never knew him for the interest there we are bound in the adventurous of youth and salient character against the background of this amazing age of ours.

I congratulate both you and Croly. It is an adequate and fitting memorial to a man who did much and in nothing was failed to do much young but also was important because he was himself.

I hope you are going to be at Woods Holes this summer. We are going to Cape

THE GRAY HOUSE
PORTLAND, MAINE June 29, 1924

My dear Dorothy:

I was very pleased and touched with the book and your thought of me. I am reading it now and am far enough in it to know that Croly has written a fine piece of work. He has really made one feel Willard and the importance of his life. It is a book about not only his

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for a few days. The end of long
and I will express myself to get
a word with you
on the care of yourself.

Faithfully & affy.

David Gray

David Gray

June 29th/24

AMBASSADE DE FRANCE
A
WASHINGTON

My dear Mrs Straight

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

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

It is indeed a monument that you have reared to him,

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& we that your children will be proud & happy to possess, for through that they will know their father as he was.

We are sailing for France in a few days & my husband is just now too busy to have been able to read the book himself; he knows only what I have told him & the few extracts I have read to him; but he is looking forward to reading it now that his moments of leisure are approaching & he joins me in thanking you for having understood with what sincere appreciation the volume would be received by us.

His personal has made me understand better than ever how great is your loss, but also how great is your courage in carrying on & in trying to make your life & that of his children what

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he would have wished.

With kind remembrances from us both, believe me, dear Mrs Straight,

Sincerely yours

Elizabeth Underwood

a genuine pleasure to me.

Yours sincerely

Barrett Wendell Jr.

THE ROOKERY
CHICAGO

June 28.

Dear Mrs Straight

For present that I have received in years has meant as much to me as the life of Wolcott & I am starting to read it with great interest. Many thanks for remembering me. If you come through Chicago please be sure to let me see you as it would

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Nurse Bates

Mrs. Willett
Farmington Ave
Unionville
Conn:

30. 6. 24.

Dear Mrs. Straight:

I want to thank you very very much for your kind thought of me in sending "The Life of Mr. Straight".

I shall deeply appreciate

benefited.
Mr. Hickey I'm sure will enjoy Camp Life - it is so healthy for boys I think.
Beatrice & Michael will miss their "big brother" for I believe this is the first time he has been away from them.
Again thanking you for

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have ever met.
The little drawings & paintings
are mostly familiar to me
& that makes the book
more treasured.
I hope your Summer at
Woods Hole will be a happy
one & that you dear Mrs.
Straight will return much
reading it & it will always
be amongst my most
treasured possessions.
I look back very often
and think of the
wonderful man he was
& feel so proud to have
known him - The finest
& noblest American I

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He beautiful book which
I shall value always.
With love & kindest thoughts
dear Mrs. Straight.
from
"Bee".

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RALPH HAYES
152 W. 47th ST.
NEW YORK

My dear Mrs Straight:

When I have finished reading Mr Croly's book, my enthusiasm, I am certain, will be as great as my present anticipation is. Meanwhile, let me say this word of appreciation for your generous thoughtfulness in sending a copy to me.

Sincerely yours,
Ralph Hayes

Mrs. Willard D. Straight,
1130 5th Ave.,
New York
July 1 1924.

Mrs Straight

THE CENTURY ASSOCIATION
7 WEST FORTY-THIRD STREET
NEW YORK June 30, 1924

Dear Mr. Croly:

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 thankful I am that you have shown the world what a fine man he really was.

That letter he wrote his sons is one of the most beautiful things I have ever read, as remarkable in its delicacy, its sentiment, its good

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June 30 1924

60 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 - I have not read quite all of it - Willard is one of the few men that has really strongly influenced my life

sense and manner of expression. I am glad that other fathers - and sons - may have the privilege of reading it.

Although, as one of the vice presidents of the American International Corporation, I was associated with Mr. Straight, I never knew him very well, as our departments were not closely related.

But even so, I was impressed with his toleration and his great capacity for friendship with all sorts and conditions of men - provided they were real men.

I congratulate you on presenting so true a picture in such a captivating way. Sincerely Yours

Philip H. Kenny

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and the book tells me many things that I did not know and explains things that I knew only in part.

I had dreams during Willard's life of doing things with him and since his death I have done over with him things which we did together and often there have been times when if Louly could have had him with me things could have been accomplished that I had

to see fail. More than any one I ever knew he ~~saw~~ saw things to be done. I am not quite sure that I agree with Cody 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 or what seems to me the real sense. But I have always felt that given the

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right circumstances he would have
and I have always felt that you
would have been the influence that
would have made it come about.
It's true of course that Willard
was impatient with the small
minded point of view of many of
the successful men. It's true that
he was too prone to press but it
always seemed to me that if met
with understanding and affection
all that crowd itself out. It's easy

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Enough to be patient when you don't
see or have lost all hope of accomplishment
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 Willard has lived
and many of our lives are better
or bigger or brighter because of him.
I am very sorry that I could not
get to the dedication of the Chapel.
I wanted very much to go but it was
just about Commencement time and

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BOSTON

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I was so 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 I can say what I am unable to write.

Very sincerely yours

Thomas N. Rickus

TELEPHONE NORTH 1707

1707 NEW HAMPSHIRE AVENUE

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.

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him for so long and admired him, in his many sided life. You know that he had been staying with Walter Howe and the at our mess at G.H.Q for several days, just before he last went to Paris.

I always wished to tell you that I so admired the fortitude you showed in making the decision where he should rest, and the apt words you used in expressing your decision.

Again replying to your thanks to you for thinking of the, and withholding me as one of his friends who still treasure the book. You with kind regard,

Very sincerely yours,
Reginald S. Hinchcliffe

July 1, 1924.

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July first 1924

TELEPHONE
1064 FAR ROCKAWAY

MARSHFIELD
CEDARHURST, L.I.

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 instinct with promise of usefulness to many. I am glad you have had its story told and perpetuated in this way.

I only have run over it hastily. But I shall linger over many of its pages and I rejoice to recall that I was privileged to know him and to respect and appreciate him. He was "the child and flower of light".

Again, thank you —

Faithfully yours
Leon Vickersham

Mrs Willard Straight

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231 SOUTH LA SALLE STREET
CHICAGO

J. ALLEN HAINES
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PHILIP S. CHANCELLOR

OFFICES OF
HAINES, SPENCER & CHANCELLOR
27 WILLIAM STREET
NEW YORK

July 2, 1924.

Dear Mrs. Straight:

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,

To - Mrs. Willard Dickerman Straight,
1130 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

2 BUCKINGHAM STREET
WESTMINSTER. VIC. 9795.

July 2. 24.

Dear Mrs Willard Straight

I was so much touched and pleased at your thought of me in sending me the "Life" of your dear late husband. I shall never forget his charming personality as I knew it in the Peking days. I am amused to see that I "yawned" all through one evening that he spent with us! I can hardly believe it was possible if he was here. How comes

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one feel tired or bored of he was
of the Party - He was so young &
keen & just and had such a
sense of humour. He was such
a dear, and my husband and I
were so fond of him. I think his
letter to his boy one of the most
touching documents I ever read -
not only you, ~~but~~ and little Bill who
now must be a big lad, ~~and~~ but all of
us are the poorer for his loss. If you
ever come to England do come & see
me - Yrs very sincerely
Susan Townley

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My dear Mrs. Straight -
We shall
enjoy reading the beau-
tiful book you so kindly
sent us. I was fortunate
in spending several
months with Prof. and
Mrs. Straight when Wil-
lard was 2½ years old.

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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 Oswego Normal School Faculty, of the time when the Straights were of that group. — We hope 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.

Aldrich Thompson, Sen.

He was a beautiful and wonderful child and we were devoted to each-other; he calling me Aunt Alice (Alice) He was never allowed companionship of vulgar people and his books & toys were never common ones. He loved his pictures of Madonnas, Landseers Dogs &c. and his mother made sketches of Donkeys and "More Donkeys" to his delight.
Alice Hanland Thompson.

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PHONE: AVENUE 2554.
80, LOMBARD STREET, E.C.

Dear Mrs Straight,

It was a very pleasurable 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 & I used to go down and stay with you. I also often think of class day my senior year at Harvard when Archie Coolidge asked me whether I would go out to Bunkden to join a man called Willard Straight. I never went but I have wondered what sort of a life I would have had if I had gone. It would have been probably very different to the somewhat usual one I have so far led. I also frequently recall the talks Willard & I used to have together about every subject under the sun and I hope & think that reading this book will bring his personality vividly before me and will give me again the pleasure I always had at any contact with him.

Thank you very much for remembering me and sending the book which both Priscilla & I are awfully glad to have. I hope we may meet again soon either here or on your side. With very best wishes & kindest regards

Yours sincerely
Robert Lamont

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JOSEPH B. RINGLAND, M. D.
OSWEGO, N. Y.

July 6, 1924.

Mrs. Willard D. Straight,
1130 Fifth avenue,
N.Y. City.

My dear Mrs. Straight:

Several days ago I rec'd a copy of "Willard Straight" from MacMillan & Co., with your card enclosed. May I not at this time tender you my sincere thanks for the book. Have scanned it very carefully and can assure you, it is most interesting.

Naturally the parts appealing to me are those in the front part, dealing with his life here in Oswego - referring to Hugh Nutting and our school days. Lived less than a block from Willard, so knew him soon after he came to Oswego. We were in High School together - and others to the contrary, he could get

JOSEPH B. RINGLAND, M. D.
OSWEGO, N. Y.

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his work easily enough, when he was not drawing pictures.

When he took exams for West Point, I went to Watertown at the same time - but neither of us rec'd the appointment, which as the book states, referring to Willard was probably the best thing ever happened.

When he went to the Paris Hosp'l and did not come back, it struck something inside me as only a boyhood friendship can. Being in the army at the same time it gave me many opportunities "to think".

But, naught enough of this, so will close, again thanking you for your thoughtfulness and kindness.

I am Most sincerely & respectfully

Joseph B. Ringland

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[July 6, 1924?]

Mrs F. Livingston

BARATCEA
EAST ISLIP, LONG ISLAND

Sunday 6 -

Dorothy Dearest -

First of all - I want to tell you - having read Willard's p/s in my really peaceful moments. how absolutely absorbing I found it - and so beautifully presented - Sir spoke of the middle part as being possibly dry & technical, but it was not so to me - it was thrilling in its difficulties & achievement - and it all lives vividly through his letters. which are such wonderful word pictures - of the scenes as he saw them - and

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above all of his most human kindly view — They only regret at the end. was not to have had met more — although marvelling at your generosity at giving me all the benefit of so much — and your tribute was only comparable to the beauty of what had gone before.

I haven't forgotten the chapman but it takes a long time in coming — but you will get it in the course of time —

Angelica — the girls arrived safely a week ago — the latter very well, having had a perfect trip. Angelica not so fine — I am afraid did not profit much from the talk I had with her before sailing.

Burlington. Vermont
~~Allenwood Inn~~
July 7/24

Dear Dorothy

At Oswego July 1st. on my desk at the Bank I found that fine book of Willard's you so kindly sent me —

I had not been in Oswego for some time — for four years now I have not lived there — I think you know after my father died Elsie sold the house there — and has been living in Princeton. where Gray is at his Fine's school — and I

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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 Miss Bogue that you have not been well.

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

Ever sincerely yours
Vie Gray!

The Peru Trust Company

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ELBERT WALKER SHIRK, VICE-PRES.
E. L. MILLER, SECRETARY
CHAS. W. BEECHER, ASST. SECRETARY

Nashville, Ind. July 7, 1924

~~PERU, INDIANA.~~

Mrs. W. D. Straight
1130 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 "Thankypu"; but after I had opened it, studied the first picture a long time, thoughtfully read the lines dedicated to him 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 I shall 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 how I hoped to 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, tho' the penmanship 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.

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I did not intend to make this so long--I lost track of the boy I pondered over so much in his babyhood, after Dr. Ranier died, tho' 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. L. Miller

(Kate Lemard)

CHARLES M. SCHWAB
"IMMERGRÜN"
LORETTO, PA.

July 7th, 1924.

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,

C M Schwab

Mrs. Willard Dickerman Straight,
1130 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

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[7-8-24]

Pennsylvania Federation of Labor
430 NORTH STREET HARRISBURG, PA.
JAMES H. MAURER, PRESIDENT
JAMES E. KELLEY, SEC.-TREAS.
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
RICHARD W. HOGUE, DIRECTOR

July 8, 1924

Dear Dorothy:-

Oh how glad - & thankful - I was to get the Life & Letters of Major Straight! The book was awaiting me on my return from the Denver - Chicago - Cleveland trip. Allegedly I began to read it, not straight thru but at random. Every page that I turned to held both my mind & my heart. At times I felt literally lifted to a higher plane, & when I put it aside - for awhile - I wanted to come straight to you, my Beloved Friend, & just sit with you in the dear silence for a long, sweet time. When I finished your own perfect words about the wonderful rare man who was your husband & the father of your precious children, then read that last superb, supremely beautiful & single letter of his to Whitney, it was hard for me to control my strong emotions. Two deep desires were strong within me, the one that I might mean something to you & your dear children, the other that I might be something of the man he was. I was left with a wholesome shame that I had ever feared or shrank from anything, especially from unworthy anxiety about security for the future. With all my heart I thank you, Dorothy, for this rare gift, & all that it has meant & will mean to me.

Dan.

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23 WALL STREET

Dear Dorothy:

You will be glad to learn that Eleanor has come through safely from a severe operation. A good many weeks of undefined illness ended in the discovery that she had an infected gall bladder. It refused to yield to treatment so a week ago Monday Dr Beck operated. It was severe but she stood it wonderfully and is making a good recovery. There was a long period of delirium after it and for several days it was a vision of Willards that she saw. She came with a knight in armor and they were her guards. The vision lasted three days and she was unhappy when it ended. She is still weak but we hope to move her from Roosevelt next Thursday to a little sanitarium at Hornell

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in western New York. She was there in June and likes it very much.

I got the volume of Wieland's life you sent me at Indianstream and I am reading it. It brings back some very wonderful things and has been hard to place to go or write. Bless him always. The Governors asked me collectively to thank you.

I am glad you are better. I saw many of your people at the corner stone ceremony at Cornell and they told me. Do go gently until you are quite normal. Please give the children every special message from me. With love I am

Devotedly yours

July 11. Martha Egan

115 EAST 82ND STREET

My dear Mrs. Straight,

It was so nice of you to send me the biography of Willard Straight. I am glad to have this vivid reminder of his life and personality, and reading it, I know, will bring clearly to mind my recollection of him

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as a friend whose success made none the less loyal or unaffectedly cordial.

As a friend of his life at Cornell, where he exerted so wholesome an influence, I have noted with the keenest interest the progress of the Union at Ithaca. 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 eleventh.

1130 Fifth Avenue

10 July

Dear Mr. Straight:

I've just finished your book of Willard - Miss Rogue lent me a copy.

I want to thank you just as I know everyone must want to thank you for letting us share some of his thoughts & aspirations with you: some of his feeling for you & for his son.

It can't have been easy to do this & yet on the other hand it must make for good

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to reveal his strength, his nobility & to know that only you could do it.

In reading some lines of Chinese wisdom I came on this verse concerning the reception of Confucius into the life beyond. I think it is time for the whom you love.

"There they found no quiet in time
Here they ever welcome him
Thus from day to day & night to night
They will perpetuate his praise"

Dearest Dorothy

Yours

~~I am so glad I may come to you next Tuesday with Mrs Bryce~~

July 11th (1924)

Darling Dorothy -

How lovely of you to remember my birthday, I was delighted to receive the cable - I had been thinking of you all day, for it is just one year ago today since I said Goodbye to you in Ostende. It seems very long, much too long to be separated, and I am counting the days to September 9th when we expect to leave

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Beatrix [Fletcher]

for home) Willards book has arrived and both Father & I are delighted with it. We both think it is very well done & it gives, as well as any book could give, a picture of his vivid charming personality - the illustrations also are delightful. I do hope you are as pleased with it as we are - It is a wonderful possession for the children &

ONE HUNDRED ELEVEN BROADWAY
NEW YORK

July 11, 1924

Dear Mrs. Straight:

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

I regret that I did not know Mr. Straight more intimately, but our

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lines of activity in the corporation of which we were both officers were so different, that I never came in close contact with him. To me therefore this memoir is a great pleasure.

What a wonderful letter is that! So his son, so full of sentiment and good sense, so beautifully expressed, and so wholesome in its effect! Through this letter other parents may teach, and other youths may learn, the way to those "durable satisfactions of life" for which we all strive, but which so few realize.

Sincerely Yours

Philip N. Henry

Francis 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.

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,

FYJ-Y

Francis Y. Joannes

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197 FLAX HILL ROAD
SOUTH NORWALK, CONN.

July 12, 1924.

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 achievments.

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 come true 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. Jennings

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STATION EAST PUTNEY.
TEL. PUTNEY 1430.

WHITE GATE,
PORTINSCALE ROAD, S.W. 15.

12 July 1924.

Dear Mrs. Straight.

It was most kind of you to send me that exceedingly interesting Life of your Husband and I pray accept my sincere thanks for it. I am purposely delayed acknowledging the book until I had leisure to look through it, and having now done so, I should like to say that I have found it a wonderfully full and fair record of the events with which it deals. It has brought vividly

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to my recollection in any way forgotten incidents of bygone years and the pencil portraits of old Peking friends, on any of whom are no longer with us, had a real and peculiar interest. Your Husband's estimate of the men with whom he came in contact are generous and just. I was especially pleased with his reference to my old friend Mr. Calhoun than whom no finer man ever represented his country in the Far East.

I knew your Husband both in Corea and in China and can fully endorse all that his biographer has said of his high achievement and noble aims.

