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Mr. *W. H. Scott*

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409 East Green Street,  
Champaign, Illinois.  
June 26, 1922.

Presbyterian Board Of Foreign Missions,  
156 Fifth Avenue,  
Newyork City, N.Y.

Dear Sirs:-

*When*  
I received a telegram and cablegram from the Shantung Christian University of Tsinan fu, Shantung Province, China, stating that they want me to sail as soon as possible to be the librarian in their University. The term would be for three years and I would be under the auspices of the University entirely as to salary. Since it is necessary to have a letter accompany my passport application stating where I am going, and in what capacity I am going, and since it would greatly expedite matters if I could get such a statement on this side in America, I am asking that you write out such a statement for me so that I may send it in with my passport.

I realize that I should have such a letter from the University at Tsinan rather than from you, but I am asking that you give me such a letter for the following reasons. I do not know whether the University has written such a letter, and if they have it would be a month before it comes, thereby delaying me a month in my departure. I have already written to them asking for such a letter and if I have to wait till it comes it will be a wait of two or more months. If I can get such a statement from you I can send in my application and get my Passport almost immediately.

I should also like to know whether your office could handle the securing of reservations for me, for I do not know what steps are necessary. Also, would I be eligible for the reduced fare for missionaries?

As a matter of interest to you I might state that I am a member of the Presbyterian Church, am a student volunteer, and a graduate of Park College of this year's class. Some time ago when Mr. Cleveland of the St. Louis office was at Park I talked over the possibility of going to China for a short time with him. Rev. Albert G. Parker, Jr., who is under your board and is located at Tsinan fu, is my brother.

For confirmation of anything here written, if you desire such, I can produce telegrams, or you may write to my father, Rev. Albert G. Parker, Sr., (Princeton '90) of Gardner, Kansas.

Hoping to hear from you favorably as soon as convenient, I am,

Sincerely yours,

*Donald D. Parker*

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Copy sent to  
President Harold Balme  
Mr. Dwight H. Day.

June 29th, 1922.

Mr. Donald D. Parker  
409 East Green Street  
Champaign, Illinois.

My dear Mr. Parker:

I have your letter of June 26th stating:- "I received a telegram and cablegram from the Shantung Christian University of Tsinan fa, Shantung Province, China, stating that they want me to sail as soon as possible to be librarian in their University. The term would be for three years and I would be under the employ of the University entirely as to salary."

I have known that the University desired your services as librarian under the support of the Canadian Presbyterian Board, but the Canadian Board has been unable to undertake this additional obligation. Your letter is the first indication that I have had that the University, from its own funds, would support you. As I have not received any word from the University, will you be good enough to send me copies of the telegram and cablegram which you have received?

In the meantime, as you request, I am asking the Treasurer of the Presbyterian Board, Mr. Dwight H. Day, to await instruction from you regarding securing reservations, handling passports and other travel matters. Will you please take these matters up directly through correspondence with Mr. Day? Mr. Day's office will provide you with the letter to accompany your application for passport; in fact, his office will be glad to give such instructions as you need in regard to securing your passport.

I understand that all the terms of service are arranged directly between you and the Field, in which case the North American Joint Board can assume no responsibility on your behalf, aside from asking the Presbyterian Board to assist you with travel to the Field and charge out to the University expenses on your account. Has the University agreed to meet the expense of your travel?

I will probably be receiving direct word shortly from the University authorities in Tsinan fa.

I hope that you will have an experience in China which will mean a great deal to those you seek to serve in the name of Christ and that that experience will be entirely favorable to you personally and in your preparation for further service.

with best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours

Geo. T. Scott

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July 6th, 1922.

Mr. Donald D. Parker  
409 E. Green Street  
Champaign, Illinois

My dear Mr. Parker:

The Treasurer's office refers to me your letter of July 1st, addressed to me and enclosed in your letter to the Treasurer, Mr. Day. I am returning to you the telegram which you kindly enclosed, indicating the receipt of a cablegram from Tsinan-fu stating "FUNDS AVAILABLE COME."

On the basis of this message and your letters, I am requesting Mr. Day, Treasurer of the Presbyterian Board, to advance to you the necessary travel funds and charge these out to the University on account of your travel.

