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Rev. Ellison

March 1926.

Sincerely yours,

Home Secretary.
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January 1926.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Home Secretary.

Mr. Ashmore, Mr. Page, and anyone else,

Dear Friends;

You're doubtless anxious to know what happened to me on Christmas Day. I might have written to you, but I went off to the country on the 26th, before I knew exactly what had happened. I got back this morning. Of course, I knew what happened this morning, for we were there. A bunch of students ran an anti-Christian meeting across the street from our place. I heard a remark about killing; I suppose they were giving the crowd the benefit of the usual set of anti-Christian lies. At intervals the crowd would give a hoot, but it seemed to me a rather feeble one. The voices were almost all of them high pitched, which suggested to me that no one was anything in the shout except students and kids; I sat in the back, and at no time were the shouts loud enough to interfere with what was being said on the platform, tho I must admit that occasionally babies etc. in the audience interfered. At one time a stone (or several) were thrown, and one small pane of glass was broken. I was told that one of the outsiders came inside and threw something at the crowd to give them an excuse for throwing stones at us. I do not consider the matter of great importance.

I at one time heard a story that in the evening the students came in and tore down all the Christmas decorations, which were unusually nice. This story was utterly false. They did come one or more times and make a disturbance outside our doors, but did not enter. On Sunday they intended to come out and make a disturbance. But the Lord sent a rain to prevent; also to wet me thoroughly as I rode my bike from Amoy to Wansheng to a memorial service which failed to materialize, which was a trifle; and I think the disturbance, if it had come off, would also have been a trifle, unless some Christian had acted really as the Presbyterian doorkeeper did.

On Christmas morning, there was an anti-Christian meeting outside the doors of the Presbyterian church. This does not have a nice iron door, as ours does, but an ordinary Chinese double door. A young fellow was on guard lost its patience and slammed a kid. This aroused the crowd to fury, and they pressed on, with a large amount of hubbub and a microscopic amount of violence, scared the women and children so that they beat it, and the meeting broke up, whereupon the crowd used the organ to sing their own song, and the pulpit to proclaim their own views. Also the doorkeeper was arrested, but was released in the evening.

The Presbyterians took this rather seriously, and appointed one of their number to come down to the Swatow Ki-pok-kâ Hîlpêtâ and try to arrange for Swatow to be admitted, also for this matter of Guru to be taken up. Swatow felt that it would not be convenient to admit Chisholm at this time; and by the time the delegate had returned, the Presbyterians were up against a matter so much more serious that they were practically going to ignore the Christmas incident, tho they may put a statement of it on record with the official for future reference.

The serious matter is a polite letter from a certain military school, which desires to borrow a portion of their premises for temporary use as an office. A meeting of the principal folks in both churches was called at 11:00 at the the King Tsu Ting, and considered the matter in detail. It was agreed that there was no use to resist; that any attempt to resist would merely result in the
premises being taken by force; and it was better to pretend to lead them willingly, hoping to get some kuan-ta, and also hoping to secure from the authorities a document stating how much they desired to borrow, and for how long.

The pastor had objected that they were using the premises to run a school, but was told that the school was too small to use so much space when it was needed for "public" uses. He said he should need to consult the trustees, but they told him that he was the principal, and if the trustees objected they would carry the responsibility on their own shoulders; the meeting interpreted this as a threat to use guan if any objection is made.

They all agreed that our government is not the same as Canton's. Canton's the party of the left, Canton is the right. You have doubtless observed these facts yourself.

You probably know more about the attack on the Shanghai Cath Ch and the action of the French Consul than I do. I am not greatly interested in that, but am greatly interested in the statement that they anti-Christian forces have announced that they are hung-tai Ki-tok-kâ but have nothing to do with the thien-ta-khâ. If this is true, or if you have any information bearing on the question, I should be very grateful for the information.

The Shu-pou Presbyterians have rented a fu-t'âi; recently the soldiers have thrown their out into the cold cold world. I was told that the neighbor at Tâ-thâl has taken advantage of the situation to build up his wall against the church. After the church had won the case and he had been forbidden to do so. It's a great world. I was interested this afternoon to hear a hard-boiled, not to say hard-boiled Presbyterian, who is thoroughly intimate with official life, say this afternoon, "Bô lenjia hê, we must use the plan of bô ti kua; tâu nê (this is the phrase to translate Gandhi's doctrine of non-resistance, the of course it can be used to apply to any kind of non-resistance). He also said "we are racking our heads to fix up a good plan, but in the present condition of affairs the best plan in the world would be of no avail".