My wife joins me in kindest remembrances to yourself. Yours very sincerely

E. M. Jordan.

[Sir John Jordan
formerly British minister to Peking]

Industrial Finance Corporation
Park Avenue and 42nd Street
New York

Office of
Vice-President
and General Counsel

July 15th/34

My Dear Mrs. Straight:

I am deeply appreciative of your thought & consideration which prompts you to send me a copy of the volume named for and after your illustrious Husband and my "Friend" & "Partner".

I have often wished & longed for the opportunity of talking with you & telling you of the part Willard Straight did in making possible the great national success of the Morris Plan of Industrial Banking, which since he first helped me to get it all well started, has loaned over Five Hundred Million Dollars to

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specifically about the part of it; when he alone led a fight for principle, which subsequently became the foundation rock of its present success.

I have refrained from giving myself this privilege & honor because of my failure during his life, to avail myself of his hospitality frequently extended to me, by way of invitation to meet you, & visit you both at his home. My only excuse was sin, procrastination, due to the increasing demands upon me - then the war, & then his "Earthly" loss.

But I am now going to bore you long enough to read the copy you have so kindly sent me, & I shall hope at some convenient time, I may still have

more than two million deserving people. In addition to this record of past accomplishment made possible by his cooperation with me, more than any other single individual at the time, the System is annually lending over One Hundred & Twenty-five Million Dollars, to more than Seven hundred thousand or more individuals. His interest, & his faith in the beginning was a real inspiration.

I know you, whose love and admiration for his great character, his charm of personality, & his brilliant potentialities, would really be interested in hearing & knowing about his Morris Plan associations,

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the hour of meeting you, & talking with you, about the great personality & the great character, which have influenced so richly our lives.

Miss Swift, in her dedicatory poem, has so richly & so beautifully expressed my present association with the life & memory of Willard Straight, that I can only renew my expressions of gratitude for your thoughtfulness, & in addition express my indebtedness to you that his life's work, has been made the subject of a permanent printed record for others to read, study & improve their by.

With my highest respect, believe me, Sincerely Yours,

Arthur Morris

Mrs Willard Dickman Straight,
1130 Fifth Ave
New York.

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New York

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My dear Mrs 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 P. Ginsley

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BRITISH LEGATION
WARSAW

July 13, 1924

Dear Mrs. Straight,

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 chapters 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 sterling qualities of high purpose, enthusiasm, absolute fairness, energy and determination, such as are given to few of us. He always

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held straight on his way, but was often most harassed by his good behavior or by his stiffy old-fashioned diplomacy he was always the same courteous, charming friend. I am glad he cannot witness the catastrophe of all our hopes in China of today, indeed "with factions and asunder"

Of Willard's human side the author seems to me to have given us a wonderful portrait & I can fully agree with all he says here. He was indeed a fine man, a prince of good fellows & was a perfect godsend to our little colonie in Peking.

You must live in the dear memories of the few short years of great happiness that were vouchsafed to you.

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

Yours sincerely

W. Max Muller

July 13th

OLD PLACE
STOCKBRIDGE

Dearest Dorothy,

How perfectly sweet of you to send me Emily Dickenson's Life & Letters. She has always interested me intensely and I know I shall love this book. What a wonderful mixture of

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again again to enjoy this very summer weather.

I can't tell you, dear Dorothy, 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 of answering this — I know you're not allowed to. Ever devotedly Susie.

glad this has been done. Of course Cecily was the man to do it. I've not yet read the book as Katharine seized on it the moment I took it home. It's more than kind, your thinking to send it to me.

We have been lord to been so grieved, Cecily, to know of your long, tiring period of enforced rest, & do hope you are coming out of it soon. You can not be grieved, you know. We are to live but

HARDIN & HESS
50 PINE STREET
NEW YORK

[1924]
July 14th

Dear Mrs. Straight —

I am pleased beyond measure & greatly touched by your sending me the Cecily Life of your husband. How I am glad I had not yet obtained it elsewhere, much as I have wanted to have it since first hearing of it and then seeing it for the first time at the Lyceum's a month ago. I am so

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two blocks from you, henceforth, having bought a little house in 93 Sts. I hope we shall see something of you next winter, when we are both back in town & you completely yourself again.

Ever sincerely –
Ernest Ingersoll.

July 14 –

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FIELDSTON FARM
ROSLYN, LONG ISLAND

Dear Dorothy.

I was so pleased & touched to have you send me Willard's Life, it is a book I will always want to keep. It is the story of a marvellously inspiring life, he had so much charm, imagination & energy, that besides being beloved

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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 + a life to be so proud of! I have finished it + Morris is reading it now. + is absorbed in it.

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 + that when Beatrice comes back in September you will be able to enjoy seeing her. We are going to Bletsoe August first but hope to be back early in

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Sept ~~tember~~. With love
from both of us
Affectionately
Marie Kellogg

July 14

STAATSBURGH
DUTCHESS CO., NEW YORK

Dearest Dorothy
I have read every
line of the book again
and think it very fine
and very moving —
It is a wonderful and
restrained triumph and
what you ~~[illegible]~~ and Herbert
~~[illegible]~~ have done should

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~~Gattey~~ you - I had no
idea how ashamed feel
about it -.

I am now spending
a few days with
Mrs McCulloch in order
to buy a little work on
the Inquiry.

I think of you

with much love and
hope during the next
weeks at least to
be near enough to
telephone you -

Shall be vote for
La Follette? Many
intend to do so -
My dearest love
R. M.

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52 & 54 WILLIAM STREET.

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,

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

H

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,

Abraham Flexner

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

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him in the War
East and at home
and we were both
among his very
many admirers.
His was a
noble character - a
real person - and
his friendship
was always the same.

July 16.

DEERCLIFF
AVON
CONN.

Dear Mrs Straight
Captain Gibbons
and I were much
gratified to receive
a copy of your
husband's life -
We had known

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Our paths have not crossed very much of late, owing to our being sent to out of the very parts of the World! I am writing to acknowledge the book and to thank you for your kind thought of us.

We have lately seen your Aunt, Mrs Simpson here at Deerlyn While she was visiting our good neighbour Mrs Arthur Dodge.

I often hear Neil Davis speak of you and hope we may meet some day.

Very sincerely yours
Maud Ely Gibbons

[7-16-14]

Mrs Joseph Swan
DARK HARBOR
MAINE

Dearest Dorothy:

I inclose the clipping that was packed when I wrote you before. Just less you have received the whole account from Mr Lindsay — But I knew at the time that this would interest you

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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 out 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 how much it must mean to you to have it published at last - and it cannot be easy for

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So send " to find
the same –
Em had a beautiful
time with Beatrice –
Thank you very much.
for having her –

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

you to give him to
DARK HARBOR
MAINE
the world thus fully
& freely – but I think
human beings – perhaps
particularly men – will
benefit by your
having done it –
It is such a
relief to know that
you are better –

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I wish very much if it is not too much trouble that you would get your Nurse to drop me a line — would you?

Ever with a heart full of love

Natalie.

July 16th/24

342 Beacon St.

Boston.

July 17: 1924.

Dear Mrs. Straight:-

I am more grateful to you than I can say for the life 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 Eaton one June when they had come back together from China. And I remember so well Willard's speech in

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the study and the impression it made on the boys. I don't think we met again until we went on the same vessel, as it happened, to the War in December 1917. We had a long talk one morning, and he told me about his ideas for his boys and his ambitions for them.

It is a noble letter that is in the Life that he wrote to his son, and has in it a permanent and universal note. I shall often have the chance with it to help boys at Endicott.

Thank you again for the book. I shall some day come to see you, if you could like me to. You have met life bravely.

Most Sincerely Yours,
Shepard Billings.

The American Exchange National Bank
NEW YORK

LEWIS L. CLARKE, PRESIDENT
HERBERT N. ARMSTRONG, ASSISTANT VICE PRESIDENT

July 17, 1924.

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,

Lewis L. Clarke

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

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Peking,
July 17th.

Dear Mrs. Straight,

Just now the mail has brought me the book recounting the wonderful and interesting life of Willard, and I greatly appreciate it that you consider that I was to be classed as one of his intimate friends

If not, do so; it will help you to understand my meaning.

Pardon me for being so prolix, but this is but an example of what I mean, - Willard's influence impels me to say what I think - I am not often given to so doing.

Very sincerely,

J. P. Giffin

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away is not marked with selfishness.

His influence to the good has not ceased, - nor will it cease for many years to come, - and I am confident that due to you both and your influence, it will be handed down by your boys.

Have you read "Christopher" by Sir Oliver Lodge?

There are very few privileged to be blessed with his many gifts, and still fewer who are able to influence our generation and leave our mark on the age in which we have lived, and in so doing Willard has kept many devoted, if envious, friends; but the

Mrs Leatherbee

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Dorothy dear - In passing by home in Redcliff (which is now given up) I found repposing in the front hall - the book you so dearingly sent me - hence

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF
WASHINGTON

July 18 1924

Dear Mrs. Straight -

I have just received the "Life of Willard Straight" by Croly with your card inclosed 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, Nuisy-sur-Seine, Remirmont and the 3d Corps brings those times vividly back to me. You can imagine how delighted I am to have the book.

by seeing reflect in acknowledging it. I shall read Mr. Straight's life with double interest - because of the romance & adventure of his life, & because I love Jan so dearly -

I hope your summer is being happy & beautiful. Like Ruth & Jan are near my heart always.

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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 Remirmont and he kindly made one for me to send home. My regret is that it isn't signed.

I was exceedingly sorry when we left Remirmont 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

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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 ill afford to.

With my grateful thanks for the book, I am

Sincerely yours
Francis W. Clark

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SIXTEEN WALL STREET
NEW YORK CITY

GUY EMERSON

July 18, 1924.

Mrs. Willard Straight,
1130 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 these 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

Cornish
New Hampshire

July 18. 1924

My dear Mrs. Straight,

Till a few days ago I had neglected to tell the New Republic where I said whatever had come for me this winter and spring, which I was in Italy. So it wasn't until yesterday that I received Herbert's life of Willard, which is the best made book Macmillan has published, and one of the most beautiful American books I've ever seen. The binding, the contrasting of the same good blue inside the cover, the title page, the type, the paper, all would have satisfied Willard's

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LINDENLAND
HAY GROUND

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SOUTHAMPTON, L.I.

TELEPHONE CALL
SOUTHAMPTON 466

July 19th 1924.

Mrs Willard D. Straight.
1130 Fifth Avenue. New York City.

Dear Mrs. Straight.

Yesterday I opened the volume that came with your card to my summer home here on Long Island. This evening I finished my first reading of the 569 pages. Some of the letters I have perused over and over again - they are so human, so veritable and so beautiful, that I shall never forget their wonderful appeal.

Almost every week I see and talk with some of Willard's intimate friends. Had he lived, what a leader among men young and old he would have been!

In the field of native art, in the portraits of our great Americans of the 18th and 19th centuries, the writer still has a deep interest. Willard joined our small circle of collectors, and promptly chose superb oil paintings of Washington and Marshall to commence with. His youthful enthusiasm was so sincere that had he lived I have no doubt but that he would have assembled portraits of the makers of our country!

I am so happy to possess the book containing striking text and his feeling for workmanship. Whatever the new process may be by which you have reproduced his pen-and-ink and his water colours, it is extraordinarily successful. Everybody who takes an interest in the publisher's craft ought to be grateful to you & Dwiggins for showing us what may be done by persons who understand what they are about. I know I am, and so are you for giving me this book. A little later, when I have read it, I may try to tell you how it matches the so little I know of Willard, and what new side of his many-sided nature it reveals to me.

Yours sincerely

Philip Littell

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his messages to his family and his friends
Then there are several excellent portraits of him
- the one on the first leaf I like above all.
The verses written by "Elizabeth Morgan Swift"
are so true and attractive and the introduction
by William A. Associate Herbert Croly is an in-
comparable document. It is indeed a pen portrait.
Among the many lines in the book that
I love to return to there in the paragraph on
page 457 are very precious. They are unsurpassed
for tenderness and lovely thought and theories of
married life.
I thank you dear Mrs Straight
for your gift of the volume.
Sincerely yours
Thomas B. Clarke.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
WASHINGTON

OFFICE OF THE
RESIDENT VICE-PRESIDENT

July 20/24

Dear Mrs Straight
Since its receipt I
have been delving into Croly'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 Willard's but none the 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 1718 the various gatherings
there his delightful personality and
the unacknowledged leadership in
thought that he held among us.

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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

Elliott F. Godwin

E. CARLETON BAKER
MOUKDEN, 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 sympathize more than ever in the irreparable loss which you suffered.

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E. CARLETON BAKER
MOUKDEN, CHINA

With highest regards
and renewed thanks, I am,

Very sincerely yours,
E. Carleton Baker

80 WETHERSFIELD AVENUE
HARTFORD, CONN.

July 21, 1924.

My Dear Mrs. Willard Straight:

It will no doubt excite your surprise to hear from a stranger, but this is my reason for writing. This morning I was in our book store when a life of your husband was placed in my hand. Imagine my delighted surprise. His father Prof. Straight, was a college classmate of both my husband and myself, besides a very dear friend and parishioner. His lovely talented mother also was dear to us. I knew Willard and his sister as little children. In a sketchy way I have kept track of him, his wonderful development, etc. I only had time this morning to look

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at the story of his early life. It is given very accurately. As soon as I can I intend to get the book and know about the rest. My husband who was then living, grieved greatly over the boy's death. He was all too young.

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

I don't even know your address but send these few words hoping they may find you, for I am deeply interested in you as the wife of that darling boy.

Very Sincerely,

(Mrs. Jacob A.) Anna L. Riddle.

presented to him for the officers a testimonial when he left our unit and he was very desirous then, I remember, that this, which we had done as beautifully as could be then in Paris, should go to his children.

I had hoped that it might be my fortune to meet you again at some time and perhaps touch on some of those phases of my intimate though brief knowledge of Major Straight which would be of interest to you. The beautiful book which you have had published will place his record very securely among his friends and admirers and it is a worthy contribution to the literature of the war.

HENRY D. LINDSLEY
FIVE NASSAU STREET
NEW YORK

July 21, 1924.

My dear Mrs. Straight:

I very greatly appreciate the volumes, "Willard Straight," which I have just received from you. I am sending a number of these volumes to my friends, and particularly to my mother. I wish you to know what I have written her and enclose a copy of my letter to her.

Major Straight occupies a separate and distinct place among all the men whom I have known. In versatility, generosity, high vision, devotion to purpose, and in ideals, I think he is without a peer among those men of the first rank whom I have had the good fortune to know. The brief

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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,

Henry P. Lindsley

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, or 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, "Lindsley, 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 paper on a book in his lap, writing in that characteristic chirography those letters to you.

Perhaps you know that I

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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 Croly, 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 482 and continuing on page 483 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. Lindsley 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, 'Lindsley has been perfectly devoted. He has absolutely effaced 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, for 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.

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I believed 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. LINDSLEY

HDL IS

Mrs. Phillip Lindsley,
4126 Gaston Avenue,
Dallas, Texas.

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STATE NORMAL AND TRAINING SCHOOL
OSWEGO, NEW YORK
JAMES G. RIGGS, PRINCIPAL

July 21, 1924.

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

Dear Mrs. Staright,

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,

J. G. Riggs
WB

61 BROADWAY
NEW YORK

July
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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 one of the varied activities with which Mr. Straight was connected.

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

Sincerely yours,

Roger S. Green

Mrs. Willard Dickerman Straight
1130 Fifth Avenue
New York

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120 Broadway, N. Y. City
July 21, 1924

Dear Mrs Straight;

Ever so many thanks to you for sending me a copy of Mr Croly'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 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 at the Q.T.C.

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.

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Mrs Walker and I have been distressed to hear that you have been suffering some ill-health and earnestly hope that you will promptly recover.

Again please accept deepest appreciation

Sincerely
James B. Walker.

July 22. 1924

14, PLACE VENDÔME
PARIS

Dear Mrs Straight,

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

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

With renewed thanks

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Kindest regards, believe me

Sincerely yours

S. W. Wakeman

S. W. WAKEMAN
QUINCY, MASS.

22 July 1924.

My dear Mrs. Straight:

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

It was my 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 in his 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. Wakeman.

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the quicksands & shoals are passed there is no reason why the Lord shouldn't lead us up to the mountain tops. Everything looks & happy & perfect might to belong to you.

I meant to write & tell you how adorable Beulie was at Barbie's wedding. I sent your message by her but in the excitement & confusion she may have forgotten to repeat them.

I am so happy & proud about Douglas' coming marriage to Babs White

Mrs J. A. Burden.

Cable

Woodside.
Syosset,
Long Island.

July 23

Dear Dorothy - Thank you for sending me Croly's book about Willard. Some day your children will appreciate that letter from his Father & your closing sentence in the book. I can't tell you what it made me feel.—

~~I am so glad to hear that you have improved immensely in Woods Hole. It is a struggle to get on firm ground but nice~~

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She is what I hoped the girl he would marry might be like. This wedding is to be in the same lodge house in Albany on Monday. Harry has given them Dearborn for their honey moon. Mr. Byrd is coming to spend a week with me the first part of August. I am disappointed to miss the first part of Beatrice & Prather's visit here, we don't expect their return from Europe until the end of October. I can't begin to think how little I have been able to do for you all these last months. Sometime in the near future you must let me make up for all the undone things. My best love to you, dearest Dorothy, and my wishes for every blessing that you need - devotedly Adie

Dercum and Beer · Architects
4500 Euclid Avenue · Cleveland

My dear Mrs. Straight,

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

It 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 he gave me has hung in my home. I remember too, 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.

His activities, after he left Cornell, were in a general way familiar, but it will be with renewed interest that I shall read the fascinating and inspiring story of his life.

