Dear Friends of the China Mission;

It looks very much as though we'd be writing two or three apologetic letters in succession. You see, material for this letter is assembled in Nantung by Mrs. McCallum and then sent down to Lois Ely at Nantunkau to write up. Last month's material got there the tenth when days were full of Christmas preparations but Miss Ely hurried the letter through so it could go back to the McCallums and be on its way a week before Christmas. To her consternation, a week later, the letter came back. Since Nanking has gotten so metropolitan as to have "Poads" like Shanghai this is the second time your absent-minded scribe has sent important letters to Shanghai instead of Nanking. Nanking should have been more original in naming its streets and reserved for the Fifth city in the world the distinction of having "Poads".

Shanghai, the fifth of the world's great cities, according to the new "China Provincial Geography and Atlas" issued by the North China Daily News. It would be most interesting in this fiftieth anniversary of the China Mission to make a comparison of the Shanghai visited by Dr. Macklin with the Shanghai Lillian Collins will leave behind when she starts home January 22nd.

And now some more apologizing! We were going to make this a short letter—a past Christmas one, for while it reaches you friends so long after Christmas is past, the activities of that joyous season are such an important part of the year's life that we can't neglect to report them, late though they be. Then next month we were going to do a biggest and best letter to reach you before the March offerings. If now lucks as though the February number would be the littlest and worst if you get any letter at all for we ARE WRITING LETTERS AGAIN—sixty-five apiece to American pastors and if the Promotional Department counted right, all the missionaries in all the fields are doing the same. That is quite an addition to the heavy correspondence that most missionaries are already carrying! If some of you good friends wait unusually long for letters from us or get multigraphed letters, please be forgiving. And if next month's News Letter fails to arrive on time, or even makes no appearance at all, be understanding.

Christmas news from all of our stations is good. All were grateful for kindly weather; some stations had rain, but that was more than compensated for by the mildness of the weather throughout the week. Christmas activities began early everywhere and were prolonged well into Christmas week. Chinling College had a series of Christmas chapel services leading up to the day that proved helpful to a large group of students. The meetings were well advertised by attractive posters, music was excellent, decorations of pointsettias and white daisies, and well chosen talks made the week prior to Christmas one to be remembered. There were six daily chapels beginning on December 11th with the theme, "The First Christmas". Then came, "Christmas in Europe"; "Christmas in India"; "Christmas in Africa", "Christmas in China", and the closing theme of the series,
"Christmas in our Hearts". Chuchow city church had a candle-light testimonial service as a preparation for Christmas day. Nanking South Gate makes its New Year's Sunday a candle-light service and commends such a practice to other stations. This year four lay members took the leading parts in a service which was all planned and carried out by the Chinese. They represented Light in the Home, Light in the School, Light in the Church, and Light in Society. Our Wuhu church was decorated as for a Chinese birthday, using the big long-life character in gold on red silk as the central motif. On either side of this central banner were scrolls with the angels' message to the shepherds. Large red candle burned before the long-life character and red lanterns with lighted candles were hung throughout the church. The newly organized Young Peoples' Christian Fellowship decorated the church at Nantungchow neatly and artistically, making a suitable setting for the Christmas worship service and for the Christmas concert given at the church.

