April 14, 1933

Dear Mother:—

We have been
anxiously waiting to see if we
would soon hear from you
about the earthquake of March 11th.
Our papers reported a big fire
on Signal Hill & adjoining regions
and that all the big buildings on
Pine St. had been destroyed.
We hope you & Sally are safe
since you were in suburb in
one story houses. We wonder if
you or Raleigh or Horace made
hunt. Mrs. Travis is slowly
when we are so far apart.
It’s hard to wait so long.

We are all well. May
Marie has graduated from
her high chair and high
Big buggy. She visites on Sundays all the time pretty near. We have a square wooden pen for her which is a big help in learning to walk. She goes around it side ways but I think it will be a month yet before she walks alone. She is not a bit like Kathy who was as sick so early.

This is Easter week and we have all been so busy with special meetings and practices for a pageant at the church. There are to be thirty six baptisms at the church early Sunday morning four of them our graduates. Our grass and trees are getting green and the fruit trees are blooming. I have a lot which is a good thing for the last fall a month before I had our first asparagus last night and I just now noticed that the little red radishes will soon be fat to a good thing for my alone room will soon be empty. We didn't get any check last month for the Oberon milk all closed -altho we expect to get it eventually. We are wondering how long our Society will hold out. Not much money being given for missions these days. Nobody knows what the future holds for us we may have to quit - but we
should hate to—Doug says he would try to keep on here awhile but it would not be easy to do it without the Society behind us. Doug would have a hard time starting up in practice now. He might be able to do it in Yohim.

Sonny keeps saying "Jumbi if Grandma will find me a Jething Jack? Stink a card board man in a letter for him and that will hush his mones."

She certainly has a good memory. I do hope you are all safe and that Joe has not lost his job in the general upset. I know we will be hearing from you soon. Love from us all gram.
Dearest Mother,

Your letter of April 15th arrived two days ago, May 12th, and I believe your chief duty to yourself is to go easy now. You have made your body march at a lively clip for some years now, with your giving birth to and successfully raising and educating a family of three, with your shoulder-to-shoulder work with papa in his practice of medicine, and with all of your church and missionary work. You have come to a time now when you deserve a vacation and the enjoyment of all of these fine memories you have stored up to recall. And it is my turn to do "our bit" for the Corrigan Family for this old world. Thirty years from now I will be ready to turn it over to Douglas Ogden, Ruth Stevens, Mary Marie, and maybe Johnny. That's the way the old world wages.

Please forget about the idea of my stopping the mite for a thirty-nine year old son, a graduate of a good medical school, and a better school of hard knocks in the field of surgery for ten years, to be doing. I ought to be sending you several hundred a month. If I was getting paid for my work at the rate papa was getting it and other doctors were getting it at the time of his death, I would be making from $10,000 to $12,000 gold a year. But, $6,000 will have to be the limit for a while yet. It gives me much pleasure to think that I am able to do this even it is a mite. But my salary rather "mite-y" now itself. It totals the large sum of $60 gold. After your mite comes out we get $70 as our combined salary, and children's allowance. I'll admit it is not enough to run us if Grace is to do her missionary work. We require $100 gold per month the year round for our household budget. So rather than lose Grace's services from the hospital work we are borrowing from the hospital, putting an I.O.U. in the cash drawer for it. Our security is the gold $600,000 children's allowance we have in the Building and Loan, which is for the time being "sewed up" and cannot be withdrawn. We feel we have a right to borrow this money as the work would suddenly stop if we had to leave it, and all would be lost. At least we are putting all of our time and energy into this work, it is succeeding, and we feel free to borrow enough to live on until our regular salary can again be paid to us. During the bank holiday in America recently no money could be sent to China, so for two months we had not even our half salary. But that has now been paid last week. We are not worrying. Business is good in the hospital, we are able to carry on almost full work in this station; and Mr. Goulter has just recently received contracts for all the canned goods his Rural Center can produce at good prices, so we are going to try to solve our "depression" and mission cuts in our own way. We don't propose to sit about and morn and starve. We are far from helpless, and we have something the country needs and is willing to pay for.
The hardest part about these cuts is that I have to be so mercenary in the hospital. Charity cases, worthy poor, can't be cared for so freely as in the past. I have to be so "hard-boiled" about it sometimes that I feel unChristian. But the money must come from somewhere, and the drug houses in Shanghai are not in the charity business. So my only satisfaction is that I am keeping the hospital open and doing the districts that much of a service, giving them the opportunity of having a modern hospital here. The worthy poor still will have to wait until the churches of America are on their missionary feet again. I'm going to try to save this hospital for the Mission until such a time as the Mission can again properly pay what it costs to run a Mission Hospital.

