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Dear Miss Todd:

It has been a long time since I received your last letter, and I was glad to hear some good tidings of Shenchang Churches. No doubt I am not unmindful of you all and the churches in my prayers.

We finished out term examination just a week ago. I have decided to stay here to spend the very short Winter vacation. Of course it is better than I return home. The last term I did not learn Greek, because I came back a month late. So now I plan to make up this course in this vacation. Probably I shall be able to join the Greek class continually next term.

Usually I do not like to return home, for there will be so much things need me to transact. You know that my position among our family is very important. So I must harmonize everything if I am at home. Otherwise it would make my mother too sorry and despondent, because I am a stepson of my mother.

There will be a revival meeting at our Seminary in the beginning of March. Dr. Young will be holding the meetings, who has filled the Spirit of God, and also has a great power to witness for God. Therefore we shall be indeed glad to hear his teaching.

Recently my health has been a little progressing, and I thank God that He answered my prayer.
Surely God will arrange my future, and I believe that the Lord will guide me as I go on. So I have not noticed these things, for I have offered myself to God for a life of service in preaching gospel. At any rate I will obey His Will forever.

The weather of N. China is more cold than Anhwei. It seems to me that I have never happened this so cold Winter before. Now I am suffering from chilblain. Please remember me to Miss Elliott and Miss Galloway.

I shall pray that the Lord will fill you all with His spirit and bless your works that He wants you to witness for Him. I am

In His glad Service,

Paul D. H.

P. S. Please deliver the other letter to my mother personally.

P. H.
Dear Miss Todd:

The last letter I gave you, probably you have received. Now I am enclosing a picture of the recent meeting, please deliver it to my mother.

I am so sorry that Miss Galloway's health is weak and has went to Shanghai for refreshment. Now I pray our Heavenly Father to keep and console you when you are alone.

Next month a number of us will go to Tsinan, Taishan and Chings for Spring Traveling. As well as we hope that we shall be able to lead persons come into and all that.

Please remember us in your prayers.

Thank you very much for the English magazine. And I will return to you this summer.

Yours Sincerely

Paul A. D. West
Miss Hazel Todd
China Inland Mission
Shucheng
Anhwei
Dear Miss Todd:

The revival meeting just finished a week ago, and truly our hearts are filled with joy at the results of the work. Over 600 people were saved, and more than 120 preaching hands have been formed and are already at work.

As for I myself have revived this time, too. And I thank our Heavenly Father to make me to own my sins among the great multitudes when I examined that there were many faults on my conscience. And I have decided again to offer myself to God for a life of service in preaching, even though there will be many obstacles in my way in the near future. No doubt I am filling hope and joy to do all things of God, and I think that there is nothing better than to become a servant of Him.

I have looked over myself, it was only one thing by which I have hated you until now. Last Summer we conducted the Daily Vacation Bible School at Shucheng Church, then I prepared to employ the houses (which you use for dispensary now) for classroom and bedroom for the lady teachers, just while somebody told me that you do not promise anyone to employ the houses, so I was at great anger at that time, and I felt as if you are quite absolute at the Shucheng Church.

Now I know it is my fault, and I am asking you
please forgive me this wrong. Again I will say, forgive me.

Also, the revival have spread all over our seminary. Recently, it has been filled the spiritual air among us. We hope it can be progressing gradually.

If it is God's arrangement, I would perform the surgical operation on my eye this Summer. And I hope you will remember me in your prayers.

Please send my very best wishes to Miss Galloway. I am,

Yours Sincerely

Paul D. B. Heii
Miss Hazel Todd
China Inland Mission
Shucheng
Anhwei
Dear Hazel-

Suppose to be a bus tomorrow if it doesn't rain any more. We set in about 4:00.