If any of you think we missionaries lacked programs to attend, you should see the raw material out of which this short account of Christmas is constructed. Lucknow lists fourteen events and its activities were not essentially different from any others. Mr. McCallum rewrites a good story of two little negro boys. One was more or less tongue-tied and the other, a little chatterbox, when an altercation arose the talkative little darkie let loose all his expressive adjectives on his antagonist. After he had said enough to get over his breath, the other little fellow lisped, "What you ar, I am." And that is true of Christmas in our stations with minor variations. "What you had, we had." We all had something of drama and pageantry. There were original dramatizations of the scripture theme; besides, such plays were used as "The Other Wise Man", "The Shepherd Who Stayed Behind", Jackson's "Christmas Carol", and the Christmas episode from "Little Women". We all had Christmas carols galore in our programs and outside our windows in the stillness of the night. Even Wuhu, in spite of the enforcement of martial law, had its customary carolling and the Academy students even ventured into the city to the women's center where Miss Tremaine and Miss Lawrence are living. In a month of unrest such as the Wuhu district has passed through, it means much to be awaken to songs of peace and good will. Three groups of carollers visited as far out as Glinghi; six visited Chung Hwa. Young people in the Drum Tower district were ambitious and stayed up the whole night before Christmas. One group, the students at Chung Hwa, others, the Young Peoples' Club, and the Youth Club at the Drum Tower church. South Gate, Nanking, slept till three o'clock and then got up to carol, starting at the church, carolling at neighboring Christian homes, accumulating sinners as they went. They returned to the church at seven o'clock for a birthday breakfast of noodles with some of the older folk who had not been able to join the carolling party. After this there was a quiet worship service at which two were baptized. Nantungchow carollers from the school, hospital, and a few Christian young men from schools down town (these, by the way, stayed at Pastor Choo's so that household stayed up all night) dressed in white robes and with lighted candles made a lovely picture in the dim light of dawn. The Nanking University Hospital Staff carolled through the wards and added a bit of scripture reading and pageantry to their songs in each ward.
The two baptisms Christmas day at South Gate have been referred to. Chuchow had a baptismal service Christmas day with four candidates; Luchowfu had its baptisms on New Year's day. Eight were baptized, including Doris Goulter, six girls students, and one adult from a market town forty li from Luchowfu.

We all had our Christmas giving in connection with our worship services. South Gate Nanking had $1500 in pledges for its new church building and about $400 in cash for Christmas expenses and poor relief. The Chuchow offering was $60 in cash. The Nantung offering was $61.48. Besides, the Women's Missionary Society there distributed 67 pieces of clothing to the needy.

Half of the garments were made by the women; others, were old garments repaired and passed on. Among other gifts at Luchowfu, junior girls made padded bonnets for forty babies in the city foundling home. Wunu brought gifts of clothing for the poor, gifts of milk for the local orphanage for discarded infants, and such relief. Drum Tower Christian Church raised close to $100 and distributed its gift between the social service work of Nanking University and Ginling College. The Nanking Christian Council worked, and rice tickets for the needy. Ginling College did much for her neighbors and felt newly grateful for the Neighborhood House which enabled the girls to better serve the neighborhood and those who work on the Ginling campus.

We all had merry frolics. We all had gifts from home. Some had enough gifts from home to give very widely. Wumu, for instance, gave to all the Sunday School youngsters and Miss Tremaine told the children how these gifts had been assembled at home by the American children. Luchowfu had 500 such gifts to distribute. Other stations had such gifts in smaller quantities, some of decorations, some of books and supplies which become a part of working equipment. Some of us individually gave one thing; some gave others. One missionary, for instance, gave about two hundred of the wall calendars put out this year by the Christian Literature Society. An excellent but inexpensive reproduction of Raphael's "Madonna of the Chair". Mrs. Burch deserves honorable mention for the trees she hung with hand-painted lollipops dolls and stuffed animal toys of her own skill making for all the children on the Nantung Grade Roll. And was Nantung grateful for the thoughtful hands that put packets of little bells into a Christmas package for they tinkled on those toys, on the Christmas brownies at the school program, on Santa Claus at two or three parties, and there are enough left to tinkle for several occasions yet to come!