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Dear Friends,

You've doubtless been anxious to know what happened to me on Christmas Day. I might have written to you, but I went out to the country on the 26th, before I knew exactly what had happened. I got back this morning. Of course, I knew what happened, but I had no idea what was behind it.

The anti-Christian meeting was held in the street across from our place. I heard about it, but I didn't expect much. The people were giving time for the benefit of the usual set of anti-Christian ideas. At intervals the crowd would sing songs, but it seemed to me a rather feeble effort. The voices were almost all of them highpitched, which suggested to me that no one was joining in the choruses except students and kids. I sat on the bank, and at no time were the students loud enough to interfere with what was being said inside the school. The audience was small, and there were no disturbances. The only thing that did happen was that one of the teachers saw a fire and threw something at the crowd to give them an excuse for throwing stones at us. I did not consider the matter of great importance.

I was almost too busy to notice what was going on. The students were in and out all the time last night. This was the first time I had seen this, but it was unusually nice. This story was utterly false. The students did come in and out all the Christmas decorations, which were unusually bright. This story was utterly false. The students did come in and out all the time last night. This was the first time I had seen this, but it was unusually nice.

On Christmas morning, there was an anti-Christian meeting outside the door of the Press building. The police did not have a live wire near the door, but they did have an ordinary Chinese double door. A young fellow who was on guard lost his patience and started a fight. This aroused the crowd to fury, and they pressed in, with a large amount of hubbub and a microscopic amount of violence, until the women and children were left alone. The police had the crowd under their own control, and the police were able to clear the way.

The Presbyterians took this matter seriously, and appointed one of their number to come down to the Press to settle the dispute and try to arrange for further business to be admitted. I'm also for this matter.

So far as I know, they felt that it would not be convenient to admit Christians at this time. And by the time the dispute was settled, the Presbyterians were in agreement on a matter of much more serious that they are practically going to ignore the Christmas incident, when they may put a statement of it on record with the official for future reference.

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Sincerely yours,

[Signature]
ASSOCIATED MISSION TREASURERS
23 YUEN MING YUEN ROAD,
SHANGHAI.

Shanghai, Oct. 21, 1925.

Mrs. E. S. Hildreth,
Cheochowfu.

Dear Mrs. Hildreth:

Mr. Hylbert has handed to me your letter of October 11th, and I have credited your personal account with the balance, $71.91 on your medical expenses.

With regard to your Aunt's $280.00, I anticipate that if she were to keep the bulk of this for a few months she could get a better exchange than at present. We are only getting about 1.74 now and surely we will get a better rate after Chinese New Year. I am, therefore, depositing $240.00 of these Travellers Checks in the American-Oriental Bank Savings Department where it will draw 3% interest. We are keeping the pass book in the vault and will be able to draw out the money at any time on your instructions. This leaves $80.00 in Travellers checks in Gold for use in the near future.

When I sent the $240.00 I asked them to put it on Fixed Deposit for six months but they replied that they could not take it for less than a year so they put it in a Savings Account. I hope this will be satisfactory to you.

We enjoyed the Bakers' visit very much. They are old friends of ours whom I have not seen for about twenty years. I suppose you are feeling the responsibility of the work rather heavily now that they are gone. We sympathize with you in the anxiety you must feel over the unsettled conditions.

Trusting that you are enjoying good health, I am,

Yours very sincerely,

J. P. Davies

[Handwritten note:

Am. Or Bank
Gold Dollar Sav. Acc' #2979

Due Nov. 20, 1925. Please exchange 20.25 at your convenience.
J. P. Davies 10-10-25]

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240.00 deposited in Bank
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240.00 in Travellers checks in Gold for use in the near future.

JPD/MA]
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Mrs. E. S. Hildreth,  
Box 81,  
South Royalton, Vermont.

Dear Mrs. Hildreth:

Mrs. Nylbert has referred to me your letter of December 13, and in accordance with your instructions we shall renew your fixed deposit No. 72/182 for $300.00 which matures on May 18 for another year as from that date. The interest on this debenture we shall credit to your personal account on our books.