I could run this hospital as a proper Missionary Hospital on gold $2,000 a year and my own salary from America. That's a mighty small amount when you consider all we do here. Care for 500 inpatients a year, 40,000 clinic patients, 400 operations, 2500 outcalls in homes, and 4000 charity cases. These are some of the things we did last year. And more important to my mind is the training of about thirty young men and women every three years for a Christian profession, so that they can render a Christian service to some community of China, a service of healing; and establish a Christian home wherever they go. Practically all of our students are non-Christian upon entrance, and earnest, active Christians before graduation. There's something to tell your missionary friends who wonder if missionary work is worth while of not.

Wenona, Grace, and Mrs. Coulter have just met with wonderful success in their most recent venture in missionary work. Beyond their wildest dreams, it is in a mothers' club amongst the graduates of the Christian Girls School, who are mothers now and living in Luchow. These young mothers are just wild for learning about how to properly care for their children in a scientific way. Their president is a very energetic young woman and works across a good program of study and reports on how to care for the baby. I never saw a more intelligent enthusiastic group in America. Even P.E.O.

I wonder if you think Grace is doing enough to earn her share of the salary. She continues her Sunday School work; she sponsors the weekly baby clinic; she supervises all special diets in the hospital (an average of 10 all the time; she is teaching six hours a week (two dietetics and one of English to students, and three of advanced English to staff members); directs her own household; mothers her three children and husband; and finds time almost daily to play a bit and keep herself in good physical condition.

Deck tennis (the kind we taught to Mae and Roy) is very popular among our hospital students and staff, we all play every good day. We have just finished a tournament of men's singles, ladies' singles, and mixed doubles. Grace and I won the mixed doubles from all the young bucks and bachelors. I'll admit it made us sweat muchly to do it but we did. Last night we had a big ice cream party in honor of the winners. The hospital paid for the milk and our personal supply of ice and the rest.

We are living off our fine garden now. Lettuce,
radishes, asparagus, new potatoes, new peas, osum—a Chinese
vegetable good eaten raw like radish without the bite or good
cooked, beats, strawberries first time this morning. Beans
in a week.

We are all well. Mary is growing so fast. She
walks around her box but not alone. She is beginning to say
a few words. ”Daddy, Jack (the dog), Leo to (the gardener),
Dad do (baby talk for the cook), etc."

Love,

[Signature]

Douglas
LUCHOWFU CHRISTIAN HOSPITAL
Hofei Anhwei, China

June 11, 1933

Dear Friends:-

This will be my last letter from Luchowfu this summer for we are leaving for Kuling in a couple of weeks. We are having a very cool June for which we are all mighty thankful. Our yards and gardens are so pretty now and how we do enjoy them. I have lovely sweet peas and nasturtiums and enjoy sharing them with some of the sick women at the hospital. We have string beans, new potatoes and beets. We live off them most of the time. Canned milk is our most expensive item, but babies can't get along without it.

Last week we had an enthusiastic meeting of our mother's club here at the hospital chapel. The members turned out very well and we had invited some of the women patients who were well enough to enjoy it. The walls were covered with hygiene posters, many of which teach the lesson better than the spoken word. The main feature of the meeting was a talk by our new Dr. Lee about typhoid and cholera. He ended by urging the mothers to have themselves and children inoculated. It is a new idea in Luchowfu and will take education. Everyone knows about small pox vaccination and we do thousands of cases every spring.