Orders--

1. Leaving a note in your room about accounts.
2. I figure I owe you personally $24.43. Will leave you $0.25 as I can get more at Tungchung Bank, then, $24.18. (I send it to the credit or your checking account in Shanghai.)
3. Am taking back my two jars (or replacing them) taking down seat's milk in them.
4. Have added 4 chairs to list of dining room furniture. Maybe you had better inform Mr. Hanna, am leaving some woolen things for Wu San Tai to wash. Please use my key and put them in a paper with both balls and into my big trunk out back. Also my steamer rug, please have sunned and brushed up and stuck into the trunk.
5. Any odd clothing, please have washed and then put into the drawers of my dresser unless woolen things--if that, then in my trunk. Thanks.
6. Are 3 sofa cushions in one of my dresser drawers all clean for Conference. Use them.
7. If you have guests and need extra bedding, use what you can use of mine.
8. My keys are in the tiny top drawer on right side of my dresser and marked. Perhaps you had better leave them there.
9. Have told Lu Feng Chi'iang about the bundle. He might get an assortment sent up for me. Hats. He said bugs ate the tulips. He's not to take of them. (Tulips)
10. Expect to lock up the house when I leave. Will leave the keys with Lu Feng Chi'iang when I go as the gatekeeper won't be back. I met him on the way to his home today. He said he was returning tomorrow.
11. Leave the $5.10 in the note in your room. It's worth of copies near by. Will put the note in the top drawer of your dresser to the right. Get-me? Love

Now I must "pull in" Wish I had known I was going to Shanghai. I wouldn't have had to lug so much back again; I brought some up on account of the Conference. Wonder when we'll meet again; will wonder ever cease? Well, the Lord knows all about it, and we can trust. Tell the folks I'm sorry I had to leave so unexpectedly and abruptly. Will be praying for them and for you. Will leave An Wei's letter with Lu Feng Chi'iang.

Love
I was a bit envious about your things. I'm glad the men are going there. Hope all is O.K. Maybe I'll come up to Fort Erie and camp.

When the preaching band is settled please take the deacons to visit old Mr. Liu. You are willing to go. His name is 劉元福

Please put my wooly things with moth killer in my big trunk. Keep these in my last little tiny drawer of things.

Thank you.

Film came today! I understand a "Dea Dear" has gone out for me. I hope it will be a "man" one and see if it's to stop, maybe!!!

More late as I think of it. Love from ole me.

As! Ya! It was falling in early Winter as I slept on deck at 7:00 a.m.

Before you're having a nice time in toto, I will have had do you read this. "Don't forget to try".

Ever.

Added a few lines for what I gave Fang San Lien.
Dear Miss Todd:

Your last letter came two weeks ago, just while I received a number of letters from my friends and relations, so I had no time to answer you at once. But I have not forgotten to pray for you all.

Certainly the devil is very subtle to tempt a person by divers ways when he is earnest to serve our Heavenly Father. After the revival meeting I have happened many temptations which I did not taste before. The devil made my friends and relations to hinder and oppose me to be a preacher. They utilized the worldly things to tempt me to leave the Lord. Besides these temptations, they scourged me with so bad stuff. First I was quite sorrow and disheartened on hearing those news, for I thought it ought not to bear all these despite. I therefore gave up prayer, reading Bible and all spiritual lives more than four days ago.

"I will not leave you desolate." It is true that our Heavenly Father never let anyone to become a prodigal who belongs to Him. When I was in great distress and felt all spiritual works are useless, and I regretted deeply that I have entered this Seminary before. Just then the Lord comforted me with a very wonderful method by which He saved me from the dangerous position. And also I heard a small and soft voice that seems like the slight breeze in my prayer saying: "Fellow after me again! And only be strong and very courageous, to observe to do according to all the law, which Moses my servant commanded thee, turn not from me to the right hand or to the left, that thou mayest have good success whithersoever thou goest." Suddenly I restored quite strong and
felt indeed joyful.

'From that time I knew that my Heavenly Father is faithful and merciful, I therefore repeated of my folly before Him. And I have standed firm in my purpose to select a verse, for the standard of my own life-time. That is: "For whether I live, I live unto the Lord; or whether I die, I die unto the Lord: Whether I live therefore, or die, I am the Lord's.'

Recently I have say that I am living in Christ daily, and I have tasted that the Lord is gracious. Of course I have a victorious life in my life. However, I am asking you to pray for me always, for I am merely a small baby in Christ.

