June 20, 1936.

Dearest Mother,

It seems almost certain that we will sail some time in September. It remains only for a choice of one of two dates to be made. I am now in charge on both hospital business and to get pass port and to arrange for the sailing. I have made two tentative date reservations, one on the Dollar Line, and the other on the U.S. Japanese Line. One of these is Sept 20th & the other Sept 26th. As we are planning a ten-day stop over in Hawaii to see the sights, we will land in San Pedro about Oct 26th. It is our present plan to spend about a week with Grace's mother while I buy...
a second hand car. Then we will drive up the coast to spend the winter in Yakima with you. Not in your little apartment, of course, and not in Mae's little house. But we will rent a small place some place in Yakima.

We have decided not to bother you, nor Mae nor Trudy, mother with one noisy gang for more than a week at any time, or until we can find a location by ourselves. This will be more satisfactory for us also, to be independent. Independence is an inherited quality you know. So will you have Mae and Roy look about for an inexpensive furnished place.
for me to keep house in for the coming winter, a place similar to the 'Bird House' as we called it on the third floor of that house on the corner of Yang-
ning Ave. 8th St., would cost not over $30.00 per month. A double bed, a room large enough for 3 cots, a kitchenette, and a dining room, living room "can do".

The Mission is arranging for Mr. Bunch to go to Hopei to act as medical superintendent, and station treasurer while I am away. Otherwise there would be no man in the station. No arrange
ment has been made for a doctor yet. We are looking for a Chinese surgeon for the year. Not so easy to find for a year. It will cost the Mission $2,000 a year, which they don't have. But it will be worse next year.

Dr. Slater and wife are both sick. She has developed Pulmonary T.B., so they may not get back after their furlough, which comes next year. She is in bed under Dr. Hayman's care before they go on furlough next year. It had all been arranged by the Mission for them.
to come to Lucknow to
relieve me this year when
this T.B. came up. They
had been trying to keep
it dark for the last
three months, hoping it
would not come to the
time. But their assign-
ment to Lucknow made
them "lay their cards on
the table."

Too bad! And Dr. Yang
man has Pulmonary T.B.
and a chronic colitis, too.

He may "crack" at any
time. He came back to Chilk
Yeager. They warned it probably would
kill him; but wishing to
die in the harness and
refusing to take a "no" for
an answer. We need at once two doctors for families in the China field, even more than several others are needed to relieve the shortage of missionaries. Those left cannot spread themselves out thin enough to cover the work. As a result 3/4 of the missionaries are ill. Grace and one brother are monotonously healthy.

Praise the Lord. Well, for one thing I believe we have learned how to live as foreigners in China. We obey the rules of health we have learned the necessity
for a portion of play
mixed with our work.
We don't worry too much
but take things as they
come. We are happy
in our home life. We
like our job.
I think we will go
on around the world
after one year on the
Pacific Coast. We may
buy a Round-the-World
ticket as the Society
cannot pay but me
Trans-Pacific fare this
year, and the return next
year; we will have to
borrow U.S. $400 or some
interest
to finance the trip. But by paying all down now, we save 25% on the trip, which is enough for all the extra expenses, but we are saving the on salary for the two months or more that we are on shipboard; this will almost cover the extra cost.

"We may never pass this way again," so why not take advantage of this chance!

Here's seeing you in November. Will give you the landing date of the vessel in a few weeks. Goodbye and in Shanghai...
now awaiting their sailing on Thursday, June 24th. They are going Round the World
the other way, stopping in Palestine if the war permits.
The steamship lines have recently made second and
third class round the
World rate so reasonable that we cannot afford not to do it, seeing
as how we already are
half way round from
New York City already.
and it is about as far
one way as the other.
New York Time is just 12 hours
different from Shanghai
Time. A most unusual
way of doing it. The
writer has
made it possible.
We can't do much else.

Trips, perhaps only eight a year in parts of each.

Because Ruth + Mary are too small; and kids lack money. Perhaps next time we can start.

At that time Sony will be 16, Ruth 14, Mary 13.