Another feature of our meeting was a health play by the nurses. Dr. Corporon and Dr. Lee thought up the plot and helped direct it. Our nurses are clever at acting and can get up a play with one hour's practice. It showed a mother with three children - two of whom got very sick with cholera. The other who had been at school and had had hygiene lessons and had been inoculated did not get sick. A funny servant furnished the comedy. The girl who took off Dr. Djen (big glasses, tiny mustache, hat, white coat, stethoscope, etc.) was a good actor and got her message across. Such a play makes more effect on ordinary folks than any amount of oratory.

Last summer cholera was very bad here in this district, the worst we have ever seen it. Our hospital saved hundreds of cases and helped manage a health campaign all over the city. But what we should like to do this year would be to prevent thousands of cases. The city has no regular Public Health Bureau or any money for such work. The newer ideas have not penetrated at all even though we are but a hundred miles from Nanking.

We also have a health unit in our Sunday schools this quarter. Yesterday after our worship period of songs, Bible verses, prayers and responses, we taught a lesson about a Friendly Doctor. We followed with a song about eating fresh food, taking sun baths, ways of preventing colds, and so on. The children completed a second page of a Hygiene booklet and went home with some new ideas that will slowly spread. Later as a project for the older boys we are going to paste up a thousand health posters all over the city. We are the leash in the midst of a dense mass of ignorance. We can only hope that the younger generation will take to the new ideas and help inform the city.

Last week we had a visitor from Wuhu, Miss Alice Gregg. She came to see our religious education work in all its phases. She called it the best organized and most progressive of any she had seen in China.
That meant a lot coming from her for she is a member of the National Christian Council in China and has travelled all over. She spent an evening in going through the wards of the hospital. The thing that impressed her was the large number of bandit gun shot cases. She said she had been in China twelve years and had never come so near bandits before. Over half our cases are gun shot, either bandits or accident. They come to us from a radius of fifty miles for ours is the only hospital that can treat them.

I'll tell you about a little woman in bed No. 9. She came in about two weeks ago with huge wounds in both legs. She came from a rich country home with a big two story house and many members in the family. The bandits were clever and waited until two men of the family were out in the rice field. They grabbed them and went back to the house. They demanded entrance at the gate and the bandits hid behind the men and made them say, "Don't shoot, don't shoot, we are here." In this way they gained entrance and robbed and killed ruthlessly. Five people were killed outright besides the woman and an old man servant who are in our hospital. A daughter eighteen years of age died at the gate of our hospital before she could be carried in. Worst of all the bandits took two of the precious grandsons for ransom. They will be held for a while until the family can find several thousand dollars in cash. This is not an unusual story at all.

We are anticipating with great pleasure a visitor straight from America. My cousin, Harold Clayson, who is an optician in San Pedro is on his way out now. He wanted to see the orient and remembered he had some folks there. He will stay a month — long enough to teach Dr. Corpron how to refract eyes. No one in our hospital is trained to do it and we shall be glad to add another department. We are hoping Harold will go on to Kuling with us too.

Mary Marie is almost walking altho she prefers to crawl. Can't keep her clean two minutes! She is also learning by sad experience that she can't have everything she yells for. She is beginning to say a few words. I am hoping Ruth will learn to talk English this summer. She plays with Chinese children here so much that she does not hear much English. However it is fine to have such a good start in Chinese. Little Doug will be in Kindergarten all forenoon. We are all well and happy.

Best wishes to you all,

Grace S. Corpron
(Mrs. Douglas Corpron)
CHINA MISSION,

UNITED CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY,

NANKING, JUNE 20, 1933.

Dear Friends:

It seems unfair to take advantage of you friends of the China Mission but this letter is going to begin and end with a poem if Seabite can find more lines to finish off the CDE TO THE MISSION TREASURER. Mr. Marx has asked Miss Ely’s cooperation in instilling joy in their work into the hearts of the various treasurers throughout all our stations. The CDE TO THE MISSION TREASURER, with profuse apologies to a great English poet, is effort No. 1 to meet that request. The incident in the poem below occurred several years ago in a Nan-tungfeng home.

