

July 26th, 1934.

My dear Frances:

Your letter from Berkeley has been received. Of course I am very sorry that separation seems to be the only solution of your difficulties. I had hoped that it would not be so. I think that you are very plucky about it all. Our troubles certainly bring out our strength of character and it is doing that with you and that must be your comfort.

As to your future plans, it seems to me that you can have no idea what it would mean for you to come back to the campus under these circumstances. Being in a small community where you could not avoid seeing him with other people, after such a close companionship in the years gone by, would be extremely hard to bear and I do not think that you should attempt it.

The way that I look at it seeing that all concerned are very nice people, all wanting to do the ring thing, and as Dr Noble is remaining at the University and you are leaving and going somewhere where you will not have the background of his help, I should not hesitate, if I were you, to take a sufficient allowance, temporarily, as will enable you to prepare yourself to earn your living, even tho it should temporarily be a financial hardship for Dr Noble. The better the school that you go to, the better your chances of getting a job would be.

After talking with the Museum people, of course, you realize that you were not actually cataloguing but collecting information to be used in the cataloguing.

Thank you very much for the suggestions about the door and the names of the two men. I know Dr Salmony, having met him in Peking and as we do not have a collection of old jade, I think he would probably not be particularly interested in our Museum.

I did not know of Mr March's contact with my rugs. I found them at the Customs House in Portland. Very likely he took them thru the Customs House at Peking and Tientsin. It was very kind of him to help in getting them thru. Please thank him for me, if you see him.

My summer address will be this hotel until the first of September.
August. After that you can address me at the address below:

% Sam B. Warner
40 Howells Road
Belmont, Mass.

Yours with love,

Gertrude Bass Warner.