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Dear Mother:

Now that the house is fairly well settled, I am going to look over some of your letters that I have been busy with. I see what you are planning, and I thank you very much for it.

I note that the game book which you have mentioned in your letters is the name of a game given us for Christmas, which we had no leisure to examine. You evidently used to enjoy it. Doubtless we shall all play it again. You don’t know before we did that we have bought the playroom which we opened last year. We had it purchased anyway. We were sure of it for this year. We are glad to own it now, even though it is an added responsibility, and we may have to pay as much for repairs this year as we would have been startled to. We shall see.

I note that for birthday May gave you a hammer to keep upstairs to have going down for one. I can appreciate how much that might mean. This is a two-story house and the wife has taken up and down for the last thing. I have put in the settlement and have had a washstand the installed downstairs in my carpenter shop. I expect it will be finished now. I am glad your steps are to be this saved too.

The letter I have just been reading speaks of the way not having been elected in Nov. I have forgotten what office she was running for. Stabling for 18, I had to say a head of his ticket. The soldier has been very well of the Progressive Party all through. How it is? I hope not.

I should have liked to see what would have happened when a big rain came...
if that man had stopped up the brook. Just as a scientific matter, but it would be more interesting than pleasant for those who had been near by. I wonder what the man thought became of the brook water. When I was a little there used to be a swamp that we raced on, there in the field, and white violets grew there in the spring.

I was interested to see that you had been learning to play the fiddle. I used to think it was a very fine game — a little too fine if it was hard to stop playing it even as solitaire after eight o'clock. Can you here that difficulty?

We have enjoyed Notte and the young lady across the way as well. Vander and some of the others. Thank you again!

I note that Marion says Helen B. has wished for a cuckoo clock ever since she was 2 years old. I wonder if I shall have to wait that long. When we bored I need to say that lacking a wife, a cuckoo clock would do more than anything else to make a house homelike.

I am certainly glad father got out of that 10,000 think up. You certainly must have had an unhappy time waiting for it to straighten out! I hope you won't have any more such troubles.

Please congratulate F. for me on her fine job of the book work. Read on the tray she had her that B. & B. note affair.

E has not had time to finish, and so will send an. He began studying b-day — Fort's 4th. Very happy and well. Gringy Letter.
Dear Mother,

This is the first chance I have had to write for a good long time. Baker and I got up to have an early start and walk down back for service. It is now noon now and Baker is explaining to an old lady that the earth moves instead of the sun. And an old man who protested him with two eggs laid by his own hens that they would not experience in reality as brought on by the sun. I don't believe either of them really believes it. Anyway, I don't think he needs my help so I'm going to write to you.

The test you were gone on the hunt. I got back at noon and have been busy as can be ever since. The house was badly unsettled after the workmen were here. We split all that hard work. I put it all in the proper places. One difficult thing is to get the different pictures with the picture frame. And I certainly take a lot of time to put it all together and the wire and screw it all in the proper places. I don't have to worry about that already. In this climate we can use the braided picture wire that is used at home because these tiny strands just trip so easily. So I bought common wire. It isn't quite as easy to handle but it is strong and safe. As and so a helper for a cook and good feeling all the pictures I have a lot left as its not too expensive.

Yesterday afternoon I took a picture out of its frame and replaced it by a picture of Latitia's father which was my xmas present to her. The original picture was burned and of course the frame matched it. And it didn't look so good with the new picture which was black. So I colored the frame with black and when this course is finished next week I think it will look some time to do the work. But when done it looked mighty nice. I am going to replace the name in
that original picture. By a picture of the Bartholomew family which came a while ago.

In the evening, if we hadn't had company at the English party, Miss Northcott came along with me from Changi while they had been visiting, and stayed till Sat. M. S of noon. Miss Travers and Miss Witty came to stay the Wednesday and with them Mr. Armitage and a Poochek lady who were going back on the next train. So we had to get busy giving them a chance to see the sights. Mrs. Baker took them around the city, and I went over to the stadium to see that they got off all right. That all meant that they being our combined householders had to do something to entertain them by conversation, music or games. We played bridge twice, with thanks to the giving of the game.

The arrangement was good long time back was that the next rules to be from Changi would be the leadership of M. L. Engfield, and the wives were to consti-

tute a house of Changi but things got going out. The house don't come in. Baker had to go to Shapo, over business, and his wife with two children couldn't go away. Mrs. Ho-

sham who has two children is helping run a school for Europeans children in Kuching and felt the present need. Dr. Rose's health is at the hospital, because the next man in line.

went to Shanghai to a medical surgery, in the meantime felt she couldn't come home. In Dresbeck Medical and I were all that was left. Asking when they finally found that she would not come they went to Kuching and to everyone's surprise succeeded in getting both workers to come and visit them. They had already promised to come to Borneo and visit before the Borneo.
went home. So when I got back to Bangkok I found that the next day they were planning to go to Lopburi. I persuaded them to go on the train to Udon with me, so I had company and slept with my baggage. We enjoyed the visit very much. I had: perhaps the most because it was a real visit. The first one Air Bacon was made in the 1955 years the staff was in China Previsouly they went the staff had had to some degree as a basis of excuse. But this was finally a visit.