SHE THREW THOSE IDOLS DOWN

They were painted poster-fashion on large sheets
Then rolled into long cones
And set in place upon the family altar.
A wealth of incense and red, half-burned tapers
Revealed that their neglect was not prolonged,
But Wang Ye-fang passed by and with a shove
Throw all these idols down.

She threw those idols down.
"How servants can set up those curious things!"
Was all the explanation that she made.
I did not comment but I wondered if
When my strange foreign eyes were far away
She would bow down and pray in penitence
That such rude treatment might be overlooked
And offer an unusually fragrant gift
To appease her deities.

I wondered more if deep in her young heart
Was shame for all the superstitious gods
To which her family bowed,
And if Ye-fang, by gestures such as these,
Was sweeping clear the altar for her Lord.

- Lois Anna Ely.

Mr. Bates furnishes us with one more review of National Affairs. Mr. and Mrs. Bates sail the 28th. of June on the Saarbrucken, going by way of Europe. Dr. and Mrs. Hesman sail for San Francisco on the same day on the S.S. General Sherman of the States Line.

Of the National situation, Mr. Bates says: "There is underlying relief because of the armistice in the North, which has saved Tientsin and Heping from the fate so many expected. Now there is some hope of handling the difficult problem of the Chinese soldier in that region, and far more chance of effective action against the Communists south of the Yangtze. The group of leaders who really mean business in economic and political reform will have a
"No one yet knows what price has to be paid for temporary security. Both Chinese and Japanese official circles are so vehement in denying any political conditions in the military agreement, that the popular suspicions are maintained rather than quieted. More substantial evidence of trouble is the series of reports by the Japanese official news agency from Tokyo, to the effect that Japan expects China to start a new policy henceforth, including the suppression of all boycott and anti-Japanese movements, and at least the passive recognition of the Japanese position in Manchuria and north of the Great Wall. Thus it would seem that China is to be held to abject submission, with or without a formal agreement on such lines. Furthermore, Japanese airplanes are to have the right to inspect the demilitarized zone within the Wall, a humiliating element in the armistice.

"Cantonese leaders have been more violent than ever in their denunciations of the Nanking Government, ostensibly for cowardice in the face of the Japanese. Small expeditions from the South have started into Hunan, advertising their motive sometimes as resistance to Japan in the North, sometimes as co-operation with the Nanking forces against the Communists. The more pessimistic Chinese feel that the northward movement of troops bodes ill for internal peace. Yet the tone in recent weeks is less than during May, and it is to be hoped that the strenuous efforts to conciliate Canton in political ways have borne some fruit.

"The journey of T.V. Soong to confer with President Roosevelt and to represent China in the World Economic Conference, emphasizes the high quality of China's envoys abroad. W.W. Yen has by his earnestness and sound judgment handled difficult straits, earned a real reputation in Geneva; his work at Moscow will be well done, whatever its problems. Wellington Koo is likewise of first rank in Geneva and Paris, with a background of long experience in Peiping and London. Alfred Sze in Washington and Que T'ai-ch'ian now serving in London are of good second material. Soong is in many ways the most vigorous man of the Government to-day, certainly the ablest civilian administrator. He commands the respect of many legitimate interests among Chinese and foreigners, and the hatred of all sorts of mastrels."

Miss Vautrin reports from Gingling College that the new Practice School will be completed by the end of July. This building is the generous gift of Madames Sun Yat Sen, H.H. Kung and Chiang Kai-shek in loving memory of their mother, Madame Soong. The building will accommodate seventy-two students.

Miss Vautrin also reports the marriage on June 16th of Miss Hwang Lih-ming, head of the Physical Education Department of Gingling College, and Mr. Y.H. Chen, the son of Mr. Chen Lieh-ming. Miss Hwang is a graduate of our Chung Hwa Girls' School, of Gingling College, and of the special physical education course of Wellesley. She is a member of the Drum Tower Church. Her mother, Hwang T'ai T'ai, is well known throughout our mission.