Mr. Day's office is handling the matter of your steamship reservation and is sending you the necessary information regarding passports, reduced railway fares, etc. You will of course understand that the Presbyterian Board is not assuming any responsibility for you, but that it is merely acting through its Treasurer at my request in serving the University in assisting you to the Field.

No word has as yet reached us from Tsinan-fu regarding you. If and when such word is received, we plan to inform you as you request.

Trusting that everything eventuates satisfactorily, and with best wishes for your work, I am

Very sincerely yours

*Geo. T. Scott*

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Copy to Dr. Balme  
Copy to Mr. Day.

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**TRANSFER**

Shantung Christian University

June 15, 1928

Mr. Donald D. Parker,  
5204 18th Ave., N.E.,  
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Parker:

We were mighty glad to get a copy of your letter to Mr. Hadley in which you raise the question of the possibility of your getting back to the work at Cheelee.

Certainly we would be very happy to see you back on the Cheelee Campus where you made so many friends when you were there a few years ago. None of us in New York have any very definite information about the needs or desires of the field for additional Western appointees to fill the numerous vacancies now existing on our staff. I am writing at this time to see what information we can secure.

We will be mighty glad to hear from you further and to find out a little more about what you have been doing and about what special lines of preparation you have undertaken since you left China. Congratulations on your success in having attained the dignity of a Benedict!

Very cordially yours,

*B. Garside*

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Copy of letter from Rev. Henry Payne which  
was written to E.B.M. Headquarters and  
received in the London Office on  
July 3rd, 1944.

Dear Miss Bowser:

Not much has happened since I last write.

Emmie Johnson. Dr. Rosenberg says he has done all he can for Emmie and now that the cold weather is over, think she had better return to her Centre. The friends there will see that she does not engage in heavy work again. Mrs. Connie Light is now in the same hospital as Emmie, and we are daily expecting the word of the arrival of her baby. The doctor tells us she is well and happy.

The financial situation is a little more acute. Some of the wives (Neutral) whose British and US husbands are in camp are said to be in real distress. The friends in the Missionary Home are all right so far. I have been able to arrange a loan through a local source for, for wife and self which will carry us to the end of April. Evidently the trouble is the question of exchange. The Imperial authorities wish to receive the funds from the Swiss Consulate and to pay us at a severely pinned down rate, which I hear would mean something like 60 pounds a month to keep us in bare food and clothing. We had better be sent to camp where at least a daily ration of rice and bread is assured to all inmates. I heard that at the Centre where the Scotts and Stilla are the food is as follows,-

Breakfast- porridge, brown bread and weak tea

Dinner- vegetable, 1 oz. meat, red rice

Supper- red rice, vegetable, soup, bread

If these details are correct one can understand the need there is for fats, sugar and bread spreads, to be sent in by the monthly parcels.

Chinese Church. There is no doubt the churches are suffering terribly. Life is very uncertain and the poor produce of the land is swallowed up by human locusts who sweep down and commandeer the crops. Last year saw a great exodus of families, especially in some parts of the Chingchow district, who were driven by sheer hunger to travel on foot to the West. Many church members were among these poor refugees, and in some districts chapels have had to close. The military taxes are often more than the land is worth. The Chinese pastors have shown a magnificent spirit. In most cases they have elected to stay with their people with no hope of any financial reward. They are fortunate if they receive a little grain to carry home to their wives and children. Pastor Chang speaks very highly of his co-workers. Many of them, especially in the northern area, work in the fighting districts, and have seen their chapels as well as the homes of many of their congregation, burnt down. Three of our pastors have thus lost all they possessed. Some of the pastors are ill through malnutrition. Pastor Wang Shou Li and his wife have recently passed away. I am happy to say that Pastor Chang Ren is now happily recovered from a serious illness. By far the brightest spot in our late field of work is the Middle School, which has no less than 690 students and 26 teachers. Chang had to build more dormitories, and some of the boys go on to the premises on the Peichen street to sleep. I don't suppose the students are able to pay fees in money but they will bring more than enough grain than they themselves need to feed the teaching staff, the cooks and the coolies. The teachers are giving their services for very little more than their board. It is a splendid piece of work that Pastor Chang is doing, under terribly difficult conditions. He has to go warily for there are several sets of "Masters" whom he must not offend. The school is in the midst of disturbances, and is often visited by irregulars who commandeer food and anything else they may fancy. The School now has Junior and Senior Middle School courses. All pastors and evangelists have had to depend on the Chinese Churches for their support. I do not think they have received money stipends but remuneration in kind.