My boy trained to take on the trip, wanted to go with me and get married as I had him to go along with me and took out of my baggage and then let him go. We went to the air team to try and get along and we had a boat and a boy and one boy to men and enough. On the return trip we had Meg's boat and that was enough. She continued with the provisions etc. Meg rode bicycles and the boat was with the baggage carrier. Meg went with the first day and traveled together. The next day we went ahead on a different road and got to Bangkok for a late dinner. But the baggage didn't make time. And that was enough. She decided to go on and took the boat to Kalesh. But I decided to make better time to wait for my baggage. (Which really was a close one) so the boy saw Meg start for the boat the next day with Bacon & Miss Northcutt in charge with their boy. Meg's boy with air baggage & mine, and I on the wheel started for the steamer. Arrived at Swatow we separated baggage and transferred mine to the care of Air Bacon's boy while I and another, I had been racking my head to come out what to do with my shoes & a pair of pants, & a pair of shoes & a pair of jeans. And I had quite as much time as I needed.
Friday

I have been trying at various times during the week to get a lot more written, but so far haven't been able to. So asLate has written a letter to Annie, I guess I'll just send this along. I'm sorry it has been so slow. I wrote, but has been longer than I realized. But by the time—well, never mind how long I've been. It the work is still stacked up ahead.

However I feel well, and the house is livable now.

With lots of love,

Eleanor.
Dear Mother:

There was excitement on the place yesterday, for Mr. Franklin was here, and I didn't succeed in writing the letter I wanted to. So before I say anything else, I'll answer the letter that got the post office just as Mr. Franklin did.

I almost wish I have been able to see the big Wellhall. Your description sounds attractive.

I was sorry to see that M. P. only was "bad" again. I think Ernest only is the one I need to go to Yale at the gym with a pleasant-looking smooth-faced, smooth-sounding man. I liked him but didn't know him very well.

Thank you for writing. Please tell me about my statistics. I have noticed no clubs or organization of the kind referred to. I noticed that a good many of the classes have joined one of mine, (several in two) and seem to be proud to put it in the statistics — another sign of the increasing aristocratic feeling. I did never mention that when I was at Amherst a man was to be sent somewhere as a delegate. Great emphasis was always laid on the possibility of choosing a "representative man," and we all knew that meant one of the aristocracy.

We could always pick out the 10 or 15% of the class from whom the man would be selected.

I am glad you put Ben's back (as I suppose was done), and that the efficiency system was maintained.

May I thank you again for that comfortable. We certainly have enjoyed it. This is the tropics now or at least this Sunday at 6 PM it was 77°. But it isn't so usually in the winter. It sometimes goes below 35° and is often damp and chilly. Since we got our stove, finally here we have had fire nearly every day. The stove is a little fellow some 9 ft high by 1 ft diameter. It heats up my bedroom.
with ease, and sends some heat up into the sitting room. If it is very cold, we can have a grate fire there, too. We did that in the summer when we had company and enjoyed it greatly.

I hope we have already thanked you for the draft, which arrived all right and was very welcome.

I suppose it is best to address our mail "Shanghai" via Swatow, but any that is sent "Kahuelch" or "Swatow" will get here nearly as soon. They simply write "美" on it to indicate that it belongs to the American Mission, and send it on. When someone writes "Kahuelch" on it, and reminds it, I suppose it loses half a day in that way. Mail addressed to "Kafu" comes direct. I suppose someone has told you that the word is not used here. They say "county seat," and it is all OK in the country. In the next county, the same words would mean a different district. It is only on the borders where people say "Kafu," which is the Swatow way of saying "P'ing Pao." It sounds awkward to say "county seat," but because the Chinese are provincial enough to justify the word.

The Kahuelch Weekly News has suspended publication, but its editor hopes soon to commence the semi-occasional publication of the "Kahuelch-Show". Please be indulgent with the cook.

Thank you several times for the work which comes regularly.
I am certainly glad to be able to have it again.

I was interested to know about Leonard Kay and Willie Ohara being in the Army. I hope they get along all right. I read today that "Ftench," who was at Rochester with me, died. Rev. Paul Vincent, son of the pastor of the 1st Unit. Church of Paris, was severely wounded in battle. His father was writing a letter from the front. I think that the first personal touch that I have had on the wall.

I mentioned Dr. Franklin at the head of the letter. He came out here to try to adjust the central China matter, and is making a visit here as well. He got here probably on last Friday, and Saturday about 2:00 we got a telegram that he was coming to Cairo. I had some scrambling to do to get the house in shape, shave, put on a mosquito net frame, and get away by 8.45 to go to the station to meet him. We had stuff that was to come down the river in a few days scattered around everywhere, and it was hard work to put it out of sight.

Dr. Franklin and Dr. Grebeck got on the train at all right, and then we found they were bound for Kajing, so they stayed with me and went to 9:30 P.M. and took the night boat for Kajing. We got to Cairo and left Kajing at 7/8 A.M. and got the 4:45 train at Cairo, which we were to take to come down to Swatow. Conference was set for the evening, but Dr. Franklin and Grebeck were delayed in Swatow even longer than we were and it was after 3:00 before we were thru supper. All of us had to go both before all, so we came around along toward the delta, and we found it still at the hotel.

We are living in Miss Gallup's house and staying at Pag's, which is next door. I have been here, I think, more than any one else. I think it the first we have seen of the Pag house.
The spiritual China matter seems to be adjusting itself in a way that is better than we asked for. The present plan is to keep a missionary there, under the Eastern Mission, with the Indians working toward self-support.

I must close now. It seems pleasant to be in Reekieh again, but I hope to be home soon.

F. "Town" R. L. S.
April 1, 1913

Dear Mother:

I sent a letter to you to the P.O. by the cook this afternoon and when he came back he found two letters that had not been returned to me. I am sorry you had that cold. It seems to have been almost like the King of the Hound and was generally emu to give me your parakeet a cup of water. She seems no better, no improvement, but a runny nose and cough. Still have her a good bit of trouble and while that is her a good bit of trouble and while that is about all we have now. She was not more than a little presumptuous of the throat and a lot of wet hands behind. After my nose began to get sore I couldn't eat but some cold my hands behind her and she know that I have had them and hardly are used one, but I have got out of them the last few days. Now the whole business is no nearly gone that I seldom think of it.