Most sincerely yours.
Hermann Dercum.

July 23, 1924.

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AMERICAN CONSULAR SERVICE

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,

George Hanson

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

CORNELL UNIVERSITY
ITHACA, NEW YORK

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

July 23, 1924

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

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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

Livingston Farrand

14, PLACE VENDÔME
PARIS

23rd July 1924.

Dear Mrs. Straight,

I beg to thank you very much for the Memoirs 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,

W. Goderhose

Mrs. W. Straight,
1130 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

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1 ET 3 RUE DES ITALIENS
PARIS

Dear Mrs. Straight :-

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

Croly, I think, has accomplished a fine work; it is done with such a sympathetic under-

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standing and fine feeling. Parts of it brought back to me so keenly the days when John Mitchel 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 Mitchel and Willard had many qualities in common.

I had good news of you the other day from Mrs. Cromwell. Marta and I both wish often that you may come to Europe again soon.

With every good wish, I am, faithfully yours,

Theodore Roosevelt

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July 23 [1924]

Stark Young

The New REPUBLIC
421 West 21st Street
New York City

Dear Dorothy

Whatever it was that I thought whenever I am a loss to remember, but I send along just the same that treasure of ocean 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 the NR 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 tackle the larger audience. I am waiting now to hear what they will say, I accepted 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 bona fide 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 over 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 a n 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 as man as WS, who never lived to carry through what was plainly so finely begun. One must get the right outlay of

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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.

Bless 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.

Stark Y.

all those beautiful and ample and stirring traits and qualities and then feel the reality, not the scattering, which it is not, 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 for 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

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HÔTEL DE CRILLON

Paris, le July 24th. 19 24

PLACE DE LA CONCORDE

Ad. Télég: "CRILONOTEL"

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

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 very 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,

Lewis S Palen

Chalet de la Foret
BOUVERET SUISSE
July 25th [1924]

Dear Mrs. Straight -

It was with deep appreciation and no little emotion that I opened and found the book from Macmillans was a copy of Willard's life with your card in it. I had not yet sent for it and am so delighted to have received it from you. We shall at once begin the interesting text, after having already run through several times the attractive illustrations.

It has always been a matter of much regret to me that a very excellent sketch of a Chinese boy which Willard gaveme should have been among my packed belongings way out in Harbin, when I wanted to turn it over to Froelick two years ago. We have, by the way, just sent for all of our books and other personal possessions, as it seems fairly certain that we shall locate here in France for a time at least, until we can finish some further volumes on which I am now engaged or which I have in contemplation. We never forget what a delightful portion of our library is made up of the books which you and Willard so graciously sent us.

Though you may think it rather soon for us to have a wedding in the family, I am sending you a copy of the picture made of the couple leaving the church. The groom's costume was worn by his father at a fancy dress ball forty years ago.

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I should have asked you at the outset to pardon a typewritten 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,

Louis Palen

CUSTOM HOUSE,

Tientsin, N. China, 26/VII/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 memento of one 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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of him had never suspected. What an amazingly various nature he had. For instance I never knew anything about his drawing, and yet, while I am not very competent in such matters, surely there was in him an artist of great promise. The book brought back to me the impression I had of his irrepressible vitality, the manifold quality of his interests, his ardor and his thirst for life. It is a good book and

The University Club
Fifth Avenue & 54th Street

Dear Mrs. Straight

I got a copy of Herbert's ~~and~~ biography of your husband some time ago and I am ashamed at having failed for so long 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

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tells its own story very well. It has an interest to all of us even though we did not know him as did his intimates.

I have been hearing encouraging reports of your progress; may they continue. I am hoping that perhaps by next October you will be able to get about.

With much thanks for remembering me believe me

Very sincerely yours
Learned Hand

July 25, 1924.

Seven Gates Farm
Vineyard Haven, Mass
July 27 - 1924

Dear Mrs Straight:

Thank you so much for sending me Herbert Croly's book about Willard. I am reading it with the keenest interest and attention. Willard remains so vivid a figure

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to all of us who knew him that reading about him revives old contacts with a singular freshness. This is one of the books to keep.

I am sending this letter on to Cody to forward to you. If you are about Woods Hole I hope you will let us drop in and see you some day when we are passing that way.

With renewed thanks for your courtesy and thoughtfulness, I am,

Sincerely yours
Edward B. Cowey

July 28, 1924.

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

My dear Mrs Straight.-

It was with great pleasure I received the 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

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will give me many hours of pleasure, as I greatly admired and cherished the friendship which existed between Mr Straight and myself.

I have only pleasant memories and loving thoughts for him, and always felt proud to think he never forgot me on his short visits to Oswego.

Accept my deep appreciation for your gift and very best wishes for your future happiness, I am,

Very Sincerely
G. G. Blackburn
57 West 4th St.
Oswego, N.Y.

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follows him very closely, but this biography is completing in our minds the character of a man we all loved and were eager to follow.

Again with sincerest thanks behind me

Most gratefully,

Charles E. Stevens.

July twenty-sixth (1924)

Mrs. Willard Straight
1130 Fifth Ave.
New York.

247 Park Avenue.
New York City.

Dear Mrs. Straight—

Please accept my deepest thanks for the volume "Willard Straight" which I received from you a few days ago.

As a class mate of Willard's in the College of Architecture I am enjoying its pages. While his life and work were unfolding in the Orient, his fellow students were unable to

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FRANCHESTER PLACE
RICHMOND ROAD, SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO.

My dear Dorothy, -

A few days ago I received a copy of Herbert Croly's book of Willard with your card enclosed. I intended writing you at once and thanking you for having thought of me, but was interrupted. I am ashamed in one way at such a delay.

me the book, and in giving me an opportunity to know those qualities in Willard and that side of his life, an example which you and particularly the children may well be proud.

With many thanks for your kindness and best wishes to you all. I am

Most Sincerely
Chester C Bolton

July 30, 1924.

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His desire for action, his disappointments and regrets (which many of us consciously 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 those of many who gave so willingly in their country's hour of need.

So I am doubly thankful (in my tardy acknowledgment) of your thought in sending but am glad in another, for in the interim I have read the book and been thrilled by it. The story of Willard's life is interesting and an honorable tribute to be handed down, but the intimate picture of his struggle and sacrifice during the war is a eulogy to a life of service and of understanding.

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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.

Frederic Baring

July 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.

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Aug 30.
1924

Rome.

Dear Cicely.

I want to thank you and congratulate you. I think your life of Willard splendid and you know I'm hard to please on this subject.

We are delighted with the better reports of Dorothy's health and now hope she is really on the road back to health.

We expect to spend part of Sept. Oct. and Nov.

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in the U. S. O. and I hope
to have the pleasure of a
chat or argument with you ~

Sincerely,

P. Fletcher

Mr Fletcher Rome
July 30. 1924.

Dear Dorothy -
Thank you so much
for sending me Herbert Croly's
life of Willard - I think
it mighty well done and
very satisfying - Of course
I do not think more men
and indeed can ever do him
justice nor tell the women
which did not know him
what manner of man he was.

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Someday you should have all his letters to me that I can collect — for just now they are scattered everywhere —

You can't imagine how relieved and overjoyed we both feel to hear that you are improving in health — and how sincerely we hope you will be patient and strong-spirited enough to win back to your real self — I know it is tedious and tiresome but please do it —

The best you sent me of late of the great heart is always before me. I have had one done of myself — rather one has been done — for I did not seek it —

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ALLEN W. POUCHER
169 WEST THIRD STREET
OSWEGO · NEW YORK

July 31, 1924.

Mrs. 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,

Allen W. Poucher.

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Supreme Court
of the
State of New York

PHILIP J. McCOOK
JUSTICE

JUSTICES CHAMBERS
FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT
51 CHAMBERS STREET
NEW YORK CITY

Niantic Conn.
July 31, 1924.

Dear Mrs. Straight:

I thank you so very much for Mr. Croly's life of Willard, which I have alone finished. How it brings him back! You and I were fortunately intimate in, and moved by, his letters from France giving details many of which we did not know, though when I saw him at Army Headquarters between St. Mihiel and Meuse-Argonne Drive he told me some others, and I heard from Colonel Cooper his ambitions and earlier estimates, when the future seemed more elastic.

I still regret, as I did after Grant's "Cuba" story, that Willard does not get credit for his initiative and constructive ability in the earliest stages of the Mayor's Committee on National Defense, under his charge. The book does not even refer to this year of important accomplishment. However, it is very understanding, and covers much ground, and makes his friends and others see him as he was. After all, that

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is what the mother tried for, no doubt, and what Willard would have wished.

I shall never cease to be grateful that an apparent accident gave me the privilege of my all-too-short two years' acquaintance with this rare and choice soul.

Always sincerely yours
Philip James Wise

Mrs. Willard Straight

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MANHASSET, TWO TWO FOUR

NONESUCH HOUSE
MANHASSET, LONG ISLAND

Dearest Dorothy,—

Two days ago, when I was in town, I proved Willard's lily which you had sent me. Thank you very much. I have already looked through it, at all the lovely drawings — what a real artist he was — and I shall read it my first spare moment. It was dear of you to send it to me. How happy you must be that it is out and all the hard work you put into it has brought accomplishment.

Mrs Byne telephoned me a week ago & told me of your wonderful improvement. She said she supposed that I must have seen you before as you look now but she hadn't seen, as she had been keeping you as a young girl & this is the way she imagines you must have looked then — I am so happy over you & that

[incomplete - Katharine]

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everything is turning out so happily. It has been a long pull and you have been wonderful about it - and perhaps in the end we'll all be glad it happened - You won't, I'm sure, ever go back to the heavy strain you forced yourself to live under before - and I really believe you will find life will be much fuller of accomplishment & much happier & more satisfactory if you don't - Things crowds upon me so, without wanting them.

I didn't mean to write all this - you know much more about it than I, anyway!

It's been a long pull for your friends too. You don't know how hard it has been to stay away from seeing you - not that we weren't glad to, knowing it was best for you - but I missed you frightfully - You shouldn't really make people depend on you so!

It has been lovely down here this Summer & we are delighted that we have

Fort Monroe, Virginia.
August 2 1924

My dear Mrs Straight:

I have been waiting to finish reading the book on your husband's life before acknowledging your kind thoughtfulness in sending it to me. It is a fitting tribute to a noble life and I am glad to have the chance to inform myself so completely on all of his activities and high resolves.

I was a guest at the "Temple" at Mulham for a week. Later your husband was in Washington and I had the pleasure to show him over the War College and to have him as my guest at a "Club" dinner at the home of Charles Francis Adams. This "Talk Club" used to meet once a month at the home of one of its members, each one of them bringing a guest. It was the ambition to introduce some one who would interest the party in the informal conversations that often lasted till very late. Needless to say that Straight was voted a complete success.

Among the incidents which happened to know about, which would interest you I am sure was the "Flag Pole" affair. The Japanese

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now taking every opportunity to show their dominating position. One expression of this idea was to erect a flag pole on which the Japanese Banner would fly higher than any other in the city. You know how hard it is to get a pole for a flag in China or even in Asia perhaps. The Japanese got one somehow and were quite proud of it, bragged about it in fact. Well, Straight did not propose to be outdone. He started out to find a flag pole himself. Finally he did get one, I know not where. He may even have dismantled a ship to get it. It had that appearance. It made the long and difficult trip to Mukden, was erected with proper ceremonies. Judge the amazement and chagrin of the Japanese at seeing the American flag flying twenty feet higher than their own.

I had dinner with your husband in Paris about August 15, 1918. An inexorable law was returning me from active service 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

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to do so. When I arrived in New York I found my son in camp with his division on Long Island waiting to go to Europe. I had not seen him for a long time and I might not see him again. So I spent all my time with him and actually failed in my promise. It would have made little difference I suppose if Straight had not ceased to live so soon. As it is I feel a lasting regret. The best I can do is to offer this feeble excuse.

My wife who has so often heard me speak of your husband has been equally interested with me in reading the book. She joins me in cordial good messages to you and yours.

Very sincerely yours
Otto Kahn

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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.

E. Austin Barnes

August 4th 1924

CENTURY CLUB OF SYRACUSE

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 volume on Willard's life.

It has been in such demand by so many of Willard's old friends that I have had a chance to only glance it over as yet. I took it to Henderson Harter over the week end when it gave pleasure

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to former Owego friends as well as to the various members of my family.

Having been so closely associated with Willard in Delta Tau, Alpha Sigma, Sphinx Head and Savage Club in our undergraduate days it has always been a regret that I was unable to keep more in touch with him in later years. But nothing can dim the remembrance of those wonderful days when lasting friendships were being formed and wonderful futures being planned. I think the publication of the book on his life a wonderful thing. It is certainly most beautifully done and aside from giving so much pleasure to his many friends it will serve as an inspiration to many ambitious young men who seem to have difficulty in getting the right point of view at the starting point just at this time.

I have many times tried to analyze Willard's beautiful character and always came to the one outstanding characteristic. He always seemed to do the right thing at

August 5th.

REEF POINT,
BAR HARBOR,
MAINE.

Dear Dorothy.

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

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The story as it is told in your husband's own letters is of course what makes the color of the whole, & how wise it was to have let him really tell his own story. The letter to "Bill" as he calls him, seems to me as fine as any I ever read, & the whole life an enduring record of beauty, achievement, & appreciation of the great things that live for ever.

It is good news that you continue to improve. I shall see you when you get home again & shall look forward to it with pleasure.

Yours ever,

Beaumont Tarnard

[1924]

Law School of Harvard University,

Cambridge, Mass. Aug 17

Dear Dorothy –

I am very grateful to you for sending me a copy of Willard's Life, for I derive deeply your association with my copy of the book. As I wrote you a few weeks ago, Willard is courageous with all his strength and tenderness and ardor for life – the book gives the significance and reality that even we, relative outsiders, knew and felt in him. With warm regards

Faithfully yours,

Felix Frankfurter.

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TELEPHONE
MANHASSET, TWO-TWO-FOUR

NONESUCH HOUSE
MANHASSET, LONG ISLAND

Dearest Dorothy, -

I have just finished reading Willard's life and I must write you what a very wonderful record it seems to me of a very complex, sensitive, and big man - what an inspiration it will be to his children not only the ambition to

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desire for accomplishment that he showed all the way through. but because of his humanness and kindness. He was such a dear understanding and human father and we they will feel very close to them. I think his occasional loss of belief in his own abilities – all the while he was so steadily going ahead – will be quite as much an inspiration & comfort to them as his many accomplishments.

[8-6-27]

TELEPHONE
MANHASSET, TWO-TWO-FOUR

NONESUCH HOUSE
MANHASSET, LONG ISLAND

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

Nothing more beautiful than his letter to Whitney has, I believe, ever been written. ~~Thank~~

Thank you so much for sending me a copy – Reading it has been a very inspiring experience.

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[8-6-24].

Would you ask your nurse to send me a line about just how you are. Miss Boyce called me up after her first visit to Woods Hole & 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 line every so often it would mean a great deal to me —

God bless you for being what you are.

Your loving Nathaniel —

Aug 6th.

Mrs Colburn

August 7, 1924

10 MA TA-JEN HUTUNG
PEKING CHINA

Dearest 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. Very happily, though, for it was radiant enough to fill a lifetime with joy. The book is beautiful both to handle and to read. It gives a fine straightforward picture of Willard's dramatic life. I wish it showed more of the humor and gayety which were so large a part of it and more of the artist that was in him. But one cannot have everything and there are glimpses of these things in his own letters. I followed the story with breathless interest, especially through those turbulent days when Col and I had worked and suffered and exulted with him. The man stands out from it for me in all the strength of his ardent soul. And

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I feel again the waste to the world in the loss of him. Not for him though. He has gone on in triumph. And he has found perhaps something he always longed for and never quite reached.

I love what he says of Cal. And there are some high points in the book that one can never forget. One is your own tribute to him at the end and another is of course that wonderful letter to his son.

I have distributed the ten copies of the book that you sent me through Bennett, 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. Do be careful, Dorothy dear, and get well quickly. You have such a fine heritage to live for. I am sure the children have many vigorous faults and need you badly, but I am sure too that they can make you happy.

I wish you might see the beautiful Chinese house which Admiral Tsai restored for me. I love it and

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Eagle Ridge Tavern
Upper Klamath Lake
Klamath Falls, Oregon

Dear Mrs Straight:- After much wandering the precious story, so delightfully told, of Mr Willard's life found me in this out of the way place. I wish you could know how much I prize this treasured 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

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Klamath Falls, Oregon

far in our country's history, but in lieu of that I can't help but feel he is carrying on and doing a manly job in a fine way in a bigger and better world beyond the stars. Thanking you for your kindness and with the best of wishes for you and yours in which Mrs Hunt heartily joins me I am

Sincerely

Leigh Hunt

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ALEXANDER B. TROWBRIDGE
NEW YORK

August 11th, 1924.

My dear Mrs. Straight:

Please accept my cordial thanks and appreciation for the copy of Herbert Croly's book,recounting Willard's life and achievements. I am reading it now with keen enjoyment and I find myself marveling 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 but, 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 projets in architecture. This request was made so that he might elect work in modern history under Morse 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.

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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,

Alex B Trowbridge

Mrs. Willard Dickerman Straight,
1130 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

[8-12-24]

My dear Mrs Straight:—

I am writing in behalf of my brother Andrew Sewall to thank you for the volume of Mr Straight's life. It has been tremendously interesting to him for it has recalled with force Mr Straight's great personality—and their friendship. My brother is slowly recovering from a long and serious illness, so it has been a reunion of the Great Man and it has left its happy mark. Your husband's letters have been the first reading he has had in many a month

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and he has read them
with the keenest appreciation —
he wants me to thank you
most heartily —

Very sincerely yours
Augusta Sewell Johnson

The Orchard Connecticut —
August 12th 1924

Heath, Mass.
August 13, 1924.