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Often they have to share food made from chaff mixed with a little grain. The pastors have sometimes been afraid to visit their people lest it put too great a strain on the latter who are so hospitable, and yet ashamed to offer nothing but chaff and leaves for food. For this reason monthly meetings and study classes have had to be discontinued. I am sure I need not to ask the friends at home to pray for the churches in occupied China who are suffering far greater privation than the people in other war-stricken countries. The Chinese have no beneficent government to send them relief nor can any aid come to them from outside. May God in His mercy hasten the coming of a true and righteous peace!

With kind regards to you all and all our colleagues in the Homeland. My wife joins in hearty greetings.

Yours sincerely,  
(Signed)- Henry Payne

Copy of a letter from Mr. Payne, although no date is given. Letter was received in London on July 24th, 1944.

" Glad to be able to inform you that our big family are all well. Emmie still in hospital and Connie still waiting for her baby. Doctor says she is wondering about a milk supply after she returns to her Centre. I have written Barry to fill in the necessary forms and get his commandant to okay them, and then I can see the Swiss Consul who will be willing to send remittances for a regular supply of the lactial fluid. Here are some recent letters which I will be glad if you can forward to Furnival so that the home folk will know how we are:

Audrey Still, on March 15th writes,- Hope things are better with you. We continue fortunate, parcels arrived in excellent condition. As usual content most acceptable. We value powdered milk. How we miss the fresh variety. Red Cross donated stores received now so we can manage well still. We are all well. Mummy is better since receiving dental treatment. Story books you sent at Christmas have given us much joy. Rosemary can read everything now. Today Mummy is making the most of hot-water day, washing us, clothes, hair etc.  
Love, Audrey.

Mrs. Still must have been allowed out to visit a dentist. She will be able to claim dentistry expenses I believe. The donated stores mentioned came by the Gripsholm. They included cracked wheat, sugar etc., and will be a welcome gift. They are being shared out to all inmates. All our folks seem well pleased with contents of parcels. Bloom says their bacon was unusable as bacon, but they turned it into lard.

Miss Thomas, - 14th March, - Some donated stores to be shared by all have just arrived. This Centre very full just now. Some of the hospital folks have come back. Having joined the cleaning squad, not the teachers, am enjoying change of work. (Signed)- I. Thomas.

Tom Prentice Scott, March 16th, - " Dear Auntie, The parcels this month were splendid, - just like birthdays! The pears were excellent, we ate some and shared some and Mummy made pear and prune jam. Please thank the aunties who sent money for choc. and cakes., and send them our love. We think of them often and hope for early reunion. We got Uncle Pan's message from Priscilla. ~~She helps with the pigs and we all keep~~ healthy. Daddy is teaching in school now instead of kitchen and stores. Emmy has two Scotch reel classes and makes bean milk. All our folks thriving and send love. (Signed)- Tom Scott.

The reference to the pigs I do not understand. It may be that the Center feeds its own pigs for bacon. I know that Yangchow have goats, chickens etc. All the cleaning and coolie work has to be done by the inmates. Even the sanitary work. That's all the recent letters I have had from the Centres