And now it is all over and in this fiftieth birthday year we are looking back and thinking how different this Christmas has been from the first Christmas in our China Mission and how different it has been from the Christmases we can remember five, ten, fifteen and the twenty years a few of us can stretch back to. In the setting about us there is change. Christmas cards—not mere New Year cards—were on sale even in the interior book stores. Santa Claus, living Christmas trees with their tinsel, balls and toys reached the modern stores in Nanking. "Merry Christmas" and often, as Mr. McCollum says, "Merry Christmas" was everywhere.
Christmas was in the air by way of the radio. Those are external things but looking seriously at our own mission groups we find throughout all our institutions a deeper sense of the real significance of Christmas and a new comprehension of the obligation to broadcast as far and as effectively as possible the spirit and message of peace and good will. "We felt a newer and heartier co-operation in the working out of plans for a more meaningful Christmas tide, at the same time preserving those things which make for merry good cheer. More than anything else, out of this Christmas season, comes our gratitude for and our joy in the trained Chinese leaders who this year, more than any time in the past, helped to make the Christ in the heart and in the life of the community supreme. There is where you who have given of your gifts or your lives for China missions can rejoice with us. Fifty years have brought an intelligent Christian leadership to our China field which promises well for the future.

And that leads to one of the sorrows of the past month. In the midst of all our joy, one of our second generation boys, a graduate of our Young Peoples’ Conference, the President of the Y.M.C.A. in the University Middle School, and a brave, sweet spirit who won friends everywhere, slipped away with T.P. peritonitis—Yang Wen-li, the youngest son of Yang Shao-nan who died four years ago when principal of Coe Memorial Girls School.

News of another death saddens our hearts. Grace Young’s mother died in November in Clarkson, Washington and Miss Young carried her sorrow alone until after Christmas, rather than bring pain to her co-workers at Christmas time. Our deepest sympathy is with Miss Young.

Lovena Goulter could not get home for Christmas she had scarletina. There was an epidemic of scarlet fever in the Kuling American School but the report was that her case was light.

The Haskells missed Helen and Mervin at Christmas time too, who were not permitted to leave Kuling school because of the scarlet fever quarantine. Mrs. Haskell has taken Winston to Shanghai to consult a throat specialist.

Chang Fang, Principal of the University Middle School, Nanking, preached the Drum Tower Christmas sermon.

The McCallum boys are in school half a day now, trying hard to make up the work they lost so they can continue with their grades.

At least one wedding and one engagement took place in our Christian group the past month. Mr. Wang Chao-hai, a graduate of Wuhu Academy and a university of Shanghai, president of our second Young Peoples’ Summer Conference, now a teller in a Nanking bank, married Miss Sung Jen-kuen, a Chung Hwa graduate. An engagement of the month was that of Miss Tsu Do-chia and Mr. Chang Chiwen. Miss Tsu is a Chung Hwa graduate, a graduate of Ginning, and last year she did graduate work at Yenching. For six years she was principal of our Wuhu Girls’ School. At present she is teaching in...
at Chung Hwa. Mr. Chang graduated from our mission primary school at Chuchow, the University Middle School, the University of Nanking, and then did graduate work at Cornell. He is now a professor in the University of Nanking and Vice-Dean of the College of Agriculture. We are all happy in the establishment of any new Christian homes.

Quite different, the above, from what took place in one of our mission stations this past week. Some four years ago an eleven-year-old girl died. She was away from home and the body was kept in the guild hall supported by the people of her province. Recently a young man of eighteen died. He was neither engaged nor married. Middle men got to work and arranged for a marriage of the dead. Expensive gifts were exchanged. Then there was the typical feasting for a large wedding as the two families were people of means. The boy's coffin was taken to the guild hall where the girl's was kept, then with the aid of a small host of Buddhaist and Taoist priests, the two coffins were carried out for burial. Three thousand dollars went into the wedding and funeral celebration, a goodly part of the sum going up in smoke for not only was an unusually elaborate paper house burnt, complete in all its appointments, but the wedding gifts that had been exchanged, including the real clothing and pearl adorned head dress of the bride, were fed to the flames. And THAT where streets are full of hungry poor!

And another case. A young woman was very ill. One of a group who have to do with unfruitful works of darkness was called. He sat himself upon a throne like an idol, painted himself to look like the worst of the clay and straw images, and alongside lined up men, like four lesser deities. The sick girl was brought in before the throne and then was beaten and flogged until finally the fox-spirit was driven out of her body. Unfortunately the girl's own spirit left the body, too, shortly after and she was carried out dead. "Will another fifty years find such incongruities in this land which has in it so much to admire?"

