

290 4565

UBCHEA ARCHIVES  
COLLEGE FILES  
RG 11

WCUA  
Corres  
Sadler, Sir Michael E 1930  
Sawyer, Myra L. 1937-1938

2  
9  
0  
4  
5  
6  
5

0228

Sir Michael E. Sadler

2  
9  
0  
4  
5  
6  
5

0229

THE MASTER'S LODGINGS · UNIVERSITY COLLEGE · OXFORD

TELEPHONE: OXFORD 2681

18th June 1930



*Mile*

TRANSFER

Dear Sir,

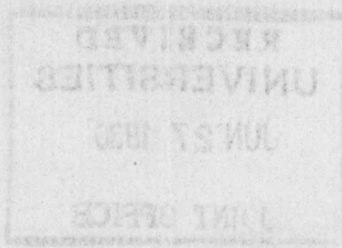
I have received to-day with great regret your letter of June 6th, and beg that you will convey to the members of the Senate of the University my deep sympathy with them in the loss of this eminent member of the University, whose services we all held in great honour.

Yours very truly,

*M E Sadler*

B.A. Garside, Esq.,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
NEW YORK CITY.

*7500*  
*37500*  
*45*

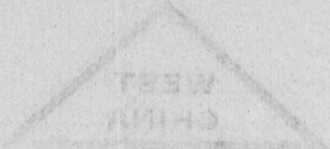


2  
9  
0  
4  
5  
6  
5

0230

THE MASTERS LODGINGS, UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, OXFORD

18th June 1930



Dear Sir,

I have received to-day with great regret your letter of June 8th, and for that you will convey to the members of the Senate of the University my deep sympathy with them in the loss of this eminent member of the University, whose services we all held in great honour.

Yours very truly,

M. E. J. [Signature]

B. A. Garstide, Esq.,  
130 Fifth Avenue,  
NEW YORK CITY.

**RECEIVED**  
**UNIVERSITIES**  
JUN 27 1930  
**JOINT OFFICE**

2  
9  
0  
4  
5  
6  
5

1 E 20



TRANSFER

June 30, 1950

Sir Michael E. Sadler, M.C.S.I., C.B.  
University College  
Oxford Eng.

My dear Sir Michael:

This will acknowledge your very kind letter of June 18,  
and we greatly appreciate the thought and deep sympathy which moved  
you to write us.

We do hope you will have the opportunity of meeting with  
the Board within the next few days as it convenes in London, and will  
meet Mr. Garside who is to attend at that time.

We all feel the great loss that has been sustained in the  
death of Dr. Clifford Stubbs. The most distressing thing is that there  
is very little other news being received regarding the very sad affair.

Very truly yours,

*C. G. Evans*

CAE-H

2  
9  
0  
4  
5  
6  
5

0232

Myra L. Sawyer  
1937-1938

2  
9  
0  
4  
5  
6  
5

0233

Please return to Mr. Garside

Sawyer 1 Qmas

INDEXED

Waltham Hospital  
Waltham, Mass.

May 30, 1937.

Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China  
150 Fifth Avenue, New York City

CANDIDATE FILE  
CENTRAL OFFICE

Dear Friends:-

From recent correspondence with Dr George Vincent and secretaries of the China Medical Board came the suggestion that it might be well to make myself known to your Board, and my keen desire to return to the work and people I loved so long.

Briefly, I was head of the School of Nursing, chief supervisor, and instructor, at the Williams-Porter Hospitals, Tehchow, Shantung, China, for twentyfour years. When, for financial reasons, the American Board was forced to cut personelle in 1934, I was among the eighteen dropped at that time. I secured the Guild of St. Barnabas Scholarship for the course in Anesthesia at Western Reserve, Cleveland, and obtained my degree as anesthetist last June. I had of course been giving anesthetics all those years, but did not have my formal certificate. I am now in the employ of the above hospital as anesthetist and pharmacist.

I have neither home, nor relatives in the USA, and my financial and heart interests are all in China. My complete equipment is still at Nan Ch'ang, Kiangsi, where I filled in an emergency shortage immediately after leaving Tehchow. I have a teaching command of Mandarin, and as outlined above, am a qualified anesthetist. I would prefer never again to be superintendent of nurses. I am quite willing and accustomed to working with and under Chinese, and feel that they can now fill such positions with us as advisors. Anesthesia, teaching, outpatient clinic supervision, -might fill a day in a given hospital where anesthesia alone would not be sufficient.

I have been carrying annuity, payable in Chinese currency, with a view to making my old age self supporting, and it is my desire to go back to China, never again to return, -retiring somewhere out there, when the day comes I can no longer make myself useful in an institution!! But that should be some fifteen years hence. Knowing that furlos loom large in the eyes of the Boards, today, I mention this fact. Shorter periods of rest, nearer by, would be sufficient.

If NECESSARY, I would offer to find funds for my passage back from savings, as far as Nan Ch'ang where my equipment is. I note that the recent Modern Hospital speaks of the new Union Hospital at Ch'engt'u. The Methodist Board mentioned that as a possibility for me some months ago, but at their last Conference were unable to finance it. (I am a Methodist, member of Center M.E. Church, Malden, Mass., since childhood.) Cheloo University Hospital, at Tsinan, where I have a host of friends, is also a possibility for an anesthetist. I understand that their present one is leaving. I am writing to Dr Gordon King,

0234

2

9

0

4

5

6

5

5-30-37

of Cheloo, now on furlo, in England. But these are all long distance contacts!!

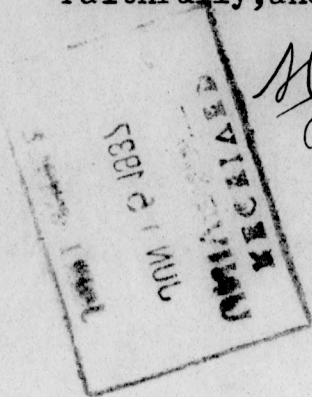
I enjoy my operating room work always, but it could never be anything but "second best" to work in America. I so miss the Christian fellowship of mission hospital life.