You certainly had quite a snowstorm today. It was quite as much as we have had lately, and we are much interested in your story of the boy who fell against a lamp post and cut a gash over his eye. I think it is in England that is left aado and drug store keeps for such accidents plaintiff out of the police funds.

Please give my sympathy to Avice Burns, I was surprised to find she had so many relations. I always think of her and David Wayne and Annie Sykes.

I was glad you told me about Richard, and the church and the prayer meeting and testimony, I didn't remember that they spell and was glad to hear of it again. Can answer your questions 271.

Received 2 pairs 25c. Shoes one high and one. 
Low, and was unable even to send the
high pair back, and ask you to exchange
for a pair of low ones. The shoe walker
thought you received them long ago, and
having trouble about the exchange I shall
be able to make the pair you sent back
but a shoe walk is better than thank
you. I have received the Geo. Rag,
I am the next time the Xmas comes I
will look and see if the label is
advanced.

She has never
showed up to my regret. If you
ordered a whole gross, you'll the time
is so long they are probably lost. They
may turn up yet. However, please don't do
anything about getting another lot. It was
not good of you to get those. Buffalo
meets are very good. I don't notice any
special taste. It has lots of cream. The
bridge we have to anchor it a wooden
bridge at Tiamo. This is quite a
bridge across the
river that surrounds huge granite piece
4'5 feet long and about 8 yard square.
Come and take a look at them. The tiny
bridge at the foot of our hill here is also
of granite.

I was interested to hear about to
many who lost their first little one.
Bessie made is the happiest who has
mentioned it. We are looking forward
and hoping to have another. Presley's
are all right so far as far as the
health concern. But we shall know
better by the end of the week. I hope
his teacher is expecting to come with
and will probably give her another exam.
We hope she will report all right.

We are glad to know something
more definite about your plans for
coming out here. I think you are quite
in your choice in my personal preference
would be the fall. Let's look into
better all around for 1917. Is the
will tell you something about clothes
The excessive heat is all over by the end of October, and the weather is ordinarily cool and clear. Beautiful weather, as a rule, the one cant guarantee it. Then it gets cooler, and by the middle of December it gets a bit quite cold, and continue so part of the time from then till sometime in March when it gets warmer and dampsy. I guess you can say the weather the danger is apt to be gaining a good bit of the time from now till June. I don't suppose it gets uncomfortable warm till May. Most Dickens' letter who came out it. I think this winter, is going to start home in a month or so.

I am no expert on world travel, but the idea as you put it out seems to be more considerable useless mileage. For instance, to see Europe on the way back from the Suez Canal would seem more logical than the way from England to Siberia. I do not know much about steamship trouble so what I say may be incorrect simply look at the map and draw that conclusion.

There is another point, whether one goes to Suez and India on your way out here or on the way back, it seems to me you would be going past there in the summer, and it's warm there in the summer. I imagine Madras has a latitude of about 13° the same as Honduras, in Central America, and lower than most of the Sahara desert. Calcutta is about that same latitude as Swatow and most of Bumpho is lower. The Red Sea has a reputation for being very hot and breathless, and the Arabian rain after the middle of it, three things suggest to me that you wouldn't enjoy a summer visit to India very much. Suppose you write the Board and get that paddocks...
If you went from Australia to New York, you would have to cross the equator. If you went from here to Egypt, you would have to go by Suez. Which is practically on the Equator.

I judge you and Father have slight differences about the plan you quoted. I say Mediterranean Sea, Siberia behind.

I didn't read your letter carefully at first. I just want to start again. Father suggests we alternate plans. 1. Mediterranean. Italy, Sicily, Spain. 2. China and Japan. 3. Australia. I guess we choose both Europe across the Pacific.

Of the four, the first is the safest from what you say. I can't tell you whether Russia is sound about it. You have a small, limited baggage allowance on the Alaska railroad. A party of us would be all right but a family of three would have to pay full fare for both the way to Australia. Also have them put another passenger in with you. They are 2 berth compartments and 4 berth compartments are reserved for married couples. I think not all. It is a long trip by railway much longer than to South America. You reduce the sea voyage to a minimum. Across the Atlantic, across the Channel, and down the China coast. Seaseek people always prefer the English sea. We should have slight differences about the plan you quoted. I say Mediterranean Sea, Siberia behind.
Trip. But to them the alternative is via the Sea; or via America.

If I were in America, and wanted to come to South Africa in the fall, and have a non-sea trip in the fall, and have a non-sea trip, then I should cross the Pacific. And not always be sure of a good weather as we have, to be sure. But on our trip no day was as bad as a "comfortable" day on the Atlantic trips I have taken. You know what the Atlantic trip is and that China coast often is somewhat similar. But of course all these jaunts are mercifully short.

I don't think I approve of your second trip at all, i.e., via China, for the reasons I have indicated.

So then between 7 and 3, if you want to get there quickly, cheaply, and easily, I should advise you to cross the Pacific, coming to the missionary part of it. But if you want to be thorough and put forth a bit of strength and effort on the way, it all right, via Siberia, if war conditions permit.