Many folk this month have written in appreciation of the News Letter, the Rotenbomers of Third Church, Indianapolis, for instance. They sent kindest regards to our missionaries and any native workmen who might remember them. Another good friend and proctor of mission work said something that was especially heartening for sometimes when work presses we are tempted to slight this letter, fearing it may not be read. Her comment: "China does the best piece of keeping folks in touch with both the missionary and the work of any of the fields. I hear others express that feeling after they have read a China News Letter."

A little quotation from Rt. Rev. R.O. Hall, D.D. to close with: "Communism is not so much a political system as a Christian heresy. The Christian Church has grown in the past by having to face the challenge of heresies...Whether China becomes Christian or Communist depends on whether Christians or communists love the poor more deeply."

Sincerely yours,

Vol.111 No.4 Your friends in the China Mission.
Dear Friends of the China Mission;

The year's at a very early spring. We have had an exceptionally mild winter and vegetation is far advanced. It seems impossible that it is a month until Easter. Delightfully mild weather aided our after New Year evangelistic meetings. In spite of all efforts to alter the calendar, China New Year is still heartily observed and that leisure season again afforded an auspicious time for attracting crowds to evangelistic services.

CHINESE NEW YEAR
EVANGELISTIC MEETINGS

In Wuhu the different missions held eight days of evangelistic meetings in their various churches, beginning on the first Sunday following Chinese New Year. Mrs. Haskell says that several groups of Christians, largely from organized evangelistic bands, went out each afternoon and preached to eager listeners. One old gentleman remarked, "It is too bad that all men can't hear this." Out-of-town farmers, listening to one service, asked for schedules of the meetings and traveled long distances to attend. These afternoon meetings were followed by evening services at the church, all of them well attended.

Nanking South Gate, in preparation for its New Year evangelistic meetings, conducted a real visitation campaign and went into the homes of all the members. Snow made calling not over-pleasant but it was not without its blessings in that most of the folk were at home. The series of meetings varied on by the local forces, were well attended and some fifteen new inquirers are now being organized into classes.

Chuchoh reports thirty new inquirers enrolled in a class as a result of their evangelistic campaign. Their work was done by local forces, preaching in shops and other places throughout the town so as to make contacts with various neighborhoods. After eight days in the city, the teams went out into country neighborhoods for a few days of rural evangelistic work. Mr. Chow reports increased attendance at worship services and genuine interest in the inquirers' class.

Drum Tower, Nanking, had a week of meetings for women; simultaneously meetings were held for children. The Drum Tower force were aided by Alma Plopper and two students from the Bible Teachers Training School. About twenty signed cards signifying their desire to make a careful study of the Bible and Christian truths.

Nantungchow meetings were well attended and the audience unusually attentive. For several years Nantung has shown motion pictures every evening following its spring evangelistic services. This year these were eliminated without appre-
ciably affecting attendance and it was gratifying to have people come with only one motive, to hear the message that was to be given.

Mr. Coulter, of Luchowfu, says that on China New Years Day he baptized a woman from a town fifteen miles away. She walked that distance twice to make sure when she could be baptized. She is offering her house for meetings. She is too ignorant to preach, but Mr. Coulter says that she can bear witness, and her enthusiasm and gomeliness provide a fine spiritual foundation on which to build.

OTHER EVANGELISTIC NEWS

South Gate, Nanking workers, during the China New Years vacation, took three half days in the form of a retreat, to study over all of the work of the station. Mr. McCallum says that before they got through with the first period, they were about ready to close up the station. However, when they began to discuss ways and means of overcoming difficulties, they became enthusiastic again and some of the suggestions made were very helpful. They came out of the retreat with a better understanding of each other's work and found many ways of being mutually more helpful.