Dear Mrs. Straight:

Thank you sincerely and warmly for sending me Mr. Croly's life & 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 Heath, where Howard and I

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are reading it aloud with keen interest and pleasure. How well Mr. Croly has done his work! It is the character of a modern knight errant which is depicted in these pages.

With kindest regards from us both, and the hope that you are rapidly regaining health and strength,

Faithfully yours
Howard C. Robbins.

Lake City

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,

[J. Reuben Clark, Jr.]

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

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HÔTEL VICTORIA
P. WALSDORFF PRL DIRL
rue du Cercle Nautique & rue d'Antibes
CANNES. A.M.
TÉLÉPH. 6·28

August 19 - 1924

Dear Dorothy

I received several days ago the splendid book of Willard and have read it with the most absorbing interest and pleasure. I was amazed at the clearness of the many recollections of him which it evoked. I feel the greatest satisfaction in knowing that there is now such a fine record of his vivid life and personality. What a wonderful panorama it all is, and what a splendid legacy for your children - I am sending a copy of the book to my youngest brother because of the high inspiration there is in it for youth.

We are here for a few days having been motoring in France for several months.

Thanking you most cordially for the book and ~~with~~ most earnest good wishes for you and yours in which Rosamond joins,

Sincerely Yours

Albert DeKerr

August 19, 1924.

Dear Mrs. Straight:

When I came to business yesterday, after several months absence abroad, I found the copy of the Life of Mr. 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 deepest interest and unavailing regret that so fine and brave a life was so short.

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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, I am

Sincerely yours,

William Brentano

in 1909 - How long ago that all seems -

Believe me, with renewed and very grateful thanks

I am most sincerely

Peter A. Jay

[1924]

AMERICAN LEGATION,
BUCHAREST.

August 20 - 1923

Dear Mr Straight

Just a hurried line to thank you very much for your thoughtful kindness in sending me a copy of Wilson's biography which has reached me through the Department's pouch to Bucharest.

I have not yet had time to read it, but as I am

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in my mind on leave, I am especially hoping for news of his having started on his tour in India. I want similar 1890 quotity thought it - on my

Journey -

I hope it requests him as he really was - brilliant

Mr Rahy knew him well, he would be difficult - for some time long and notwithstanding experience have I met and seen something, a more versatile and fascinating man - with infinite charm and brilliancy in each phase in which he showed himself at the moment. I remember a rather clever woman - Lady Susan Townley, who knew him when he was in the Chinese Customs, telling me about him in Constantinople about 1904. She thought he was an absolute genius, so I was exceedingly glad to meet him some two years later, and like everyone else promptly fell under the spell of his attractive personality and charm.

You have probably forgotten that I told you about him when Susan & I saw you in Japan

Fenchowfu, Shansi
Aug. 20 - 1924 -

Dear Mrs. Straight:-

A group of five of us sits every evening when we do not have guests and one of the group reads aloud from the book which came as a gift from you - Dr. Pye, my host for the summer, who is an inveterate reader, with a taste for biography, had remarked a few days before it came - "that is a book which I must order" - Soon it will be passing on

Last September it admitted women for the first time, and they wanted an "old hand" to organize the women's unit and initiate coeducation. The Union Medical College for Women, formerly in Peking, is now merged with the School of Medicine of this University. My permanent interests however are teaching, (religious education) and translation of books - Mr. Harold Smith, my Corbett's husband, is in the department of education, and Mrs. Smith adds much to our happiness - Come to China again and see us!

Yours gratefully,
Luella Miner.

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for others to read, and I want to add their thanks to mine.

I am especially interested in the book because Mr. Straight's vivid personality made such a lasting impression on me the first time I ever saw him — at an American Legation function in 1903 when I returned from furlough — I still remember the story which he told — He lived more in his shortened years than many who fill the full measure of years, and the contribution which he made, in two hemispheres, must be your joy and pride —

I have often thought I would write you a little about some of the girls who have been helped, in Jenching College, by the Whitney-Straight Scholarship, but I had no secretary, and the years went by with the pleasant task still postponed because there were more insistent duties — in 1921 the college was affiliated with Peking University, and in 1922 I resigned and Mrs. Frame took my place. I want to thank you for your generous gift to the department of journalism — for I am as loyal as ever to Peking University, though I am now connected with Shantung Christian University at Tsinanfu.

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the other, and I felt
cherished his friendship
and admired his many
achievements. I considered
him the one man in
my generation who had
had gone farther than
any other on the road
of actual accomplishment.
I am deeply appreciative

[8-21-24]

Dear Mr. Straight.

I am sorry to
have been so long in
writing to thank you
for your kindness in
sending me a copy
of Willards' letter by
Mr. Croly. I hope every

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part of last week, or
you would have had
long from me before
now. Already I have
read parts of the book
with much interest.
Though I saw but little
of Willard after leaving
college, he always kept
closely in touch one with

in Maine on my vacation
when the book came to
my office, and on coming
home has in Providence
only a day before
going away again for
several days on business.
I did not open the
package or know that
it has until the latter

of your kindness in
remembering me, and will
prize highly among my
possessions the Class's
history and record of
Willards' association with
his fellow men on two
continents.

My wife is in Maine or
she would join me in thanking

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So, are most grateful
for the many instances
in which you have made
possible the keeping alive
and fresh in our minds,
this ideal, together with
memories that are very
dear to us.

Very sincerely yours.
J. Ellis Jackson.

Thursday.

You. We still remember with
much pleasure our week
end at Narragansett Pier,
and are so glad to
have had that opportunity
of having been with you
both at that time.

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

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Richard W. Goode
Louis W. Simpson 49 Niagara Street Buffalo, N. Y. August 22, 1924.

Mr. Herbert Croly,
c/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 as 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 ~~not~~ 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 unctious praise, but a spontaneous reaction to a real work of literary art.

Sincerely yours,

Louis W Simpson

LWS:MC

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 awaiting 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 plain, on Sundays and holidays when we both were free for a

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four hours.

When the siege Legation was sold to the Koreans, our Minister assigned to me for my own temporary uses, 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 leaning heavily on Willard, I achieved 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 Far Legation by the Treasury architect who had been a page in Congress, I was loath to leave and Mr Rockhill 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 particular pleasure, was a short interval of idleness and rest which we passed together toward Midsummer in 1903. It was my first vacation 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 it's 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 further. We spent our three or four days together mostly in the pool, with walks among the surrounding

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hills in the cooler hours about sundown, and in the evening, with much 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 them I was convinced that he had chosen the better path.

Like so many others, I too was very fond of him.

Very sincerely yours

John Gardner Coolidge

[1924]

Château des Tertres
Mussy-sur-Seine
(Aube)

28 Août

Dear Mrs. Straight,

Je viens au nom de mon père Monsieur de Bautel vous remercier du fond du coeur d'avoir pensé à lui envoyer ce livre si beau et intéressant

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sur votre mari — vous savez que nous avions gardé en France et spécialement à Mussy un souvenir reconnaissant à votre mari et que nous ne saurons jamais oublier ce qu'il a donné à la France comme courage et comme dévouement — vous pouvez être sûr que nous n'oublierons jamais ces Américains venus si admirables pour nous aider et la France leur garde malgré tout et contre tout un souvenir ému. Je suis heureuse de vous le redire au

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nom de mon père, de
ma Mère, de tous les
Français qui ont vu
et admiré vos troupes
américaines – Il Chussy
a été fier comme
petit village français
de loger ces belles
troupes américaines venues
pour la délivrance du
monde –
Merci encore, Dear
Mrs Straight, de ce
beau livre que nous avons
lu avec intérêt, mais
je n'ai pas osé vous écrire
en anglais pour vous dire
mieux notre reconnaissance
de Santel Soulcet

Oswego N.Y.
Aug. 30. 1924

My dear Mrs 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 associate the thought of death with one so vital as he. His rare knightly spirit the charm and strength of his personality and character left an impression that cannot be effaced and

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make one feel that human nature in its highest development is akin to the Divine and these words keep coming to me "If we but remember only, such as these have lived." --

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

Sincerely yours
E. E. McKnight

Mr Willard D. Straight
1130 Fifth Ave.
New York City

[c. Aug. 1924] [1]

MRS. J. W. ALSOP
WOOD FORD FARM
AVON, CONNECTICUT

Dearest Dorothy

I have thought of you and prayed of you during the past months and have tried to realize what you have been going through and hope & pray that you really are getting strength now. Edith had good news of you when she was here with Victor, the end of June, and I am sure now that you must be on the right road.

We all love you and admire

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so truly that your illness has really touched you many many friends more than we can say. It has seemed to dispirit you you whom I supposed as I am sure you have –

I have just been reading Willard's life – Dorothy, and I feel it is a really great book – It would be thrilling if one had not known him or you and of course knowing him and you it makes it seem more so –

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MRS. J. W. ALSOP
WOOD FORD FARM
AVON, CONNECTICUT

The drawings & reproductions are so enchanting and you feel throughout, Willard's ~~[illegible]~~ mentality – the love of beauty – his keen understanding of the East – the artist – his strength & nobility and then through it all after he knew you – his love and you proven to inspire him and his power to fire upon –

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It is a very beautiful thing
and I am glad that I read the life
for apart from being thing else
I hope it will help me - It
should, if he am big enough -
be an inspiration.

How I wish you were here
so that we might talk over
many things - I want to know
how the children are and what
they are doing - I should love to
see you all -

We have had a happy busy
summer and the days have

flown past far too rapidly -
It was a joy to get Jim fit -
home from Boston - I
missed him terribly all winter
for he is a stimulating amusing
companion - difficult in some
directions - not a person that
fits easily into a community
but always interested in something

The other three grow apace
and I cannot believe that the
youngest John could have
been 9 yrs. old yesterday - It
does not seem possible that it
is 9 yrs since he came into
the world -

MRS. J. W. ALSOP
WOOD FORD FARM
AVON, CONNECTICUT

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Stuart - the asthmatic one has done splendidly this summer & instead of looking like a Cuban reconcentrado as he has all his life he is now getting a hard brown body that gives me infinite joy.

Big Jim of course is absorbed in the crop of the corporation association (the Tobacco ass.) and is doing about 5 people's work but though there has been no rain & this crop may be disastrous - and there are difficulties of different varieties he seems to wise along them + looks fit.

I have been interested in

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MRS. J. W. ALSOP
WOOD FORD FARM
AVON, CONNECTICUT

many things - politics & golf - and teaching the children a number of different things from Bridge & tennis to history - and about two weeks ago we all decided that we would paint to each other a paint box in hand - small canvases - etc - / eliminating from the program who prefers my farm to work in the barn and I assure you smells as if his only work has in the manure dump) - be jolly fritter - 4 of us and paint the world -

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Stuart paints more of his face
clothes etc but on the whole it
is quite a success —

Mother is stronger and we
all go to Henderson tomorrow —
I shall stay two days and letter
for only me as he is joining
Edith out West — and then coming
back to Henderson in the first —

I cannot bear the idea for
instance much housekeeping & no
children for about 10 days & I go
back there for a week & then come
back here to settle again.

This is a volume — but it is stored
up talk into you — & you have no idea
how much I have thought of you &
and love you & admire you — Yours —
Corinne.

Mrs Hastings

POST OFFICE
OLD WESTBURY
RAILWAY AND
TELEGRAPH STATION
ROSLYN, LONG ISLAND.

BAGATELLE.

Sept 12.

Dearest Dorothy

At last I sit
down in the pile of
letters on my desk to write
I see that I really have
the book about Willard.
Mr. Choate had a copy
in Glasgow & let me read
a little of it. Now I look
forward to many happy
hours with him. again.

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I wish to you I was there
to go as I do all the
others with him that went
to Syria. Bless you for
giving me the book. I
am going to Indian State
in the morning & will
take it with me - I hope
Holden not bring Mrs
doesn't get on out. She
is travelling with Mr.
& Mrs Rhein & may
time now. If I can

I will find out the
exact date.

My best love
always
W.

F. H. McKNIGHT

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LONDON, E.C.2.

September 5th.1924.

Mrs.Willard Straight,
1130 Fifth Avenue,
New York,
U.S.A.

Dear Dorothy,

I received some two or three weeks ago the Life by Croly that you so kindly sent me; I appreciate your doing so and the personal inscription in the book more than I can say. I have delayed acknowledgment 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 excellent writing and inspiring because of its sympathetic understanding of Willard's very unusual 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 think I had noticed their effects. It all brought a lump to my throat, and almost tears to my eyes, as I realised 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 but I made no effort to see you because I was informed by Martin Egan, or some other of our mutual friends, that you were not at the time as well as I should have liked to have heard you were. Subsequently, however, Martin wrote me that you were much better and I trust that now you are quite recovered.

With kindest regards, I am,
Faithfully yours,

F. H. McKnight

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Dublin
G. N.
September 6th

Dear Dorothy

I have been completely absorbed during the last two days in "Willard Straight" and cannot resist writing to tell you how remarkable I think it is. You will be overwhelmed with letters of praise but I want you to know what an event reading it has been for me.

No one knows better than you the privelege it is to see life through the eyes of such a man and your great generosity in sharing this has given us all something of real value. I can't say half what I feel about the book - the fascination of the Chinese chapters and the way the whole book makes ideals more real - enthusiasms

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here worth while and yet gives us the comfort of knowing that even leaders get discouraged at times so I don't want to tire you with a long letter and don't think of answering this. I took a hearing from you this summer so felt you should not have taken the trouble to write.

I do so hope you are better and send you much love

Priscilla (Auchincloss)

interesting industrial era of history. Certainly three generations of specially trained minds are ready to apply themselves, and are doing so, to the commercial exploitation of fundamentally important developments in our basic crafts were available, the most important developments in such crafts, in fact, since those which underlay our first great industrial era, which closely followed our civil war. That Willard should not be here to function internationally during such

246 EAST 105TH STREET
Cleveland, Ohio
September the Seventh

My dear Mrs. Straight:

Returning here I have a copy of the work Willard Straight, which you so kindly sent me. It is the most appropriate as well as unique book of its kind within my knowledge.

Personally, and that means selfishly I presume, I feel Willard's loss more and more. We seem to be headed relatively shortly for probably the most intensive and

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a period in an outstanding manner constructively, as his knowledge and experience qualified him to do, shall always be a source of deepest regret to me. No one of his generation, within my knowledge, was so peculiarly fitted by characteristics and training to render competent and invaluable service at this time.

Many thanks for his biography, I shall always treasure it.

Sincerely

Edward Alsworth

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

2160 Glenwood Avenue
Toledo, Ohio

September 7th
1924

My dear Mrs. Straight:

I want to thank you for permitting the publishing of the life of Mr. Straight – I have just finished the book, which I read with the greatest interest. Ever since the publication of Mr. Bland's "China under the Empress Dowager", I've been intensely interested in China, and the period when you and your husband were in China, during that strange meteoric rise and fall of Yuan Shih-k'ai, was probably one of the most thrilling of any of our contemporary history –

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and yet so few people, comparatively, in our part of the world, were at all conscious of it then, or are conscious of it now. I hope the book will turn many to China, so that all that is happening there may seem more real and vital to them.

I had known the very charming sketches your husband made for Mr. Bland's Houseboat Days in China — and am so glad the Life is so richly illustrated with his drawings.

I wonder if you know the collection of publications about China which Mr. Wason of Cleveland left to Cornell — there is, if my memory is accurate at all, a log of the voyage of

2100 Glenwood Avenue
Toledo, Ohio

the Macartney Embassy: — both the official log, & one kept by some man with artistic sense, who interspersed his account with water-color sketches. I fear I may have the facts about it all wrong, but am quite sure of the charm of the document there.

It couldn't have been easy to decide to have the Life published, so I do want to thank you for your generosity in doing so —

Gratefully yours

Amy E. Maher

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FRED A. BAXTER
MAYOR

A. D. S. GILLETT
COMMISSIONER

JOHN SCHAFER
COMMISSIONER

City of Superior
Wisconsin
HEAD OF DEEP-WATER NAVIGATION

Superior, Wis., Sept. 9, 1924

Mr. Herbert Croly
c/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

A. D. S. Gillett
Commissioner

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MRS. BARRETT WENDELL
PORTSMOUTH
NEW HAMPSHIRE

Sept 9 —

My dear Mrs Straight,

I have just finished your husband's life, & I hope you will not mind my telling you how deeply interested I have been in it; & also very much moved by it. It has been such

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an irreparable loss to America! I always felt that he would be Minister to China — he was in Peking in the Spring of 1911 & it is such a vivid memory. We met us at the railroad station, we dined with him that first night in his house — I can never forget my impression of the mixture of East & West.

MRS. BARRETT WENDELL
PORTSMOUTH
NEW HAMPSHIRE

I was so much impressed by the way he dominated all the diplomats in Peking — Mr Hunt-Stephens was one of our dearest friends & Edwin Morgan another & we knew Mr Bland & so on tho' the book — he had known so many of the people he mentioned, it made it still more

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American Legation
Port-au-Prince, Haiti
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 partic-

lited to read — The book is beautifully composed — I am sure it will make people who did not know your husband, feel that they did — this letter to your boy, seems to me — one of the most beautiful in the English language — they should be classics —

Thank you for letting us have the pleasure of reading the book.

Yours
Robert Underwood

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CUSTOM HOUSE,

Chinkiang, 12. Sept. 1922

Kiangsu,

China.

Dear Mrs. Straight.

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

Perhaps you may know I succeeded him in his Customs position in Peking and reached the rank of Commissioner two years ago, a place

ularly 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

Major John H. Wheeler

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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 renews the memories of many happy years.

Yours sincerely,
C. R. Holwill.