As for Australia, the same object in as far as apply to India. You have to cross the equator to get to Australia. Do leave here when it is getting too hot for you and then cross the equator seems for me risky. Of course, if you could get a steamer direct from Hong Kong to Australia and have an outside of decision, it would be better. But if you had to wait a week or so at Singapore for your steamer (as you often have to do in case the "India" is out of town), you would probably cross the equator that Singapore was located right on the equator. Your India missionary may be a man who has travelled via Suez, and can take more about the matter than 7 ever before knew.
Our house is plenty big enough to take in a party of four such as you and Father, yourself, and myself. Here is the upstairs plan. A is our bedroom, B the sitting room, C the guest room, and D the sewing room. At present, B is entirely furnished with my Aunt Anna’s furniture, and our two brass beds are in B. Also the sewing machine and trunk and other clothes space. They can be fixed up to make them quite comfortable. I shall have some sitting rooms. We do not have bathrooms at present, but I rather expect that by that time it will be requisitioned as an amah’s room. However, all the essentials of a bathroom except the tub can be arranged for, since we can put one in a corner behind a screen and a shelf in the family room. As we can also put a bath tub in any time they want it in our room without inconvenience. I don’t worry about crowding us. We are thankful to have a house that has plenty of room.

Lottie is afraid you may have felt badly because she asked for an account. And I will explain that she always has kept account with her parents, and I have pretended to, too. I never succeeded in keeping it very accurately. Ever since I got that school and have been making my own money, I have intended to pay for everything I asked you to buy for me, but you have been very nice and marked on calling me a great many times. Please don’t. I am only too happy, and very grateful for it all, but I do feel that I ought not to get into the habit of asking you for things; it wouldn’t be good for me. And be, with your permission, I am going to keep account of all the things I ask you to buy, and expect you to pay for them unless once in a while where you feel I ought to. That you want a certain time to be called by, that you want to be given a gift or a present, and some things more than you deserve.
I was sorry to hear that Guy Beeman was dead. I shall miss him.

Going north for the summer means

anything going to Troika, Wisconsin. That is

where our East Asia Mission goes for

the summer. It is close to Chicago, and

it will be there but whether I shall or not

is still a question. It is nearly three

months since I wrote asking them

to come to findrooms. He replied to

the letter, but no word since. We are

getting a little concerned about the matter

but hope it all will be all right.

Please remember me to Mr. Byron

James, the Karmic company finally

agreed about the matter.

I am very interested in George

Ingram's case. I suppose he is someone

who lived across the street for a while. It

seems strange, for him to be faithful to

the church, as all the recent elections

have been to him is that he was a member

of the church — worse than Laura. The oldest

girls and the twins will soon meet and

I don't see any reason why George and Laura

shouldn't outgrow what might lead to a

temporary phase of childhood. Did Laura

so develop? The are one of them married?

To answer an old question which has

already had a more comprehensive answer.

If I were in charge of the refugee work

only avenue Bakersfield would ever want a

shelter, and I would, when the reported as

"Missionary in Charge"
Please thank Tannia for the pictures which your returning that are very interesting. I would like to be there and see the place and buildings and the beautiful scenery and the beautiful study teacher.
It would be well if we knew as soon as possible whether you can come next winter, on account of ordering supplies. It takes about six months to get things now, and we ought to order in May. I think in order to get things in late October. So please let us know as soon as you can conveniently decide. But if in May or June you decide to come in or even later—don't let the question of supplies stand in the way. We could probably take care of you if we got no home supplies at all, (only you might not like the food so well). And if the supplies were a month or so after you it wouldn't be a serious affair. If you decide to come without sending word in advance, come ahead, and when you get to Shanghai or Hong Kong write me to Mr. Ashmore. 

Lovingly,

[Signature]
Dear Mother:

The Bakers have left Chaochow and so have we. But we expect to return sooner than they do. The chief things of interest in the last week or so were with the two departures. As you doubtless know the Bakers leave for Beiping which is due at this time and which both needed, because neither one was in very excellent health and both were able to get along and get their work done — this being partly due to the fact that Mr. Baker is a physician. They have a boy 3½ years old and a girl nearly 12 which completely ate up their getting save I have ample opportunity to see how they were getting along because there were important men of talk. And my feeling is that when I go home and leave behind the things I value most, and sell or give away the rest, so many things that have a face to me as being a liability rather than an asset. For instance superfluous books, demand book cases, extra demands china, bedroom, clothes, demand wardrobe, table, extra details like have to be stored, which demands care and investment which you are on the alert and call for packing and storing when you go home. But when you try to dispose of them — That's another question. I found some of my novels people would read. Hall's house with a store of some pots and pans and dishes, a table a few choicers, a book stove and a heater, a washing machine, some beds and blankets. 2 or 3 lamps a few books and two feet of book shelve from 1.5.
and it is too little rather than too much.
I have two or three times as many German books as some of those people had of
literature of every variety, including the
Bible and the news paper. So I'm
afraid I'll have to continue the unsingle
life a while longer.

Anyway the Bakers got away and
they had to work hard to do it. I tried my
wedges not to come before 7:00 P.M. and 9:00
and rest the time helping them. They
left our house at 12 0'clock and had
5 min. to spare at the station. when
I came home took a bath and slept like
rest to the B.M. resting I slept then
whether the Bakers had any rest
yet or not. But I knew they needed it.
I was pretty well tried - and I had only
watched them work. done very odd jobs
and noted down their instructions

It was a contrast to Mr. Wailes'
departure. His wife had gone previously
to America with her mother and
had taken loads of freight, leaving
him just enough to support his family
and pay for the goods, and gave me the two
keys and bag of this craft. The Bakers
didn't take any freight and I wouldn't
let them stay. Many days they turned over
to me, but cutting here it shadowed I ran
mentally count up. 40

We had an early dinner and then I
went to the station to see them off. Also my
teacher, the preacher's wife, the Millard
keepers, the Angell's, and others whom I can't remember.
and the teacher near our house brought
all her lace up to see Baker start. It
seemed was nice and it especially trying
to feel that at this time when we are trying
to get into union work with the C.P.
there is such good feeling in our own people.
I don't always happen that the Chinese
think enough of the missionary to want

to show with honor that way. And as the
one left in charge I am glad to feel that

thing be pretty peaceful right now
at least.