I will appreciate any suggestions you might have, and will be glad to give you any other information.

You may care to communicate with Mr Roger Greene, who knew me and our work, well, in China. Also with my chief in Cleveland, Mrs Gertrude E. Fife, Dept. Anesthesia, University Hospitals.

Faithfully, and sincerely,

Myra L. Danyer R.N.



2  
9  
0  
4  
5  
6  
5

0235



7-30-37

of Cheloo, now on furlo, in England. But these are all long distance contacts!!

I enjoy my operati g room work always, but it could never be anything but "second best" to work in America. I so miss the Christian fellowship of mission hospital life.

I will appreciate any suggestions you might have, and will be glad to give you any other information.

You may care to communicate with Mr Roger Greene, who knew me and our work, well, in China. Also with my chief in Cleveland, Mrs Gertrude E. Rife, Dept. Anesthesia, University Hos-

Faithfully, and sincerely,

*Walter L. Sawyer, M.D.*

RECEIVED  
UNIVERSITY  
JUN 15 1937

2  
9  
0  
4  
5  
6  
5

9320

CANDIDATE FILE  
CENTRAL OFFICE

June 26, 1937

Miss Myra L. Sawyer  
Waltham Hospital  
Waltham, Mass.

My dear Miss Sawyer:

I am sorry that our office is slow in acknowledging the letter you sent us on May 30th.

We are sympathetically interested in your desire to get back to nursing service in China, and will be happy to do anything we can to assist. But the question of just how and where an opening can be found for you is one which will require some further exploration.

Dr. Joseph Beech, Chancellor of West China Union University, is now in America. I am sending a copy of your letter to him, and am asking for his suggestions. Since you have already written to Dr. Gordon King, there does not seem to be any special point in our sending a copy of your letter to Tainan.

If no opening should materialize in West China or in Cheeloo, there are other medical centers under Christian auspices in which you might be interested. I am handing a copy of your letter to Mr. Olin D. Wernersaker, the American Director of Lingnan University. As you know, there has, within the last year, been a union of the Lingnan Hospital and the Hackett Medical School, and it is possible that some opening for you might be found there.

We would be glad to pass along to you immediately any encouraging information we may receive. Meantime, we hope that you will be getting some encouraging word from Dr. King.

Very sincerely yours,

B A GARSIDE

BAG/A

0237

2  
9  
0  
4  
5  
6  
5

THE WALTHAM HOSPITAL  
WALTHAM, MASSACHUSETTS

*CHE*  
*ack*  
*11/17*  
Nov. 14, 1957

Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China  
150 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

Dear Friends:-

For "identification", as the radio puts it, may I refer you to my letter of May 30th, and your reply of June 26th.

I have had no reply from either Dr Joseph Beech, or Dr Gordon King. It is possible that in these troublous times my letter may not have reached Dr King. Neither would Cheloo presumably be in position at present to know what they could do or want in the immediate future. A "Japanese-controlled" Christian organization might not be a pleasant place to work in!!

I write especially however, today, more to keep my name before you as one who still intends to return to China if it is humanly possible so to arrange. Also to mention a recent letter from Dr R. A. Peterson, of Chengtu, to a mutual friend in China, in which Dr Peterson says, "Miss Sawyer is no stranger to me, as I was at Nan Ch'ang for some six months after she left there. I heard many expressions of the fine work that she had done ..... "It was an interesting coincidence when my thoughts had been turning toward Chengtu, and I pass it on for what it may be worth to you there in N.Y. City. Dr Peterson asks what salary I would expect, if I should go out, and the answer to that is of course, that I would expect to go as any other missionary. The offer which I made to you in my May letter, of financing my own way as far as Nan Ch'ang where my worldly goods are stored (unless the Japanese are enjoying the use of them) still holds.

May I ask if Dr Beech is still in the USA? and that if there are any ways in which I can further our mutual acquaintance and information with a view to location at Cheng Tu or elsewhere, that you will let me know. My dialect would be useless in South China, but is possible for Szechuan, as I understand.

In the meanwhile I have very full days here as anesthetist and pharmacist, while I WAIT!! My heart bleeds for China. I only wish I were back of the main lines making myself useful to them in some base hospital. I feel like a slacker here!

Faithfully and sincerely,

*Mlyra L. Sawyer B.M.*

Please pardon the eccentricities of my machine today. If I wait to take it to Boston for repair, this letter will be delayed too long.

M.L.S.

0238

2  
9  
0  
4  
5  
6  
5

THE WALTHAM HOSPITAL  
WALTHAM, MASSACHUSETTS

Nov. 14, 1937

Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China  
150 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

Dear Friends:  
For "transmission" as the radio says, I refer you to my letter of May 20th, and your copy of June 20th.

I have had no reply from either Dr. Joseph Beach or Dr. Gordon Elliott in possible that in these troubled times my letter may not have reached Dr. Elliott. He has said that he is probably in position at present to know what they could do or want in the immediate future. A Japanese-controlled Christian organization is not in a position to work

RECEIVED  
NOV 15 1937  
MAIL OFFICE

I write to you as one who wishes to return to China. It is naturally possible to arrange to return to China. I received a letter from Dr. H. A. Peterson in which he stated that he was at the time of my departure to me, as I was at the time of my departure. After the fact, I heard many expressions of the time work that she had done. It was an interesting coincidence when my thoughts had been turning toward China, and I pass it on for what it may be worth to you there in N.Y. City. Dr. Peterson asks what salary I would expect, if I should go out, and the answer to that is of course, that I would expect to go as any other missionary. The offer which I made to you in my May letter, of financing my own way as far as Han-Chang, where my worldly goods are stored (unless the Japanese are enjoying the use of them) still holds.

May I ask if Dr. Beach is still in the USA? and that it is the way in which I am trying to get my application and discussion with a view to location at Guang. To be elsewhere, that you will let me know. My interest would be useless in South China, but it is possible for Seochuan, as I understand.