I am sorry that I can not tell you about how I gained a victory over the enemy in detail with my poor English writing, and yet it seems to me that I shall able witness for the Lord among Shiloh Church next.

Because I am afraid it will be a stumbling-block to others, so I dare not tell one who has a little faith in Christ, even my mother. And I only told them that "I have been crucified with Christ, and it is no longer I that live, but Christ liveth in me.

As for the public affairs of Shiloh Churches, I never wish to increase my opinion but obedience. For Christ sent me not to transact business of church but to preach the gospel.

I have received the fifteen dollars, and please give my thankfulness to him who has presented me with glasses.

We shall begin Summer vacation June 7th. Now I do not know what is the Lord's will wants me to go, of course I have no decision.

In His great Service,

Paul B. B. Hey
Miss Hazel Todd
China Inland Mission
Shucheng
Anhwei
Dear Hazel:

I just must take time to write. Your letter came this morning and I have called up five places in re the Estey Organ Spring. None seem to handle the Estey organ and it seems so queer. Youtrils said they must have a sample and make one up. (I think that is how we did before. I know the idea of the thing but I couldn't tell them the length, etc.)

It looks like you will have to send down a part of the broken spring before I can do anything for you. Should the wrong kind go up, it would be a waste of time and money. In fact, I think one time a wrong kind did turn up and just got junked.

As for Hsii Ch'en's cloth. I had forgotten about it until the last Sunday Pearl was here and we were talking about her. When I found Wu-Ch'-Huei was going thru from Hangchow, I at once got material to send by her. She was due to leave Hangchow on Friday so I fear she went right through and the cloth is still waiting. I gave Mr. Macpherson a note to take to her to inform her I was in Shanghai, and hoped to see her. Now I thought I had better wait for Mr. Mac, to get back and find if she did go on not. He is due any time now, so I might as well wait, and if Wu-Ch'-Huei has gone I shall have the stuff sent by post.

The cloth isn't so pretty to my taste but the Chinese man seemed to like it and the woman I was with, and I presume the Chinese will think it grand. I got enough of what I liked better for a long gown, and then two smaller pieces for a set, but they can make them all short if they like. It matters not to me how they do it.

As I left, and nothing was definitely said about
Huei-Min, I sent a $1.00 to him the other day, and as I felt he might be leaving any old time, I also sent a dollar to Wu Chi Hueil by Mr. Mac. When does Huei-Min leave Changsha?

It is a problem to get down town, so maybe I will wait until the old spring comes before getting the stockings although I could get them in the E.U. Guess I will, seeing it is the first of the month nearly, and about Ahwai time anyway. Then I can send the stockings and the cloth, etc. Perhaps the springs could be sent on later direct from Mcutrie's although maybe I had better take a squint at them first.

I note $5.00 you are charging to me for Huei Min. I will credit you with that. Also I need to credit you with 40c for Cheo-Yuin-Hsia.

Seeing I'm sending cloth, maybe you had better keep Guth's $5.00 for clothing when it gets cooler. If you buy a summer set too it probably won't matter. You can't have too many changes in the hot weather I guess.

I've thought of you and the strawberries but we are having some and last night we had shortcake when we had Helen Seitz and Mr. Webb up for supper along with Mr. Amos and Mr. Small. Did I tell you that Helen and Mr. Webb are now engaged? We had a party last night and a grand time was enjoyed by all.

The springs are what you want in a hurry and they are just what have to wait. Now you must hurry your end. Sorry about this, but "muh-hu-fah-tee!" I asked Miss Smith tonight where she got the organ and she
Informed me that the thing isn’t hers. It was Mr. Best’s. Ed. Evans used to be agent for the safety organ and today I called the ones who took over that concern, but they said they were not agents. It is good the intercourse between places is quicker now so it may not need to be so long. I note your letter was finished on the 25th (Mon.) and it is only Friday today, so that isn’t bad. Couldn’t be much quicker than that.

I just heard the Birch’s are here. I don’t know if they came yesterday or this a.m. Mr. Hanna is due in another week. Marguerite Goodner is here. The doctors gave her a clean bill but she has to rest up this summer, Mr. Rossetter went home. I guess it was in last “Monthly Notes” he left before I got here. Mr. Mair is due on the morrow. Miss Smith and Miss Reid are here. Pearl has gone to Chefoo. Mrs. Costerus has gone too. Poor old Anhwei! Might work in a Conf. here in the end.

