

Göteborg, May 19th. 1952.

Dear Bernie,

We wish you a very Happy Birthday and His best! Hellen says I must hurry to get these lines off in time. We do not only hope this letter will reach you in time, but we would very much like to be with you ourselves. We certainly hope you and the whole family will enjoy the Birthday. May be an additional member in the family will make your day especially memorable? You and Doris are in our thoughts and prayers. When will I get a chance to see the Grand Child or Children?

We note that you are back in Chicago again. Mother has probably already visited you. We expect her back in the middle of June. She surely is doing a lot of travelling for her age. She will arrive just after our annual conference, so we will be able to welcome her in Stockholm. I intend to attend the European Baptist Congress at Copenhagen. We would very much like to be present at the Baptist General Conference celebrations, but regret that will be impossible.

Attending to different Seminaries as you are doing Bernie, you have a good chance of getting acquainted with the different shades of the Baptist Faith. By the way many thanks for your interesting letter which I received ages ago. When visiting the States 1921 I had the privilege of attending the Northern Baptist Convention at De Moine. As far back as that there was a Pre-Convention and you could not but notice the differences of ideas. I have not been able to follow the development very closely during the years. When I have more time I shall read those books on the subjects you sent.

These lines have been overdue too long. The last three months have been rather fully occupied in reading ~~much~~ everything I could get hold of on Communism & Christianity, especially in connection with China. I needed this in order to try and get up to date. I have written about 100 typed pages on the topic and turned in my manuscript on May 2nd. I am now sitting back waiting for the verdict - ~~paper~~ paper basket or book during the Fall.

All missionaries (protestant) in Tsingtao are

at last out with one exception. A young Lutheran missionary, Paul Machensen, serving his first term, was arrested during March this year. He was a very nice chap and I feel so sorry for him and his relatives. Two Swedish missionaries arrived this morning by steamer from Hongkong. I have not had the chance of seeing them yet, but will see them off at the train in an hour. The situation in China is going from bad to worse. It really is a tragedy that things should have such a turn.

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We have welcome the Spring here in Sweden. This is certainly a great time to live. Our parks are lovely and we enjoy liberty. Hellen is getting treatment for her left leg, but feels much better. I am putting on too much weight. We both send you and the whole family the best of good wishes,

Lovingly,