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" Carle Sowerby ( Arthur de Carle, I should have said) tells me that Drake got permission to visit thim and spent a happy 90 minutes in Sowerby's house. Fred said that conditions were good. Food was plain but plentiful. If a man were in decent health he had nothing to fear, They were busy and well and had lots of tasks to keep them from getting mopey. Classes and lectures and entertainments and exercise. Of course if one were in poor health the food were not quite adequate. Mrs. Sowerby has uraemia very badly. Sowerby is himself, down with sprue, and things are very dark for him. That was why Fred got permission to visit his cousin. Although the CCC friends all write very cheerfully, I fear their diet is very plain, especially for growing children. I financial situation is still the same as when I wrote you last but I heard a rumor that BBB had mentioned progress in negotiations, and that the Far Eastern internees would soon have their relief again. I hope this may be true. I have found a Good Samaritan who has loaned me enough for April's board, but I have nothing to send in to camps and have to turn down appeals. I am sending a copy of this to Flowers who may possibly be popping home for a short visit and can take it to Miss Bowser. Tom Allen has had new glasses fitted at a cost of \$2360. I sent home \$1000 of my own thinking it would be ample. Now I think I can get the balance from the Swiss Consul. Are n't prices up? Sugar \$180, butter \$300, peanut butter over \$80, and it is mixed with tang-hsi at that. We have cut out eggés and bacon for breakfast and milk in our tea at the Home and shall have to try less meals a day if our relief money does not come. It would be ridiculous to peg rates down to eighty to the pound, as some are suggesting. We all keep wonderfully well at the Home. Mrs. Hoste gives us occasional anxiety but she rallies in a short time. Miss Spurling is splendid, and comes down to most meals. Board and lodging costs \$100 a day without extras, or clothing, the latter being terribly costly. Fancy giving \$2000 for a pair of shoes! Is the rumor that you have been allowed a higherrate by C.K. true? We hope so. Our news is almost nil. The Russian Daily has been blotted out so we have only what Berlin and Tokyo think is right. We would love to hear the Big benjamin booming. London seems to be getting it in the neck again. But I must n't deal with these things. Give our united love to all friends at home. Tell them not to be anxious.

(Signed)- H. Payne.

A letter from Miss Hickson dated Chengtu, June 29th gives an extract from a letter written by Mr. Payne and dated S'hai, May 15th.

" Last week we were called to the Lester Hospital for a Medical Examination. We do not know whether it is a final roundup or just a routine check-up. I get regular news from Alice or Jaggs or Christiana. They keep well and have nothing to complain of. The monthly parcels are indeed a comfort. I hope they may be continued to the end, whenever that may be. We are very much in the dark as to how things are going generally but we have no doubt as to the ultimate result. Emmie went back to her Centre several weeks ago but us to stay in the Centre Hospital for some time to see how she took to the new conditions after quite nine months in the Country Hospital. I have had no word about her since she returned. Bill Pailing had been in hospital but was out again after a dose of 'flu'. F.W.Price seems to have kept very well on the whole. There is a big bunch of L.M.S. and B.M.S. folk at Lunghwa and they have lots of fun: plays and concerts and oratorio evenings. The Ash Camp and Yu Yuen Road entres are not so well off for missionaries and the tone is not religious. Services are well patronized I hear. Dr. Still is studying Russian and German and Pitman's shorthand. Of course Pootung is a place with something like 100 courses on their agenda. They ought to offer a diploma!

( Signed ] -H. Payne.

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Letter from Edward Phillips, Tsinan, Shantung, February 8, 1946

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Whitewright Institute  
South Suburb  
Tsinan, Shantung

Dear Friends:

This letter is intended to supplement that of Jan. 5 and to let you know how matters have been progressing here since then.

First, as regards Tsinan itself: we had a hopeful spell in mid-January when coal began to arrive in slightly greater quantity, millet dropped to \$25 a catty, and the U.S. and Chinese party newly arrived here seemed to think the Communist trouble in this province would be settled at once.

That optimism faded away, coal stopped coming in, and prices rushed up again. A thousand Japanese troops bound for this city from the east to hand in their arms here were held up and surrounded by Reds for a few days. The Reds wanted the arms to be given to them. Americans here helped to get a food train through to them, 20 miles from here, and the Japanese after a clash of arms forced their way in to Tsinan. A similar episode occurred south of Tsinan. Taian, 50 miles south, is surrounded by Reds and the food and water supply in the city is critical. A train-load of supplies for the city was held up and cleaned out by the Reds and Colonel Lake, who was with it, was in some danger. Supplies were later dropped by parachute.

The Communists are reported to have said they would have this city by the Chinese New Year (Feb. 2): what they really want is the supply of arms and munitions surrendered by the Japanese in this city. A new general is now in charge here; Wang Yueh-Wu, a Taian man. The number of troops here is however not large, and if the Reds do not come to terms with the Central Government the situation here may develop not too pleasantly. Some folks are optimistic, others definitely not.