Theoretically I ought to be free from
any responsibility after my formal

return. But practically I cannot suppose
anyone in our mission has been given
two years without having to take

up some form of work. In my case it's

a compromise. Lewis is to have charge of

the finances as per present

schedule. That gives me a chance to have

my first in very real that looks good &

easy. I built any that doesn't seem just pass

along to Lewis. And whereas I can reach

Lewis in a day by boat 2 weeks without over-

taking. No way the Chinese would go they

consecrate needing of constant

Lewis

(such departments)

my duties are 1. to pay the

price of and the chapel 2. to

administer the Lord's Supper to part of

the churches (there is unordained

Chinese who can serve part of them and

there are over 6 churches in all) and

to administer baptism, which in the

past has never been an ausculorous

affair. 3 to see that one half of the

union work is kept up 4 that the

organ at the Goff Chapel is then in

these and 5 everything else that may

from time to time be referred to me

the first 4 items are clear. And I

know they will not be burdensome. It

remains to be seen whether the 5 th will be

or not. But at any rate. when my

final exams are over six months hence. I

shall have to take that much respons-

ibility. And at those 6 mos. I am likely
to spend 3 or more away from here.

So I guess the responsibility won't be too much of an interference with my study. The prospect of course is that in the fall I shall be assigned to begin at least until Barbados returns. This financial question is one that troubles us, this year the Board sends out so missionaries new or returning; we shall be able to get along; but I think we should repeat it next year, that would make a very embarrassing situation for us. The picture that I painted of a shortage on the field in a letter to you some months ago, has been alleviated by others, the Diocesan, but there is one temporary ingredient, and a bad one at that. By the end of the second year more the Board would find itself, without some augmentations or some other way of being able to sustain it, which would make a very embarrassing situation for us. Let's hope the Church will aid the Board and prevent any such calamity as that.

As soon as convenient after the Baerceas left,otte and I came over to Barasing for a visit. Cotte was quite unwell right before morning sicknesses and what the poor woman! She had them once so badly already. The treatment is very simple and easy, and I didn't mind them much. But poor Cotte! She had not been eating much, and the worm got hungry so instead of staying in the intestines where he belonged he came up into her stomach and one night she went down from 2.00p.m. coughing him up. So when she found that out she took worm medicine and a real and was much better and now that she is almost playing with pleasant surroundings she is feeling fine.

Hoping you are the same.
Dear Mother,

It seems a good while since I wrote to you. I don't know just how long it is, so let me track some distance. You probably know that the steamers are gone by this line. We had a note from them at Hong Kong telling about steamers, and I was much interested. You see we have British steamers coming to Swatow and they are so vastly superior to the Chinese-foremost that we ignore the latter except in an emergency. We can't count on the China anyway. Just the British boats have a schedule that they achieve pretty well, and that we learn to depend on. The big boats run from HK to Sh. Hung 2 or 3 times a week, and it runs so that there are two boats a week north and south. Swatow usually has 1 in each direction on Sat. One up on Tues. and 1 down on Wed. Besides this there is the Taniman the smallest of the 4 comes up from HK on Sun. and go back by Mon. We depend on this because she doesn't have the various delays of the Brochow trip. And she has three full days a week anyway.

Now Bakers boat was to leave HK on Tues. noon and he wanted to leave Sun. on Sat. I pointed out to him that sometimes the boat blown from Brochow on Sat. drops stop to call at Swatow at all. In fact we know of one man who was thus disappointed. Then he would have to take the Taniman down and if he caught his boat on Tues. noon it would be by a race boat. I heard that the French marshal in Hong Kong isn't the greatest thing in the world. By the way his office is out against the suburbs which makes a fine back thing for the business man because everyone who wants to leave HK has to call on him to support and it makes the possibility of the boat failing to call. And I had to remind him of it several times, and almost insist that the take the Taniman on Thurs. Here is the account...
One of the bigger boats has been chartered to go to Sarien. And the Harum is there now transferred to the other boat to take her place, the local trip being abandoned. The Harum took the Bakers down on Thurs and then started for Booloo so she didn't go down on Mon and the boat down on Sat. We call at Swan, then you have the uncertainty of travel about here. It seems foolish to start 3 days ahead of time for a trip that only takes overnight. This is half the Bakers to do so all right.

Well we left the Bakers here and then we stayed around a couple of days to get things straightened up, and get the eggs back after her stormy adventure. By Friday she was feeling pretty well as we went by the chief, stayed over night, and went to the airport in the afternoon. There was nothing conclusive about the trip on the way to the chief to the factory to meet with the advancement. We spent the night at Achar see and spent the evening talking with Dr. about translation of the Bible. He is translating the Old Testament into our vernacular now. It seems strange that the Bible should first have been translated into the classical style which the majority of the people can't understand at all and it is so. This Wen-li (or Buni as it is pronounced in our dialect, the phrase simply means literary style) well Wen-li hears about the same relation in the spoken language that Latin does and French. You imagine the condition in France, if at the same time no written French language. And all the writing had to be done in Latin. It was so in the middle ages of course. In a subordinate dialect the ones that was almost exactly the situation when the missionaries came. In order to put the Bible into any written form all they had to put it into Wen-li, but then most of their hearers couldn't understand.
it, for here as in some other place it has always been cut away up to the present time. The uneducated classes who were most accessible to the gospel, imagine a full-grown Frenchman who had never studied any letters at all, and who wanted to read the Bible. He might begin to read it in his mother tongue when he couldn't think of undertaking to learn Latin. Likewise people of moderate education might find it easier to understand books written in French than in Latin. So the missionaries went to work to provide a way of writing the vernacular in our dialect. There are two missions. And each followed a different method.

