

1. May 22, 1922, Blair to Rhodes DES MOINES IOWA
2. May 25, 1939, Blair to Rhodes Cleveland.
3. Nov. 7, 1940, Blair to "Dear Mrs. Maham," Taikyū
4. Dec. 30, 1940, Blair to "Dear Heidi," Taikyū
5. Feb. 5, 1935, Blair to "Dear Heidi," Taikyū
6. Dec. 19, Blair to "Dear Heidi," India
7. Nov. 28, 1938, Blair to "Dear Heidi & Weede," Red Lea
8. May 21, 1914, Blair to "Dear Rhodes," Taiku
9. July 31, 1915, Blair to "Dear Rhodes," Larders Beach
10. July 31, Blair Taiku
11. June 12, 1939, Blair to "Dear Heidi," Lwathmare
12. July 31, 1949, Fernie to "Dear Dr. & Mrs. Rhodes," Guatemala
13. Jan. 31, 1932, James Gule to "Dear Dr. Rhodes"
14. May 17, 1932, Graham Lee to "My Dear Rhodes," Fairfield Iowa
15. Aug. 29, 1939, Horace Underwood to "My dear Friends," Lithia
16. Sept. 8, 1932, Horace Underwood to "My dear Dr. Rhodes," Seoul
17. May 26, 1945, Horace Underwood to "My Dear Dr. Rhodes," Seoul
18. April 2, 1941, Horace Underwood to "My Dear Dr. Rhodes," Seoul
19. Oct. 11, 1951, Norman C. Whittemore to "My Dear Harry," California
20. Aug 22, 1943, Norman C. Whittemore to "Dear Rhodes"
21. Dec. 11, 1951, Norman C. Whittemore to "Dear Friends & Relatives"
22. March 31, 1949, Horace Underwood to "My dear Dr. & Mrs. Rhodes"
23. March 17, 1949, John Coventry Smith to "Dear Friends," New York.
24. March 17, 1949, Horace Underwood to "Dear Friends of Ethel's,"
25. March 27, 1949, Horace Underwood
26. April 19, 1941, ————— New York
27. May 1948, Ethel Underwood to "Dear Friends," Seoul
28. April 8, 1949, Edward Adams to "Dear Dr. Rhodes,"

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DES MOINES IOWA MAY 22 1922

REV n A RHODES

SEOUL KOREA

HOLDCROFT AND ADAMS CAPITULATED YESTERDAY IN CONFERENCE WITH
CHOSEN COMMISSION AND MISSIONARIES OF VARIOUS FIELDS HOLDCROFT
ADDRESSED THE ASSEMBLY FAVORING ADOPTION OF THE COMMISSIONS REPORT
PART SECOND WHICH WAS ENTHUSIASTICALLY ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY

H E BLAIR

THE ABOVE TELEGRAM WAS WIRED FROM DES MOINES IOWA TO SEATTLE WASH
AND MAILED FROM THE BATTER POINT ON THE MORNING OF MAY 23 1922

W U TEL CO SEATTLE WASHINGTON

Rev H. K. Rhodes Esq. - Cleveland 5/25/39
For their Chosen mission. Dear Friends!

The first day of the Assembly is over and "Sam" Higginbottom is Moderator. He has had a great ovation and it will do the Cause of Missions much good and result in food to the whole Church to have him turn his powers of promotion on the greater task of the whole Church. If he can turn the Church upside down over what he has done in that Allahabad School that wouldnt look so good if stood up against what Dexter Lutz has so quietly done in Korea. What cant he do with the great Presbyterian Church U.S.A. to promote?

If our mission could ~~some how~~ attain a united program again some how - soon - and could do a little more "belly-boo" (if necessary) promotion, we might get on better. And it might indirectly help the cause. We have in Korea what they ^{in other fields} need but have not attained, as to the very best things of Mission progress, we should advertise these facts very widely in a business like way - that will help the whole Mission world. India's Lyria can hardly be compared with Korea as to Mission progress. They need help - better methods. We can help by proper publicity. Cordially Herbert E. Blair

Cleveland Ohio
May 31 1939.