For those of you who know this city, it may be of interest to add that an afternoon walk to Thousand Buddha Hill is considered quite sensible, but to extend it a mile to the Kai Yuan Temple is held to be unwise. Hsing Lung Mt. and Lung Tung are definitely out of bounds.

Did I say there were 550,000 people in Tsinan now? I am informed the figure is more like 800,000. So, despite the background of anxiety, the streets were full of cheerful people during the Spring Holiday (old Chinese New Year). It was quite definitely a holiday; one folks had been waiting for for eight years.

We have been quite busy during the last few weeks, and there is a little progress to report. In brief, the institute was taken over by us on the 30th, and reopened on the 6th; Dr. Chu in charge of the Japanese Military Hospital on Cheeloo premises has received word from his superiors in Nanking (or Chungking) and the first step in the restoration of Cheeloo will happen when Dr. Ernest Struthers takes over our New Hospital premises on the 12th. Struthers reached here from Chengtu on the 23rd. Dr. Williamson was here for a few days in mid-January, on his aerial way from Peiping to Shanghai. We have a better idea now of the condition of the Baptist Mission churches and premises at Chowtsun, Tsingchow, etc.

The take-over of the Museum was delayed two weeks while the Municipal Popular Education Dept. people occupying it looked for other premises. On the 30th they moved out though they had no proper accommodation to go to. This enabled us to open the Museum again in time for the crowds that usually come at old New Year time. The preaching opportunity is then quite exceptional. Neighbours and others were

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pleased to see the plaster come off the front gate and reveal our original name still there. A coat of paint in many colours completed the job. In the first three days we had 14,500 visitors. Many of the wall panels that we had put in the Museum in 1940 and 1941 were removed by the former Japanese adviser, but not a few have been kept in good condition in a store room. Other good pictures have suffered through bad storage. We have a small supply of 1945 news pictures ready to make new panels. The Museum take-over was really completed only yesterday when the Mayor and other officials concerned were here for a tiffin and group photograph.

As regards the University, early in January Dr. Chu returned from Tsingtao, where he had been grounded for 42 days, and we learned from him that the first step required was an order from the Ministry of Military Affairs to hand over the premises; the handing over would then be done a step at a time in consultation with Cheeloo's representatives here. We immediately wired Cheeloo-in-Chengtu to this effect.

In mid-January Drake and I accompanied Dr. Chu on an official inspection of the 'Cheeloo' Hospital, and we made another tour of the whole premises when Dr. Williamson was here a week later. The condition of the buildings, inside and out is remarkably good. The alteration of buildings is most noticeable in the Medical School compound, where the long line of 'Ingle' servants quarters and laundry buildings, together with the ruins of the Stearns house have been removed. The removal of the garden walls round the Ingle, King, Nurses, Witham houses makes the compound seem much more spacious. The motor road from the Administration Building leaves the Campus east of the gatehouse and enters through the Suburb Wall immediately east of the Witham house. In Kumler Chapel we find that the remaining walnut seats are in poor shape through being left out of doors, and some damage has been done to the wooden ceiling above the pulpit by rain; the door out on to the roof has evidently been broken for some time and rain easily gets in. The Chapel bell is still there.

The Japanese on our premises handed in their arms on Jan. 15; Chinese troops are now in control of the campus.

We expect to take over the New Hospital building on Tuesday; it has already been vacated. While necessary repairs are being done in it (e.g. OPD partitions had been removed), work will also start on building two short stretches of wall as a prelude to removing the walls across the street. Bricks are available.

In various places on our premises we have found desks, cupboards, chemicals; I am told quite a lot of our chemistry lab glassware is still here; a score of microscopes (out of 130), some 3000 medical library books are also around. With the aid and authority of the local military commander we have done what we could to discover other Cheeloo moveable property in the city. In the course of this, it was my interesting privilege to make an inspection of every room in the Japanese Military HQ, the old Post Office. As a result we have recovered a number of steel filing cabinets, etc. and hope to have from HQ a number of office desks to replace missing ones. An inspection of the godowns in the huge military stores depot at HsinChuang revealed no Cheeloo property except a number of typewriters, calculating machines, and cyclostyle. We are informed that our printing press equipment was sent from HsinChuang to Peiping in 1944.

