Dearest Mother,

I am in Hankow, attending what is the largest (in importance) medical gathering ever held in China. The F.E.A.T.M. of this letter head stands for the Far Eastern Association of Tropical Medicine. I am a member and attending the 9th Congress. The most eminent medical men from India, Japan, Dutch East Indies, Malay, Philippine Islands, Indo-China, Burma, Celen, Formosa, China, Japan, Korea, etc., and Hawaii, as well as representatives from the League of Nations and the United States.

The Chinese Government is the host and footing the bills and “bag”!!! How they are pulling on the “dog” in this matter of entertainment. Toasts, toasts, banquet, in full dress. A private can’t take the delegate wherever he wishes to go. I find books on China PUBLIC HEALTH work
in China, and a tapestry bag to carry them home in. I feel as if I were having returned to me one of my duty orders I have paid on packages in the past.

I left Europe and the kids all well in London. Came from London to Nanking in 30 hours, via Anchung. Anchung to Nanking by bus in 6 hours, Nanking to Nanking by river steamer.

Also I have just had two teeth filled here. I don't pay for the missionaries in London, but I can't do it in myself. I don't pay them for. But I have to pay.

Cost me $21.00 for fillings.

After the Congress I will run down to Shangha for a day or two to do some hospital shopping, and Xmas shopping for ourselves. I expect to be away from home only about 10 days.

The business was picked up when I left. When I leave this

surgery drops off. When I don't return 27 people will. I can't be away too long. I did 15 fu-
This week before I left, when we returned home from Nanking, there were only 20 in patients in the hospital. Then after 2 weeks at home we had 55 in patients.

I am staying with the Choppens while in Nanking. He is taking me to speak at the Masonic Lodge while here. He is also lending me his friend for the formal dinner at these banquets. I must get on for the first time tonight to attend the banquet given by Pres. Wong Ching-wei, president of Ching.

I hope you find you well and happy.

Love,

Douglas.
Dear Mother,

all well. Just arrived from Kuling. Hospital has only about 25 patients. Semi-famine due to drought is the cause. A herd manager is ahead of us and the people of the district. Much beheading can be expected.

I am sending this note to give you these recent pictures of the children's new house. They were taken just 2 days before leaving Kuling.

Love,

Douglas.
Luchowfu Christian Hospital  
Luchowfu (Hofei), Anhwei, China  

September 28, 1934

Dear Friends:

We are back at work in Luchowfu with the kiddies brown—and husky and in fine physical condition.

We had the best trip home we have ever made, that is, it was cheapest and fastest. By travelling first class and then coming by bus from Anking we made the trip in thirty-seven hours, or it would have been that short if we had not had to stay over one day in Anking. There was a bandit scare and the soldiers had commandeered all the busses. We just had to wait till they got done with them.

At Anking they have a good Chinese kindergarten and I was glad of a chance to visit it a day. I brought back several good ideas which we have incorporated in our Nursery School.

Our Mother's Club has succeeded in working out a plan of cooperation and we now have a most successful "Children's Happy Garden" as we translate the Chinese name. It is a nursery school rather than a kindergarten for our children range in age from two to five. Our hospital had an empty doctors residence across the street from our big gate. This we are lending to the mother's club and cooperating in every way we can with their program. We have good equipment—a slide, swings, and sand boxes, etc. The teachers are three young mothers with good education. One has had two years of college, is very artistic and has had a librarian course. She can take my new English books and dig out the theory and methods. The school has been going just a week and teachers and tables seem so happy. They have an hour of free outside play, then come in. They wash hands and face, my small two year old Mary has already discovered that she wants to do it herself. Then they all sit down at small tables and drink bean milk which is made and furnished free by the hospital. After that comes music and games, hand work for the older ones and more free play for the small ones. Miss Teagarden is just home from America and she says it is superior to many such schools she saw in America. We have fifteen children six of whom are from our hospital compound. They form a happy group of good friends and make it easier for the others to feel at home. Each mother pays a small tuition fee of three dollars a month which is all most Chinese homes can afford. The teachers are not taking any salary but prefer to turn the fees into more equipment. We have been amazed at the interest shown by outsiders. It is the first school of its kind in Luchowfu and several times teachers and students from the normal school have come to observe and remained an hour or so, their faces wreathed in delighted smiles. Also many of the mothers often come. We hope to make it a teaching center and thus demonstrate many of the new theories we study at our monthly meetings.
I wrote you about last month when we returned from Kuling we found over half the babies with gonorrheal eyes, several of them already blind. Many of the wet nurses also had it, and refused examination or treatment. They are so ignorant, dirty and dishonest that the man in charge decided to change his method. So he discharged half of the women and we took thirty babies in the hospital and are trying to raise them on evaporated milk formulas. You never saw a more miserable set of babies—poor little unwanted girls. Several of the weak ones have died but we still have twenty-six today, most of whom we think will live. When their eyes get well and their skin heals then we find they begin to gain. Three are fat and pretty—all the rest are still under-weight. It is hard work for the nurses but they have been good sports and have not complained at all. It is excellent training. Ordinarily we do not have many babies live in the hospital. We are keeping track of the expenses of the experiment and hope our methods will later be carried over into a new orphanage run on modern lines. It is the only charitable establishment of its kind in the city and is sponsored by the city fathers. We have not had any money to contribute but many of us in the hospital have been glad to cooperate by helping all we can by teaching and demonstrating modern methods.