To begin with, there are certain words pronounced the same in the Wen-f and the vernacular, so you use the appropriate character for such words. Then there are other words that are pronounced differently from that, e.g., care is tai in Wen-f and tai in the vernacular. That is the common word for boy is tai, and the character which means care is pronounced tai in Wen-f, this is as obvious that even a Chinese scholar would admit that if you were going to write the vernacular word tai you would have to use the Wen-f character. But you find many common and important words of the vernacular have no character for instance the word of saying "where" is tai in bo, and there is no character in other place.

to represent either tai or bo. Wen-f says tai, but that is an entirely different phrase used in elegant conversation, whereas tai to bo is used by the most uneducated. However we bad this have agreed that when this phrase is printed in a "vernacular book it shall be read and understood as in tai bo, and all our
Baptist Christians understand this. This scheme is using characters of appropriate meaning with altered sound as being understood. That when used in the vernacular books this plan of characters always has the altered sound, there is no difficulty about this, because in the altered sound, the words fit into their place in the vernacular, with which all readers are supposed to be familiar.

The other device to express words that have no proper character is to use characters of similar sound but different meaning. A good example of this is \( \text{結} \) as meaning "how" or "why." We write \( \text{结} \) which

As nearly as man finds out means to make broadcloth. But that would make no sense. Of course the man is reading out loud, and after his eyes see two characters which mean't make broadcloth, his ears hear him say two words that mean "why" and as he gets the idea and after a time he gets to recognize the usage as a familiar one.

By one of these means either using characters of different sound but appropriate meaning, or of different meaning that similar sound. We can express any of the words that have no characters of their own. But the English Presbyterian recently object to our scheme. It is making. They say entirely different illegitimate use of Chinese characters. A dialect sake ours. They say can't be properly written in native characters and as they have the Roman letters, their vernacular books are known as Romanize, and they would render the above phrases as found in indicating their song texts and test. In times past these need to be a heated controversy! Between the Baptist, or the Presbyterian at least, and the Protestant which included such points as the name for God shall we see.
Saying it (call most of the English to) a phrase which means extreme merrily and is applied to certain specific objects or situations. Americans do a sort of generic phrase indicating any sort of nonsense. The term for nonsense shall we say chimerical which means the sort of exaggeration, a sort of the sort of washing which is ambiguous — from which questions to contradictory danger, whether to nice romanized or Chinese characters. The romanized is quicker to learn but not so easy to understand for you have to depend on your ear to tell you which of several words having the same sound is the one in question. Our system has one great advantage that it helps a man to learn when he already has learned some of the characters and their meanings. It might be noted that some of the schools in the Presbyterian schools are very much dissatisfied with romanized and prefer our method, and that others are glad to learn romanized. I had an interesting experience the other day. Someone had written my boy a letter in romanized and he couldn't read it all but he asked me to read it. I read it very poorly because it was illegible written. And of the subject of the letter hadn't been mentioned in the first sentence I should have been entirely in the dark. As it was I could barely get the drift. But the boy listening to my poor reading understood it all.

This is one of the strange things about the language. It is so beautifully adapted to the ambiguous and yet the Chinese understand it as well.
About that exam. My residence in England has a bearing on an important and unpleasant piece of mission history. Old Ashmore evidently was a very hard man to get along with. Like some other people he was bound to have his own way and he apparently was more pugnacious and aggressive than anyone else. Be that admitted, Old Ashmore was the man who bought the site of the Kakechek compound. It is a beautiful place to live, and by the English Presbyterians, off the other side and crowded into their compound and have no room. So there are arguments in favor of both locations. All I was generally criticized by some people for buying it so far away. And unfairly criticized for buying such valuable land as much of it. The complete answer is that the land in Kakechek was all he could buy, and that it was almost worthless, and he could buy all he wanted for next to nothing. It seems as the matter might have been allowed to rest there but it wasn't. 

Recently the Bishop had the above argument by proving that Kakechek was the best place to buy and that even if we could get an equally good place in Swaziland, now it would cost twice as much. But that is all right too, for they undoubtedly believe it to be true. But here is where the trouble comes. A lot of us believe that Kakechek is not a good place for a theological seminary, it has too far from the town that the men don't get the chance for practical work that they ought to have. And every once in a while something is
said about the desirability of moving the Threemore to Swatow or Shanghai. In
now that is a question to be discussed
strictly on its merits. But instead of
doing this the Threemores regard any such
suggestion as a reflection on the old
ship, and with some heat begin to
demonstrate again that she had a
buy in any event at all, and that it
is the ideal place for a mission com-
pany, entirely ignoring the fact that
these two points are different from the
question of where the ship can best be
located. (By the way, the old Threemore
gave the money to build the present Threemore
building, which is named after him.)
All this has happened so many times
that nowadays she has only to mention
that Kakehich has some disadvantage
and Mrs. Threemore immediately begins
a heated demonstration of the old question
and Mrs. Threemore feels just as strongly
about it.

For some reason neither one has
ever had much use for Chaochowm
and they would have loved to have stopped there entirely
during Baker's absence. They have a
new idea now, which is strongly recent,
that Kakehich is the ideal place to
study the language. It has happened to
go so far because all the good
language teachers that are available
are concentrated there, the
most expensive one is a Chaochowm
man who would be glad to come back
here but they keep him down there
and then say Kakehich is the place
to study the language because that
sense and the other good teachers
are there. That is the reason why the
language committee put a veto on
visit the Chinese coming here. But
Kakchiui has many advantages as a place to learn the language, and my present belief is that it is a better place.