Mr. McCallum reports that cash payments on pledges to the new church building are coming in on a monthly basis and the amount of cash growing. Among the first and most faithful donors are some of the servants who take a dollar out of their month's pay as soon as they receive it. (That is close to a tithe if not in excess of it.)

Mr. Shou Yu-wen longs for resident missionaries in the Chuchow district. He says, "We pray that God will send at least one family of missionaries to stay here permanently and help, in the work for the district. We are greatly in need of them; we are greatly in need of them!"

Mrs. Haskell tells of several types of work being done in "uhu, such as three evening services at the church center each week; visits by the men's preaching bands to outlying regions, speaking particularly to farmers and laborers; weekly meetings in three homes held by divisions of the women's preaching bands. Two Christians who have weaving establishments in their homes have asked Pastor Lee to hold weekly services with their weavers. They also encourage their employees to attend the Sunday services at the church.

Of another home Mrs. Haskell reports: "Only a few years ago, the wife and mother in a home that houses a spinning industry, was baptized. (Her husband had been a Christian for some years). Immediately she began feeling a responsibility for the women working at the spindles and encouraged them to attend church and women's prayer meetings with her. She plastered the walls of her home with pictures and tracts, each of which gives out a Christian message. A number of the women through her leading have become Christians and others are searching the scriptures and watching the examples of Christian life in their midst. Each day a Christian service is held in this home to which the neighbors are welcomed."
Recently this home has been housing many relatives who have come into it from bandit infested areas. This little Christian woman feared the relatives were influencing her husband to give short measure or indulge in other tricks of trade. She was greatly troubled and brought the matter before the Christian women for prayer. Recently she came to a prayer meeting with a beaming face and announced that God had heard and all was right.

Mr. Goulter, in a personal letter to Mr. McCallum refers to a number of openings which our "rather inflexible budgets" as well as the cuts in amounts allowed have made impossible for us to take advantage of. He gives the example of San Ho as something that might well be duplicated in other places asking for help.

"About ten years ago there were only three or four Christians at the town of San Ho, but at least one of them, Dr. Song, was very earnest. At that time he asked me if we could help them by holding occasional meetings and by furnishing part of the salary of an evangelist. We had no funds in our budget for such a project, and could do nothing for them. I literally begged a few missionries to give enough money between them to pay half the evangelist's salary. Three families did that for about two years, giving from their own salaries until financial pressure compelled them to discontinue. The evangelist was there long enough to build a little group of Christians. It was not long until that group employed their own evangelist. Now they have one hundred Christians and the church is completely self-supporting. That is more, they employ workers and send them out to surrounding villages while they carry on services almost every day of the week. It is now perhaps the most rapidly growing and most truly indigenous church in our whole mission."

A NEW CHURCH HYMNAL

We are indebted to Mrs. McCallum for some very interesting paragraphs about the new church hymnal which we have been eagerly awaiting for several years. It will be off the press this year. Four years have gone into the preparation of this new Chinese hymnal of 500 hymns. Scores of music lovers, both Chinese and "Westerners, have shared in the task.

The Episcopal Communon had almost completed their compilation of hymns for a new hymnal when the suggestion came that a broader basis of united effort would produce a hymnal all might use. So six missions entered into this united enterprise, providing men and money for the purpose; the Episcopal Mission, the East China Baptists, Methodist Episcopal Mission North and South, the Church of Christ in China, and the North China Congregational Mission.

The hymnal our own churches have been using was printed thirty years ago. "While our own mission has had no share in the work of getting out this new hymnal, we shall be greatly benefited by the efforts of others and are looking forward impatiently for the first printing."
Quoting verbatim from Mrs. McCallum: "Glancing over the brief history of the new hymnal, one is struck with astonishment for it reveals what a tremendous amount of time, effort, thought, talent, and prayer has gone into its making. One committee compiled the hymn list from those lists submitted by each participating communion. From this list, the Literary Appraisal Committee chose those of literary quality; these were in turn submitted to the Music Appraisal Committee. This committee went through hundreds of hymn books and thousands of tunes, in order to select those for use.