Dr. Wu, the president of Gingling, sails for America on the Colleague on June 24th to represent Chinese women at the International Congress of Women which is to be held in connection with "The Century of Progress" Fair at Chicago. Dr. Wu has been asked to make an address on July 15th. This is an unusual opportunity to represent her country women and her college. The trip will also enable her to
attend the Institute of Pacific Relations at Banff, Canada in August.

Professions are opening up for college trained women in China. Some are being created by them. The sociology department of Gingling college has been interested for several years in the training of medical and social case workers. Three members of the present senior class are preparing in this field and have already accepted positions as medical case workers in three large hospitals. For many years the students in their various types of work for families in the Gingling neighborhood have felt the need of some kind of a community house in which the work could center. Recently a Board of Directors was formed for a new Gingling College Community Center. The hope is that community interest in the project will be so stimulated that a year from this time a simple building can be erected near the present day school.

Mr. Cheo Yu-wen, our Chuchow pastor, represented the Disciples of Christ at the Biennial meeting of the National Christian Council at Sunkiang, May 3rd to 11th. Mr. Cheo says that he was particularly interested in the discussion of the crisis in the Christian movement and in the problems of Evangelism and Christian nurture. In connection with the crisis in the Christian movement, Mr. Cheo notes the following four points: (1) The Russian five-year anti-religion movement will, it is anticipated, affect some Christians very much, especially young Christians and other young people interested in Christianity. (2) The very severe cut in Mission grants to churches in China, coming down "like frightful thunder onto people who have not had enough time to cover their ears", will undoubtedly affect some phases of work. (3) The unceasing conflicts in viewpoints and denominational differences weaken the co-operative power of Christianity. (4) The neglect of personal devotions and Christian nurture was another point stressed. Not enough attention is given to practice in true Christian living, and doubts arise in the minds of onlookers as to whether or not Christianity has the power to reconstruct a man's personality.

In Evangelism and Christian Nurture the Conference stressed four points: 1. the training of lay leaders; 2. work with youth, especially the youth in the church; 3. the rural work of the church; 4. the Christianizing of the home. Three lines of development in educational evangelism were suggested: fellowship in small groups, team evangelism, and training institutes. A program like this carried forward in earnest consecration should do much to enlist all our church members in carrying responsibility and to bring about the individual rebirth which the national crisis demands.

Nanking South Gate reports its observations of Pentecost Sunday, "We have been quite successfully putting more emphasis upon this day for the past few years. Preceding Pentecost we held prayer meetings in several homes and on Thursday at our regular prayer meeting had more than fifty in attendance. Following this four women were baptized. On Sunday we had a splendid attendance of our Christian people. Unlike Christmas and Easter, which to the Chinese contains much 'rich nai' (hot noise), this day was more quiet as a Church day. During the month we also observed Parents' Day. The Chinese are glad to know that Christianity honors parents and the Chinese Christians appreciate this special day."
LUCKOWFU has just had a visit from Miss Alice Gregg of the National Committee for Christian Religious Education. She was a guest in the Gouler home, and an inspiration and help to all the members of the station. Miss Gregg is the author, with Mr. Chi-ang of Wu-hu, of "Our Heavenly Father's World", the first year primary Sunday School lessons which are being used with great zest and appreciation in a number of our mission Sunday Schools. A set of Chinese pictures illustrating these first year stories is just off the press. They are being enthusiastically welcomed by both teachers and pupils.

Doctor Corpron writes that hospital business is not quite so good as at this time last year because of the six months drought last fall. Receipts have been kept at about the same level by increasing the charges. The hospital is not able to do as much charity work as with the former mission grant. Many people are being turned away without treatment. Because of the X-Ray equipment our hospital gets practically all the gun-shot cases within a radius of forty miles. Banditry was suppressed for a time last year as a result of a vigorous anti-Red campaign. Now so many soldiers have been rushed north to the Sino-Japanese conflict that the local forces are inadequate to cope with the many bands of bandits which have sprung up again on all sides. Half of the patients in the seventy beds in the Luckowfu hospital are the victims of bandit bullets and knives.