In the meanwhile I have very little to say as a specialist and generalist, while I wait. My heart beats for China. I only wish I were back of the main lines making my self useful to them in some new hospital. I feel like a sinner here!

Yours truly and sincerely,

*Joseph Beach*

Please pardon the eccentricities of my machine today. If I write to take it to Boston for repair, this letter will be delayed two days.  
N.L.S.

290455

9320

November 17, 1957

Miss Myra L. Sawyer  
The Waltham Hospital  
Waltham, Massachusetts

My dear Miss Sawyer:

I am acknowledging your letter of November 14th regarding a position as a nurse in one of our China hospitals.

We are not sending out any new candidates at the present time, as many of the staff of our various universities are returning to the States.

The West China Union University Hospital is in a different position, however, than those on the coast, and it is quite possible that Dr. Beech will be able to give you more information regarding conditions there than we are able to supply at this time. They are erecting a new hospital, and while it will be some time before it will be ready for occupancy, it might not be amiss to write Dr. Beech at his American address, 25 East Delaware Place, Chicago, Illinois.

We note that an application came through from the Chinese Government for a number of male doctors, and it is quite possible that later on they will desire to secure nurses for work in China; but we have no means of knowing how the candidates will be selected.

Very sincerely yours,

*C. A. Evans*

OAE:RC

0240

2  
9  
0  
4  
5  
6  
5

17 Brimmer St., Boston.  
C% Miss M. Goodnow R.N.

July 17

Mr C.A.Evans  
Associated Boards of  
Christian Colleges in China  
150 Fifth Avenue, N.Y. City

My dear Mr Evans:

May I refer you to previous correspondence from me, of Nov. 1937, and May, of the same year, with regard to possible opening for me as nurse anesthetist, instructor, and supervisor, at the West China Union University Hospital, either at Ch'eng Tu or elsewhere as conditions indicate.

I fully recognize all the lions in the way of sending anyone to China in these days, but on the other hand I do want to keep my name on your map of remembrance!! and to write is the only way.

The offer I made, to get myself back to Shanghai or whatever entrance port was used, still holds, - if some organizations will take me over on a missionary salary from there. Unless the Japanese destroy it at Nan Ch'ang, I have a full equipment there at the Methodist General Hospital, where I served a year to help them out in shortage of staff.

My previous letters gave you my credentials and experience in China, and USA so I need not go into that again. I have been employed in one of the hospitals of Greater Boston for two years, giving anesthetics, and in full charge of the pharmacy and ordering of drugs for the hospital.

I left there the end of June to use this month in the special study of Cyclopropane at the Lahey Clinic. August I hope to spend in a tent in Vt., and trust for a new job in Sept. Somewhere!!

I need not tell you that my heart and spirit and interests are in China. If I could only be behind the lines now in Szechuan, where I know I could be of use.

Will you not join me in prayer that God will open the way for the missionaries stranded over here from lack of funds to send us back, to return to the people who plead for us. A large number of my own graduates are now in Hankow as well as the Dr colleagues with whom I worked for over twenty years. A Chinese letter yesterday said "We know after all the years you stayed by us thru wars, famines, floods, plagues etc., that you cant be staying in USA from fear!! O, that you werem ~~HERE~~ HERE, NOW!!"

If any chance or opportunity arises, please do not forget me.  
The above address will reach me, until I send you another.

*Faithfully  
Meyer L. Geyer*

0241

17 Brimmer St., Boston  
Dr. Miss M. Gordon R.M.

July 17

RECEIVED  
UNIVERSITIES  
JUL 21 1938  
JOINT OFFICE

Mr. C.A. Evans  
Associated Boards  
Christian College in China  
170 Fifth Avenue,  
N.Y. City

My dear Mr. Evans:  
May I refer to your previous correspondence from me of Nov. 1937, and May of the same year, with regard to possible opening for me as nurse anesthetist, instructor, and supervisor, at the West China Union University Hospital, either at Chung Tu or elsewhere as conditions indicate.

I fully recognize all the light in the way of a riding anyone to China in these days, but on the other hand I do want to keep my name on your map of remembrance!! and to write in the only way.

The offer I made, to get myself back to Shanghai or whatever entrance port was used, still holds - if some organization will take me over on a military ship from there. Unless the Japanese destroy it at Nan Chuan, I have a full equipment there at the Methodist General Hospital, where I served a year to help them out in shortage of staff.

My previous letters gave you my credentials and experience in China, and USA so I need not go into that again. I have been employed in one of the hospitals of Greater Boston for two years, giving anesthetics, and in full charge of the pharmacy and ordering of drugs for the hospital.

I left there the end of June to see this month in the special study of Cyclospora at the Jaber Clinic. Against I hope to spend in a tent in Vt., and trust for a new job in Sept. somewhere!!

I need not tell you that my heart and spirit and interests are in China. If I could only be doing the lines now in Fachman, where I know I could be of use.

Will you not join me in prayer that God will open the way for the missionaries stranded over here from lack of funds to send at least to return to the people who plead for us. A large number of my own graduates are now in Hankow as well as the Dr. colleagues with whom I worked for over twenty years. A Chinese letter yesterday said "We know after all the years you stayed by us thru wars, famines, floods, plagues etc., that you can't be staying in USA from fear!! that you were HERE HERE, NOW!!"

If any chance or opportunity arises, please do not forget me. The above address will reach me, until I send you another.

*Handwritten notes:*  
I hope to spend in a tent in Vt. and trust for a new job in Sept. somewhere!!  
I need not tell you that my heart and spirit and interests are in China. If I could only be doing the lines now in Fachman, where I know I could be of use.  
Will you not join me in prayer that God will open the way for the missionaries stranded over here from lack of funds to send at least to return to the people who plead for us. A large number of my own graduates are now in Hankow as well as the Dr. colleagues with whom I worked for over twenty years. A Chinese letter yesterday said "We know after all the years you stayed by us thru wars, famines, floods, plagues etc., that you can't be staying in USA from fear!! that you were HERE HERE, NOW!!"