Dr. Corpron has gone to Nanking this week to attend an International Convention of Tropical Medicine. He will hear famous doctors from all over the world and considers it a most unusual opportunity. He managed to find two days of sun and so got off on the bus. In China busses don't run when it rains. With this quick trip he will only be gone ten days or so. I surely hope he won't be any longer for the load of responsibility is great. Besides the babies and their formulas I have to keep track of all buying, giving out of supplies, etc.

Our Sunday school has just had a Promotion Day which the children loved for we gave out tiny diplomas and they felt so important. Miss Teagarden is now taking over the main responsibility for our Religious Education. This gives me more time for Mothers' Club work which is new and needs pushing.

Miss Major is some better and we expect her back in a few weeks. Thus our happy Luchowfu group will be once more reunited.

Best wishes to you all.

Grace S. Corpron
(Mrs. Douglas S. Corpron)

United Christian Missionary Society
Missions Building        Indianapolis, Indiana
October 28, 1934

Dear Florence Anne:—I am afraid it has been a long time since I have written to you. Please forgive me. Since I have been back I have helped start our new nursery school, trained our nurses in feeding a ward of orphan babies, started out the Fall S.S. work and Somm in his Catalog course. In September we all had terrible colds and it remained all month. Now we are all recovered, we are having October's bright blue weather. Love
Teyetel in back and is taking our
motif of the S.S. work and our
schools are running smoothly.

I am especially pleased with our
nursery school. We have fitted up an
unmixed doctor's residence with a yard
and funds. We added a small
and barns, etc. Inks are made of
bottles, a rag doll, and clothes for
children. In the wash room each baby
has his own wash basin, towel, and
another room has a white cradle painted
on the floor for them to march and sing.
Another has low tables for hand work. They
are cut, pasted, and pieces. We fig embroidered
these minutes are in charge from 9:30 to 11:30.

It is a lovely little school and my
two little girls are happy there and
are learning to be independent. Some
many of 2 1/2 IN a week. The
main fare I pull down for them.

Sunny, Thos, and Jean have been
school together at Grantham. We are
in a class room which costs forty
dollars a year and is quite easy to teach.

It has very detailed lesson plans which
are easy to follow. Sunny is starting
regular first grade. Mrs. Grover
trades him from three twenty to fifteen
and I teach the girls spelling
computation and nature study while Mrs.
Teach's Sunny. They are in third grade
and their books are so interesting.
It is really fun to teach them.

I find my methods of 1912-16 pretty
much out of date. The books are
so much more modern and
visited to their interests. They read quite different books very early with this course. Last year they read Alice in Wonderland in 2nd grade & Pinocchio. This year they have Yough and Talbe Problem Solver etc.

We are lucky in having these children to work together. They have a good never together and a fun singing period every day.

In the afternoon Sunny goes to Chinese school, it is learning to read and write in very fast. He has a new group of play to play with and he is getting quite a normal school experience with them. It is our mission school and has excellent teaching. He has absorbed a
Dearest Mother,

Again a red letter day has arrived and I am writing you a birthday letter. Sixty five years old, and well invested; and now basking in the fruits of your labors. You've heard of the book, "Life Begins at Forty". That must be true. Up to that time you have been spending most of your time getting training and experience to do your life's work properly. Well I wish you many more happy birthdays. I hope to be able to help you celebrate one in a few years from now.