The Luckowfu hospital has experimented for a year and a half with a woman doctor, hoping that she might attract many old-fashioned women who refused to be treated by a man. The situation has not changed. The women who have come have asked for the foreign doctor who has a reputation and the men patients have been unwilling to be treated by a woman. Thus her field was so limited that for a mission hospital she proved a luxury and her contract has been allowed to lapse. Dr. Roger T. Lu, a well-trained young man from Mukden, is filling the place. His modern attitude is proving a spur to the rest of the staff. His coming makes it possible for Dr. Corpron to take his vacation this year.

Mr. Gouler is most interested in cooperatives. He has initiated a tiny producer's cooperative at the Luckowfu Rural Center. Fourteen boys worked for several weeks to raise enough money to pay in their fees and buy one chicken each. A tiny chicken house was built and a pen made. The hens fell to work laying their eggs. The eggs will be stamped with the cooperative mark and sold under a guarantee. The profits will be divided into tenths. One-tenth will go to the church; one-tenth to extending the cooperative movement; three-tenths toward capital, and five-tenths toward helping the boys pay their own way in education. Mr. Gouler feels that the cooperative movement embodies in a very practical way the essential teachings of Christ and supplies better than any other movement vital factors lacking in the rural life of China.

Miss Gray reports from Nanking Drum Tower that one of the students in the sixth grade at Chung Hwa won the first place in an oratorical contest for primary schools just held at Gining College. The Chung Hwa Girls' School has just received a certificate of honorable mention from the city government for the cleanliness and general hygienic condition and orderly appearance of the class-rooms, dormitories, and campus. Last semester the certificate was for first place. All schools are examined twice a year for this purpose.
A memorial bell tower in honor of the forty years that Miss Lyon has served in Nanking is now under construction on the campus of Chung Hwa Girls' School. It is the gift of the school, of the Alumnae Association, and of the Drum Tower Church. The bell, itself, is the gift of the 1933 graduating class of the Senior Middle School.

From WUHU Mrs. Haskell writes that the Academy has had its annual field meet. The day was partially cloudy, making it ideal for the many participants. Their friends and other spectators thronged the grounds all day. About ten days later these same students participated in a district meet held on Wuhu's public recreation ground. Their total number of points won second place for the school. During the meets the Academy boys broke four of the provincial records.

The Academy students put on programs two successive nights at one of the downtown theaters, May 19th and 20th, to raise money to help carry on the Y.M.C.A. work among the soldiers in North China. They took in $800.00 and only had a small expense, so were well pleased with the result of their efforts.

Rev. Jim Graham held a series of meetings for the Academy students while he was in Wuhu helping in a Workers' Institute at the Methodist Women's Center, although the meetings were unfortunately held at the time when the students were busy in preparation for field meets and programs, they were well attended and were pronounced very helpful. A morning watch and a new Bible class were outgrowths of this meeting.

In the CHUCHOW CITY CHURCH Mr. Cheo Yu-wen says that the Dragon Festival was utilized as a special evangelistic day because it was the people's holy day. Many new-comers, some fifty-five, were in the afternoon service, listening to preaching from two well-prepared church members.

Mr. Cheo reports the introduction of a devotional period in the early morning of every Saturday, this in addition to the regular Wednesday afternoon prayer-meeting. In the beginning the Pastor led these meetings but they are now being conducted by lay members. The Chuchow church has made an innovation in our mission in introducing kneeling cushions for these devotional services.

The best news in NANTUNGCHOW this month is that Miss Suon Pao Hwa, a Ginling graduate with a number of years of experience in middle school teaching, has accepted the principalship of the Tsung Ing Girls' School. Miss Suon came to Nantung from the Kwai Hsi Girls' School in Kwai Yuan.