290455

2420

August 2, 1938

Miss Myra L. Sawyer  
17 Brimmer Street  
Boston, Mass.

Dear Miss Sawyer:

Your letter of July 17th was held pending the arrival of Dr. Beech, Chancellor of West China Union University.

I have canvassed the situation very thoroughly along with Dr. Beech, and while we would like to avail ourselves of your services, the funds are not available. That is a bald way of stating it, but it is the fact which must be faced. Salaries have been cut and travel expenses sliced until the staff members are living merely on a pittance.

It would be, therefore, entirely out of place to give you any encouragement. The only possibility is a breakdown on some staff member which would call for a replacement. Why not keep in touch with us.

Very truly yours,

C. A. IVANS

CAE/B

2  
9  
0  
4  
5  
6  
5

0243



As from 17 Brimmer Street Boston

Camp Skyland, South Hero, Vermont  
August 26, 1938.

*ack 9-15-38*

Associated Boards Christian Colleges in China  
150 Fifth Avenue, New York City

Dear Friends:

May I refer you please to my letter of July seventeenth, and your reply of August second, as well as to my previous correspondence with you regarding the possibility of my going to Szechwan, under your auspices, for work now in whatever base hospital there needed me, looking toward a post in the new Union Hospital when it shall be completed.

I understand that finances stood in the way, just as it did with the Methodist, and Presbyterian Boards, these last two years.

Since writing you, I have had what would seem to me, a God-given opportunity, to solve your temporary difficulties, as well as my own. A very dear friend, nurse superintendent, and author, intensely interested in missionary nursing, and incidentally in me, authorizes me to approach your organization and the Boards with whom I have been in touch these two years, with this proposition. She will, out of her salary as superintendent of nurses, give me the equivalent of a full missionary salary for three years, and also help me with transportation fees to the field. She has an independent income, so this offer is not wholly on a basis of retaining her present position.

As I wrote you in my original letter, (please refer to your files, as I do not have my large letter files here in camp with me), I tried to carry annuity while in China, hoping with life service under the American Board, whom I served for twentyfour years, that by the time I was incapacitated for active work some fifteen years hence, I could retire in China, with little or no financial assistance, beyond the expected old age pension. Being dropped in 1934 because of the Board's finances, and loss of savings when the American Oriental Bank in Shanghai went down, which were to be added to that annuity the following January, that annuity now will yield only \$75 local currency a month. Should I go out under yours or other auspices, I would raise that as rapidly as possible. My friend might be able to help with it. I cannot say as to that just now. But I write thus frankly, that you may have these facts upon which to base your action. I can give you every credential necessary as to my professional ability as a nurse, and as an anesthetist. A complete physical examination with intensive Xrays of all the organs I possess! revealed me sound, this last April. I need a vacation as I had been giving anesthetics steadily for three years. I am taking that now, up here, in this

0244

2

9

0

4

5

6

5

heavenly spot. I spent July in intensive study of specialized anesthesia in Boston, under the courtesy of the Lahey clinic. I hope to remain up here for at least a part of September until the camp closes, and I must surrender my tent!

The information I most want from you is to know if there is a place for me in Szechwan, in the hospital of any Board or organization, NOW. If not now, when? It of course has bearing on whether or no I seek another position here in America as anesthetist. It would seem as though there could be no doubt that wounded soldiers must be needing my skill in almost any place above or in Hankow. I would prefer to get to the province of Szechuan, and settle into my future field, and adapt my Northern dialect, as soon as possible. I had a brief but very heart satisfying conversation with Rev. Wood, of Suifu, in July, and we chattered together in Chinese, with perfect understanding. He assured me I would have no difficulty with the language up there.

My entire equipment, as I wrote you before, is in Nan Ch'ang. Whether it is safe, or transferable, is of course yet in the lap of the gods. If I can salvage it at a later date, so much the better. I have everything there from lanterns, oil stove, bed, mattress, bedding, in fact everything to live with. My former colleague for over twenty years is in Hankow now, working in the Methodist General Hospital, under the Red Cross, and he stands ready to go down and pack these things and ship to me, whenever it shall be possible, providing the Japanese do not get the use of them first. All my text books, and music, records, etc., are there.

That asset may be said to be an uncertain quantity. But if someone in Sze could stake me to a bed and bedding and a few needfuls! I would take with me enuf to begin on, and trust the rest. I should hope to board with some family, at least for the first years.

I have written rather generally, because you have my former letters. And of course, I must first know of possible prospects, before I talk more definitely of finance to my friend. I have never been quite convinced of the wisdom of getting out to China on my own funds only, scanty as they are, and trusting to luck to land on my feet. I WANT to feel that I belong to something or somebody after I get there. At the same time I will try to plan to be as little burden as possible. As I wrote in earlier letters, I do not anticipate any further furloughs in America. I am glad and willing and accustomed to working under Chinese. I do not wish to be head of a school of nursing. That is the work of the Chinese, with us behind them, to back and advise. I am experienced in all lines of hospital work of course and have specialized in anesthesia. I had! (three years ago!) a teaching command of Mandarin, and carried all subjects but Anatomy, Materia Medica, Bact., and Chemistry, at one time or another.

May I hear from you, and Dr Beech, as soon as possible. I do not have his home address.

In deepest prayer. Faithfully and sincerely,

*Myra L. Sawyer*

MAIL OFFICE

SEP 20 1938

RECEIVED

231125 VLM

0245

2

9

0

4

5

6

5

7-22-38  
heavenly spot. I spent July in intensive study of specialized  
anesthesia in Boston, under the courtesy of the Lacey clinic.  
I hope to remain up here for at least a part of September  
until the camp closes, and I must surrender my tent!

