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Ottawa, June 25, 1908.

Dear Miss Reid:

I have just returned to Ottawa from British Columbia, where I have been settling the claims of the Chinese for losses incurred in the riot in September of last year, and have received your kind letter of the 5th inst.

It was indeed thoughtful of you to have sent me the clipping from the Chicago Daily Tribune, making mention of the tablet commemorating the heroism of Edward V. Spencer. There is indeed a fine similarity between the questions asked by Spencer and Harper, and they certainly illustrate the truth that the secret of heroism is the desire to realize the highest of which our natures are capable.

I had intended sending you a copy of my little memoir of Mr. Harper, and was under the impression that I had done so. From the mention in your letter to the copy lent to you by Mr. Lewis, I see that I have failed to carry out this wish. I am, therefore, sending you, by present mail, a copy of the book, which I hope you will accept as a slight token of my appreciation of your many kind

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