It was nice for you to get that visit with Mr. Paul just when my letter was forwarded to him. But don't make up your mind too soon for our furlough. Mr. Paul said 1936, but he doesn't have the say as to the exact date. That is fixed out here on the field. I simply told him that our furlough was due in 1936; but that too late; no provision had been made for a doctor to relieve me for such a furlough, and to prepare a man for such relief would take several years time. Our furlough also has to be arranged with regard to the furloughs of the other missionaries in the station. As we all came back at the same or about the same time we would all be due to go on furlough at the same time, which is not possible. So I expect it will be in 1937. I was just hurryng up Mr. Paul when I told him the truth that our furlough was due in 1936; and he wouldn't delay longer making provision for my relief.

Miss Collins is leaving for furlough this week. When she will return is a question, because her family think her old father needs her to keep house for him now that her mother is dead. Miss Wilkinson will probably leave soon via Europe, attending the International Convention of Disciples of Christ, being held in England. Goulter's go in 1936. We probably in 1937.

I suppose you have been greatly worked up over the reports of the killing of Mr. and Mrs. Stam near Wuhu. By reading the papers you might think that all of Anhwei is involved; which is not the case. Those communist activities were the work of communist bandits which Chiang Kai Shek had driven out of Kiangsi Province. The back of their strength is broken. They are now more or less scattered in smaller bands. These bands are however dangerous because desperate, and must be avoided at all costs. They are at present in Southern Anhwei, south of the Yangtze River. We are north of the Yangtze River. The Government navy is on the river to prevent their crossing into northern Anhwei and heading to an escape into Honan Province. (Get your map of China out.) We are in constant communication with the American Consul of Nanking, and we have arranged for him to communicate with us by radio, and if ordinary means of communication are out of order, as in 1927. We are wide awake to the danger if
the communists get across the river; and would get out of here immediately. Since 1927 we are not so confident that “Oh nothing will happen”, or that the Lord will care for them who don’t try to take care for themselves. Also now we have three directions in which to evacuate instead of but one as in 1927. Now we have the usual river route to Wuhan; the bus south to Anking; and the bus north to the railroad; also in a few months time we will have a branch railroad finished north to the main Hankou-Peking Line. The rails are at this moment almost all laid, from Hankow north.

Later, a year or two, it will be extended on to a point this side of the Yangtze River opposite Wuhan. Wuhan now has a railroad finished to Hankow. Soon we will be able to get to Shanghai by rail from here in two directions.

I am sorry to disillusion you on one false report made to you. That is about my invention of Bean Milk. I am sorry to have to report to you that that was not my invention, as some kind friend wanted to believe it was. It was formulated in Fasco Peking after research work and it was found to be a good cheap milk substitute. I simply got next to it and popularized it in this city. We make it daily by the gallons in our hospital diet kitchen, under Grace’s supervision; and we are using it in our hospital lavishly, in the Nursery School, and in our Gco Memorial Girls’ School for recess lunch.

So thank you for the compliment, but your darling son is not so smart as you thought him. He’s just a plugger who tries not to lay down on the job just because it gets a little hard and dangerous at times.

We went 600 miles in the U.S. We had a very nice Xmas this year. First we had a party for all the parents and children. A program followed by a picture and package containing fruit and candy and cookies and a present for each. There were eighty kiddies there. These were all the children of our hospital folks, doctors, nurses, coollies, smahs, etc. Next the coollies put on a program, including a playlet of the Nativity acted out with all parts taken by men (Chinese fashion). Next we had an evening with a program by the students. This was especially good this year. The Magistrate honored us with his presence and that of his daughter; and he enjoyed himself immensely. Next was the Christmas morning caroling by the students. Next there was a Christmas Chapel in the wards. Next the usual Christmas feast by all the staff, students, and coollies. Then our missionary Christmas at Goulter’s, with supper, a playlet by the kiddies, and Santa Claus (Mr Chinese Santa, one of the Goiters, etcetera). Then I came home and listened in on London with their gardeners.

We are all well. Love,

Douglas
Dec. 29, 1934

Dear Florence Anne:

It's eight thirty and my two chums have been bathed, fed, and put to bed. I am going to see how long I can stay awake and talk to you.

First—thank you so much for your generous gift of records. They all came through unharmed. We are enjoying them so much. I agree with you that the 'On Wings of Song' is lovely. I have always, especially enjoyed Nightingale since he came over on the boat with us the first time we crossed.

You are certainly generous to send such a lot. We are very glad to have them for we have not many good records. Music helps so much to keep us from getting homesick.