SOLANA
LOCUST VALLEY
LONG ISLAND

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 intensely interested in it & delighted to know of the early experiences of his life.

Hardly anyone whom I have ever known was as unselfish & generous and delightful as Willard and my association with him was one of the most delightful experiences of my life

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His charm & resourcefulness were an inspiration to me and the joy of my association with him will always be one of the happiest recollections of my life.

I hope you are well and have had a pleasant Summer with your dear children who must be a great comfort to you.

I was delighted to see Whitney last year at the Piping Rock horse show. His enthusiasm about the ponies was splendid and much like his father's.

Mrs Sims asks me to send her love to you and I hope we may both have the pleasure of seeing you this Winter

Sincerely yours

Sept. 14th 1924 Charles A Sims

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MRS. ARTHUR W. SWANN
THE KAYAK
STOCKBRIDGE, MASS.

My dearest Dorothy,

I tremble lest you do not like this — short as it is. Lolith asked me to write it for the Bulletin & if you don't like it, or would rather change or omit any part of it, will you telegraph her at 139 East 40 as it will go to print almost immediately.

I think of you all the time & hope so much to see you before long. Devotedly

Susie.

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WILLARD STRAIGHT
By Herbert Croly.

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 lus 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 two 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:

no paragraph

"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 befool, 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 ours 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

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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 Chinaman in a way that few westerners are ever 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 SEDGWICK SWANN.

221 Eddy St., Ithaca, New York,
September 20th 1924.

My dear Mrs. Straight:

On my return from an vacation in Maine, I found a copy of the biography of Mr. Straight on my desk with your card enclosed. It was really most kind and considerate of you to remember me in this way.

I had heard while in Maine of what a delightful book it was and had wanted very much to read it, so your gift was most opportune and appreciated. Though I never had the pleasure of meeting Mr.

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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 interests and been over the same ground, — life at Cornell, an intimate acquaintance with Horace Stephens in California, a love for drawing and sketching, four years in China, and three in Russia, Siberia, and Manchuria.

I have lived at Harbin, have visited Charlie Tuck at the estate down the Sungari River, have escaped from Siberia in open carts by way of Blagoveshchensk, Hei Lung Cheng and Tsitsihar, have visited the Bakers in the Consulate at Mukden, been several times to Seoul, 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 finish it I shall send (loan) it to my aunt in California, who spent four years in that region, largely with me, doing war relief work, all the way from Vladivostok to Irkutsk.

I have heard that you were ill this Summer. I trust that your health is greatly improved

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and that you may soon come to see the progress on the new Union building at Cornell. And when you do come, will you not give Mrs. Moran 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,

Sincerely yours,

Hugh Moran.

would receive so many letters that I held back. You will recall I think going with Willard one friend, to Garden City to see my Mother. She spoke so beautifully of you when she returned home, and of course she dearly loved Willard. She died a little less than a year before he died. The story in the Times (and I am looking forward to reading Mr. Polk's book as soon as I can get it). took me back to the time

1801 So. Ardmore Ave
Los Angeles, Calif.
Sept. 17th [1924]

My dear Mrs. Straight;

I hope you will pardon, if this is an intrusion, but I have just been reading the little sketch of Willard in the Magazine Number of the New York Times, and I can not help writing you a line. I did not do so at the time of his death, altho we were all deeply grieved over it, but I never you

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when Willard came to New York during his last term at Cornell to interview Mr. Morgan - He stopped to see us on his way to Mr. Morgans - we had recently moved to New York, from Owego - and came back to dinner with us - my brothers going with him to the train that night, so it almost seemed as if we were starting him to China - I well remember thinking what a strange rather visionary venture it was - but what great things he laid the foundation for, in his short life -

I have heard also of Hazel's death - and a few years ago heard of her through relatives of mine whom she lived near at Cornwall on Hudson - She was near the age of my youngest brother, and he admired her as much - I did not know her so 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.

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With kind regards to Willard's wife

Most Cordially Yours.

(Miss) Marie A. Clark -

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23 WALL STREET

My dear Mrs. Straight –

It is rather late to thank you for the copy of Mr. Croly'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 Croly has done a fine job. I am sure the book will please Mr. Straight's friends.

I'm so glad to hear from Mr. Kincaid that your health is much improved.

Phil and Polly were on last week from San Francisco and wanted to see you. I told them you had not yet returned to the city. But mr & his wife are due back Monday after a five months trip to So. America.

I know you must

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

With kindest regards, I am.

Very sincerely yours,

Frost Patchin

Sept. 20th

Mabel Boardman

Sept. 21st 1924

1801 P STREET,
DUPONT CIRCLE.

Dear Dorothy:

On my return home Friday I found the life of Willard you so kindly sent me some time last summer, but which was not forwarded to me. I should have written you long ere this. I am so glad to have it and to learn more of his remarkable life [illegible]

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than I knew before. I have already read more than half of the volume aloud to my mother, and as she said last night—having not known him personally—he could have found it deeply interesting. He has made me feeling known him added to an interest. Thank you many times for sending me the book.

P.S. War in Korea that I first met Willard, and I shall

always retain the impression he then made on me. His search activity and sensitiveness & the keen and flexible mind are clearly revealing & this is not merely a Celtic Romanticism & by the Rover in Celtic for all the day dreaming and beating a machine. a accompanying us & are of his having original the cavalcade & chain and hearing, followed by a long procession of convicts to Sau Tei Lau-Lunkha in Bay, Hong

for dinner to find at one place three little sketches by his artistic pen, and five days after the boy and they day he arrived with his guitar and sings to us strips of many lands. But more than all this his fine, cancel- and strong character with a refinement. His offer lips at Sing-Sing on his ideal of what a man should be lips the deepest impression, and the story of his life so fully corroborate.

I have a little red Roman Chaut-auqua bible with my name stamped on it, in which I keep my handkerchief - and have kept it there for many years, so that I have a daily reminder of him. With much love - dear Dorothy yours affectionately

Mabel T. Boardman

S. C. DILLEY, PRESIDENT
J. C. BOUSHELL, MANAGER

Sept. 7th 1921

HOTEL EAU CLAIRE

FIREPROOF

EAU CLAIRE, WISCONSIN

My dear Mrs. Straight:

Please accept my sincere thanks for his copy of Willard Straight's life. As soon as I read of its existence, I sent to the Macmillan Company for a copy. I intended to read it any word, but to day, I began to read in spite when I met him at "Plattsburg" to the end of the book. I remember the day he lectured to my class at

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HOTEL EAU CLAIRE

FIREPROOF

EAU CLAIRE, WISCONSIN

S. C. DILLEY, PRESIDENT
J. C. BOUSHELL, MANAGER

Lauper, mentioned on page 515, remembers that day how great was his modesty in appearing before so many Regular Army Officers to speak on "Liaison". He apologized to his hearers for a "Volunteer" of but recent experience - was compelled to address officers of greater "all around" experience than he. I feel honored to be mentioned in the volume on page 478. I am sending it to Mrs. Reed, who you may recall, enjoyed your kind hospitality for a night.

Had he been spared to the Nation, I can imagine his

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HOTEL EAU CLAIRE

FIREPROOF

EAU CLAIRE, WISCONSIN

S. C. DILLEY, PRESIDENT
J. C. BOUSHELL, MANAGER

attitude and activities in regard to "Preparedness".

Thanking you again and assuring you, it is one of my most valued books I possess, I am

Yrs. great respect
William L. Reed

Colonel U. S. Army.

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September 25. 1924

My dear Mrs Straight -

Will you pardon a liberty from a stranger - from one however who knew Mr Straight across a fellow classmate of his in college.

In "house-cleaning" I ran across a small booklet which perhaps you have never seen & which may be of some slight interest & which therefore I send under separate cover - Perhaps

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you can guess who the artist was. The little publication is of no further interest to me & if you have no use for it don't feel it to destroy it — & don't take the trouble to acknowledge it.

Sincerely yours
Gilbert M. Tucker Jr.

30 PINE STREET,
NEW YORK.

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 Moukden in 1907, but when I freshen the memory of this association through these letters, I get back all the old thrill.

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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 typewriting 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,
Fairman R Dick

Mrs. Willard Straight,
Old Westbury,
Long Island.

MANSION HOUSE
NAUSHON ISLAND

P. O., WOODS HOLE, MASS.
TELEGRAPH, WOODS HOLE, MASS.

Sept 30th
1924

Dear Dorothy

I have finished reading Willard's life and thank you from the bottom of my heart for having it written and letting me have it —

You must have thought me a very unappreciative friend of his and yours, to

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have recent as given a
gift in silence – The
fact was that I wanted to
read it – as the most ear-
nest of Adit Come from a
to early part of the Native
Michigan Seminary – And
the thought you will pity –
I am at the now – I
get a new application for
William Cure Office, which
was of course satisfactory to

oriental situation and awakening the
consciousness of some of our men of power
politically & financially, to the greatness
of the issues involved & his work there
has not died with him. It endures &
your book will help it endure – It is
an honest portrayal of the life & struggles
& fears, limitations & failures of a
rich spiritual man, endowed with a

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natural nobility of soul & instinct for native right minded men - Especially as relates to personal conduct. As such the book shall be a fine inspiration to his children — as well as many others but I value its influence on them for it gives Willard a further chance to influence - would their lives along certain which lines.

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Woodrow is his natural nobility of soul shown both thru in his courtly and chivalrous love toward women at least most especially the woman he loved - Much I could feel that the New Republic is entering to be worthy the spirit that inspired it - I don't read it but from what I hear it must be basically unsound which means

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it will do ~~them~~ much harm
~~than good~~ if it caused
much weight —

I do hope we can both
have health next summer
& do pleasant things
together in the island —
you must plan to come
here for a full week —
& the kids can slip over
to join our picnics &

Yours & Mrs & Mac
Mary — Don't forget that we are &
Bob & the "Pt Bess" expect
Bill
a long visit
Yours
W. Cameron Forbes

Sunshine House New Canaan Conn.
M. P. KING
~~"MOONSHINE," SANTA CRUZ PARK~~
~~HONOLULU, H.I.~~

Sept. 30 1924

Dear Mrs. Straight, —

The splendid book came this morning. Thank you! a thousand thanks!

I was sent down to me from the mountains. I sat in nightgown and slippers for two hours revelling in it while breakfast grew quite cold upon the tray — and was not missed.

I opened the book at the picture of Dr. Lee, Father Walker, Straight and other folk whom I don't recall but oh — those were great friends! For two blessed hours I went from

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Mrs Mary Perry King

M. P. KING
"MOONSHINE," SANTA CRUZ PARK
HAINES FALLS, N. Y.

Class room to class room — from school to cottage — to the — clear Japanese table and to the afternoon when they told me that a little son had come into the home. Then over to school — I could smell the laboratory and see Father Straight's radiant smile — and then years crowded in and I was lost — in wondering.

I shall read the book aloud immediately. I am sorry that Perry has just left for his first Indian assignment.

He has done you credit — up to date

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WITH
EDGAR A. LEVY

STANLEY M. ISAACS
505 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK
TEL. MURRAY HILL 6960

October 2, 1924.

Herbert Croly, Esq.
c/o New Republic,
421 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,

SMI:RG

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SHP

Dear Mrs Straight.—

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

993 Park Ave
October 2d '24

SHP

My Dear Croly.—

Upon returning last week from a four months trip in South America I found your book on Willard. My admiring congratulations. I feel grateful to you for a portrait of Willard as he

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would wish the world al-
ways to know him. I have
only just read it as Minga
and I got back ~~for~~ from a
four months trip to South
America only last week.
One of the pleasantest things
~~the~~ that greeted us was the news
that you were feeling much
better. Faithfully yours
Robert H. Patchin

was and as I, for one,
would wish the world
always to know him.
Faithfully yours
Robert H. Patchin

Herbert Croly, Esq
421-W-21st St.

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POST OFFICE BOX #127
EAST ST. LOUIS, ILLINOIS

My dear Mrs. Straight

Will you please accept my very humble apology for leaving delayed so long in acknowledging receipt of, and thanking you for, the book containing the very interesting history of Williards 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

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is refreshing indeed to be again reminded of them.

Will you please accept this too long delayed expression of my thanks for your very kind remembrance of me

very sincerely yours

Geo B S Powell

October The Fourth

had an opportunity to continue those most pleasant relations, but the "Fate" or "Chance", or call it what you may, that seems to direct our destiny, chose for us divergent paths which invariably tends to terminate those happy friendships made in our early school life.

Many instances, recounted in this very interesting book, recall to mind circumstances which I had long forgotten and it

617 South Westmoreland Avenue, Los Angeles
October 8th, 1924.

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 his collected works, and to feel that you were interested in them.

I trust your health is now steadily gaining. When I am in New

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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,

Harriet Moody.

[10-8-24]

Hotel Regina
Rome 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 inWillard 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. We 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 unexpect

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ed 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

Ellor C. (Mrs. F.H.)Ripley
Ellor Carlisle Ripley

Venice, Italy
Oct. 3, 1924

To Mrs. Willard Dickerman Straight

New York City, U.S.A.

21 West 58th Street
October 10, 1924

My dear Mrs. Straight:

Upon my return from abroad some days ago I found Herbert Croly's 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 us.

You may have forgotten that I was present when in December of 1917 you so bravely bade Willard

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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 those things which you felt he would have wished done had he been 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 this book which will bind us all more closely

Believe me, my dear Mrs. Straight,

Sincerely yours,

William R. Rhodehamel

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Colonel Grayson Murphy

THE INFANTRY SCHOOL
POST BENNING, GEORGIA

October 15, 1924.

Colonel Grayson M.P.Murphy,
52 Broadway,
New York City, New York.

My dear Murphy,

Please accept my warm thanks for your congratulations on the inclusion of my name in the War Department's announcement of impending promotions. It is a great pleasure to receive this reminder of good will and interest.

I am greatly indebted to you for many things in the past and hope that I may be able to demonstrate my great appreciation.

Your comment on the Staff School at Langres came at a time when I was reading Croly's biography by Willard Straight and Martin Egan's review of the book in the Post. The men who assembled for the second course at the old Staff School were a remarkable group and surely one of the most remarkable was Willard Straight. A few weeks ago I took Mrs. Bjornstad to Langres and among other notable sights in the city I showed her where you, Straight, Simpson, and Parsons had your mess.

With my sincere best wishes, I am

Very truly yours,

Alex Bjornstad.

Dear Alex:
Thought you might like to see this - people are always asking such things of Willard - & he invariably does it - & talk of you and Mrs. Bjornstad - with so much enthusiasm - and so much good cheer at the news of your steady improvement.
Always affectionately -
Grayson

Original in private hands.

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Mrs Wm Phillips

American Embassy
33 Rue de la Science
Brussels
October 25th 1924

Dearest Dorothy

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 living in thought & heart with you & Willard. Mr. Croly has really done a fine piece of work. We feel, that even had we never known Willard & loved him, that life would have done both those things for us - made us know him & love him. From the descriptions of his childhood & his mothers early training of love & devoted understanding, to the fruition of all his own hopes & dreams & longings in you, it is vivid & real & full of interest. I cried so much at the end while I was finishing it in the train between Paris & Brussels, that I had to hide my face -

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Not just the sorrow of the end, but more the beauty of it, the feeling of Triumph that an old villain Penn, wrote - "Death cannot kill what never dies," made me cry. Those last letters to you & his son are like a trumpet call to all that is best & bravest in me our own soul. I dimly realize what your fight & Triumph have been & are, Dorothy dear - but you surely cannot begin to realize, what your Faith & life & Love stand for in the world; - things for others to live by & to make them strong. I want you dear for all of us, for giving this book to the world & for generously sharing with others in need even those last sacred words of his to you & your son. ~~How I wish our paths lay nearer together and that our children might know each other & we them. His wandering life of ours is full of interest but it will not be long now before the time will come when we must bring our~~

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Ambassade de France
à Berlin.

le 10 Novembre 1924

Madame,

C'est à la suite d'une longue absence que j'ai trouvé ici le livre concernant votre regretté mari que vous avez bien voulu m'envoyer. Le retard de cette lettre ne sera, je l'espère, ainsi pardonné.

Rien ne pouvait me toucher davantage que l'envoi que vous m'avez fait et vous avez eu raison de penser que j'y serais très-sensible. J'ai conservé de votre mari un souvenir

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qui ne s'efface pas. Sa bonté, son intelligence, sa grâce personnelle et les services qu'il m'a rendus à Pékin restent dans ma mémoire comme l'élément le meilleur de ma vie en Chine.

La lecture du livre de Mr. H. Croly avec les nombreux extraits des écrits de votre mari m'a vivement intéressé et je me suis trouvé infiniment honoré des passages où il a bien voulu noter quelques circonstances des relations que j'ai eu la bonne fortune d'entretenir avec un homme auquel l'avenir semblait réserver une si haute destinée.

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

F. de Margerie

November 11th 1924

Mutual Life Building
New York

My dear Mrs. Straight

I spent my Armistice Eve, last evening, reading that 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

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very deeply for the privilege. It brought back memories of longings which are buried very deeply in my heart. I remember as if it were yesterday the time when we had poor old Commandant Hugon to dine with us. He had just lost his son and his eyes were very sad but under the influence of Willard's sympathetic tact and cheerfulness he brightened up and when it came time to go, he could scarcely tear himself away.

Of various comrades and relatives I have also did not come back. I feel the loss of Willard by far the most keenly. His absence, slightly as I knew him before the war, has made a great difference to me since then that of none the others. Again thank you very much for sending me the book.

Faithfully yours
Henry L Stimson

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La Salle, 30 East 60th St

Telephone Regent 8400.

