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Bert Hoover



Mrs Ezra Woodward

Letter from Homer Newberg
written from China in
U.S.A. 1899.

Oregon



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Mrs Ezra Woodward
Newberg
Oregon

Dear Mrs Woodward:— Your letter
of last November (!) has now
traveled around the globe once and
a half times then through the
interior of China until I saw it
at last today.

I remember very well indeed
the many kindnesses at your hands
in my small boy days at Newberg
and indeed I needed them.—

It is true that I have been
somewhat successful financially

and I know the unusual merit of its faculty - whose
stamp of self sacrificing men we all recognize
as rare indeed. And I would be only too glad
to offer any help possible but to do so at
present is out of the question I regret to say -
— " —

I am at present Chief Engineer to the Chinese
Government Department of Mines and my work
keeps me far out of reach of mail for a
greater portion of the time - I have a home here

(Tientsin) another in Peking the Capital and
still another another in Tientsin on the sea coast)

All travels in the interior must be done on
horse back or sedan ^{or horse-boat} chairs on account of the
anti-foreign feeling generated from unwise
missionaries is not very pleasant. The last
time I had a guard of a company of soldiers and got
through successfully & I often look of Newberg
and its people and often tell my wife of my days there
Tientsin China I am sincerely yours
G. C. Hoover
July 5 1899.

but fear rumors of such things
get distorted in traveling and
I am pictured as rolling in
wealth that does not exist.

I do enjoy a large salary
but with it I have a very
considerable position to maintain
socially and I am not independent
in matters of support to others—
for now six people are in
various American Universities at
my expense.*

I have always felt a kindly
interest in the Newburg College
and recognise the good which it
accomplishes in the general educational
scheme of my country.