Now here is where my exam came in. The reference committee was acting on my coming up here. Mr. Ashmore announced to the vote of the language committee on the kakchiui comm., and put both on probation by saying that if I didn't do well in my next exam they might never again let any language students come up here. I am in a position to contest it.

Now out of the 6 months that I have been supposed to spend in preparing for this exam, I have only been able to put in about 3 in study, and my exam in Mr. Li showed it. But we Li is desk study like Latin. My spoken language was all right and it is by the test of the spoken language that they decide whether a place is good to learn the language in or not. So they can't use my failure to condemn Kakchiui. That is why I was glad the exam went as it did.
the prophets to see 200 years. Vision what was going to take place. And today we see the realization of their vision. Thus it is this light which we must strive to seek, for it is greater than any other. The light is of four kinds—of the sun, of the eye, of the intellect, of the guidance. This last is the supreme light, the conscious reality which comprehends mysteries. The holy spirit is encompassing and surrounding all. The Christ is the central point of the holy spirit. The holy spirit is the only power which will ultimately unite and harmonize the races of men and nations of the world.

"The soul can recognize and feel the love of God. Spiritual education consists in the inculcation of the ideals of divine morality and promotes high thoughts. This spiritual education is made possible through the power of the holy spirit. An ignorant man, filled with the holy spirit, is powerful. He who is educated by the holy spirit can in his turn educate others in the same spirit. The life and morals of a spiritual man are in themselves an education to others. Let your thoughts words, actions, bring life to those around you. Do not think of your own limitations; think only of the power of the holy spirit. So may you receive divine assistance."

One of the profoundest truths of life is thus expressed: "My calamity is my providence; in appearance it is fire and vengeance; in reality it is light and mercy." And again: "Tests are a means by which a soul is measured as to its fitness, and proven out of its own acts. The same test comes again in greater degree, until it is shown that a former weakness has become a strength, and the power to overcome evil has been established."

Mr. Holley notes that this is an age of new and special spiritual significance. "From the merely mental point of view," he continues, "the age is one of interest, precipitation and interaction between different schools of thought, each expressing the spirit of some one definite character of living, and all struggling to impress themselves upon the emerging world consciousness. A war of minds is now in process, vastly larger in scope and
Dear Mother:
Lottie thought that you would be skipping this that disagree. I have to see if there was any news, so I guess I'll write the news first.

While in Chabang, Lottie and I got inoculated against plague, which process often makes one sick. I wasn't sick. Lottie was, but she didn't get well. She had to take some anti-septic medicine. So she was a pretty uncomfortable girl for a few days.

We intended to leave there on Friday and return to Kalkchik. Then my exam would be on Sat. A.M. and we would either leave Sat. P.M. or stay over Sun. Miss Spelman was to go with me P.M. to examine schools. And stay with us at Cafe. But instead of that, she didn't feel equal to the trip on Sat. P.M. So I went alone, held my exam and got some work done, and went back to chalk Sat. P.M. I passed the exam. I don't know how well, but I do know this: the committee said that my talking was my best feature and my writing in my weakest and that pleased me greatly. I'll explain presently.

Friday P.M. I heard there of the man talking about the war prejudice with considerable interest. I joined in the conversation in a general way and presently found it was no accidental one. That Japan had sent China an ultimatum with ultimatum on every one of her unreasonable demands and that was the first I had heard. I had noticed that afternoon that the premium on the Tokyo check was very low. I shall have...
eashed my checks at once, because I knew the rate wouldn't rise until after the ultimatum expired. And if war was declared, it might be impossible to cash checks at all. But I didn't know till I got across to Kalamazoo. So Saturday I had to cash my checks because I had spent all I had with me, and was going to have some heavy expenses soon. And if there was any possibility of war I wanted some extra money on hand. By Saturday the rate had gone down half of one percent, and I had got about 45 cents on the dollar. Fortunately, not knowing the news, the ultimatum was to expire on Sat or Mon, I don't know which, and on Mon. we heard that there was to be no war. So we were glad. I hope you people didn't have occasion to worry about us.

The Japanese demands are the most unreasonable thing I've ever heard of. Austria's demands on Serbia, and Germany's on Belgium are mild and polite and reasonable by comparison. Japan needs the best thrashing possible — if our news is any where near reliable — and no nation seems less in danger of getting one. Certain things, cast the 5.

The Chinese, some of them. While tremendously excited and generously contributed money for a war fund. But a war with Japan would bring a man the immediate capture of Peking for the Chinese can't possibly defend it. And then I don't know just what would happen, but it would be unhappiest. Of course a war would be exceedingly bad for our missionary work. We are now glad the clouds have flown over, and I shall be much interested to learn just what did happen. Within in fort. they doubtless bought all about but there me and I have only heard the matter.
mentioned once, and that was to question me about it.

We went back to Chao-yang and we had a rainy Sunday, right at 8 o'clock in the afternoon and attended SS at the boys' school, where teacher's new assistant taught Acts in Mandarin.

It was the first lesson and amounted chiefly to a language lesson. I don't know how it will be later, and whether he will be able to make any moral instruction out of it or not. The man is a splendid fellow, a graduate of Tientsin Medical School. He is a Chao-yang Presbyterian and teacher got him that the medical of one of the Presbyterian doctors. Why wasn't it done at the school with your sister missionaries?

