

Hsiakwan, Nanking,
August 26th, 1937.

Dear Ernest:

You are no doubt hearing regularly from Clarissa as I am from Faith. Things seem quieting down there but Faith says it is possible they will not be able to stay there more than a week as all the stores are closing down. The financial situation has been relieved as the Mission in Shanghai is sending money to them through the Honkong & Shanghai Bank. *Perhaps Faith meant she had enough supplies for a week,*

Billy left here for Shanghai on Tuesday via Hangchow in a motor car with the Ass-Gen. Mgr. of the Standar Oil Co, Cornish. They arrived in good time as I heard from the Embassy. Just after he left I heard from the University Hospital that he had bacillary dysentery of the Flexner type, whatever that means. That is an additional reason why I am glad that he got through without any trouble as he will need medical care. He has been poorly for over a week.

As he wrote before leaving, he has asked me to be in charge of the western end of the Diocese, that is, the part this side of the fighting zone. Some one has to be responsible and act as a center of information.

I'm in touch with Claude Lee by mail. We are not giving over the hospital at Wusih to the Red Cross as at first contemplated. Miss Lenhart is there carrying on.

Rev. S.C. Kuo has decided to go to America after all for which I am glad. His wife is with the sisters at Wuhu and he is at this moment resting up stairs as he is taking the night train for Shanghai to-night from here. It will no doubt have to go by Kashing. I hope it will not be bombed. The bridge at Sungkiang which the Japanese blew has been repaired. As the number of the people in Nanking is so greatly reduced, Sunday services smaller, and the people at present in no mood for ordinary church work, I think this is a good time for him to go and occupy this time usefully. Dean Tong is going to take over at St. Paul's for the time being, so you do not need to come over at present. I think you should stay there, especially since Miss Bremer is there.

One issue of the "China Press" did not show up here either. I'll send them each time I get one myself. I've subscribed for a copy for Claude Lee.

It is surprising how little damage the bombs have done here so far. Most of the recent ones have dropped outside the city in open spaces. Several dropped before the Examination Yuan and some of the windows in Mr. Gray's house at C.T.S. were broken. Considerable damage was done at Central University- just here one of the Professors of Central University who is a vestryman here has come in and tells me that the damage was not ~~great~~ ^{great}. Two buildings were demolished that were old one story Chinese buildings and of little value. One was a chemical laboratory but the apparatus had been removed. The more modern buildings suffered considerable glass but that was all. Sorry to hear of the burning of Chinese planes, but glad to see from your letter to Roberts that the spy had been caught.

Ever yours, *J. M. - Ullmer.*