In the old Post Office we also recovered some 340 volumes of Shantung County Histories, part of our Chinese Library. We have been given one small printing machine, a very small substitute for the many machines we lost. In the Japanese Boys School we have found a number of Chinese and English books from the Library and also belonging to Menzies and McLure. In the same building is a small quantity of science equipment and one piano. Re pianos, there are four on the campus, and we have easily located those loaned out for P.S. Evans, Gault, F. Evans, Hickson and McCandless. Having found the purchaser of my own piano its return was promised; a second one was sent along with it and that turned out to be Drake's! We are on

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the track of other pianos at Buddhist temples and Japanese schools.

Other items. Lair's Ford car went to Chengchow with the 12th Army last year; we have managed to get a 1937 Buick 4-door sedan, somewhat the worse for wear, and now in a garage for overhaul. All good cars in Tsinan were picked up by the take-over Chinese officials last October. This one happened to come into Tsinan from Changtien a week or two ago. There is no trace of the confiscated radio sets; one report is that they were sent to Peiping. I fear a lot of our stuff went there. There is no trace so far of the motors and generators missing from our campus power plant. A number of boxes containing the Archaeological Museum exhibits are found to be locked up in the St. Paul's Chapel. You see that we have been able to pick up only, a bit of stuff here and there, but we always hope to find more!

When the New Hospital has been taken over, it is possible that we shall be able to organize some supplementary classes for middle school graduates to improve the quality of local university entrance candidates in the summer. Drake and Lo are arranging for some Theology School Refresher Classes on the Shields-Pailing-Evans compound this spring. An Out-patient Department will be opened on March 1st, if we can get an adequate supply of drugs and dressings.

When Dr. Williamson was here in January, Dr. Han ChungHsin and Mr. Kuo Chin Nan arrived from Tsingtao. Han is working for CUNRA in this province. We are expecting great help from UNRRA and CUNRA for the Hospital. We met a large number of our alumni at a welcome meeting held at that time. Kuo has done excellent work at the YMCA in Tsingtao, and is now a member of the Provincial Advisory Council. Young Peter Chiang, an army doctor, was also at the meeting; he is as stout as his father was thin. Mr. Wang, formerly teacher in the Maths Dept. is now chief of the Provincial Hydraulic Engineering Dept. The arrival of General Wang to take charge here has brought us two new friends. Tung Tsung Shan, English Dept. graduate of 1936, has been in the consular service in India for two years, and is now borrowed by the military to take charge of the Foreign Affairs Dept. under Gen. Wang. He brought with him to call on us the General's secretary Col. Szetch (mandarin, SsuT'u). Both of them speak excellent English and are most friendly fellows to have along for an evening chat. Szetch was born in the States and has had business experience in the U. S. and Europe. When he came to China on business he proceeded to pick up mandarin for the first time and then half a dozen various dialects. With an Englishman he speaks English, with an American he talks good American! When I get to writing about the friendly folks we meet with I begin to fear lest the letter will run to ten pages!

I must mention, while I remember it, that our Tsinan Union Church is coming to life again. We have no Chinese service as yet, but there is an English service at 4:30 on Sundays, for the time being in Abernathy's house. Chinese businessmen and some of the Cheeloo friends come along, as well as a few U.S. army men now and again.

While Dr. Williamson was here we had a visit from Pastor Chang Ssu Ching of our Shantung Baptist Church. He ran our Peichen Middle School for some years very successfully until the Reds cleaned it out. Some of our Chowtsun people have been running a school of doubtful status on our premises there. Foster Hospital was fairly all right until the Japanese troops left and the Reds entered. It is apparently the practice of the latter to let the poorer and lower classes have a good time looting when they enter a place. The result was bad at Foster Hospital. Windows, doors and their frames have gone, but not too much of the flooring. Irregular Government forces are now occupying the premises. The trip to Chowtsun still involves leaving the train at least once to be examined by the Reds. As they are known to conscript for their own service doctors, nurses, and foreigners, and as Drake and I have plenty of work still to do here, we have not tried the trip yet.