19th November. 1924

Dear Dorothy

At the club I found Willards Life awaiting me on my return from Europe & Morocco. And I have already read two thirds of it. His letters and his diaries during the war are a revelation of talent. steadfast purpose. industry and power of face & character. grey as ever bright Experience. I have always known that the U.S.A. lost more than Valuable men. with a picture of achievement with in his reach. I have noted that he should die. I thank you for sending the book. May I return your letters

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I have thought of you & with affection.
Your letter was written for you are
times when silence is kind. It is good
news when you are better. Nurse Burgess
was with me in Italy & Morocco for
two months and a day. — She is handsome
intelligent. Nice. & with an energetic
curiosity which is boundless. The "Pulcino"
at Sienna & the Mosques of the crown Prince of
Morocco were the crown things of
the journey. Susan Bass! My grand-
daughter comes for a short time. Tomorrow
and that warms the coldness of my lonely
heart.

If you have suffered, you have at
least been wedded to a divine companion
& have tasted the best life can give.

Your friend
Frances M. Wright

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Nov. 16, 1924.

Dear Mrs. Straight,-

Last summer I found a Quaker aunt of mine, who is mother and all the world to me, — had just finished reading the "Life of Willard Straight." - She had copied on pad paper several passages from the book for later use and inspiration; she said she intended sending some extracts to "The Friend" - a publication she took and to the local paper.

As she looked over the bills she said - "I love Dorothy Straight." - "You do not know her," said I. - "I know her - that book is hers, - She is on every page!" - was her serene reply.

Cordially,
E. A. Hayward.

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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.

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,

Arthur S. Hoyt

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not dare to stand for up with the railroad in such utter confusion as it at present is. So I went instead; and in the way of and down in a train that was jammed. I read almost through the book. You have a very happy faculty of always such splendid books: and this fascinated me, with its picture of life so short and yet so brave hard. It was really an inspiration. Straight visited us here in Soochow on his way out from China on his last trip; but I

Soochow. Ku., China
Nov. 10 1924.
[Rec'd. 12-30-24]

Dear Mr. Livingston:-

I cannot begin to tell you the pleasure you gave us by the books you sent us. The last, the life of Willard Straight, I have just finished. It came just as I was going up to Nanking to see my big boy Henry, who is celebrating his eleventh birthday this week and whom we sent away to school this fall. I think was when yours but we did

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never been; and I never met him. I think you knew him did you not?

We have had stormy days, but all then fell; and the end is not yet. Fighting all about us, and cruel conscription, and horrible carting away our Chinese friends. At Yoochow it quite just was, and we have now 250 of our 300 boys; but we can never tell. The railroad was torn up in places only yesterday; and the soldiers are completely out of hand. Official government there is none, and mandates and counter-mandates follow each other so quickly. Just for now in temporary power and then for another. And we are now attempting to know whether it is all leading. There never could be a more utterly disorganized state of things than exists now, and how glad I do think we are Chinese it is now is.

Here all is well with us, and Edith and the children unite to wish life interesting, even if the exciting work in China did not.

With warmest regards for our both to all whom we think pleased and remember me

Very Rel. Yours

Berkeley, California
November 30th

My dear Mr. Straight:

My husband desires me to express his deep appreciation of your kind thought in sending him the book "Willard Straight". He admired your husband and felt his death a personal loss as well as a public calamity! May I add a word in my own behalf — Mr. Straight was extremely help-

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full to my son — whom he met in "Camp Doniphan" and I can never forget what a comfort it was to think of Benjamin meeting an old friend of his father! Please pardon the delay in writing — Mr. Wheeler and I have just returned to California after an absence of many months. Believe me

Faithfully Yours
Amy W. Wheeler
(Mrs Benj. Ide Wheeler)

2535 Bridge Road —

535. Park Avenue
December 20th [1924]

My dear Mr. Straight

I am sending you a letter recently received, I think that you may like to see the expression of admiration for your husband and the impression the history of his life made upon Mr. Mc. Duffy. — I sent him the book last summer because I felt it

send books which will interest him, also because I knew that Mr. Straight had stayed in Mr. Mc. Duffy's home during their absence when Mr. Brunson was in charge of the school, and also that you had kindly helped with the equipment through Mr. Brunson; but also we became just feels a life small appeal to Henry Mc. Duffy, who leads his own obscure; but in the same brave manner, for the good of others. —

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Do not trouble to return the note, tear it up.

I believe to send it merely because an expression of appreciation for his care coming from Cherie will please you and the enthusiasm shown for your husband in every line of the letter of a veteran who lead a difficult life. Tell me how Mr. Straight's character leaves the strong impression upon all who read of him

Yours sincerely

Louise Livingston

In this letter there is no mention as in the one before of the ruthless destruction of crops, but conditions are bad enough

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TO OLD B. M. I. BOYS—EVERYWHERE

19 December 24

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 arduous and expensive compilation of old boys' records and latest 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. As yet time has failed me, but I have not given up the idea. I can now only thank those who wrote me and assure them I appreciated every detail of their information, remembrance 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 specialist working on systematizing our alumni files since August, and we plan to have a very complete pocket size alumni record 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 us 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 1885 reprinted, and have been working on naming 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 same pleasure of seeing themselves as they were. I had the unique experience of noting the changes in myself in photos taken annually for thirty-nine years.

You will be glad to hear that the year has opened most favorably with the largest numbers we ever enrolled—176 boarding pupils and eleven day scholars, making 187 in the battalion. We added two instructors to our Faculty on account of the increase of numbers and a desire to advance efficiency in various lines. This necessitated extra dining room arrangement and the addition of five rooms to the Landon House. Also it crowded our school room so that next year we will have to make some provision for elbow room 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 trys to give the boys more solid time together rather than splitting it up into smaller periods, enables them to get their guard off on week 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 for issue of towels and checking up bathing accomplished in a way that more nearly insures the desirable 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.

Though not complete, I think you cannot help but be interested in some statistics that have been the result of the alumni record work. Here are some facts:

Total enrollment since 1885,	2061
Total graduations,	576
Deceased,	136
Total colleges matriculates,	713 in 141 colleges; 60 now attending college
Varieties of profession,	20
Numbers whose addresses are wrong and we get return of letters,	610
War service,	over 400
Officer service,	over 150
Compilation of relatives who have been patrons,	424

The final present status of relative patronage—four sons, fifteen nephews, three third brothers, six second brothers, in addition to sixteen pairs of brothers and nine cousins.

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, 1925. 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 as ever

Yours sincerely,

T. D. Landon

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1130 Fifth Avenue

New York City. For Christmas. 1924.

To Mrs. Wm J. Calhoun,
American Legation,
Pekin, China.

Dear Madam:

May I thank you very much for your letter, also for the clippings, and Dr. Yen's letter with the lists 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 Pekin Club Library, and she quite approved. Thank you for Mrs. Edgar Wood's address. We hope to get Mr. Norman Shaw's address from Mr. Thomas. A copy was sent to Mr. W. R. Peck 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 its 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 16 West 58th 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]

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Dear Dorothy.

Will you accept a copy of this book & let it bring you as it does my own best wishes for a happy Xmas or happy New year

Your friend

Xmas 1924

SOLD FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE CHILDREN OF DR. GRENFELL'S LABRADOR MISSION.

MADE IN THE U. S. A.

[1924]

23 WALL STREET

My dear Mrs Straight

It was very good of you to include me among those to whom Willard's life was sent. I am looking forward to reading it consecutively. Meanwhile I have read parts of it up here at Martin Egan's house. Where I have been staying for a few days.

Willard was a most charming friend with what perhaps needed to make him charming, an unusually active imagination or vision whichever you may choose to call it. 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

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it. 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 thought of me & over me

Yours Sincerely
Arthur M Anderson

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61 East 93d.

Dear Mr. Straight —

I should think you would feel immensely pleased with the real success — for so it seems to me — of the <u>creation</u> Cathy has achieved in the book on your hand. Katharine & I each read every word of it over aloud with genuinely thrilled by it. Comparatively slightly as I knew him, her personality has always remained undimmed in its vividness for me, and the lapse of time adds enormously to that. When I put it down, I understood better your simple remark of several years ago that you could not feel life had cheated you of its possession or words to that effect. Your common existence with him must have been so full of great beauty & inspiration that much of his vitality & force would of itself carry over, after him.

It was immensely thoughtful of you to send me this record of his life. I should like you to think that no one appreciates it any more keenly than I.

I wonder if you yourself realize how many people have missed you during the past year, & speak constantly of your absence.

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You fill a wide place here, you know, & we shall all be so glad to welcome you back when you are quite recovered.

We ourselves live only around the corner from you & you say we are never going to meet again! I hope I will mean we can see something of you, more often.

Kathaine joins me in best wishes for a speedy return to the world.

Most sincerely

Emma Cazelly.

Incidentally I think the book is far away the best thing Cutty has ever written.

Lady Astor

3, Elliot Terrace,
The Hoe,
Plymouth.

Dear Dorothy

It was good of you to send me the book & before some day I'll have time to read it. Your husband was so nice to us — I shan't forget his Queens speech — they can never forget the things that are true.

Do come down soon.

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time, stop with us.
Let us give you
a little
that you give
others — There is no
one I would rather
have stay & see
unselfish see that
you got looked after
instead of always
looking after others
little love

Nancy Allen

Often while this book was being prepared, and with the keenest sympathy, for I have realized what an sacrifice it has been for you to share with others many of your precious memories. –

But the world is richer for being able to come in closer contact with such a

Mrs Rob. Bacon

n.d.

WESTBURY,
LONG ISLAND.

Dear Dorothy

I was much touched that you should have sent me a copy of your book, which I shall always value, and shall read with the deepest interest and appreciation. –

I have thought of you very

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nature as your husband's, with its joyousness and charm, and withal with such strength of purpose and high ideals. –

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

Affectionately yours

Martha Bacon

n.d.

Last week I found a copy of Willard's Life

129 EAST 36 STREET

waiting for me with your card in it. – You couldn't have given me anything that I am more glad to have & appreciate. Unintentionally having it from you. – I brought it back with me & have started reading it with the greatest interest. – It's a wonderful record of activity & purpose

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Mrs. A. Delano

[1924]

Pasque Island
Sunday.

Dear Dorothy.

In this quiet spot I have had an opportunity, which I lacked at home, of reading Colleen's life. I have read it carefully and thoroughly and it has opened in fuller measure the message of his life, because it embraces what so many different people of such different types thought of him. You must

Mrs Lizzie Blagden

~~Thank you many times~~ dear Dorothy for thinking to ~~send it to me~~ - as I go on with it I shall think much of you too. —

Looking forward to seeing you in the fall & again with many —

having known him his divine personality came a long in our association as the story unfolds. —

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2 be very grateful that it has been brought out as it has been, so admirably. Some people would have thought it better not to have published certain parts of it but I am so glad it was printed just as it was, for it reveals all the sweetness, all the faults all the love of that strong generous heart. Great of us also are willing to learn who do not think we know it all it is a real lesson in life.

Impressively I

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I am so reassured from what he was that I feel I can enjoy it more than mother now like home. All I can say is that my ambition for Dicky comes to be to be like Willard. If he came anywhere near it I should be very happy. It is a fine heritage for his children and yours. and I know they will make the most of it.

How are you? I have ~~[illegible]~~ you ~~[illegible]~~ and wished you might run over for a talk. Here things

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its a wonderful thing to have it.
And all your work has come
out so vividly, & Mr Croly has
put it together with a sure &
understanding hand. —
I had always hoped you would
let the letter to Whitney finish
it. for its such a brave & tender
& noble thing. —

My dear. you know I always would
love to see you. but this is no end.
it can't make the bonds any closer.
and I somehow feel that it is better

n.d.

Mrs Derby

My dearest Dorothy.

It gave me a real
thrill to see your dear hand-
writing & to have this book with
"Ethel & Dick" written in it to make
it doubly precious. It is almost
unbearably poignant, & brings
flooding back the memories of gay
days. full of such promise —
& the pain of that December. But

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for you to wait until the fall.
And especially if you like my ridiculous
letters - you've such a features - look at L
'cos' with a pen - that I'm when quite
sure but I shall believe you read them
& write as often as I want!

With dearest love & thanks for the
books & the letter from as both -

Ethel.

Wednesday

UPTON PYNE Cottage
BERNARDSVILLE, NEW JERSEY

Thursday

Dear Mr Straight

I spent the night
at my home in town a few
days ago, and found there
the book of Willard's life, which
you sent to me.
I think it was a very kind
thought of yours to remember
me amongst his friends.

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I admired him enormously.
He was such a vital enterprising
forseeing individual.
The word "vision" has been
much misused but he had
the right kind and the courage
and determination to back it
up.
In spite of all he did, he
was only beginning to be
the splendid person he
would have been if he had
lived

In any generation there are
only too few of his calibre,
and he was one of the outstanding
figures of our time.

Sincerely yours
Oliver Filley

n.d.

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THE DEANERY
BERKELEY DIVINITY SCHOOL
MIDDLETOWN, CONNECTICUT

I have just discovered Margaret
McMillan's book on "The Nursery
School" and am enthralled by it!
it is teaching me so much that
I can do to help Penelope with
her understanding of colour and
form and so on this summer.
It is all going to be very exciting.
Of course my children haven't the
artistic gifts of yours, but I think
they have a slight gift that might
be developed. How beautiful
Michael's birds are! He is a wonderful
child.

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Mrs Ladd

✓ You know I have never written to you about Willard's book, because I knew what a strain upon your strength the final appearance of the book must have been. But Bill and I are so proud and happy to have it; and have read and reread it. He must have been an enchanting person — and that lovely last letter of his to Whitney was right too. There isn't any one in the world like you — and you must look after yourself and keep yourself happy and well, not only for the sake of the children, who come first — but for the sake of those rest of us who love and

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Tracy Lyon

New York.
Sunday

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 with his father and mother were next-door neighbors of ours and then with my very dear "old" cousin, Miss Laura Newkirk. She was always old to me, tho' as a boy I was very fond of her and have most pleasant recollections of the little more or less musty old house, with it's canary birds and cookeys.

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Tracy Lyon

In later years, I admired Willard immensely, 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 bit of a hobby, the re-rigging of last century American ships and wish 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 Warden Newkirk, Miss Newkirk's father, who was in the Marine Insurance business in Oswego in the early 1800's.

It would give my wife and me great pleasure to meet you some time.

Yours sincerely

Tracy Lyon

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WILLIAM J. MACK

My dear Mrs. Straight

You must know how very much Major Straight meant and still means to me. The courage and gentleness, the strength and fairness and the lovableness of Major Straight have kept him before me - and before

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many others - as an inspiration, a leader, a friend. Very few days have ended without having brought his image to my mind.

Feeling as deeply as I do, it is hard to express adequately my appreciation of your kindly thoughtfulness in sending me a copy of his biography. I have already read a significant part. When I continue to read I shall think of you with appreciation as I recall him with love. Williams Rhees

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UNITED STATES LINES

S.S. Republic

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 inspiration of your husband's life.

These beautiful days in the Westbound voyage have been days of great without interruption to open one's mind and

one's heart to any author under such favorable skies is most satisfying; it has been a particularly rewarding experience in reading the biography.

With what pleasure you must have welcomed this book when it was completed. It gives one the sense of a hand-made book with its beautiful paper and highly interesting drawings. You seem to have achieved your highest ambition in book making which would have brought deserved praise from Thomas Bird Mosher.

The biography, apart from its exquisite format, appeals, because of its universality,

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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 noble, generous-hearted manhood who hold courage and righteousness as virtues to be lived 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 Bordentown Military Institute just ten years after your husband not for reasons identical with his but for the discipline of military accuracy. During my college days Moses 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 Public School in the Philippines at the suggestion of Bishop Brent.

The larger aspects of public service have always appealed

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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 not 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

UNITED STATES LINES

S. S. _____

to me and it is because of the fine enthusiasm which your husband brought to all that he touched that I feel the book will be as the record of an unusually vital 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

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own graciousness. As one of those friends I do thank you again most heartily.

With high regard,
Cordially yours,
Spencer Miller Jr.

diary has just reached me and I'm 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.

993 Park Ave

[1924]

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's

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among all I know who were his friends his memory remains fresh and he is often spoken of and always lovingly and admiringly. Nowhere more than at Sudea House.

I hope this 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.

Sincerely

Robert H. Tulchin.

Mrs Willard Straight

Mrs. John Parsons

POND HOLLOW FARM
WESTBURY, LONG ISLAND

n.d.

Dearest Dorothy

The Lion dwelt life
Will and dwelt
Dwelt arising and
Lion Tame Tolli read
a lot D it already.
His letting to Whitney
Just at the end
is one of the most

Lovely Tuesday I have
been read I shall
read it to our boy
Lion for is a little
bloody. Some day
Lohm you are old
to drink you friend.
But the stars you —
little Rich and memorial
to Lohm you Rare so
friendly in friendly and

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in encouragement to me.
The little service was very
short, Dr Lamson made ~~a~~
~~th~~ such a fine little speech
and gave it to Der. for
the school from all those
who loved little Richard
Then the flag was raised
and we all sang the
verse of the Star Spangled
Banner. I wish you
could have been there.
I was so deeply touched
you should have thought
of me to send me Willards
life. Dear Dorothy I
love you very much
Tim

53 STATE STREET
BOSTON

My dear Mrs. Straight,
Willard's
life I have read with the
intimate and affectionate
very much your feeling
and a copy. The book is
a real tribute & tells the
vital power which was
a characteristic of Willard.
I hope for many friends
may find & profit
pain in the reading.
The book should have
for the memory it brings &
that is a wealth Willard did
for me of value highly.
With best good wishes
my sincerely yours
Andrew J. Peter

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With beautiful memories
for which you must be
ever grateful —
The extracts from
his diary are so charmingly
written & the sketches
are fascinating & very
clever —
I am delighted that
you are so much
better I often think
of you wish I saw

n.d.