Just ought to take some of themselves and try to get a lot out of it. Perhaps we can "do" Europe then on bicycle.

That is if the 50-year-old old man and old lady, their two gingers, can "do" such a thing. Well we shall see.

Love,

Douglas.
Dearest Mother,

The time is getting shorter before leaving for America. We said just 2 months from now, the other month we will be in America, and before another month in Yanking if all work out O.K.

Today I have no one to take my place. We will probably leave anyway and let those left work that out.

I took the family to Tunling as usual. I was there 4 days, and came back. Miss Young had a dysentery, so had to leave. I had to leave the heat also, so I had to leave back. There were many surgical cases.

I have been waiting for my return. I have been operating on every morning before breakfast. It is at that time of day is possible.

I am sending a letter in order for Christopher. I suppose it is not necessary for me to warn you.
that these should be taken by the patient under a doctor's watch-
ing a person like you who can watch for the danger. Of course we were told by yourfather that we must watch the kidneys for albumen when taking this medicine. A person with a tendency to neph-
ritis it is a danger to you the tablet in large doses or over a long period of time. A sample of urine should be examined for albumen after taking as many as one tablet tid for a week. Then often a course of treatment should be interrupted for a few days after 6 or 7 days. Taking I am only mentioning this in case you have not been careful in this. I wouldn't want you to get into a lawsuit in case some patient should develop a severe nephritis or uremia and a doctor should find that too much
Clinchophen is an excellent drug but it is known to the medical profession that it is a drug which must be administered with an eye on the kidneys. I couldn't practice medicine in America five minutes without medical insurance. They and so many crooks prescribing medicine or doctors mistake drugs for money. If you have a right I suppose as you say to sell this medicine under my name. But you also must be ready to take responsibility and answer questions in court if some crook wishes to make up a case. You are taking a chance that 21 is a doctor would not wish to take. Also according to the real law if any one takes money for medicine
without a doctor being in a drug store license, they are without the law. Of course, I would come to your rescue if you got into trouble and signed a false statement saying that I had sold the medicine for the patient, and you had just been my agent.

Now this may all be much ado about nothing. For you had gotten away with it for 11 years now, and you have done only good. I been lucky not to have gotten hold of a kidney case and given him a drug instead of an oil of treatment. I am not seeking you have been doing well people good. Even though I without the law on your self.

I have been reading about the terrible heat + dry spell in the Central U. S. Perhaps we in Ching will have to take
Our joining with friends for a trip in America this spring at last turn about would be fair play.
Our children had a 'spell' of sickness this year, but all is well now. The pneumonia, measles went the round.
They had a good month of sunshine and swimming before going to racing.
Today swims like a fish.
Jumped a dive in any depth, and swims off. But lacks confidence in himself yet. I expect Sunny to win this race and swim in ruling this summer in his age class.
Guillie set off for their trip around the world a month ago. They will return in New York by now.
Don't blame me for neglecting my eager friend, too much. I mean no harm by it. I am just a poor correspondent. I almost lost my cool before our marriage. On that account she was awful mad at me several times. You remember the one time. You know me not about it. I ask forgiveness and promise, as before, I try to do better.

One good part of living here is being able to write a letter coming home to you. I don't know what I can say to you, it just kind of well with it in letters. I'll be seeing you soon.

Love,

Douglas.

P.S. Please send those stamps.

For coming to register for Grace & Co.

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We may be back in Yakima in time to vote for President. See the City Clerk to list us. Thank you!
Aug. 10, 1930.

Dearest Mother,

Just a note to you to let you know that our sailings have been changed to a few days later than I last announced to you. I had to make a special trip to Shanghai to settle the matter. But now that we have the railway that is a simple matter. I left here at 6 AM arrived in Shanghai at 10:45 PM the same day. Did my business the next morning. Had the afternoon to play in Shanghai. Got back to Wuhu the next afternoon and Hefei at 3 PM the next day. Not quite such good connections back as going. But think of it. How this has taken us out of the "sticks". A three and a half day round trip to Shanghai, with two nights and one whole day of that spent in Shanghai.