"The aim of these committees, in their own words has been to compile a hymnal which will express praise and the loftiest aspirations of the whole Christian Church in China. By its high standard of spiritual thought, literary style, and music, it is hoped to enrich the quality of hymnology in all the churches. It is therefore our aim to produce a book adequate to inspire Christian congregations; to contain hymns suitable for use on all occasions and aspects of the Church's life; in which the hymns shall be understood by all within the Church, old and young, educated and unlettered, and as far as possible by those without as well as within the Church."

"The new Hymnal will contain revised translations of Christian hymns of the Church Universal, newly translated hymns, and some Chinese original hymns. One precious addition is a hymn taken from a stone cutting which dates back to Nestorian Christianity in China!"

"The translations of hymns in itself is a complex problem. A translation must retain as far as possible the inspiration of the original, express the beauty of Chinese style, maintain simplicity of expression, adjust the systems of rhyming into languages and conserve essential viewpoints of theology. This work has much less freedom and spontaneity than original composition. New Chinese musical compositions have been prepared for the original hymns. This was necessary since most Chinese folk tunes in connection with church hymns have not stood the test of time."

MISSION MISCELLANY

Miss Tremaine is recovering from a light attack of typhoid fever. (This caused a rush on the Tahu General Hospital for inoculations, for it had been less than two years since Miss Tremaine's last inoculation.) She went into the hospital February 9th, but is now in the Haskell home recuperating. By the time American friends read this she will, no doubt, be back in her home as busy as ever. She remarked one day that she didn't mind having to put up with the inconvenience of being sick so regards the physical strain of it but that she did object to having her work broken into in this way. And well she might, for she is the moving factor of a very promising work among the women and the young people.

Charlotte Oakes Bradley, Missionary Superintendent of the Lake and Mendocino County C.M. Union, Calif., sends postage and asks to be put on the mailing list of our China News Letter.
A group of Christian young people sang last Sunday at the Nantungchow Home for the Aged. It was quite a new experience both for the young singers and their audience of eighty old men, and fifty old women, many of them afflicted in various ways.

Miss Ely's brother writes of a visit from Mr. Yuan Peh-chiang, former principal of our "Huo Academy," to his church at Vallejo, Cal. The congregation greatly appreciated Mr. Yuan's address and the Elys enjoyed having him in their home.

A special request has come from the Seminary for the Floppers to take their furlough this year and if the Board approves, they expect to do so. Through the instrumentality of Dean Teigle, Mr. Flopper has been offered a year's fellowship in Yale.

Dr. Teigle, Dean of the Yale Divinity School, is now in China, studying the problem of training leaders for the church. He visited our Nanking South Gate plant, where he is especially interested in Shao Ching-san, who was a member of his 1934 class in Yale. Other Yale graduates in our mission include, Mr. Coulter of Luchowfu, Mr. Cheo Shao-chien of Nantungchow, and Dr. Flopper and Mr. McCallum of Nanking. All of our stations are in hopes Dr. Teigle may visit them but his itinerary is very vail and it may not be possible.

Little things can give a great deal of pleasure. Some of them, so ordinary at home, seldom happen out here. Last Sunday a Christian student at the Nantung Agricultural College had the church decorated with cots of cinerias, begonias, and freesias when Mrs. Burch got there with an armful of snow white magnolias. The combination was beautiful and the young man's thoughtfulness stirred the missionary hearts.

Nantungchow used to have an old Christian gentleman who brought an annual gift to the Lord's House of choice peonies from his little courtyard. He has been missed. Now another old Christian is waiting his summons. Dr. Slater says he had the highest blood pressure of any Chinese he has examined; nevertheless Liu "Old Gentleman" has been slowly walking his long mile to church, in fair weather and foul. Liu "Old Gentleman" looks as though he might be a living model of benevolent aged, for the Chinese spirit of longevity. Now the old man is bedfast with paralytic.