Cleftstone Road Bar Harbor
21 EAST 37TH STREET
Maine

Dear Dorothy
I am so very
interested in reading
Mr Croly's book about
your husband — What a
wonderful vision
Mr Straight had and how
interesting & full his
life was — He has
left you & your children

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You more often.
I have the same cottage here that I had last year & am very comfortable up on the hill & surrounded by glorious pine trees.
With love
Jane
Affectionately
Emily Trevor

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BURLINGTON, IOWA.

Wednesday afternoon

Dorothy Dear

how sweet of you to think of me and give me a copy of Willard's biography writing in 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. Lord how we miss him [incomplete]

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WILLARD STRAIGHT'S life is intrinsically of exceptional interest. Throughout its various phases there runs a thread of ambition and aspiration which actually strings 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 unequivocal truth the better part of the story. It is the tale of a gallant and spirited life lived for a purpose, which if he had been allowed to survive would have attained renown as well as distinction. Finally, in the act of living and telling his life he also 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 photogravure, as well as a number of pen-and-ink drawings.

February 27 - 1920.

MISS MARY GOUGH PARKER
LOMBARD, ILLINOIS

Mr Willard Straight.
New York City.

Dear Mr Straight.

I have just read the Life of Willard Straight - far more interesting than any thing I have read for many a day - One letter is worth the price of the book; the letter he wrote to his son, just before leaving for Europe. I wish every boy might have it read to him,

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though not to mother. My life has been in MISS MARY GOUGH PARKER LOMBARD, ILLINOIS with Cate at Rockford College - I have had many a Smith boys in my school - all gone but Mr. Stearns of Cornell - (the one great teacher of boys) Would he only for good to read such a letter from such a father - Pardon the suggestion - if that might be sent out for a really pamphlet Many others would like it

Sincerely Yours
Mary Gough Parker.

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[copy]

E. A. CHEYNEY
VALHALLA, N. C.

June 10 - 1925.

Mrs. Willard Straight
Fifth Avenue
New York.

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. Henry 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 knickerbockers. 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 see Mr. Willard Straight's 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.

My sister and I live in the woods about 2 miles south of Tryon

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Mr. Henry Straight like Agassiz, with whom he studied at Penikese — "had no time to make money" and both Mr. and Mrs. Straight were the most unworldly of people.

You will note the letter is not signed, but the text will prove its authenticity to you as it always has to me. I had written to Mrs. Straight asking her permission to name our little New Orleans Chapter of the Agassiz association, the Henry B. Straight Chapter, which it became after receiving this letter.

E. A. CHEYNEY
VALHALLA, N. C.

[6-10-25]

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 rare souls which I rejoice to have known.

Valhalla P.O.
Tryon, N.C.

Yours sincerely
Eliza A. Cheyney.

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Friday-

n.d.

THE COSMOPOLITAN CLUB
133 EAST 40TH STREET

Dear Mr. Straight- I can't resist the impulse to say thank you for your wonderful note which moved the very castle of my heart! And to say in a quite different connection- that the surface persecution we are going through now- in ruffling the waters- and inviting criticism- must be

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source of real strength your connection with

THE COSMOPOLITAN CLUB
133 EAST 40TH STREET

the School is to us-

The very type of question we must show how deep your fight for fairness and progress has gone- Probably it is foolish to express anything so obvious- but it is impossible that you could hear the unpersonal appreciation that is expressed to other people

Sincerely
Caroline Bacon

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MRS. ANDREW J. BANDY
4122 WARWICK BOULEVARD
KANSAS CITY
MISSOURI

My dear Mrs. Straight.

Did your husband ever write of his work in China and if so where can I find it?

Sincerely -

Betty Franklin Bandy

April 8th -

~~Saturday~~ Friday

831 EIGHTEENTH STREET

Darling Dorothy

Mr. Moore is here and is living at 1712 - H. Street. I do hope so much you will come to see him - We are moving out to Bethesda on Wednesday and it would be too heavenly to have you there.

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I am crazy to have you
see how sweet the
house looks with its
fresh white paint &
green roof & blinds.
I have also done a
lot of painting inside
+ floors stained &
waxed + it looks sweet.
also a new stove + I
have gotten a man who
is to plant laurel in the
bare spots around the
house & also vines.
I was going to have cedars
transplanted to blot out
the barn but if you are
going to sell the house
I will not go to that
expense. We will talk
over all that when you
come - So please have
it soon any time
after wednesday -
It will be too perfect
I can scarcely wait my

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Angel to have you write
you are coming —
I will meet you at the
Station when you write
or telegraph what train
you will take —
Well & well so much love
Angel —
Your devoted
B.
[Beatrice Bend Fletcher]

in to dinner. I had
never met Mr Root before &
he was very nice & friendly
he spoke with the greatest
admiration of Willard
of his intellect charm
& great qualities of the
fine future he could
have had. My heart
warmed to him for he
spoke of him with such
real appreciation.
Well my Angel please
ask Mrs Rogue to
scribble me a line

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For if you are not
coming here next week
I will go to New York —
some time —
Thursday I have to go to
the White House when
all the Diplomats are
to be received —
Father is very keen about
Mr = Hughes. He is
coming to dine with us
Friday just one other man —
With much love

[Beatrice Bend Fletcher]

dear, what a part you are of me — &
in all my joy of having Rick, there is
always pain that Willard is not here.
But the other side of the pain is the
understanding of what love such as we
four have been blessed with, means —
And I know that the bond is just as
close — ever closer, with Willard away —
But oh. I want him for you terribly.

Your loving
Ethel.

[Roosevelt Derby]

Thursday n.d.

Dearest Dorothy

It's a lovely dress — and
thank you ever & ever so much for it —
tho' I know it was my stupidity about
~~ordering~~ getting you to order it.

I want to tell you about two curious
& very beautiful dreams I have had about
Willard — In both of them he came to
talk to me about you & how you were &
going over the best things for you to do —
One I had in Oyster Bay — The other just
last night — and it gave me such a
feeling of comfort — As in the Rodstone
prayer — that their presence was being
much safer as guide & guard —

We want to see you — You know

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

Do let me hear how the Examination came out although I feel sure you once again have given your friends cause for 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 am sure I can if it is any time during the first or second weeks of June -

Ridgefield N.J.
Conn.
Tel. 89 -

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 Dyckman, 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 the blossoms in full splendor. My eye has been very troublesome + to -

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Take care of your cold and don't ever 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 selflessness I would "carry on" instead of admitting defeat.

Always devotedly

Louise [Dickson]

THE ASSOCIATION OF THE BAR
OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK
42 WEST 44TH STREET

Sept 12/

Dear Mrs. Straight:

It's a warming paradox — nero that adds the piquancy of another's "need" to the opportunity of satisfying one's own desire. You will find me present at your well. And with all the eagerness of a boy seeing that possibly himself as been an other little boys share being my boat ashore and all the eagerness, unspoiled, because unaware of his support, by

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n.d.

FRANKLIN SQUARE HOTEL

FOURTEENTH AT K. STREET, NORTH-WEST

WASHINGTON, D.C.

My dear Mrs. Straight:-

May I presume to address you in an unconventional manner - and to impose enough to ask of you something that means much to me -

In 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 successes - in the consular service - in the business world - in military service as well as his model home life were to me a cause for happiness - but with full realization of

under reasons, I sending my Island in the loveliest joy of November.

I thank you heartily.

Very sincerely

Reis Macfayden

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FRANKLIN SQUARE HOTEL
FOURTEENTH AT K. STREET, NORTH-WEST
WASHINGTON, D.C.

the character he possessed it could not have been otherwise.

If I had my life to live over again - with the knowledge I have now. I should 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 mourned him as a true friend lost -

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

FRANKLIN SQUARE HOTEL
FOURTEENTH AT K. STREET, NORTH-WEST
WASHINGTON, D.C.

I have a young son growing up and if I could shape his life and career on a plane with your late husband's - I should accomplish nothing else in life - I should feel ~~that~~ I had left this world better than when I came into it -

Please do not think me presumptious - and I know you will understand -

Most cordially -

Chester W. Hansen

Chester. W. Hansen

Mrs. Willard Straight
New York -

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Dorothy dear -
I am sending
you a telegram to
night which will
bring you to morrow
news - Eliza has
made a wonderful
fight, the darling -
Her fever lost her
splendid voice and
self control and
is purely raving

n.d.

raving was the
really important
thing - and to see
her need care +
nursing and not
get it was terrible.
The crisis came
on Friday and if
nothing goes wrong
she will improve
steadily. Rumors -
Texas arrives to-
night and is with
her mother in the
little house here.

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out. I cannot believe
that the most comes
through all right.
Lois tried all along
to hold that strong
daughter of courage
and health before
her - and I know
she has held it
for herself. The
Doctors were fearfully
discouraging last
Wednesday, when we
had the best man in
Denver come in
consultation. But
tonight Dr. Webb
told me that everything
was going as well
as possible - we
were finally able to
get two excellent
nurses but for a
week I couldn't
get over here - and
that was so hard.
as I felt that the

Bates was sad
all winter. Poor
Mrs Bates had a
stroke. Can find R
Clinks at home
yesterday afternoon,
but though she
has lost her power
of speech, she seems
to be recovering -
Luckily Elsie
knows nothing of
it. although it

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Coffined in the
Coden directly
under Cens. —
Dear Donally
Thank you for
your sympathy:
it has been hard
to bear but if my
Eliza only knows
nothing else can
matter —
Best love
Helen —

Sunday Evening.

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FIREPROOF AND MODERN IN EVERY DETAIL

n.d.

HOTEL WENDELL

"IN THE HEART OF THE BERKSHIRES"

N. A. CAMPBELL, PRES. & MGR. DIRE.

PITTSFIELD, MASS.

Dear Mr. Straight.

You may or may not remember me as an old China friend of your husbands who stayed a few days with you at your Long Island home just ten years ago.

My wife and I went down to New York, soon after our arrival on leave from China a few weeks ago, to hear Jeritza sing in Tosca. I called your house up to ask if I could see you but could obtain no answer.

FIREPROOF AND MODERN IN EVERY DETAIL

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HOTEL WENDELL

"IN THE HEART OF THE BERKSHIRES"

N. A. CAMPBELL, PRES. & MGR. DIRE.

PITTSFIELD, MASS.

I wished to see you personally and beg of you if you could let me have a photograph of Willard. in remembrance of him and our associations in China.

I hope you and the little ones, as least they were little 10 years ago, are well.

With kind regards from my wife and myself.

Yours sincerely,

C. N. Holwill.

address as above or
823 North St.

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Very dear Mrs Straight

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

Yours
Respectfully
L. C. Holden

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Just away!

I cannot say, and I will not say
That he is dead, he is just away
With a cheering smile, and a wave of the hand
He has wandereth into an unknown land
And left us dreaming, how very fair
It needs must be, since he lingers there.
And you - oh you who the wildest yearn
For the old time step, and the glad return
Think of him faring on, as dear
In the love of there, as the love of here,
Think of him still as the same, I say,
He is not dead - he is just away -,

MC

Dear Mrs Straight -

I left you the little photo & the rose because they could tell you better than my words how touched I was at your generous gift for our valiant friend Senordant.

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There was nothing else of import, I only wanted to see you & press your hand, some day soon I hope to find you at home, late afternoon when life calms down a bit after the daily rush — Yours
Malvina Hoffman

As for me, I had a lovely time. It was such a grateful adventure to talk to you, although I have known you for some time through your charmingly generous-hearted little son-in spite of the fact that you attribute all of the best of him to his father. This boy inspired by disparaging notes I say, is quite-

With greetings to Mrs Straight and boys

Yours sincerely yours
Malvina Hoffman

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 list I know of, and it will give me much pleasure if you will keep the book for future reference. I notice that there is a star book mentioned but I am not familiar with it, & I have not had an opportunity to see Mr Van Hoge to get his opinion.

Who the boys know Pinocchio I believe they are about ready to enjoy it, but it may be a little

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early. As a piece of literature it has rare charm. Mabie forgot the latest Hudson book called "The Story-teller" and also "A Story Garden for very little children". Beatrice would enjoy the latter.

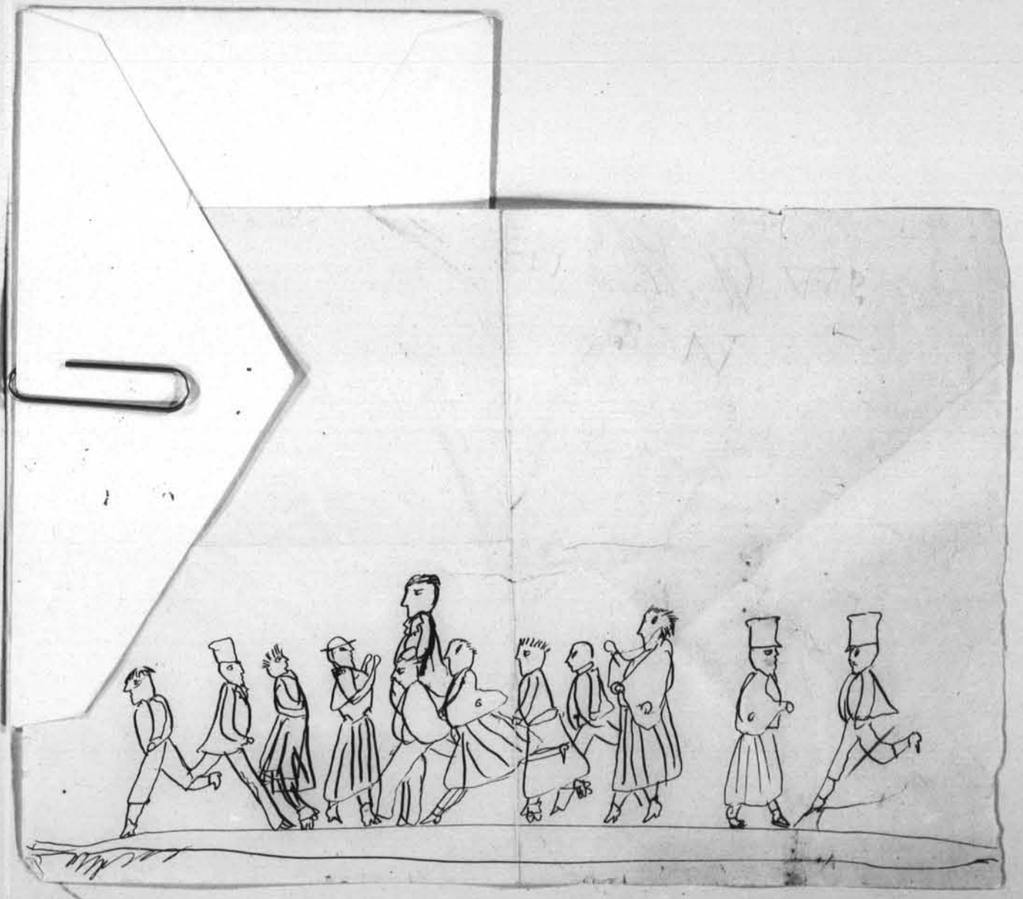
It would be splendid if the boys could have a small but strong carpentering bench with a few good tools. A hammer (Maydole ball-face) a saw, a brace-and-bit, and a plane. With the packing-boxes previously mentioned, some of them knocked-down, and a little assistance in getting started on cutting doors and windows they could get much fun out of building and furnishing houses, making wagons, trollies, airships etc.

White cambric with wax crayons for decorating would serve for curtains flags etc.

Then let them get everything all the coats of paint they want to put on. We use Diamond Dyes here, and find them much less messy.

Colored cambrics for making suits if they are interested in dramatics of any kind. Some of their stories might offer some suggestions along the line.

I hope Mrs Sanborn did not suffer any because of her long ride the other evening.



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~~March~~ April 7th

OLD WESTBURY, LONG ISLAND

Dear Mrs Lewis

Thank you for your letter and for its enclosure. I am afraid that I a m 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

Dearest Dorothy:—
I hate to leave for the West without seeing you—
I have gotten through with some of the things I did not like doing but anything lovely like seeing you was out of—
I am thinking about you a

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July 16

The University Club
Fifth Avenue & 54th Street

My dear Mrs Bogue,

I ought to have acknowledged your kind letter in writing to me twice but I have been very busy indeed.

In view of

was the kind of thing that wd have interested Willard Straight. Yesterday the same remark was made to me for the 18th time which is I think a remarkable tribute to the great qualities of Mr. Straight.

Again thanking Mrs Straight for her kind wishes which I value I am with thanks for your personal courtesy

Yours very truly, W. Robert de Forest.

great deal. I did not like the way John looked last week. I have found a dear little John Willard saying "Take care of Dorothy". So I am putting in my share. Don't forget that there is a certain Montreal Prince that we do have bodies attached to our souls.

Yours loving Nathalie

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Mrs. Straight's sympathy with a perfect understanding of what I want to do I am naturally very sorry that I cannot have her help.

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

I remarked to Mrs Straight that 13 persons ~~the~~ had suggested that this

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May when Cornell and
particularly the ΔΤΔ fraternity
was a very happy part
of life. I think perhaps your
husband was the one man
whom I never met among the
fraternity men from nineteen-
one to nineteen-three as he
graduated that first year.
The man however did I mean
was splendid thing about
He seemed to stand alone
in the hearts of the other boys

C.B.W.