Our radio is more satisfactory this year. We have switched to city lights and so we do not have so much engine interference. We get our best music from Manila. There are also a couple Shanghai stations who give us modern jazz. Once or twice we have heard re-broadcasts of programs from other countries—Christmas night last. Our health better now.

It makes the world seem little.

Well, we have had a nice Christmas. With three lively young folks it is a real jovial occasion. Doug and I don't get many presents ourselves. Most folks think to the children. I am glad you did not!
were as generous as ever. From several various organizations we received a total of forty-eight dollars. It will help us to finish up a bad debt we contracted three years ago.

Mrs. Gardner sent war two lonely big books of Bible stories one for songs we for Ruth. They have beautiful illustrations and the children are wild about them. It's such a joy to me to have new things to read to them. Ethel Sanders sent a lot of kiddie books too. She is a generous person and has helped a lot with our little nursery school. She is a librarian and knows all the new books.

Sanny got a big package from the yacine Gardner:-merry Christmas long plants with a book folder-a lot of tiny candy etc. Austin got a very nice daily from the guild that supports her and his mini pink sheepskin coat. The boys sent two to Mary and a green stuffed sheep named Snow for妈妈.

Daddy gave me bright seeds and I gave him new plans and plants for his nursery which is a luxury in our budget.

A few days before Xmas I sent my red cookie out to hunt for house plants. She found a place that had lovely Christmas cacti. They bought two baskets to my back door. One had a cactus-a big red air years old covered with fifty hue blossoms and buds. The other had two big pink geraniums and a dainty begonia. After much haggling we got the bunch for $6.50. The cactus was esperance. It is such a joy. I enjoy it more than anything else I received. It hung in our east window a few away from the big chair as possble. I did not have any plants at all prior to that. The chrysanthemums were finished.

Dinner guests gave me some new big salt and pepper which I have needed. There still give a big Chinese salad bowl and salad fork from. I have not heard a word
from Sally or Mother. They are poor correspondents.

Perpetual letters have much money to spend now. Old Bill always sends us nice packages, but they are a bit late. It is so much better if he only asks you once a week to come two weeks late. How much of this Christmas pleasure.

I send you an embroidered white silk sheet. I hope it got there O.K. I send it sample first and wasn’t sure how much it would cost you at that end.

Our postage rates are terrible, so we can’t send anything that is good quality. I try to find things that are good quality but of course there is an element of risk at your end with sample first. Please tell me how much you paid for the items. You will get a reason, though, getting to be a trimming young lady.

Mrs. Murray, who is 2½, yes young, weighs thirty two pounds. Your baby is surely getting to be a trim young lady.

You are right in cutting down and she is fat, too. You are right in cutting down and she is perfectly fine. She looks just right in her fatness. She was just right in her fatness. She will now be much better and feel fine. She will now be much better and feel fine. She will now be much better. You have certainly done a good job feeding her. This fourth year of course done a good job feeding her. She now eats food from one on. She will now eat food from one on. She will now eat food from one on. She will now eat food from one on. She will now eat food from one on. She will now eat food from one on. She will now eat food from one on.
her on the petty as often (every twenty minutes or so) as you
have time or energy and you will be surprised. She
feared her cutting on to the idea some day & things to be
said. It will be your responsibility for a year yet till she
can talk enough to tell you. As soon as she works
put her in twin training pants with elastic top and it
will be easy to handle - I still have to get up in the
night twice with May - but we don't have any real beds
and have not washed diapers for almost a year. It's a real
management to be this far on the way.

We have milk goats with all fall and feel it much
cheaper. It does not have so many chances - I will
use it right away - it has not much plantage - Mr. L" has
not had enough to supply us only a quart a day - we have
been getting two pt. of fresh milk from Quintus - good
with fresh milk and it is very good & cheaper than canned milk.

With these things we are a lot. It's a happy little here -
Wish I could give you some of our room. We have
had it for two weeks now. It's so hard to get clothes
dry. My hospital laundry is a real problem. I am glad
my house has lots of room. I have to let the children
and their friends play inside. I give them a lot of
playing things and book myself away to write letters.

You should have seen Sanny doing a stunt in our
school program. He was a pupil in Chinese school singing
his hymns during teather on the teacher's desk. He talked just
as tho he was a Chinese kid and fit in quite well - He certainly
did not look like one with his white head.

Well I must stop - Much love to you May. Thanks
Gown