The information I most want from you is to know  
if there is a place for me in Gzechuan, in the hospital  
of any Board or organization. NOW. If not now, when? If  
of course has bearing on whether or no I seek another  
position here in America as anesthetist. It would seem  
as though there could be no doubt that wounded soldiers  
must be needing my skill in almost any place above or  
in Hankow. I would prefer to get to the province of  
Gzechuan, and settle into my future field, and adapt my  
Northern dialect, as soon as possible. I had a brief  
but very heart satisfying conversation with Rev. Wood,  
of Suifu, in July, and we chattered together in Chinese,  
with perfect understanding. He assured me I would have  
no difficulty with the language up there.

My entire equipment, as I wrote you before, is  
in Nan Ch'ang. Whether it is safe, or transferable, is  
of course yet in the lap of the gods. If I can salvage  
it at a later date, so much the better. I have everything  
there from lanterns, oil stove, bed, mattress, bedding,  
in fact everything to live with. My former colleagues  
for over twenty years is in Hankow now, working in the  
Methodist General Hospital, under the Red Cross, and he  
stands ready to go down and pack these things and ship  
to me, whenever it shall be possible, providing the Jap-  
anese do not get the use of them first. All my text  
books, and music, records, etc., are there.

That asset may be said to be an uncertain  
quantity. But if someone in Gzechuan could stake me to a  
bed and bedding and a few necessities, I would take with  
me and begin on, and trust the rest. I should  
hope to board with some family, at least for the first  
years.

I have written rather generally, because you  
have my former letters. And of course, I must first  
know of possible prospects, before I talk more def-  
initely of finance to my friend. I have never been quite  
convinced of the wisdom of getting out to China on my  
own funds only, scanty as they are, and trusting to luck  
to land on my feet. I WANT to feel that I belong to  
something or somebody after I get there. At the same  
time I will try to plan to be as little burden as possible.  
As I wrote in earlier letters, I do not anticipate any  
further triumphs in America. I am glad and willing  
and accustomed to working under Chinese. I do not wish  
to be head of a school of nursing. That is the work of  
the Chinese, with us behind them, to back and advise. I  
am experienced in all lines of hospital work of course  
and have specialized in anesthesia. I had three year a  
go! a teaching command of Mandarin, and carried all sub-  
jects but Anatomy, Materia Medica, Bact., and Chemistry, at  
one time or another.

May I hear from you, and Dr Beech, as soon as  
possible. I do not have his home address.  
In deepest prayer. Faithfully and sincerely,  
Miss L. Langston

RECEIVED  
UNIVERSITIES  
AUG 29 1938  
JOINT OFFICE

290455

6420

Somerville Hospital, Somerville, Mass.  
Sept. 8, 1938.

*Ack 9-15-38*

Associated Board of Christian Colleges,  
150 Fifth Ave.,  
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen,-

You have had recently, I believe, a request from Miss Myra L. Sawyer, formerly of China, that you try to arrange, if possible, for her to return to that country under your Board.

You know her history and work, I think, and doubtless appreciate what her value to China would be, especially at this time.

I will personally guarantee her salary for at least three years, and will also provide at least half of her traveling expenses to whatever station she is sent.

For information as to my reliability, financial and otherwise, you may write to  
Rev. Stanley C. Hughes, Trinity Church, Newport, R.I.  
Mr. Edward F. Stevens, 45 Newbury st., Boston, Mass.

Mr. Hughes was my pastor for ten years, and I have known Mr. Stevens in a business way for twenty years. I shall be glad to give you other references, if you desire them.

I sincerely hope that you can arrange for Miss Sawyer to go. She is willing to fit in wherever she is needed, I am sure, but wants a proper backing for whatever work she may do.

Yours very truly,

*Minnie Goodnow*

(Miss) Minnie Goodnow,

0247

2

9

0

4

5

6

5

Southville Hospital, Southville, Mass.  
Sept. 8, 1938

Associated Board of Christian Colleges,  
100 Fifth Ave.,  
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

RECEIVED  
UNIVERSITIES  
SEP 9 - 1938  
JOINT OFFICE

You have had recently...  
I will personally...  
I will personally...  
I will personally...

I will personally...  
I will personally...  
I will personally...

I will personally...  
I will personally...  
I will personally...

I will personally...  
I will personally...  
I will personally...

I will personally...  
I will personally...  
I will personally...

Yours very truly,

*Wm. B. ...*

(Miss) ...

2  
9  
0  
4  
5  
6  
5

0248

NOTE: See letter from Miss Minnie Goodnow, dated Sept. 8, 1938- to Miss Goodnow, dated Sept. 15, 1938. Letter of Aug. 26, 1938 from Miss Sawyer. Sept. 15, 1938- to Miss Sawyer.

September 15, 1938

Dr. Joseph Beech  
1644 Greenleaf Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Dr. Beech:

I enclose herewith copies of the recent correspondence from Miss Myra L. Sawyer, together with a letter from her friend, Miss Minnie Goodnow. I believe that Mr. Evans has already discussed with you the possibility that Miss Sawyer could be of service at West China.

Obviously, Miss Sawyer and Miss Goodnow are very much in earnest about the matter of her returning to China for nursing service. The minimum we could do is to give the matter serious consideration, and give a prompt and definite reply to the offer both of them are making.

What is your judgment? Is there likely to be a place on the West China staff where Miss Sawyer could render worthwhile service? If there is no such place, there is no point in encouraging her. But if she would be of any real value, provided her character and qualifications are all they should be, then we should make further investigations at once.

We would welcome your suggestions as to the next step we should take, and whom we should consult regarding the matter either here or at the University.

Cordially,

B A GARSIDE

BAG:CS  
Enc. 7

2

9

0

4

5

6

5

0249

September 15, 1950

Miss Myra L. Sawyer  
17 Brimmer Street  
Boston, Mass.

My dear Miss Sawyer:

Upon my return from vacation I found your letter of August 26th, in which you tell of the generous willingness of your friend, Miss Minnie Goodnow, to provide support for your service in China for a period of three years. Within the last few days we have also received a letter from Miss Goodnow, in which she confirms her willingness to provide your support.