Rev. H.A. Rhodes,
Chairman Executive Comm. Chosen Mission;
Keijo, Chosen.

Dear Dr. Rhodes;-

The Assembly is nearing the end. It has in general been a good meeting. With Dr. Sam Higginbottom as Moderator, Foreign Missions have come in for a goodly share of honor and attention. The program of the General Council, for the promotion of all church work has been heartily approved. This includes much that marks progress. The various Boards have reported good work with financial shortage limiting much that should have been done. The Pensions Board was given permission to delay giving pensions to preachers still preaching on salaries after 65 years of age. Decrease in income required this. The Report on Social problems came in for tense discussion and amendment. The resolution as to War is still to be passed.

The Chairman of the Standing Comm. on Foreign Missions is Dr. Howard Moody Morgan. Dr. Weaver K. Eubank is Secy. The whole Comm. has shown our whole Foreign work full sympathy and good will. There has been no abatement of Mission interest. Our Popular meeting for Foreign Missions was well attended last night even after a long hard day of work in intense heat. The report of Comm. on Foreign Missions has been drafted and passed by the Comm. The section on Chosen has been worked out with Dr. Holdcroft, Mr. Soltau, Dr. Koons and members of the Board all accepting it in the presence of the Comm. so it contains nothing radical. It does re-iterate the action of last General ^{Asy.} approving the policy of the Mission and Board to withdraw from secular education. It leaves the Seoul Girls School question for the Board to work out in conference with the Mission, presumably after a conference in N.Y. about June 7th. There has been no attempt that we know of to reverse the decision of the last Assembly and we feel that there are many here who would rather see the action of last year rather re-inforced with stronger action.

Mr. Reiner and Dr. Koons are both commissioners. There are several Korea Missionaries present, Miss ^{and Mrs. Ono} Bergman and Mrs. F.S. Miller. Dr. Ludlow, Mr. Reiner, Hugh and his wife, Dr. and Mrs. Koons, Dr. Holdcroft and Mr. Soltau.
→ Commissioner.

The cable which I received, 28th, has been reserved and no action based upon it taken. We hope that the Board will be ready to grant the larger backing after the June Conference if we are successful in presenting the needs at that time.

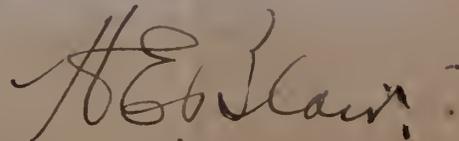
The action taken by the Executive Comm. of the Mission at Andong, I believe will be determinative in the question. You are right. Stick and you will have the whole Christian world with you. That is the only kind of argument of value in such an unequal struggle as we are in.

May God bless the Mission and give you grace to stand faithful in this day of great distress all over the world. The whole world needs just what our Mission can contribute in its witness to-day.

Sincerely,

Herbert E. Blair.

To be mailed after the meeting to-day is over.



Report of the Standing Committee on Foreign Missions General Assembly, Presbyterian Church in the United States of America

Cleveland, Ohio, May 31, 1939

All adopted
except one financial
item of China referred to
Gen Council

The Standing Committee on Foreign Missions presents the following report.

The first year of the Second Century of service to the Lord Jesus Christ by our Board of Foreign Missions reveals the fact that the Centennial Celebration was indeed a consecration, which continues unabated in our missionary vision and action. Our Church lifts high the Banner of the Cross of our Savior in the midst of the nations who tumultuously assemble and of peoples who imagine a vain thing.

We note with interest that the Board has adopted as a theme for this year "The Christian Solution." At the Assembly and throughout the Church a banner bearing that title is being distributed. Some sentences from this vital pamphlet are commended to the attention of the Church. "Today as seldom before in human history, the very foundations of the nations are being shaken. Nations are seeking substitutes for God, and nationalisms are replacing old religious loyalties. Devastating problems are facing the sixteen countries in which the Presbyterian Church carries on its mission. The crisis faces us. We believe Christ is the Solution! We must unite with vigor and realistic sacrifice in the world mission of His Church. The aim of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church has ever been and still remains, to point the way to personal, abundant and eternal life in God through Christ for all men, and to world-Christian brotherhood, freedom, and peace. The Christian Solution will come only with Renewal, Reinforcement and Rededication in the Christian Church."

