

Seoul Korea, Oct. 6, 1897.

Dear Mr. Junkin,

You sent me such a very nice letter that I have laid aside a lot of work to answer it at once and I am going to write before even showing it to Mrs. Allen.

I want to tell you that you have paid me the most handsome and the neatest compliment I ever received in my life, and I am going to copy it in a little book I am making up from year to year for the boys to have when they are "twenty". I refer to your remarks about Mrs. Allen which certainly stamp you as what we are pleased to call with pride up in the North - a "Southern Gentleman".

I have received a perfect stack of kind congratulations from almost all over the world, but this one of yours fairly gave me a lump in the throat. I know my man you see and I take every word for just what it means.

With all these kind expressions I am bound to do my best, and if our interests suffer it will be because of circumstances beyond my control.

Thanking you again for your kind words and with the very best regards to Mrs. Junkin and yourself I hope you will just allow me to say without any idea of its being a return compliment or mere form, that I congratulate you on having been true to your ideal in the choice of a life companion,

I am, Yours sincerely,

Extract from a letter of congratulations written by Rev.

W.L. Junkin, of Kun San Korea, Sept. 14, 1897.

To H.N. Allen on his appointment as Minister to Korea.

"Not the least part of our rejoicing is the fact of having Mrs. Allen and the boys with us. Southerners all have their one ideal of a lady - whose character is a happy blending of dignity, simplicity, sincerity and modesty. No doubt there are the same ideals elsewhere and many to come up to them, but your esteemed wife is the only one whom I've heard Southerners claiming as their own".