Mr. Burch reports two Nantung news items. He says, "Last week in Nanking, while talking with Dr. Chen, Assistant Superintendent of the Central Hospital, the largest government hospital in China, I was surprised to have him inquire about one of our Nantung-chow Christian Hospital patients, a boy named Fulton Liu. More than two years ago Mr. Liu Guang-fu, formerly principal of the Middle School of the University of Nanking, found that his son was suffering from a case of tuberculosis of the spine and took him to the Central
Hospital for treatment, but they were unable to cure the case as they had neither the equipment necessary nor a specialist in T.B. bone surgery. His father therefore took him to the best known Orthopedic Hospital in Shanghai where he was under treatment for some months but failed to show any great improvement. Last June Mr. Liu brought his son to our hospital where he was operated upon in October by Dr. Hagman who strengthened the weakened spinal column by a strong graft of bone taken from the patient's leg. For months young Liu remained recumbent in the hospital, taking his daily sun treatments, awaiting the knitting of the bone and the successful outcome of this delicate operation. Just a few weeks ago he was able to turn over on his back for the first time, then a little later to sit up, and at last on June 10th, he was discharged as cured, walking. The gratitude of Fulton's Christian parents at their son's restoration to health without deformity was shared by all our Christian group.

Mr. Burch also reports an interesting item in regard to Mr. Li Chi-nan, the language teacher of Miss McElroy and the Slater. "Mr. Li is teacher of ethics in the Kiangsu Fourth Model Prison which is located in Nantungchow. Just the other day Mr. Li was surprised to receive congratulations from a friend who is teaching in a Shanghai prison. It seems that the Provincial Inspector of Prisons has just completed a tour of all the prisons in the province and has reported to his superiors that from the standpoint of good results in the conduct of the prisoners the ethical instruction being given in the Nantung prison is superior to that given in any other place in the province. Mr. Li disclaims any credit for this and says, 'I have simply been teaching these prisoners the principles found in the life and teaching of Jesus; therefore it is the teachings and not the teacher that should be praised.'"

Sorrow came to the Nantung Christian group this month when Mr. and Mrs. Lu of the faculty of the Textile College lost their eight months old son from spinal meningitis. The baby's grave is the second grave in the little plot of land our Nantung church is purchasing for a Christian cemetery. Next week another will be dug for the son of a Congregational Pastor in Chili. This young man died while taking his entrance examinations at the Nantung Medical College.

On the Sunday following the burial of the little Lu baby, the Christian group attending the communion service at the church were greatly touched when Mrs. Lu stood up to thank the group for services rendered while her beloved son was a patient in the hospital and for the sympathy expressed at his death, and then made a confession of her own loss of interest in Christianity, her drifting away from what had once been so dear to her heart, and her utter lukewarmness toward her Master. Her re-dedication of her life to Jesus stirred deeply all who heard her.

Mission PERSONALS seem almost like health bulletins these days. Winston Haskell has had his tonsils removed, is greatly improved, and looks forward to a fine summer in Kuling. Grace Bauer is gradually getting back to something of her normal self. Miss Whipple remains at a standstill. Mrs. Lewis Smythe will be confined to her bed during the summer months in Kuling. She is optimistic but there is tuberculosis to fight. Mr. Goodsell has been advised to take a complete rest during the summer, as has Dr. Brady, who, in addition to being generally run-down due to heavy work in the University Hospital, has
had a severe infection of the nose and throat. Ruth McElroy is in
Shanghai to see a nose and throat specialist. Mr. Bates is up and
down. Dr. Hagman is mostly down but is getting up in order to have
strength for traveling.

Mrs. Hugh Kilgour (Louise Cory) of Toronto has written
a letter of appreciation of the News Letter, inclosing an offering
for the same. She also spoke of the enjoyment the Toronto W.M.S. has
taken in the China programs for the past half year. Imagine Louise
with a daughter ready for the Fifth grade and Jamie, "a big boy, wear-
ing five-year-old clothes on his four-year-old self."

Miss Kelly, too, writes of appreciation of the news
sheet. "She says, "I am realizing peace and happiness here and am find-
ing an increasing opportunity for service." She says that in a home
with sixty old people with nothing to look forward to but the Final
Summons there is need for someone to help keep up the courage and mo-
rale. We of the China Mission know how well Miss Kelly can fill the bill.