My dear Mrs Straight

While at the Metropolitan
last week glancing
over the programme
I found your name.
It recalled to me
so many memories of
my girlhood and the

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There always seemed of his life
since those college days - his
marriage - his life and work afterward
and his too sad and untimely
passing - all this passed
into my mind when I saw your
name, a picture sketched many
more other things of the long ago
came to me - and I wondered
if you wouldn't care to have
it - so I am thinking
you would and this morning
have found it and am
sending it to you

It is a terrible battle I fight for
still too, to keep it -
so many of my dear friends have
fallen - I have been
today trying to write them
back - in fact to tell them
why - being too late
remorseful & ashamed

Mrs. Thomas Wilson Lowry
20 P St Apts
Washington

Thursday
Thursday morning
Thursday afternoon

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"The soul's armour 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" Ruskin

n.d. [1917]

Dear Nurse Brenda,

Thank you for the nice work you sent me. I can read parts of it. "The Young Recruits" and the "Bugler". We have Homers in the Play House. I hope you are having a nice Time. Michael can crawl. He saw a white rabbit at Mrs Peabody's — and he came down in the Jedel.

n.d. [1917]

and beat Beatrice home.

"Goodbye - Good luck Come safely home - Recruits are wanted."

Do you know what this Bugler boy did at School?

With love and kisses and a hug.

from

Whitney.

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B. Delano. [quotes from letter]

"His constitution has made a wonderful fight but I'm afraid it's too much for him — His position here was so important and he had begun to do such good work for Col. House that he can ill be spared. I don't know anyone who will have to fill a void among so many as he.
Mrs Hartman has done everything possible to save his life — He has had the best doctors, nurses & care & she has not left him day or night for ten days. I wd like J. to know that there was not a stone left unturned. His illness has naturally had a very depressing effect upon us all."

Dec 1st

"Willard died this morning at 12-45 — very quietly, without any struggle — The nurse tells me. He simply stopped breathing & never regained consciousness —
It does not seem right — I resent 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 impress 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 can't imagine what J. will do without him. He had filled so large a part in her life.

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he arranged about his funeral and sent off to the State Department a message asking T. what she wd like to have done.

Spent practically all day in W.'s room lunched there with Lippmann & dined there with Mrs H. who did not want to be left alone. Called on Mme Carenave to tell her of W.'s death. There was a steady stream of his friends all day long.

Dec 12

Spent a very sorrowful day in trying to make arrangements for W.'s funeral. All those questions of what kind of a funeral - military or civil - etiquette - precedent etc - seem so small & unessential. A telegram from T. expressed the wish that he be buried here among his soldiers. I am glad that she so decided. Strange all this idea of sending home the dead is awful. T.'s telegram was so like her, thinking of those who had helped him & not of herself. All the men who had been living in the midst of death resent as I do, Straight's death — that somehow he sh have been spared to carry on the ideals wh. were so much a part of him. No one is more needed in these times than men like Straight who had, in addition to his ideals force enough & ability enough

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to carry them through.

Dec 3rd

Had a short service at Gillon for a few of Straight's 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 Am. Church where Bishop Brent again officiated. The body was put on a motor chassis with an Am. flag over the coffin & his sword & cap laid on it. About 25 of his best friends walked behind. After the church service we went in motors to Suresnes where he was buried in the Am. cemetery. Bishop Brent said a few words & he was lowered into the grave by soldiers. I felt that a

My staunch friend had gone & when "taps" was sounded by the bugler it was a bit too much for me. Came back to Paris with Herbert Parsons.

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Tao Kwang –
Emp – 1821 – 50

Prince Wei — a son

2 — 3 — Hsien-feng, Emp 1850-61
Wife — Childless

Corentine, Empress Dowager
Tung-Chih, Emp – 1862-75, Succeeded at age of 5 – died without issue. 1875

5 Prince Tun — Prince Tuan, Heir apparent to the throne 1900 — Pu Chun, proclaimed heir-apparent 1898 – but deposed after troubles of 1900. Living in Peking in honorable captivity.

Prince Tung, Chancellor to Empire during double regency — a son — Prince Tung

Prince Chun, married sister of Empress dowager — Kuang Hsü, Emp – 1875 — Childless

Pu Lun — born 1874 – Possible Candidate for Imperial Succession — Pu Tung

a son — a son

Prince Chun, Sister of Emp. dowager

Kuang-Hsü — Childless

Prince Chun, Grand Secretary, married daughter of Yungeb – 1902 – Their possible some possible candidate to Imperial Succession.

SAVOY HOTEL
CAIRO

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GOOD ONLY FOR
TWO YEARS FROM DATE.

LEGATION
OF THE

United States of America
AT

Peking - China

To all to whom these presents shall come Greeting:

Description,

Age 24 *Years*
Stature 6 *Feet* 2 *Inches Eng.*
Forehead Full
Eyes Light Brown
Nose Medium Prominent
Mouth Regular
Chin Broad
Hair Brown
Complexion Light
Face Oval

Signature of the Bearer.

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 — — — — — — — safely and freely to pass, and in case of need to give* him *all lawful Aid and Protection.*

Given under my hand and the Seal of the Legation of the United States at Peking, China *the* 17th *day of* February *in the year* 1904 *and of the Independence of the United States the one hundred and* 28th -

E. H. Conger

No 786

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Visa, issued to Straight, to visit the three northeastern provinces of Manchuria. Dated the 8th day of the 1st month, 1904.

護照

大美國駐京康大臣稱本國人海關幫辦司戴德谷
赴直隸奉天吉林黑龍江各省游歷現值封印期內
請照章填給預印空白護照等因本部為此按照
向章填寫預用空白護照一紙送交
大美國駐京康大臣轉給收執所有經過地方官於司戴德
持照到境時立即查驗放行照約妥為保護毋得留
難阻滯致干查究切切須至護照者
右給海關幫辦司戴德收執

光緒叁拾年正月初拾日

此係游歷回日即行銷如有遺失作為廢紙

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護照

外務部為

發給護照事准

大美國駐京康大臣函稱本國人海關幫辦司戴德欲赴直隸奉天吉林黑龍江各省游歷現值封印期內請照章填給預印空白護照等因本部為此按照向章填寫預用空白護照一紙送交

大美國駐京康大臣轉給收執所有經過地方官於司戴德持照到境時立即查驗放行照約妥為保護毋得留難阻滯致干查究切切須至護照者

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元清國総税務司衙門雇
米國人 ウィラード、デヰ、ストレート
(原姓名) Willard D. Straight
右ストレート氏ハルーター通信員トシテ日本ニ渡
航スルニ付本書ノ同人ニ交付シ其相違ナキヲ
證ス
明治四十七年二月十七日
在清北京
日本公使館

日本國駐清公使館

Korean Passport No. 13, for Willard D. Straight.

護照

大韓國外部為給發護照事照得
大美國人윌라ㅡ드ㅣ스트레이트遊歷各道
合行給照護送仰沿途各官驗照
放行毋令阻滯該人亦不得藉端
逗留致干查究須至護照者
光武八年三月二十三日

第十三號

限回日繳銷

FEE RECEIPT.

Series-Passports.

No. 1904.

U. S. LEGATION & CONSULATE GENERAL,

Seoul, Korea, March 24th 1904.

I have received from Mr. Willard D. Straight,

the sum of Yen 2.00 equal to $ 1.00 U. S. Currency,

for Korean ~~U. S.~~ Passport, ~~Application & Visa~~ No. 13.

$ 1.00.

GORDON PADDOCK.
U. S. CONSUL GENERAL.

per D. Coleman

E.C.M.P., p. 329—500.

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Encl. in 8-23-05 - K.T.

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* 129th *year of the Independence of the United States of America.*

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Francis B Loomis

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The President of the United States of America,

To all who shall see these presents, Greeting:

Know ye, that reposing special trust and confidence in the abilities and integrity of Willard 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 —— Mukden, 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, preeminences, privileges and authorities to the same of right appertaining, during the pleasure of the President of the United States for the time being; the said Willard 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 Willard D. Straight — accordingly; and I do hereby pray and request His Imperial Majesty, the Emperor of China, His —— Governors and Officers to permit the said — Willard 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 six —— and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and thirtieth.

Theodore Roosevelt.

By the President:

Robert Bacon
Acting Secretary of State.

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МОСКВА Гостин. МЕТРОПОЛЬ №5151 Hotel METROPOLE MOSCOU

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Явленъ въ Императорскомъ Россійскомъ Посольствѣ при Великобританскомъ Дворѣ для свободнаго проѣзда въ Россію Генеральнаго Консула Сѣверо-американскихъ Соединенныхъ Штатовъ въ Мукденѣ, американскаго гражданина Вильяма Д. Стрэйта, отправляющагося къ своему посту въ Китаѣ. Лондонъ 25 Августа / 7 Сентября 1906 года

Первый Секретарь Посольства: Ф. Бойл

На выѣздъ за границу Американскаго гражданина Вильяма Стрэйта, жительствующаго въ Европейской Гостиницѣ по Михайловской улицѣ въ домѣ № 1-7, со стороны Мѣстной Полиціи препятствій не имѣется.

Старшій части 1-го участка Княгинин

Письмоводитель Остапов

С.-Петербургъ. 1 Сентября 1906 г.

ЯВЛЕНЪ 12 АВГ. 1908 Старшой части 1 участка 1-7 по Михайловской Секретарь Остапов

С Американскому гражданину Вильяму Стрэйтъ.

Дозволяется пробыть въ Россіи до 28 го Февраля 1907 года: на дальнѣйшее время онъ обязанъ испросить паспортный для пребыванія иностранцевъ паспортъ Москва Сентября 9 06 года.

Начальникъ Канцеляріи Инострав. Отдѣла

Явленъ на проѣздъ въ Владивостокъ Ген. Консула Сѣв. Амер. Соед. Штатовъ въ Мукденѣ, Вильяма Д. Стрэйта. Мукденъ, 29 Октября 1907 г. № 435. Безплатно.

Ген. Консулъ: А. Гриншпан

Явленъ на проѣздъ въ г. Россійскій Имперіи г. Хоборовъ Благовѣщенскъ. Мукденъ, 10 N по реестру 24. Безплатно

Первымъ Генеральнымъ Консуломъ: В. Жекин

Въ Императорскій Генеральный Консулъ Россіи въ Харбинѣ. Явленъ на проѣздъ черезъ предѣлы Россіи. Отъ 7 Ноября 1908 года, № 1850. В. Лосев

Россійское Императорское Генеральное Консульство въ Харбинѣ

第七号
查證
明治参拾九年九月十四日
在露國
特命全權公使法学博士本野郎

Выѣздъ за границу Американскаго гражданина Вильяма Стрэйта, жительствующаго въ Европейской Гостиницѣ по Михайловской улицѣ въ домѣ № 1-7, со стороны Мѣстной Полиціи препятствій не имѣется.

Старшій Спасск. части 1го участка 18 АВГ 1908

Приставъ

Письмоводитель Остапенко

С.-Петербургъ.

18 АВГ 1908

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When returning from Russia, an authorization from the Police must be secured from the Russian Consul, if the stay exceeds a month — a Russian passport.

Renewal of Supplement 3

No. 19056.

(Special Passport.)

United States of America,
Department of State,

To all to whom these presents shall come, Greeting:

Know Ye, that the bearer hereof,

Willard D. Straight, a Citizen of the United States, Consul General of the United States at Mukden, China, is about to proceed to his post.

These are therefore to request all whom it may concern to permit him to pass freely without let or molestation, and to extend to him all such friendly aid and protection, as would be extended to like Officers of Foreign Governments resorting to the United States.

In testimony whereof, I, Robert Bacon, Acting Secretary of State of the United States of America, have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Department of State to be affixed at Washington, this 26th day of July A.D. 1916 and of the Independence of the United States of America the 131st.

Robert Bacon

Willard D. Straight

Emergency Passport

This passport is issued to Willard Dickerman Straight in order that he with wife & maid may proceed to Russian Dominions & elsewhere.

Good only for six months ~~two years~~ from date.

Passevision
8 APR 1912
Thom Hobbs

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 her maid —— safely and freely to pass, and in case of need to give him all lawful Aid and Protection.

Description

Age 32 Years
Stature 6 Feet 3/4 Inches Eng.
Forehead high
Eyes grey
Nose straight
Mouth small
Chin square
Hair light brown
Complexion light
Face long

Given under my hand and the Seal of the Legation of the United States at Peking the 20th day of March in the year 1912, and of the Independence of the United States the one hundred and thirty sixth

W. J. Calhoun

Signature of the Bearer.

Willard Dickerman Straight

No. 506

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大美國欽命駐劄中華　　爲　由外部請領護照
填給護照事茲有本國
來華擬往內地游歷稟請將所欲游省塡註照內等因
茲已按其所請將欲游各省塡列合請
大清文武員弁見此護照務須放行俾該　聽便游歷
不得留難攔阻遇有事故並望隨時保護幫助須至護
照者
右　行　護　照
給　持往游歷
一千九百　年　月　日發
宣統
計開年貌
年歲
身高英尺
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目
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大清欽命順天府　加印照行
外部第

Явленъ въ ИМПЕРАТОРСКОЙ Россійской Миссіи въ Пекинѣ для проѣзда въ Россію гражданина Сѣверо-Американскихъ Соединенныхъ Штатовъ Вильардъ Дикерманъ Стрэтъ и его жены, сопровождаемой прислугой. Г. Пекинъ, 10/23 Марта 1912 г., по реестру за № 75.- Конс. сборовъ по ст. 3, б взыскано 2 р. 25 коп. или $ 2.86.

За Секретаря Миссіи:

ЯВЛЕНЪ ВЪ АЛЕКСАНДРОВѢ 24 МАР. 1912 ОТЪѢЗДЪ

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ИМПЕРАТОРСКАЯ
Россійская Миссія
въ Пекинѣ

10 Марта 1912 г.
№ 338

ТАМОЖЕННОЕ СВИДѢТЕЛЬСТВО.

Выдано сіе свидѣтельство ИМПЕРАТОРСКОЙ Россійской Миссіей въ Пекинѣ, за надлежащей подписью съ приложеніемъ казенной печати, Представителю Синдиката Сѣверо-Американскихъ банкировъ, гражданину Сѣверо-Американскихъ Соединенныхъ Штатовъ, Виллардъ Дикерманъ Стрэтъ, возвращающагося въ Америку съ женою и одной прислугой-горничной, въ удостовѣреніе того, что вещи означенныхъ лицъ слѣдуютъ транзитомъ черезъ Россію заграницу, почему и могутъ быть освобождены отъ оплаты таможенными пошлинами.

Секретарь Миссіи: Дмитрий Абрикосов

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Autorisé à s'embarquer au Havre p. l'Angleterre 156 P.S.

RÉPUBLIQUE FRANCAISE

GOUVERNEMENT MILITAIRE DE PARIS

PRÉFECTURE DE POLICE

Le présent permis DISPENSE EXCEPTIONNELLEMENT de la possession du permis d'étranger

P.O. Le Chef du Bureau de Sûreté des Etrangers
Délégué du Grand Quartier Général

SAUF-CONDUIT

Pour les personnes voyageant : ~~à bicyclette~~. ~~en tramway~~. ~~en bateau~~. en chemin de fer.

Nom Willard Straight
Prénoms
Nationalité Américain
Profession
Domicile Paris Hotel Crillon

Signalement :
Age Pièces d'identité
Cheveux personnelles
Barbe
Signes particuliers apparents :

Signature du porteur :

Destination pour les voyageurs en chemin de fer :
Paris - le Havre

Délivré à Paris le 13 Avril 1916

Le Commissaire de Police,
Le Commissaire spécial
Chef de service

Emplacement du timbre du Commissariat de Police

Permis valable du Départ de Paris le 13 Avril 1916 au

Tout étranger porteur de ce sauf-conduit est tenu de présenter à toute réquisition des autorités soit son permis de séjour, soit son passeport, l'un et l'autre

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 viséd as in regulation 6.

(6) All passports, supplementary documents, and *pièces d'identité* must be viséd 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 authorised 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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Monsieur le Commissaire
spécial Lemée
à Folkestone

Ministère des Finances
Cabinet du Ministre.

6 avril 1916

Cher monsieur,
je serai heureux de pouvoir un entretien avec vous à votre retour de Cannes.
Si vous étiez libre lundi, je serais à votre disposition entre 3 et 4 heures de l'après midi.
Croyez, je vous prie, à mes sentiments les meilleurs

W Nelson

Je recommande à votre aimable accueil habituel

Alfred Savy.
Capitaine de Cavalerie de Réserve.
Etat Major de l'Armée (2e Bureau).
Attaché à l'Ambassade de France.

Mr. Perkins + Straight
à Londres.

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Ayant demandé au président en France à Paris à Genève, à l'Italie et à l'Angleterre, Mr. Straight a reçu de ses gouvernements les passeports nécessaires pour se rendre en Russie.

Hopkins

1er Février -16.

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ИНОСТРАННЫХЪ ДѢЛЪ

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MOBILISATION. — (Camp retranché de Paris)

PERMIS DE SÉJOUR A UN ETRANGER

Mr Straight Willard Dickerman
né à Oswego le 21 Juin 1880
de nationalité Americaine
s'est présenté le 4 Avril 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
rue Place Concorde no 10
Il devra exhiber ce permis de séjour à toutes réquisitions des

le Commissaire,

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Bon pour Permis de Séjour
Cannes le 7 avril 1916
p le Commissaire Central
M. E. Guyon

CABINET (A-M) CENTRAL SÛRETÉ

HOPITAL
MILITAIRE DU VAL-DE-GRACE
Ambulance mobile de premiers secours
(Formation Harjes)

Le porteur de la présente
M. Straight
demeurant Paris
fait partie de l'Ambulance en
qualité de aide

SIGNATURE DU PORTEUR : Willard Straight

LE CHIRURGIEN EN CHEF : James H. Worcester

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Army General Staff College

American Expeditionary Forces

France

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 4, 1918 to May 30, 1918 and is recommended for General Staff Duty with troops.

A W Bjornstad
Colonel General Staff
Director, Army General Staff College.

H A Smith
Colonel, General Staff
Commandant, Army Schools.

John Millikin
Captain, Cavalry
Executive Officer, Army General Staff College.

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