Most of our country churches have suffered very badly, particularly in the

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Lin Chu district where troops, regular and irregular, have been marching to and fro for years. Tsingchow city is occupied by the Communists, while Govt. troops hold the railway station. Dr. Ching, a Cheeloo graduate, has held on manfully all these years and kept the hospital going. It is still going even now, despite Reds and hardship. Troops are in occupation of the Shou Shan school and the Tsingchow missionary residences. The doors and windows have all gone from the latter. Since last August the Church has organised a committee of twenty or so to help keep things going.

Japanese civilians have been leaving steadily all the winter; their journey to Tsingtao has included a 100 mile stretch on foot or by lorry, with suffering from cold and danger of robbery. I have today said goodbye to a charming Christian businessman who leaves in four days time. His kindness to us in 1942 was a touch of sweetness in much that was bitter.

Please will you see that our Cheeloo colleagues at home get this information and news. Thanks. All good wishes.

Edward Phillips

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CHEELOO UNIVERSITY  
Tsinan, Shantung  
China

May 5, 1946

Dear Friends:

On the first of the month we installed our own gateman at the main gate of the Campus, and the signboard of the First Provisional Hospital was removed. Our guests have not yet departed, but it is true to say that what Cheeloo has to say about affairs on this place is increasingly if not quite decisive.

April has been a month of crises and progress. Triangular problems are usually more complex in human relations than in Euclid. Here the three vertices are the First Provisional Hospital, 106th Supplies Depot Hospital (Ping Chan I-Yuan) and Cheeloo. The supplies on this Campus that are not to be held by Cheeloo have already been allocated to the 106th. The snags this last month have arisen mainly when the 106th tried to get away with items that Cheeloo wishes to retain.

The main crisis occurred on April 2 the day after we had moved on to the campus to live. Officers arrived to take away the herd of a dozen Holstein dairy cows from the Farm. Cheeloo had ideas of retaining them for future Farm developments. It looked one afternoon as if the foreigners amongst us might have to hurry to the gate to block the exit. Happily the Governor and General Wang halted the move and the latter appointed an officer to arrange negotiations between the 106th and Mr. T. H. Sun, presenting the Missions point of view. His able conduct of the discussions produced a local compromise agreement that has now been recognised by the War Ministry.

It was agreed that Cheeloo should retain nine of the dairy cows, three working cows, and three mules; also all the furniture that we recognise as Cheeloo's, regardless of what the Japanese had said about it; 700 mattresses, 300 army blankets, 300 quilts, 150 wooden beds; 15 telephones, an electrical laundry machine; one motor lorry, one motor ambulance (really a bus), some gasoline; and a certain quantity of medical supplies to meet immediate needs of Cheeloo's Hospital. The 106th should remove the rest of the stuff, and there is surely lots of it. The 106's trucks have been working hard day after day to get away the grain, mattresses, cotton wool, etc., and sundry furniture. They have not quite finished even yet after two or three weeks hard going. I think you will agree that Cheeloo has achieved a fairly satisfactory solution to the problem.

Minor crises have flared up during the last weeks when the trucks took away items that should have been left here. Vigorous protests have resulted in much of those already being returned and we are assured the few outstanding things will also come home again. One afternoon, after our 300 blankets had taken flight, Dr. Struthers played a decisive stroke by locking the main gate and halting all traffic. Abernathy lent a hand by putting a direct phone call through to General Wang, and the situation was rapidly improved.

I understand that in a day or two our 106th visitors will be through with their job. David Yang, our Cheeloo man in First Prov. Hospital employ, will then have fewer headaches; and Struthers will have more time to give to readying the Cheeloo Hospital for reopening. That may happen in another month.

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When the dairy cow affair was at its hottest we sent off cables to the embassies. Not long afterwards the Tsingtao U. S. Consul, Dick Service, flew here for a day and visited the Campus. The day after, we had a visit from Tipton, B.A.T., Tsingtao, who was representing the British Consul, Burdett. And just three days ago Hawthorn, U.S. Vice Consul in Tsingtao, and formerly at the Consulate here, was in Tsinan for a day: we gave him the latest news of Cheeloo.