We are sailing on the Pres. Taft from Shanghai on Sept. 28th. arriving in Honolulu, Oct. 7th. We leave Honolulu on the big Pres. Hoover (second class) Oct. 10th, arriving Los Angeles Oct. 24th, only a day later than we had planned before.

Your last letter told of the birthday party you had for my birthday in the Church there. I'm afraid you will all be preparing to receive some wonderful long-faced "brother" who has turned the world upside down. And you are all going to be so disappointed when you find it is the same Douglas that left Yakima 15 years ago. As you, my mother, knows I'm no saint by a whale of a lot. I am just an ordinary doctor whose mother and father taught to do his duty where he saw it. I'm no life sacrificer, as missionaries are supposed to be. I'm enjoying my work; except for the part about being so far from the home folks all the time. But that might easily be the case even if I had stayed in America. There I might not even get one year in eight off to go home. You didn't always see your mother that often.

So I tremble a little at the thought of trying to live up to the great man you have all worked me up into in your mind's eye. Well, I'm just going to be natural anyway and let my reputation suffer thereby if it must.

We are all in perfect health. Our swimming pool has kept me in the pink of condition, brown of condition is better, for I am very tanned from being out in the sun so much. For all of my 42 years I still do all of my diving stunts as well as at 20. I still do the one and a half dive. Most every day before stopping swimming, unless called out to see a patient, I swim a mile, 22 lengths of this small pool and back, without getting tired. Still I weigh 160 pounds stripped.

I am winding up my affairs for leaving. I have located a Chinese surgeon to come to take my place for the year. Mr. Baron comes to act as Superintendent and treasurer of the station. My important letters are all written; bills paid; the fiscal year ended July 31st last with a cash balance on hand of $2500.00 local currency.
So we can go home with our minds free of care and knowing that things in the hospital are in a healthy condition, and as easy as possible for the new ones that step in to carry-on in our absence. The balance was used for the extra doctor's salary $125.00, and $1000.00 for the purchase of the full supply of rice. That is enough rice to carry us until next summer. The drug store room is well stocked with paid for drugs; barrels of it; easily worth over $3,000 but local money. Also this last year we bought a new radiotherapy machine like the one used to treat your back, for $1200.00 local money, and just bought new electric storage batteries for $200.00. I have just finished putting those together, mixing the acid for them, and charging them to the proper strength. Everything is now working tip top. laboratory, drugroom, wards, electric light engine, array machine, diathermy machine, radiotherapy, etc.

I am leaving day after tomorrow for a week in Kuling to close up the house and bring the family back. When we return we will have just 20 days to get ready to leave. A week of that time will be occupied in being entertained in proper Chinese fashion. So that means we must be all ready but actually looking our baggage before the 15th. If anything was left for the end it would not get done. The Chinese have, to our thinking, a very bad habit of everybody calling on the departing friend the day or so before his leaving. This means that all business must be dropped to receive the guests and sit down with them for tea. When Miss Stella Tremaine and her sister got ready to leave they were so swamped with sellers that they had to delay their departure two days, and then to get away they wouldn't announce their train, but slipped away by stealth. I saw them in Nanking, when Grace and I were there for the Convention. They were fagged out and loaded down with gifts which they couldn't get into the "budgeted" baggage on their trip round the world.

Miss Tremaine's older sister is a prosperous school owner. She is "staking" herself and Stella to a trip round the world.

Grace writes from Kuling saying that Sonny won a second prize (a candy bar) for diving, in a tournament just held there. The boy who won first was 2% years older than himself. That is what our own pool and his father's private coaching does. He is way ahead of anyone his own age in swimming and diving in Kuling.

You asked about Ruth's and Mary's birthday dates. I'm ashamed to admit I don't know. Grace does that much better than I. You'll have to get your information from her.

I don't remember whether I have already sent you one of our passport pictures or not. Anyway here is one. It is good of all but Ruth. We all got in on one picture and one passport.

Well, it won't be long before we'll be seeing you now. This will be the last letter from China, probably, unless something happens to delay us; which shouldn't for the tickets are paid for.