Mission personnel will be quite generally involved in
the school for treasurers which is to be held in Nanking July 3-8,
just preceding the young people's conference. After that perhaps some
one will write us a better ode than the following:

ODE TO THE MISSION TREASURER

There was a time when figures and accounts,
Cash books, and every ledger page,
To me did flout
Bamboozlement to try a sage,
Of columns, an incredible amount!
It is not now as it hath been of yore:--
At every new pay day,
A chaste array
Of marching numbers knocks precisely at my door.

They come in cavalades,
Summoned by all my aides.
I view them with delight--
These ordered ranks so prompt to hear,
In spite of busy plight,
The monthly trumpeter.
They tickle my aesthetic sense;
So, if you please, it is from these
Now glorified details, I make my monthly balance.

-L.A.E.

Sincerely yours,
Your China Mission Friends

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Dearest Mother,

I have left the family sanily located in Kuling and am again on my way back to work at Tunchow after only a week at Kuling. Harold Surrey is with me on this way back to Shanghai and then America. He got sick in Shanghai the day of landing, so couldn't get to Tunchow. But he met us at Kuling and went to Kuling with us. This week together at Kuling we had all our mornings full with some of our missionaries for glasses. We had a very busy time and I got in some good work. So that now I can make up refraction myself at Tunchow. I plan on returning to Kuling the last week in August to bring them home again.
We are all well as usual. On July 4th, the American 4th of July had race for the children. Sonya won the event this same as last year. I promised him $1.00 with a gun as an inducement. I guess as an inducement.

I think the 3 year old also ran in the last class and came in second, the little girl beating her, being 6 year older. Next year she will win her event. Mary is walking a little more than her confiding legs. She gained most of her confidence in herself while on the way to Kuling.

I hope you are well again and not bothered with hay fever.

Love,
Douglas,
The General in charge of the new drive against the Reds in this district is a patient of mine. He is gaining weight with my treatment, and we have become quite chummy. He comes over often to enjoy my fan. Last Wednesday night he came to our staff Discusgun Bible class, and took part.

Aug. 9th.

I have been on duty at the Cholera hospital from 5 to 11 PM for the last two nights so haven't been able to finish this letter. Still the cholera rages.

The General, Wang, I mentioned above just sent me about 20 cans of ham as a "get even" for the bread, cakes, potatoes, and tomatoes which I have been sending him from time to time. You can't do anything in the way of gifts for a Chinese gentleman without his getting even. He is still living in the Bro house which we have given him to use during his work here. He and his friendship are my guarantee of safety and protection here.

Grace reports the kiddies all very well at Kuling. The other day, while she and Irene Goulter were at the deep end of the Methodist valley swimming pool, Ruth fell into the shallow end. Before they could get to her she had swallowed a lot of water and was a greenish color. When they got her out and drained the water out of her and she could talk she said, "O da dia shui" which is good Chinese for "I fell into the water". More than half of her talk is Chinese; which is natural since we talk so much before her to Chinese and she hears it all the time from the amah. Her tumble did not frighten her for she begged to go in the next day. And Grace has no peace mornings until she can shut up Ruth's teasing to go swimming by just going.

Makes everyone needs a "safety valve", someone to whom they can "spill the beans", if you know what you mean. I am glad you have honored me as your safety valve. Don't apologize for anything you wish to blow-off steam about to me. I will keep it all to myself, and you will feel better. Before you had papa and mama had you. I have Grace and Grace has me. Now you must take me as second best, since you haven't papa with you just now. And when do you have him again you won't need a "safety valve".

You are not the only one in our family that can't get his money out of the bank. Our children's allowances which is in the Long Beach Building and Loan Association is also tied up. We have gold $622.00 tied up there. That is quite some tidy little sum to save up in four years on a missionary salary. I tried to draw out part of it to transfer to Shanghai where I could keep in touch with it, but not so.

Sonny