My own time is divided between the Whitewright Institute and the Campus, the latter claiming much the greater share. During April we have taken control of the Theology Building, three of the four Mens Dormitories, Leonard and Miner Halls (Womens Dormitories), one or two more residences, and the Farm. Other buildings, still used for storing supplies, are not in our hands yet.

Repair work has been going steadily forward on the East Village houses, the Augustine Library, Kumlér Chapel, and the perimeter wall. In the E. Village we have made a beginning on the residences used by Japanese doctors' families; not a little reconversion has been necessary. The Library Building is now more or less ready to receive again the Chinese books (and shelves) kept in the Provincial Library, and the English books (and shelves) from the Institute. The Chinese volumes will be coming back this week. The perimeter wall, perhaps one and a half miles round, has been made more effective by the blocking up of the fire ports and one or two unnecessary gates. In Kumlér Chapel the work of restoration goes forward, and the demolition of the Japanese extras has produced some 10,000 bricks and several doors, - expensive materials these days. We wish the Japs had not used so much cement; mortar would have been much easier to deal with. The materials obtained are being made good use of in the E. Village and elsewhere.

The British Red Cross twenty tons of supplies arrived on Easter Sunday, having been convoyed here from Tsingtao, through somewhat unwilling Communists, by CNRRA men. There are just over 300 cases, including penicillin.

I forgot to mention the Foreign School Building, which we have reclaimed from its excessive ruralisation. Used during the past years as a fodder store for the farm, it was latterly less fortunate, for the animals were taken in to the food instead of the food being brought out for the animals. The rehabilitation cost will be around a million dollars of our local currency, I suppose. Do not feel surprised! An ordinary decent door costs about NC\$40,000. Those of you who have been in internment camps will know, however, that quite a good school can be run in a very unhabilitated building.

Having had access to all the campus premises, we have now been able to arrive at an approximate estimate of what it will cost to put the University premises into decent shape for use this autumn. The total may be reduced somewhat, but not much, when we have sorted out the miscellaneous collection of furniture, now stacked in Leonard Hall after a month's exposure to varied weather. The heavy end of the bill is undoubtedly the furniture. For repairs to buildings, whitewashing, reconversion of Jap alterations, furniture for public buildings, plus the equipment of workshop and press, it seems likely that the bill will be in the neighbourhood of 250,000 gold dollars for the whole University. That is a lot of money, yet we must be grateful that there is anything left here to repair. I hate to think what the position would have been if real destruction had occurred.

The Theology School Refresher Course has ended after a very worthwhile two months. The University Preparatory Course continues. There is a question however,

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regarding the adequacy of the present course from the point of view of the Ministry of Education. The Ministry sent a man to run a Preparatory Course in this province, and he has chosen to do it in Tsingtao. From the Ministry's standpoint the Course is designed to re-educate those who have been in the puppet areas and have thus collected erroneous political ideas. We are hoping that something can be done towards getting our Cheeloo Course suitably recognised.

We are glad to hear that the University in Chengtu hopes to move back here this summer, and we hope the situation will improve so as to make the move feasible and proper. Tsinan is still virtually a besieged city; the railways are still cut; refugees continue to stream in to the city from the Communist 'liberated areas'. There are over 1,000 refugee primary school teachers in Tsinan now. I believe that UNRRA men have been well pleased with their reception by the Communists; and I can understand the wherefore of that. I have, however, been told more than once that the people of this province are now suffering more than they did when under the Japanese. Hence, I suppose, the refugees.

Items of personal news, I must mention: Dr. Arabella Gault has been seriously ill in Weihsien, partial paralysis and loss of speech; she is recovering and will probably be flown out to Tsingtao by American plane. Arrivals from Tsingtao lately have been Mr. Connolly (Southern Baptist) who has gone on to Tsining; Bishop Wellington (5 days by road) who has gone to Taian; D. C. Walter (Amer. Presb.), who is staying with me right now. We are glad to hear Miss Mackinnon is on her way to Shanghai. Don Paris and Yellow-River Engineer Todd were through here in a jeep in April. They had come on a tour of inspection of the dykes.

Wellington does not recommend the road trip from Tsing-tao. Air is still the only decent way in. And when any of you come, on no account forget to bring along some DDT. There is scarcely a building in the whole place without more than its quota of bedbugs. And are they hungry!

(signed) Edward Phillips

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