Miss Reid is taking me to the cemetery tomorrow, driving over. I would like to see the place. I think Monday we go by train to Wonsung. Last Sat., we went on a 50 min. boat ride to Tong Keo. I went with Mrs. Quimby and some girls from her S.S. class. Only five of us went. Had my first tennis game last night with Miss Rowsh, Mrs. Quimby, and Mr. Walker.

Mr. Sidney Walker is here from Kansu. It is so sad, but he is threatened with loss of eyesight and the doctors say he must get expert advice. They sail for home next week but hopes are slim. However, the Lord knows the cause and He is able to heal him ere this occurs. He is taking it right well.

Kathryn Juds has gone. She is having trouble with her heart and has to have a rest; thus an early furlough. Miss Griffith went on Tues. too in the same party—also the Seamans and the Grahasre, I think.

Mr. Thomas died on Tues. a.m. (his birthday) from typhus and Mr. Bazire has been very ill with typhoid. He had a relapse but a telegram came saying he was slightly better. As nothing else has come it would appear he is on the mend. Miss Crystall just came yesterday. I think, having Addison disease.
Old Mrs. Whipple has died.

Mr. MacDhersDn has been away to Chekiang on business, as I've referred to. Dr. Harverson is engaged to Miss Kelley. Mr. Metcalfe is engaged to Miss Vera Young. I presume Helen Nowack and Mr. Frame are now united, but it is not yet confirmed; also Mr. Rae and Miss Weston.

Guess that takes about all I know that can be passed on. Oh yes, Mr. Bosshardt is getting on well, but has to be quiet for a few months and cannot travel to Shanghai. They are staying with the Harrison's in Kunming. I saw a sweet picture of the two the other day.

Well, as soon as I know Wu-Chi-Huei has gone (or when she comes otherwise) I'll send on the things I have and your stockings. The springs must await further word from you. So sorry.

Remember me to Keih Chen and tell her I've bought her cloth and it has red in it, etc. etc. Work she is over the whooping cough. Remembrance to the Chinese friends. Tell Mrs. Fang I might take a wadded garment next time if it's summer!

So happy to find that the women are taking hold so well. I sent that letter on to Doris, but guess there was nothing special to answer. Perhaps it is a good thing to be depded of foreigners, and thus making them feel they have to dig a bit to keep things going. I think they should be taking on responsibility more and when the foreigners are around they just naturally push the load on to them. It is good for them to take some initiative. It is according to the Policy.

According to Mr. Wu's letter, he and Mr. Liu are to take turns on the preaching. Mr. Liu is to live in Heo-Fang. How is the Preaching Band developing?

Did I tell you my kitty died the morning I left? She is buried under the tree. Poor Mr. Liu came in the a.m. to take her home and she was gone. She had gallons of the goat's milk and it was too much for her weak tummy. She got up in the night and vomited so awfully. Afterward she seemed to choke. I wonder if she vomited up some of the inards and stuck in her throat!
The envelope is addressed to "Mr. S. J. Waldron" in Manchester, China, and has the stamp "May 29 1936."
Dear Miss Todd:

Your last letter received more than three weeks ago, when I was at school, because of the term examination so I had no time to answer you at once.

June 8 I started from Taungshen, and arrived at Nanchung day before yesterday. Of course I have entered the hospital immediately.

There is one thing I mention so that you may pray about it. My left eye will be operated tomorrow morning. The surgeon is Dr. Peterson, he is a very famous Dr. in west China. I believe that our loving God will help him to heal my complaint at a short time.

Miss Yuan also works at this hospital, so it is very convenient to me.

I shall return to Shenchung after two weeks. Please tell my mother that I am quite all right now.

In His glad service,

Paul S. N. H.ii

Nanchung General Hospital
Nanchung, Kiangsi
June 14, 1936
Miss Hazel Todd.
Shucheng.

China Inland Mission.