The enclosed statement of January 16 will advise you that we have made the two payments you requested:

- Miss Laura Cross $65.00  
- Mr. Ben L. Baker 10.00

It is good to be back at the office again. Mrs. Taylor and I are living on Bubbling Well near Carter Road and enjoying it, but unfortunately have returned without any of our children.

We have just come across an old statement dated April 30, 1936, which we are sending to you as you will probably want to check on the items.

Cordially yours,

W. ROBT. TAYLOR

Mission Treasurer.

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In Account with ASSOCIATED MISSION TREASURERS
169 Yuen Ming Yuen Road

Shanghai, Apr 30, 1936

Please check up this statement and report any errors immediately.
ASSOCIATED MISSION TREASURERS

No. 10666    Cheque No. 73/757

RECEIVED from  YRBC

Mexican Dollars  Twelve 00/100

Gold

On account of S. H. Hildrett

$12.00

Certificate no. 73/643 in Hong Kong Shanghai Bank

Shanghai  May 21, 1937

Ordered to be paid

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On May 9, 1938, I wrote Mr. Taylor to give $100 from this account to Refugee work in China, also to renew “30” in Shanghai Bank at 4% for 1 Yr. Certificate No. 73/642.
ASSOCIATED MISSION TREASURERS
169 YUEN MING YUEN ROAD
SHANGHAI

To E. S. Burnett

Oct. 4 1938

We have to-day deposited funds as follows:

To the credit of your
Yuan account
in the Associated Mission Treasurers

$28.00 For Interest on B.S. G.S. Debentures

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Representative.
Dear Friends:

In order to make the policy of the Associated Mission Treasurers conform with the instructions from our constituent Boards, in regard to deposits in U.S. and Chinese National Currencies left in our care, it is necessary for us to call to the attention of depositors, that we are not able to give any guarantee beyond that which we ourselves receive from such banks as the Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corp., National City Bank of New York, American Express Company, and Chase Bank.

In writing the above we wish to assure you, that we are not bringing the matter to your notice at the present time because we have any anxiety in regard to the deposits we are holding in trust for you in the above banks, but rather that you may understand the extent of the responsibility our constituent Boards permit us to assume in such matters.

Sincerely yours,
For Associated Mission Treasurers

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By Dr Balance
6885 for interest on Debentures
May 11, 1938.

Mrs. E. S. Hildreth,
South Royalton, Vermont.

Dear Mrs. Hildreth:

The enclosed statement will advise you that at the close of our fiscal year you had a balance on our books of Ch$146.61.

Kindly advise us if you would like us to convert this into gold and send it to you. The rate of exchange at the present time is rather high, a little over four to one.

Kindest regards.

Cordially yours,

[Signature]

Mission Treasurer.

wrt: mac enc.
August 8, 1935.

Mrs. E. S. Hildreth,
P. O. Box 81,
South Royalton, Vermont.

Dear Mrs. Hildreth:

We have your letter of May 9, and we thank you for making available for refugee work $100.00. This will be placed in the hands of people who will make the very best use of it.

We are enclosing a fixed deposit card which will advise you that we have renewed it for another year. We are glad to know that this meets with the advice in your letter, which reached us after it was done.

From the enclosed statement you will note that your credit balance as of July 31 is Ch$58.61.

For the next week we shall be living in anticipation of what may happen next Saturday, August 13. This is the anniversary of the outbreak of hostilities in this area. All the foreign nations, together with the Municipal authorities, are taking every precaution to prevent outbreaks by terrorists. We are supposed to have in the immediate surroundings of Shanghai many thousand guerrilla troops. Rumors what these are going to do next Saturday are quite rife. It has been suggested that all offices and concerns close down for the day so as not to require their employees to be on the street. Although one cannot blame the Chinese who are playing the part of terrorists in the present struggle, one is amazed at this nation's self-restraint.

The fresh outbreak between Russia and Japan should be a great help to China. It looks as though it may develop into a struggle of some dimensions. Whether it does or not, it has showed up Japan's real strength and also revealed how much her strength has been sapped during the past year with an enemy she once despised, but now must more or less respect. The new outbreak should help out the South China situation and will probably call a halt of Japan's invasion into the Yangtze area further than Hankow, even if she ever reaches that point.

Cordially yours,

[Signature]

Mission Treasurer.