Will write you from Honolulu. Write to us Care of the First Christian Church there.

Love,

Douglas.
Dearest Mother,

Finally we are all fixed up for a good Chinese surgeon to take over while we are on furlough. So we are leaving with our consciences free.

But I wonder if we will get the kids out alive. The most things can happen to them. We are holding our breath. Two days ago Sonny fell out of a tree when the limb broke. He fell twenty feet and didn't get hurt. Only a little nose bleed, and a bad scare. The next day Mary fell into the deep end of the pool when her chair tipped over. She had been watching two nurses swimming and they went off leaving her alone. As it happened she fell near the edge and was able to grab the side railing herself. She held on and Grace got to her and hauled her up. The next day she climbed up on the drawers of an open dresser and pulled it over onto herself.

I wrote to Mae a few days ago asking her to get together with you to discuss our furlough plans and write to us at Long Beach. I think it a better plan than the one last mentioned to you to have the family spend the first few months in Long Beach. Then go to Yakima and stay there until we return to China. I alone could come to Yakima earlier, as the Society wishes me to go to Indianapolis for a conference on the China Medical situation, soon after our arrival. I could go via Yakima stopping off some time no doubt. But think it over and give us your ideas, and when we arrive we will decide.

I wonder if you remember Miss Whistler, who was on the Conference faculty at the Spokane Young People's Conference the year you and I drove over there. She is Religious Educational Director at the First Christian Church, 1506 Kawalo St., Honolulu, T.H. She has just recently become married to Mr. Richard Ratekin, Secretary of the Y.M.C.A. of Honolulu. She has invited us to live with them for our stop over. I don't think we will do it however, as it would be to big a task for her. Nevertheless you could reach us at her address unless this reaches you too late. We will be there Oct. 7th to 16th.

I hope you are keeping well.

Love,

Douglas
Dear Mother,

We have had a calm lovely trip to Honolulu. We have been well, eaten every meal, played deck games, made many fine friends, and are looking forward to 12 days in the Hawaiian Islands.

When we arrived in Kobe, Japan we received a letter from Mr. Marx, who was on his way back for furlough, that the church people in Honolulu had found a little cottage by the beach in Honolulu for us. He also gave me warning that
we would be expected to
speak on Sunday, so we
could prepare a bit.

We will again in the
Pres. Hoover. Please plan
out that the ship is to
Hoover, will not go on to
Los Angeles, because she
is behind schedule.

But perhaps this will
have to be changed on
account of labor trouble
many ships are not
leaving as planned.

Love,

Douglas.
Dear Mother,

Your gift was so generous this year, and we wish to thank you for your many. The kiddie clothes all fit well, even Mongolian pants worn all day with the legs turned up.

We are off for a trip to Boulder Dam and the Colorado Grand Canyon. We expect to find mild weather for the trip.

We will write to all of our Yakima friends with thanks for their generous gifts, as soon as we return from this trip. We received several packages and also cash checks for $30.00, $20.00, $10.00, $5.00, $3.00 from Yakima friends. Also $15.00, $5.00, $10.00, $5.00, $3.00 from others. That is $120.00 cash, checks in all. Besides we received several generous gifts from J. Mal and B. B. Sears (many relatives).
I got a new $35 suit & $3 hat and Earle got a new knit from the Ladies Aid. $58 sent through Mrs. Rasmussen.

We had our dinner at Bandma Chapman's today. Earl & I furnished the goodie. All enjoyed it but Grandma Clark, an hour afterwards.

I think the magazine "Our Hope" should continue to go to the luncheon station even in our absence. Will you please thank Mrs. Kemple for her thoughtfulness in remembering us.

I had no trouble in getting the apples across the California board. They were so delicious that I ate about 3 a day on the way down; left about a half a box with Frances, & shared some with race relatives here. We don't get them as expensive here, crockets or in large quantities.

We are all well, all just and God a very Happy Christmas.

I hope you did all.

P.S. Miss Cooper sent 3 to
Dear Uncle John.

Good luck, & a westerly. Douglas is to be again.