Oct. 9, 1936
Dear Miss Todd:

Our Colpolicus was appointed by B. F. Bible Society to work three countries, namely, Fuzhou and Shuiching. He would like to know if there are missionaries in Fuzhou, or only Chinese workers. His thought was to ask Bible Society to send a supply of books there, and not have to carry them from here. He expects to go there for work next month. Would you now, only one Annual Conference is to be held at Longyang the third week of this month, so after this gathering we can he will go.

Are you still alone in Shanghai? or have other missionaries come to be with you?

It was supposed to see in Shanghai paper last week Mr. Hammer's death. I had not heard he was sick. He will be greatly missed in this province. Isn't true. I met him several times in Shanghai and heard him speak in both English and Chinese.
He impressed me as an earnest worker and spiritual man. Do pray for Mrs. Hanna and the family.

I had a very pleasant summer at the Hwangtan but a number of your mission while there. We had some fine meetings. The Jappay (C. M. A) from Korea gave good message. Also Rev. Mr. Nash from Melbourne Bible Institute. We a sick of good meetings.

Since my return, I have been alone, but as we are in Chihying now giving away Mrs. Van Dyck, who had a slight stroke. Mrs. Van Dyck is in Hushu Hospital now, so I am looking for my co-worker to come any day.

What news did you receive from Mr. Song re his coming to Shanghai for revival services? Hope he will see his way clear to come.

Remember me to Mrs. Lee your colleagues. We enjoyed his visit and help while with us in the Spring.

Lovingly yours,

Annie Yu. Young.
July 29, 1936

as from “DaySpring”
73A C & E Rd.
Littleport
Cambs.
July 29th 1936

My dear Angel,

Just to cheer you up, to start with, I've posted a letter to Mrs. Hanna today, with due apologies, or really, I owe you apologies, too, for I have meant to write, but somehow it seems more difficult to get letters written at home than in China. I meant to write at once when I got the news about Eva, but somehow it didn't get done. It must have come as a great shock to you, too, so you must be missing her. How good that we can rest in our Father's wisdom, & do not need to understand. I am glad she had that visit to Shucheng, & more glad still that she was in Shi-hai when she was taken ill.

About Eva's things - I think she had really very little at Shucheng, most of the household stuff was mine, and I don't really think the things would be worth sending to Shi-hai. The organ & pressure lamp were both bought...
out of work money, so really they should be considered station property, I suppose. Her duplicator was, too. For the rest, why not suggest to Sh'hai that the few things at Lungchung should be kept till I return, then I will gladly go through them and send their value down to Sh'hai. I don't see how I can possibly send you details of memory, though I did try to make a list of what I was leaving in the desk drawer, it is by no means complete. She hadn't so many books, & I'd like a good many of those she did have. If I were you, I should just tell Sh'hai it is an impossible job to sort her things out until I get back. I should think her people would be glad to have her diaries.

The three books you mention - 'Mommy's Book', 'The Tabernacle', & 'model please keep for me - use them yourself in the meanwhile.'

I haven't seen 'Monthly Notes' yet, but I certainly don't object to whatever you have written, being only too thankful I didn't have
The job to do myself.

Which Wu girl is it who wants to go to Kefei? The younger one, I suppose. I wonder how they will manage the fees. The business did not seem very good. I think she Wu girl is O.K.

It's grand to hear of Mac-t'ai's conversion. Hope he becomes really keen out-0. out.

Just before I got the news of Eva, I sent her an S. M.O. I've written Miss Smith that if it is in order, I'd like ten dollars of it (I believe that was the sum) sent to you to be given by degrees to old blind Chien mai mai at Lung-hung. If you receive the money, don't let it be a bother to you, but if anyone trustworthy happens to be going that way, they could take a dollar or two give to her, to old M. to finish her. But it should be done as much on the quiet as possible, or the church will slack off, if it hasn't done so already.

Have been out all day, or am sleepy, so will continue this tomorrow, O.K.
I've just thought of something - I only left one box at Lungcheng that is full of books, so everything else packed in trunks will be etc., etc., blankets, etc. The pea-coat is mine.

We've climbed Shidnow today - not a hard climb, it is 3,054 ft. above sea-level, but a fairly gradual ascent. Still, I expect we are going to be fairly stiff tomorrow.

