Reading, Pa, Dec. 21st, 1908.

My Dear Dr. Bartholomew:-

I just received a card from Rev. Stahr saying he made a mistake in the date & it is the 10th and not the 11th.

I was much surprised over the receipt of Dr. Roy's letter and decided immediately not to reply until I had seen you about it. I can only say it grieves me much that Dr. Roy should be dissatisfied with any matter in which I am concerned.

Our relations were most friendly. He never spoke of Mrs. Roy at any time as being specially connected with the Girls' School. Mrs. Roy in America never, to us in this work, gave suggestions or even hinted that she considered herself a part of the faculty.

The only evidence was the fact that

her name appeared in the Church Almanac.

Upon my return I inquired at Head quarters you remember whether Mrs. Hoy was considered a part of the Girls' School faculty to which I received an answer in the negative. I felt if she had been appointed by the Board we were in duty bound to respect the decision and consult with her upon all subjects of school management etc. etc.

I never asked to be made Principal but I did ask that a Principal be appointed who was willing to assume the responsibilities of the work. I feel confident that the Board felt the wisdom and justice of such a step.

I have not spoken unkindly of either Dr. or Mrs. Hoy to any one. This affair it seems to me only proves the truthfulness of my statements made to you when questions were asked.

After all the whole affair is absurd. Mrs. Hoy is almost five miles away from the city. She has a home to make cheerful and comfortable and a little son who is dependent upon her mother for education — to pay nothing of the other institutions under her care.

The Chinese boys and girls demand all of one's time. We have learned from experience that the work is most unsatisfactory when given over into the hands of the Chinese. You are not yet ready for that kind of work. A Mission will raise up a good Chinese helper not to give away

to another mission. It is injurious to our work to push forward and put into our schools what other missions do not want or perhaps a heathen woman who knows nothing of the Christian life.

These are facts and every member of the Mission who is truly working for the uplift of human souls will bear me out in them.

Were it not for the appealing letters which come from the dear little Chinese girls, the six years of preparation which will enable me to do better work for the Master and the still small voice of "Go and Teach" ringing in my ears I might give way to discouragement at times.

Dr. Roy told me he had written to you. I should like to know the nature of his dissatisfaction. In connection one can not help but think of recent experiences in Japan.

May the true Christmas joy be yours and Mrs Bartholomew's in large measure.

Sincerely,
E. Emma Simmen.