The Minutes have been reviewed. They are complete, carefully written, well expressed, and are bound in book form.

II. FINANCE

The financial statement has received careful scrutiny and is correct. The financial policies of the Board are sound and in accordance with the expressed will of the General Assembly.

The Centennial Fund totals \$514,936.64 and is being expended as promised during the Campaign. The Committee rejoices that the Board received more than three million dollars last year, from living and non-living sources in the United States, which enabled it to close its books with a deficit of only \$8,874.19. The total accumulated deficit is \$237,522.46, as compared with more than twice that amount in 1935.

III. HOME BASE

The Home Base Department is working with consecration to create a wider and deeper interest in Foreign Missions in all of our churches, to build a useful library at the Board offices, to prepare helpful pamphlets, to name specific projects, and to build up an increasing mailing list of individual friends of the work.

Two new enterprises deserve special mention and should be widely used.

Presbyterian Foreign Affairs Forum.—These are held in presbyteries and churches, and before other organizations, and never fail to produce wider and deeper interest in our world responsibility.

The Foreign Affairs Bulletin.—This monthly publication, in its first year, is available, in its up-to-the-minute form, for all interested in the worldwide work of our Church. The column called "Flashes from the Field" is especially useful in preparing Church Calendars.

Young People's Work. with its two full-time Directors, is progressing steadily. Summer Conferences are particularly valuable for interesting the youth. Every church should be represented at one or more of these, and no church should fail to have its Youth Budget.

Annuitants.—The committee is happy to note that during the past year the Board received cash gifts on the annuity plan amounting to \$217,620.91, an increase of approximately \$87,000 over the preceding year. These gifts include one of \$136,000 which, when added to a gift of larger proportions made by the same individual, two years ago, constitutes the largest gift, either on an annuity or other basis, ever received by the Board from a living donor.

Sweeping changes in personnel have come during the past two years. These changes have brought new ideas, energy and enthusiasm to the work. The Committee expresses great satisfaction with, and through approval of, the new groupings for Missionary Personnel, Editorial and Publicity, and Special Gifts and Annuitants.

The Committee has noted that during the past year the following Secretaries of the Board have retired from active service: Rev. Ernest F. Hall, D.D., Secretary of the Board's Department of Annuitants, after 35 years in this and other Departments; Rev. George H. Trull, after 25 years of service, for the past few years at the head of the Department for Specific Work; Rev. Weston T. Johnson, D.D., after 35 years of service in Japan, and as Secretary on the Pacific Coast;

Rev. James E. Hetweiler, D.D., who served the Board both as a Missionary in Japan and as a Secretary in the Central Area, who has returned to the pastorate; and Thomas H. P. Sailer, Ph.D., after 36 years of service as Honorary Educational Adviser of the Board. The Church is grateful to all of these faithful officers of the Board.

IV. NECROLOGY

The Committee calls upon the Assembly to remember the missionaries who have entered into their rest during the past year. The Necrological Roll for the year 1938-1939 is as follows:

Honorably Retired
Africa
Mr. Albert G. Adams 1902-1937
Mrs. M. Louise Reulinger 1866-1906

Brazil
Rev. George A. Landes 1880-1923
Rev. William A. Waddell, D.D., Ph.D. 1890-1932

China
Miss Electa M. Butler 1881-1923
Rev. William J. Drummond 1896-1934
Mrs. J. H. Judson 1879-1923
Rev. John A. Salsby, D.D. 1887-1928

India
Rev. Edgar M. Wilson 1891-1935
Rev. J. J. Lucas, D.D. 1870-1922

Iraq
Rev. E. W. McDowell 1887-1928
Mrs. Mary H. Ransom 1901-1936
Mrs. Francis E. Porter 1882-1929