Sunday, teacher was called out on a confinement case and went along to help. Rather a new experience for me. Teacher is quite an obstetrician already, so soon. They never send them except in bad cases where they have exhausted all Chinese methods. This woman had been in labor more or less violent for 46 hours. She was not in pain for all we went in. It was their 14th pregnancy; a very large number for a Chinese woman and 4 had been miscarriages. Teacher and his assistants disinfect their hands and made their examination. The child was alive and needed the stitches. So teacher disinfected himself and again, the assistant applied the catheter. I held the cotton. The child turned out to be a boy, so of course everyone was happy.
He didn't want to cry, and Lecher had to work some time to make him do so, but finally he consented to do so with considerable force. We went in sedan chairs in a heavy downpour of rain, and came back in the same result of the rain. Next morning the road was washed out so that we couldn't reach the launch landing and had to pay an exorbitant price to be taken there by boat. Besides paying the regular price for the charts for full distance. We managed to get there the all right, fortunately.

About that yarn (see other letter)

I was glad to see the picture of the new pastor. Hope he will do well while he is from you and you have a good place for next year and you have a good tenant by this time. Hope Maria's cough is better by this time your description of Mrs. Keener's, her shoulder is better by this time your description of Mr. Keen's, very much to the point, never had quite a time with the machine, make line "Holly" Hope it won't happen again. Didn't that use to be called a song? How does that Mr. Commissioner stand? Have been much interested in that affair.

Remember to write.

Friend of Mr. Marks
Must be by the dirty then
May 28, 1915

Chaochowfu

Dear Mother,

We were down at Kakechick over Sunday and found there the package of underwear which made you very much. They came not very long after your letter telling of the difficulty which makes change of address necessary. It must be some mistake if that applies to parcels post only, and probably the reason is this: As I figure it out all the American mail probably goes to Shanghai via U.S. mail if there is a U.S. Po at Shanghai and is then turned over to English mail. So a letter to me here would go first to Shanghai and mail to Shanghai. One mail to Shanghai and mail to Shanghai, and if necessary, they will only be able to mail post to places in China which were a British post office. That's my guess.

I refuse to dispatch things in here and Kakechick. Because the head post office where foreigners are allowed to reside is Chaochowfu and not Shanghai and the head British post office is at Kakechick and not Shanghai. As distinct as I & Jersey City. Never mind.

While I'm talking about mail, I guess I'd relieve my mind about my time with the British Po. It had a Po order that she wanted cashed and I undertook to do it on some of my trips to Kakechick which have been rather numerous. Coming either from Kakechick or Shanghai, it is difficult well to reach much before, and leaving for the train, one does not linger for the kakechick side much after. And I'm the consul's adhered uncle home if I got there just about is or maybe a little before. Either the consul had left then or his clock was faster than mine. If needed
at 2 he hadn't got back from dinner. One afternoon I was able to call as late as 2.30 and the consul had gone to dinner. So I got discouraged and had the order canceled by Mrs. Ashmore last Monday to the wanteds to send a 70 order to England, and as I had all the morning 2 weeks since I could do it, plus the time they ran in a holiday on me.

Our trip to Kakeheli was due to an urgent invitation which I had to come down and preach at the English chapel, the Presbyterians are responsible for it and our people since I have been in China have never cared about helping carry the burden except when convenient. Apparently the folk at Kakeheli now felt inclined to take some of the respons-

ibly on themselves. But this week and everyone was too busy, I was too busy, but I have always felt that the service was worthy of our time and effort in co-operation so I finally decided to go down that day. I got ready to go down the day I got home Saturday night after some work in the day. 6.05 train travel expense and a large amount of

strength and the long trip of a whole

Monday that I had to go. Afternoon the sermon seeing some people. Some more shopping. I changed for 2. I guess it was worth while but I don't think I would have done it except that I wanted

how important it is. I considered that English service is mean— that God considered it that important, and I wanted to put my estimate into action.

Saturday was a very, very humid day. It rained all night but not enough to start. They ran into a big

point where chairman had to go. It was

waiting to rain too, so go the chairman

to start a church for me. I told the par
There was a long delay and she had to work hard to get them to come for me. When we got on the bridge I walked almost ran till we caught up with activity. I didn't know she had waited, and so I had started a little earlier than usual. I thought we were in good time, but when we met the strain from the station who had come on the up train. Realized we were not in good time. She said she had got way up there again, so I walked in chance for half a mile or so to the station and when we got there the train had already got back from the line and was about to start. I walked the far was free with the ticket, so I grabbed various pieces of baggage, waited for the train and had taken off 30 seconds a piece. Reason for this close connection. The delay while sitting in chairs were calling my chair 2. The train was about 5 min past our watch, and they were actually only about 3 min slow as we found when we got across time. It was a close race. I almost forgot to say that I got up to get to the chair. So chair on my arm and walked to the train. I waited 6 feet under saw the chair coming. On the train I changed back to my good shoes and stockings to the delight of the Chinese who watched me.

We got to Swatow on time, naturally after such a good start and I escorted太太 to the boat. Then let her the boy and the baggage go across while I got a haircut did my various errands. When I got back I found she had been sick ever since arrival. She of course the only couple case since she left the bag when I think it is due to overwork the day before.
and the skilling hot day. The next day it was cold and she felt better. I had bought a white suit to preach in but could have worn a prince as well as not. However, the only weather one caned propely was either hot or wet, so the white suit was the thing to plan on, and I just said it's all right to wear it this season, and I refuse to be troubled about it.

We were invited out to dinner with Mrs. Lascon and to tea with the Commissioner of Customs. He and his wife are the leaders of the community and are also pillars of the church. They are very nice indeed to missionaries and I hope we appreciate it.

Mrs. Lascon is the man who came out last fall. His wife is the widow of a former missionary to Japan, with two children. She was pregnant when they arrived and is expecting a girl. They are going to Malacca.

Well, I must close. The shirts you sent were all right. The drawers are a little tight but I think they'll do. Thank you ever so much.