The principal of the Girls' Sixth Middle School gave the graduating address at the Luchowfu Christian Hospital when two nurses received their diplomas. A third should have graduated but failed to pass one of her examinations under the Nurses' Association of China and will have to sit in another year as a student and take the examination with the next class.
Fifty guests, mostly Chinese friends and co-workers were invited to the Flopper home recently to help Mr. Flopper celebrate his 50th birthday anniversary. It was a lovely affair in perfectly formal Chinese style. The guests expressed the hope that Mr. Flopper might celebrate many more birthdays in China.

Lovena Goulter has had intestinal flu and so her going back to school at Fuling has been delayed. Hard trials and great tribulations! Lovena lost a month before Christmas with scarlet fever. This last illness will make the year's work difficult to finish.

The Committee on Young People's Summer Conference has decided upon the Xuhu Academy for this year's conference and the week beginning August 19th as the time. This date was chosen to avoid a conflict with the compulsory military training now required in early July and allow time for students and faculty to reach home for the opening of school in September.

Chung Hwa Christian Girls School is planning to celebrate its fortieth anniversary next year.

Our Drum Tower and South Gate churches were hosts to two of the four simultaneous meetings in Nanking using the international program for the World Day of Prayer. These four services were in Chinese and very well attended. At four-thirty the same service was held in English at the Ginling chapel.

Local papers report more than 30,000 famine refugees in Nanking. Six "soup kitchens" were opened the first of February and are still feeding the hungry. A large bowl of hot rice gruel to be eaten on the grounds is furnished for two coppers.

Dr. Copron left February 27th for a month's work in F.W.C. And he left by the new railroad!

The wife of the Chinese general who heads the bandit suppression in the Luchowfu district, died in our hospital there this past month. She had a complication of nephritis, anemia, etc., all brought on and aggravated by the opium habit. The husband and sons showed their appreciation of Dr. Corpron's efforts by generous gifts to the hospital. The case brought over a thousand dollars to help out the depleted financial state of the institution.

The wife's body lay in state for over a week, dressed in the costliest of silks and embroideries, gold ornaments on her arms and pearls in her mouth. The coffin cost over a thousand dollars. Several days of elaborate Buddhist rites followed with much popping of fire crackers and longahnats and prayers. An exact reproduction of the general's new Broge car was made of paper and equipped with a driver, a woman servant and with soldier guards on the running boards. It was burned the night before the body was carried away. They believed, Mrs. Corpron says, it would
help carry the spirit of the dead along with them up to their old home in Honan. Doris and Jean Goulter and Douglas Goupron Junior, watched the services from a high tree all one Saturday afternoon. They have been playing funeral ever since!

In quiet contrast to an elaborate Chinese funeral like the above was the simple Christian service held this past week over the body of the father of Mr. Li Chi-nan, one of our Christian teachers at Nantungchow. In spite of the fact that Mr. Li was the only Christian in the family, a simple and entirely Christian funeral was held at the home and at the grave.

Next month if all goes well you shall have a Children’s Day letter. It is a bit early but so is Children’s Day in China.

Sincerely yours,

Your China Mission Friends.
Dear Mother,

You will be surprised to receive this letter from Peiping. I am here for a six-week course in Eye. I have been doing Eye work, among other things, at Luxunfu for a number of years, and teaching the Eye course to the student nurses. But I had never had any special work in it. I had just what I could learn from my text books and from clinical experience. So when this course was offered I applied for a Fellowship and got it.

My host, Chinese doctor, has just finished his postgraduate work in Medicine here. I did the work while he was here, and now he is carrying on while I am here. I am working up a clientele in reading summers. I do a little work each morning and play afternoons. There is no other Eye man there, and it is a good opportunity to get into this field. This course will help me greatly to meet the name of Eye specialist there, the man from that College. I left home and the Middle all well.
and happy. Tommy had a terrible experience before I left. He was out flying a kite and ran backwards into a "night soil" tank (a tank that the Chinese farmers dump the human stool to ripen for fertilizers). He went in up to his chin. An awful mess. Mighty lucky he didn't go in deeper and get it into his lungs. In such a case, no telling what might have developed. He came home crying with a crowd following him. We had to rush him out in the front yard and wash him in cold water to the bath tub. But he didn't catch cold. Was no worse for his experience, and learned a lot.