I am passing on copies of both these communications to Chancellor Joseph Beech, and I am asking him to give us further instructions. As soon as I hear from him I will write to you further. We earnestly hope that the way for your return to China to resume your nursing service may now be reopened.

Very sincerely yours,

D. A. Garside  
Executive Secretary  
Associated Boards for Christian  
Colleges in China

GAB:CS

2  
9  
0  
4  
5  
6  
5

0250

September 15, 1938

Miss Minnie Goodnow  
Somerville Hospital  
Somerville, Massachusetts

My dear Miss Goodnow:

We are deeply grateful for your letter of September 8th, in which you generously offer to guarantee the salary of Miss Myra L. Sawyer for a period of three years, together with at least half of her traveling expenses, in case there is an opening for her services as a nurse in one of our China Colleges, probably West China Union University.

We have sent Chancellor Joseph Beech copies of the correspondence both from you and from Miss Sawyer, and have asked him to advise us as to procedure. As soon as we have had a reply from him we will correspond with you further.

With deep appreciation of your generous interest in Miss Sawyer and in Christian medical work in China, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

B. A. Garside  
Executive Secretary, Associated  
Boards for Christian Colleges  
in China

BAG:CS

2  
9  
0  
4  
5  
6  
5

0251



October 6, 1938

Dr. Joseph Beech  
1644 Greenleaf Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Dr. Beech:

I enclose a copy of a letter I have just received from Miss Myra L. Sawyer together with a copy of the reply I am sending her today.

I am afraid we were all sadly at fault in not having replied much earlier than this to the letters Miss Sawyer wrote on August 26th and which Miss Minnie Goodnow wrote on September 8th. Both of these I forwarded to you on September 15th together with my brief note of acknowledgment to these two ladies.

If there is no possibility of Miss Sawyer being used at West China, we at least owe her the courtesy of saying so very promptly. If there is any possibility that she can be of service, we must at once begin consultation with her as to possible details of arrangements.

I hope that it will be possible for you to send some word to Miss Sawyer at once.

I am going to be in Chicago attending a meeting of the Hwa Nan Trustees on October 10th. I will be making my headquarters at the Hotel Stevens. I will probably remain in Chicago for the 11th to see a number of people. I would be glad to talk with you about Miss Sawyer and about any other matters we ought to take up together at your convenience.

Cordially,

B A GARSIDE

BAG:MP  
Encl.

0252

2

9

0

4

5

6

5



2

9

0

4

5

6

5

0253

With her face "set toward China"!!

3201

Looking across glorious Lake Champlain at

Camp Skyland SoHero Vt.

September, 1938

Myra L. Gandy B.M.

2  
9  
0  
4  
5  
6  
5

0254

18 Brimmer Street  
Boston, Mass.

October 7, 1938

*ack 10/6/38*

Mr B.A.Garside  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York City

My dear Mr Garside:

I have had no word from either you or Chancellor Beech, since your last of the fifteenth of September. I have been anxiously awaiting reply, with as much patience as I could muster.

At their request I met with the candidate committee of the Methodist Board, New England Branch, last week. They could only say that my papers would be presented at their next meeting, at Sioux City, October 12th.

Finances were naturally much to the fore in all their discussion. May I recapitulate what may offset in the eyes of any organization the financial difficulties.

- a. My salary for three years is assured.
- b. I personally finance my equipment.
- c. I personally with the aid of a friend finance my travel to the field by any route necessary.
- d. I do not expect furlough allowances, in the future, in America. I would take shorter vacations nearer by.
- e. In 1943 I have \$75 local currency a month due me from an annuity,
- f. In 1947 I will have something more than half a missionary's allowance coming from annuities, which added to the above, and what savings I should accumulate in the interval, will care for me in China, for the rest of my life.

My experience and training should make my services valuable somewhere for the intervening years.

In the assumption that I could later be used in the new Union Hospital when it shall be built in Sze, be it in Chengtu or elsewhere, in the interim I would hope to find scope for work in some base hospital between ~~Hankow and Sze~~ (or in) Hankow and Sze., as anesthetist and general duty war nurse.

My former colleagues, the Drs Tucker, are now in Hankow with the Methodist General Hospital, under International Red Cross salary, and have been urging me for two years to come out and trust to land on my feet. I did not feel warranted financially in doing this, owing to loss of savings both at Shai and in USA, until this offer for my salary developed.

0255

2  
9  
0  
4  
5  
6  
5

10-7-38

While I wait for word from the various angles at which I have attempted to make contacts, I am out of employ, and without salary.

If I am to go into Sze it would seem wise from the standpoint of weather to start soon. Another consideration is the very evident need stressed in letters from the field, for just the service I am best qualified to give. Very few Chinese have been trained in anesthesia to date, and Dr's time and services in that capacity, in this time of stress, should not be tied up with that line of work.

May I hear as soon as possible what the result of your conference with Dr Beech was. I wait first to know there is no hope of going under an American organization before I follow a suggestion of Mr Roger Greene's and apply under the Chinese organization of the university, and to the International Red Cross, some of whose heads in Shai are well known to me.

If there is any further information I can give you I shall be glad to do so.

Sincerely yours,

(Miss) Myra L. Sawyer

*Myra L. Sawyer*

2

9

0

4

5

6

5

10-7-38

While I wait for word from the various angles at which I have attempted to make contacts, I am out of employ, and without salary.

If I am to go into the field it would seem wise from the standpoint of weather to start soon. Another consideration is the very evident need expressed in letters from the field, for just the service I am best qualified to give. Very few Chinese have been trained in anesthesia to date, and this time and ser- vices in that capacity, in this time of stress, should not be tied up with that line of work.

My I hear as soon as possible what the result of your conference with Dr. Beach was. I wait first to know there is no hope of getting under an American organization before I follow a suggestion of Dr. Beach's and apply under the Chinese organization. I have in that case well known to me.