We had a grand time at the Convention, the American speakers, Dr. Hammond, Miss Fannan, quite made a place for themselves, and were much appreciated. So was Captain Wellis, who is also well known your side of the water.

I've met all the outgoing workers, & have got to know some of the girls quite well. I suppose Ambre will at least manage to bag Jessie Wall, which she could come to us until her marriage. We'll have to have someone, if not more than one.

Of course, really, there is heaps I could write, but that's just the trouble, I don't know where to start.
I haven't done anything to speak of yet in the way of deputations, but have several unofficial dates for September.

The time is going so swiftly, it doesn't seem possible I have been home four months already. It seems funny to think of you shivering in the heat now, while we are having a very cool summer - almost too cool, really. I could stand it a lot warmer.

Let me know if there is anything I can do for you at all, & tho' I don't deserve it, I'd be so glad if you would write sometimes, just to let me know how things are going.

Remember me to all those I know.

Lots of love to you,

Yours,

Doris.
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Miss A. Todd.
China Inland Mission
Shucheng.
Anhui, China.
Shanghai
Oct. 10, 1936

Dear Miss Todd,

I have been planning to write to you will do it today, your birthday. I am especially remembering you and trust you are truly experiencing the joy of the Lord.

Thank you so much for your message of comfort. The Lord has indeed been gracious to me and out of a heart of grief and loneliness I do praise Him for
His will for me but also to see in it one of the all things in which I must rejoice and give thanks.

Now I pray too that my dear ones there may mean blessing to the Andover Churches in some way.

May the Lord abundantly help you in all your labors of love for Him. Yours in Christ's Love

Cora B. Hanna

His comfort and His promises which seem so much more real to me now than ever before. Heaven too seems so much dearer and so much nearer.

I do want to bring only glory to my Lord at this time and pray that I might not only learn to quietly submit to this,
The Haymans left yesterday to take up loc. See work in Wuhan. I expect to leave for Wuhan next week.

C.B. H.
Oct 10, 1936

Miss Hazel Todd
China Island Mission
Shekching
Anhwei
Dear Noyel,

They four men leave tomorrow morning for Shukshing. We had hoped he could stay longer, but the weather looks as though it may change and he did not bring enough warm clothing with him for cold weather. So he had better return. We warned him and said we knew he was itching to get home to get the letters from his girl and be blanked and laughed and said that was two-tenths the reason he was eager to get back.

We certainly have enjoyed having him here. We have been a tremendous help to me and to the people here. We wouldn't mind keeping him all the time, but know you would miss our visits if we didn't tread to leave. The Lord has blessed being here and we hope and expect that there will be much fruit. We hope sometime in the future he can stay for a longer visit.

We are looking forward to our trip fall coming and also praying that the Lord will come then also. We plan to take some country trips while he is here. Whis hint will be a great help to the
Threading district, I know. He has grown so much in the last few years, 
I wish there were many more like him 
in China.

We are praying for you and hope you 
will get another little worker one of these 
days so you won't have to be alone 
while when you have time. Have you 
heard from Bob? I haven't had a letter 
from him.

Love,

Margaret

Vernal and Dorothy, refrigerated 
Furnace and Tommy, have a baby boy, Raymond Park, 
born in the early part of October.
Cecilia
C.M.
Nwokino, An.

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Miss Hazel Todd
China Inland Mission

In the kind favor
of Mr. Kirby

[Signature]
Dear Miss Todd,

Your letter of November 13th, addressed to Mr. Embery, regarding the disposal of Miss Knight's effects, was passed on to me. The box which you posted has also reached us and arrangements will be made for sending these things to her mother.

I am glad to say that permission has now been granted for the Estate to be settled in America, so that we are at liberty to sell such articles as you or other friends may desire to buy. I note that you have taken the rug, pillow and camp cot and are willing to pay $14. Subtracting the postage on the parcel, amounting to $1.40, it leaves a debit against your Wuhu account of $12.60, which has been charged.

I am glad to note that you had a good trip to Taochen.

With very kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

Miss H. Todd,
SHUCHENG.