We expect, as I have said before, to leave for furlough in 1937 (but 1936), but that will be only a short way off, so we probably will come in the late spring of 1937.

Our present plan (as far as it is possible to make plans this far ahead) is to go second class on a tourist class trip the Suez Canal, Europe, and land in Egypt.
York City. New York City is just halfway around the world from me in either direction. So it is just from New York to Yakima for the same way than the other. We may never get the chance again to want to take it now; I may well learn a lot of geography in the process. It will cost about $100.00 more that way than the other, but we can borrow that on my insurance if we can't raise it any other way. It's worth a little extra effort to go around the world.

We hope to buy a cheap second-hand car in New York and drive across the U.S.A. to Yakima; visit in Yakima as long as possible before school time. Then Grad wants to set up single house keeping in Long Beach and put Commy & Ruth in school for a year. She must stay for their sake. While I want to continue to see as much surgery in various clinics as I can for nothing, using the old case to get habit. I hope to see what I can see on the Pacific Coast clinic (Santa, Portland, San Fran-
I of course will have to do my share of Promotion speaking for the U.C. M. S. in between time. Our furloughs are not "rest periods", they are "improvement" periods. But we are acquainted to our work in China. We are careful of our health, and we have our summer vacations. So we do not need our furloughs for health furloughs, but for improvement of ourselves for the work. I am a believer in trying to always keep physically fit, and not over doing as is so easy to do out here. When there are so many demands upon me, time and energy. The missionaries who learn to "go easy" while they can. The others, the majority, have to return home before they have really become of any real value to the work out here.

You dear, are a true mother to not say more than you do about having to do without a son. But I have to forget the blessings of a mother too. We
must give up something for the blessing that we receive in knowing we are placing our all in the hands of the Lord that we may add a wee bit to the furthering of His kingdom. And we do get a lot of reward daily, in this knowledge. Just stop and think. Think of the satisfaction you get in knowing you are the mother of a missionary son, who is doing his best to do God’s will as he is led by God to do it. You prayed for just this. Your prayers are answered. We have no lack.

If I had had my former wish, it would have been to practice with paper. That too was his wish. If I had done it, it might be I could have prevented his overdoing, and the sacrifice of his life for his work. But God knows best, and perhaps that was a necessary martyrdom for the Kingdom. I like to think it was that way, now anyway. All things work together for good, to them that serve God.
about your question of bringing things home.

Nor should not be paid to bring things into America, and it is high. A good jade is not cheap here in Peking now as it was six years ago. Most of the good old jade is brought in. A good piece of clear green jade 0 about three feet would cost $150 (sold $200 to $300), depending on the cleanness of the jade. This would be cut in gold. The duty would be about 20%.

A monster fox fur would cost (we $20 to $60 0 (sold $10 to $20) plus duty. I will inquire about silver fox and black fox fur, and let you know. Peking is a good place to buy such.

PS. Douglas

May 14.44

I had a chance this afternoon to inquire about foxes. I called on a reliable firm in the Rue Shau. Their Co. the Yen Shau Co. 1825, a show Chinese firm in the neighborhood of the American Embassy, they had the following in stock: green foxes 0 and black foxes.

Silver fox (Anshun)

1. Length the tip of nose to tail 60 inches (length of tail unknown) $220.00
2. 57 inches (in 16 inches) $220.00

Black Fox (Anshun) (long hair)

1. Length 49 inches (in 8 inches) $435.00

Black Fox (Hunghian) (short hair)

1. Length 45 inches (in 7 inches) $412.00

Exchange rate at present 26.67 = Yuan 2.60.