RECEIVED  
UNIVERSITIES  
OCT 7 1938  
JOINT OFFICE

If there is any further information I can give you I shall be glad to do so.

Sincerely yours,

(Miss) Mrs. L. C. ...

2  
9  
0  
4  
5  
6  
5

0257

See Confirmation of  
Acct for E. F. Mahady  
12/31/38

Ordered for E. F. Mahady Co  
12/7/38

18 Brimmer Street Boston Mass.

Dec. 3, 1938

AK 12/7/38

Mr C.A.Evans  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York City

My dear Mr Evans:

You doubtless know that I am proceeding to West China Union University Hospital, very shortly. One of my chief lines will be anesthesia, as I have specialized in it. I wrote to Chancellor Beech regarding the Richardson ether vaporizing apparatus which is used screwed on an Atlas glass preserve jar, and which can be used with or without electrical attachment and compressed air. It can be worked in lieu of either of the above with a Buffalo Dental Mfg. Co. foot bellows. I used this apparatus last year and found it highly satisfactory. I asked Dr Beech about our getting the two pieces. I quote from his last letter of Nov. 29th.

"If you desire to purchase the Richardson apparatus and the foot pump feel free to do so. Get three invoices, and send one to Mr Evans." "Request payment from him."

This screw cap head is made to order by E. F. Mahady Co., Surgical Supply House, 851 Boylston St., Boston. As I knew exactly what I wanted, and was also acquainted with the firm, having dealt with them frequently in the last two years, I ventured to start the ball rolling, so that our cap is now being made. It will not be completed in time for me to take from Boston, nor do I have room for it, its jar, and the bellows, in any of my baggage. We should have three extra jars, to cover breakage, and a dozen rubber preserve jar rings to fit the jars. No use to get more of those as rubber deteriorates in China. At least it did in No. China, and I have yet to get acquainted with West China!!

The screw cap head will be \$25, the jars and rubbers I do not know, but not a large amount. The bellows I think are about fourteen dollars. To get the thing on your books and through in a way best for you, would you not like to place a "confirmatory order" with Mahady's, saying that it had already been ordered by me. Have it delivered to N.Y. or wherever it can be included with other equipment being purchased for the hospital.

I hope this is clear. I repeat the order on a separate sheet. Mr McConnell, their clerk, thru whom I placed the order, said he was trying to get some Dr to let them have one recently purchased, and used a bit, so it would

0258

2

9

0

4

5

6

5

18 Summer Street Boston Mass  
Dec. 5, 1938

Dr. C. A. Evans  
100 Park Avenue  
New York City

My dear Dr. Evans:

You doubtless know that I am proceeding to  
start China Union University Hospital, very shortly. I  
am sure that you will be most interested in the  
fact that I propose to purchase a large quantity of  
other hospital equipment which is being covered on an Atlas  
policy. This policy which can be used with or without any  
other attachment and covers all the items which are  
listed at the bottom of the above list. I have been  
looking for a policy of this kind for some time and  
am glad to have found it. I have been about our  
local office. I wrote you the last letter of Nov. 1938.

If you desire to purchase the equipment  
and the hospital building to be built in  
Shanghai, please send me the necessary payment from  
your office.

This order has been made to order by  
J. A. Murphy Co., 300 Broadway, New York City, N. Y.  
and I am sure that you will be most interested in  
the fact that I have been able to obtain the  
policy at a very low price. It will not be completed in time for me  
to take from Boston, nor do I have room for it in my  
office. In any of my letters, I should have mentioned  
that, to cover hospital equipment, a dozen rubber gloves are  
to fit the feet. No use to send any of those in rubber  
cases in China. At least it is in my opinion, as I have yet  
to get acquainted with West China!

The order can be made to order by  
J. A. Murphy Co., 300 Broadway, New York City, N. Y.  
and I am sure that you will be most interested in  
the fact that I have been able to obtain the  
policy at a very low price. It will not be completed in time for me  
to take from Boston, nor do I have room for it in my  
office. In any of my letters, I should have mentioned  
that, to cover hospital equipment, a dozen rubber gloves are  
to fit the feet. No use to send any of those in rubber  
cases in China. At least it is in my opinion, as I have yet  
to get acquainted with West China!

RECEIVED  
UNIVERSITIES  
DEC 5 1938  
JOINT OFFICE

I hope this is clear. I repeat the order on  
the separate sheet. Mr. McConnell, their clerk, told me  
that the order, which he was trying to get some in to let  
them have was recently purchased, and used a bill, so it would

290455

0259



12-3-38

obviate custom charges. I am not sure that will be possible. I shall probably be leaving here by the end of the week. If they have to supply us with a new cap it will take about two weeks to make. By then I would be in Johns Hopkins for a ten day or two weeks' stay, and my trunks gone to the coast. I have no room for it anyway. The bellows packed would be about a foot square. You know how much room four glass preserve jars, quarts, plus the screw cap, and rubber tubing to fit, *would take.*

If this is all out of your line, you will know to whom this letter should have been written. I do not know which of the secretaries has charge of purchasing.

Thanking you.

Sincerely,

*Margaret L. Sawyer*

P.S. If it is feasible yet to send such things by parcel post to Dr R.A. Peterson, at Chengtu, I would suggest that the one set of jar, cap, tubing, and bellows, be sent to him, for I can conceive of its being very useful to both of us, before the new plant is opened. The reserve jars could be sent on in another shipment. I broke neither of my two jars in two years here!!!

M.L.S.

2  
9  
0  
4  
5  
6  
5

0260

12-3-38

private custom charges. I am not sure that will be possible. I shall probably be leaving here by the end of the week. If they have to supply us with a new one it will take about two weeks to make. My plan I would be in Johns Hopkins for a few days or two weeks at a time, and my trunk goes to the coast. I have no room for it anyway. The bedstead packed would be about a foot square. You had better look for a good one. I have a few, but the screw cap, and other things to fit.

If this is all out of your line, you will know to whom this letter should have been written. I do not know what the secretaries has done of purchasing.

