Letter of congratulations from Mr. Hsiang Soo-Tung to Dr. Parker announcing his appointment as Secretary of Legation Nov. 20th January 22nd 1904.

When at the Ocean of Lots ! we were in the same ship of Fate, which has delighted and will set the way whole life, and at the Garden of Phecides we drank wine together and awaited our part in the interchange of our sentiments of friendship.

Often have I been obliged by the pleasure of your frequent visits, and delighted in beholding you, in admiration of your elegant style. Recently, having attended you with honor, would obtain an ambassador's distinction, and color and accord, step by step, the result of whose services will be the country. I have presented my best wishes for the good fortune, and raised my hand to my subject and congratulated you on your good fortune.

Writers have looked up to you as one of the most exciting the attention of the Western hemisphere, and who is to the Oriental what China is to Europe. By your universal genius you are recognized as the great and in universal learning are like W. C. H. Ting, philosopher, and K. H. K. Linsome occasionnally the village of pens and pens / London.

May you be accompanied with the sweetest and instantaneous felicitations, with ancient love, rich in ability to take the shape of literary compositions to judge their merits, your own soul is nearer than a thousand paces of light, so that every new flower to be forested in China. To me, the treatment of every thought, you do not trouble one with the Meditations that all agree that you are a Hsiang Ting. Those who have looked up to their blue beings have so far gone in full groups, i.e. gentlemen of polite and learning, so that your hall of audience is thronged by estimable friends, and when you draw aside the curtain of the inner apartments and show to your associates?

Your marriage has united a remarkable couple. Herzog"
the pure and highest blessings among men, and like those of the Spirits of Heaven whom we ears distinguish. Trust it is kept you should be honored with favor in obtaining the appointment of the President to stand next to the Chief of the

Kowen Palace, as though a far off towards distinguished, and place you in the eminent rank of those Ministers of State who sit on the right and left of the throne. The same blessing, with the effect of the Crown, will spread far and near, and my heart congratulates you. If a man of so Ability, one of different ages but you upon the base, Thence I, still now denote, therefore your heart into the Empire ship with delight.


Thus I state, This course sheet to express the sentiments of my heart, and depend upon this poor reach to spread out my sentiments and chiefly. I desire you may succeed. The aides on an eternal till, and check your course at the rate of a thousand to, and that your surprising plumage may shine like the sun and your efficient appearance may be like the elegance of the

land of New Pain, name of a region abounding with the Tangs.

I write respectfully and specially, to congratulate you on your great joy. I celebrate your tranquility, and trust your dignity will regard what I write to express.

My name in on a separate paper. viz.

Kuan San Tang

First Secretary of Canton.

24th January 1846.
Notes.

1. Akco where the American treaty was negotiated.
2. County seat of He Lo Han Society where the satisfactory of the treaty were exchanged.
3. A man remarkable for the variety of his genius, who lived in the reign of Hsia Quan B.C. 2507.
4. He has belonged to the Eastern Zhou dynasty B.C. 2208.
5. That is your coming to Canton is a fortunate event to the place and such as seldom happens.
6. The Sang a fabulous bird, and the Velum a fabulous animal, said to appear in times of prevailing virtue, asomen of good, appeared only in the times of Confucius.
7. Hi Pe was an ancient celebrated for his great capacity.
8. Wang Yung was a celebrated physician of the Zhou dynasty.
10. The sense is, we belong to different nations but are alike instructed with public duties.