Thanking you,

Sincerely,

*[Handwritten signature]*

It is possible yet to send such things by parcel post to Dr. R.A. Peterson, of Chicago. I would suggest that the one set of for, one, and believe, be sent to him, for I can conceive of its being very useful to both of us, before the new plant is opened. The reserve part could be sent on in another shipment. I broke neither of my two jars in two years parcel!

R.A.P.

RECEIVED  
UNIVERSITIES  
DEC 5 1938  
JOINT OFFICE

2  
9  
0  
4  
5  
6  
5

0261

12-3-38

Confirming the order placed by Miss Myra L. Sawyer R.N. at Boston

with

E.F. Mahady Co. Surgical Supply House  
851 Boylston Street, Boston

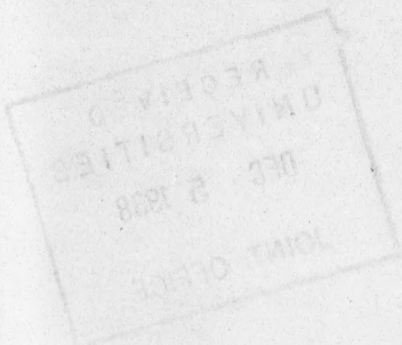
Order placed via Clerk McConnell.

One only Richardson ether vaporizing screw cap with jar to fit, and six feet of rubber tubing to fit same.

One only Buffalo Dental Mfg Co. double action foot bellows with bag, and tubing complete, to use with above.

Two extra Atlas quart preserve jars to fit, with one dozen rubber jar rings for same.

*M.S.B.*



2  
9  
0  
4  
5  
6  
5

0262

12-2-37

Confirming the order placed by Miss Mrs. L. Sawyer R.N. at Boston

*W.H.*  
*W.H.*  
*W.H.*  
*W.H.*

with  
J.P. Mahoney Co. Surgical Supply House  
851 Boylston Street, Boston

Order placed via Clark MacConnell.

The only Richardson extra working screw cap with jar to  
fit, and six feet of rubber tubing to fit same.

One only Balfour Dental Mfg. Co. double action foot bellows  
with bag and tubing complete, to use with above.

The extra Atlas front pressure jars to fit, with one dozen  
rubber jar rings for same.

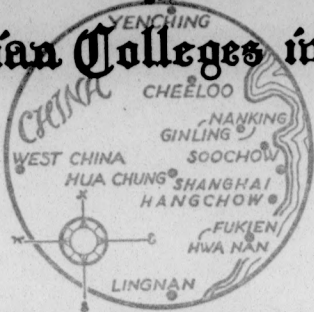
RECEIVED  
UNIVERSITIES  
DEC 5 1938  
JOINT OFFICE

2  
9  
0  
4  
5  
6  
5

0263

THE COLLEGES  
 CHEELOO UNIVERSITY (SHANTUNG)  
 FUKIEN CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY  
 GINLING COLLEGE  
 HANGCHOW CHRISTIAN COLLEGE  
 HUA CHUNG COLLEGE  
 HWA NAN COLLEGE  
 LINGNAN UNIVERSITY  
 UNIVERSITY OF NANKING  
 UNIVERSITY OF SHANGHAI  
 SOOCHOW UNIVERSITY  
 WEST CHINA UNION UNIVERSITY  
 YENCHING UNIVERSITY  
 —  
 TEL. WATKINS 9-8703  
 CABLE: ABCICOL

# Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China



150 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK, N. Y.

## OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATED BOARDS

PRESIDENT  
 RALPH E. DIFFENDORFER  
 VICE PRESIDENTS  
 GEORGE G. BARBER  
 ARTHUR V. DAVIS  
 JAMES ENDICOTT  
 EDWARD H. HUME  
 MILDRED H. MCAFEE  
 TREASURER  
 E. M. MCBRIER  
 ASSOCIATE TREASURER  
 C. A. EVANS  
 EXECUTIVE SECRETARY  
 B. A. GARSDIE  
 SECRETARIES  
 PAUL H. BUCHHOLZ  
 OLIVER J. CALDWELL  
 MRS. T. D. MACMILLAN  
 JOSEPH I. PARKER

December 7, 1938

Miss Myra L. Sawyer  
 18 Brimmer Street  
 Boston, Mass.

Dear Miss Sawyer:

Your letter regarding the ether vaporizing apparatus came to hand and we have written to the E. F. Mahady Company approving the order, although no word has come from Dr. Beech.

The question of getting the equipment through to China is another phase to be considered, as shipping it through to Dr. Peterson at Chengtu would seem to be out of the question at the present time. If it was properly packed and sent to you on the West Coast could it not be added to your baggage? It seems to be the best way at the present time, and if you will let me know by return mail, using the enclosed stamped envelope, we will communicate with the E. F. Mahady Company accordingly.

Very truly yours,

*C. A. Evans*

C. A. EVANS

*ack 12/11/38*

My dear Mr Evans:

CAE/B Please forgive this informality. I am overdue  
 ENC. at the dentist's but find your letter as I start  
 out the door! also a card from Dr Beech, in which  
 he approves sending it to the Canadian Pacific  
 at Van couvef marking "Hold till arrival." It  
 wont be made in time to put it in my trunks if  
 I had room which I do not. Please send it there  
 by American Express, or some such way. I am already  
 over my 350 pounds allowance as you might surmise  
 as my radio is in my big trunk! A friend used it  
 for me a week so it isnt NEW!!!!!! But will give  
 joy to many beside the owner I hope in days to  
 come. It looks to me now as though the Asia on  
 the 24th was out of the question, too close con-  
 nections for what I have to do, especially as I do  
 not have Dr Houck's last word from Baltimore. So I  
 think the Canada on Jan. 7th my best plan. Sincerely,

*My to bring  
 as personal  
 baggage*

*Myra L Sawyer*

0264

2  
 9  
 0  
 4  
 5  
 6  
 5