Siam
Rev. John B. Dunlap, D.D. 1888-1929
Miss Annabel Galt 1891-1921

Syria
Miss Alice S. Barber 1885-1930

In Active Service
Brazil
Mrs. Robert F. Lenington 1896-1938

China
Mrs. Charles H. Derr 1904-1938
Mrs. Wm. A. Mather 1904-1939

India
Mr. Ervin L. Pedersen 1919-1938
Miss Mary C. Helm 1903-1938

Iraq
Dr. J. Arthur Funk 1902-1939
Rev. Roger C. Cumberland 1923-1938

Japan
Mrs. R. A. Egon Hessel Affiliated 1938

Former Missionaries
China
Mrs. Wm. C. Chapman 1911-1927
Mrs. Susan Whells 1899-1918
Dr. Charles C. Selden Affiliated 1932

Mrs. Sarah P. Bent, M.D. 1893-1909
Dr. W. Edgar Robertson 1906-1928

Dr. Paul J. Tod 1902-1908
Miss Maria Louise Chase 1896-1911

Mrs. Carrie Few de Wolfe 1914-1919
Mrs. Alfred I. Ludlow 1911-1938

Colombia
Rev. Grover C. Birtchet, D.D. 1916-1930

India
Mrs. George H. Ferris 1878-1900

Iraq
Mrs. Louis R. Tribus 1891-1899

Siam
Dr. Edwin H. McDaniel 1902-1937

The Committee regrets to learn of the recent death of Mr. Russell Carter, former Treasurer of the Board, who retired from active service two years ago at the age of 70. For more than twenty-five years Mr. Carter gave faithful, sagacious, and sacrificial service to the Board and to the Church.

V. PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT

The Committee heartily commends the vigorous program of the Department of Missionary Personnel in seeking candidates for foreign mission service; maintaining a vital relation with missionaries in active service; keeping in contact with former and retired missionaries; supervising missionary children separated from their parents; and in assisting foreign students in the United States.

The urgent call for reinforcements from the Missions supported by the growing National Churches all over the world, reiterated in the recommendations of the Madras Conference, lays a heavy responsibility upon the Church in this country. The Committee regrets that the field force of 1,242 is 18 less than the total of 1,260 at this time last year. The Committee is encouraged, however, to see that qualified young people are volunteering for missionary service. It will be the Church's task to underwrite the ongoing foreign Missionary enterprise with sacrificial gifts, and thus make possible the sending out of this new life to the foreign mission field.

VI. MEDICAL DEPARTMENT

The Committee wishes to commend the work of the Medical Department in safeguarding the health of the missionaries and in assisting in the great task of healing in the Master's Name

VII. FOREIGN DEPARTMENT

1. Latin America

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, through the Department of the Foreign Board, sends affectionate greetings to the Presbyterian Churches in Chile and Brazil. The Church in North America is grateful for the courage, fidelity, and enduring strength of the Presbyterian Churches in South America, and prays for God's rich blessing to be upon them. May the Christ of the Cross, the Living Christ of the Resurrection, be with and guide and bless these sister Churches under the Southern Cross.

Through the Deputation of the Board of Foreign Missions, the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of the United States of America sends a message of love and remembrance to all the members of the Missions in Chile and Brazil. The Assembly recalls with gratitude the enduring service rendered by the missionaries of the Church in Chile, since 1815, when Dr. David Trumbull began his great work there, and in Brazil since 1859, when Dr. A. G. Simonton pioneered in the initial work of the Presbyterian Church in that country. For the indigenous churches and for the outstanding Christian institutions which have grown up in those lands, the Board thanks God, and asks His continued blessing and guidance to be with the Missions and the missionaries in their heroic, diverse, and far-flung work.

This General Assembly extends its Church's profound sympathy to the brethren of the Presbyteries of Chile who are ministering to a people grievously afflicted by the recent severe earthquake, and expresses the hope that the urgent needs of the hour may evoke a generous response to the appeals for the restoration of destroyed churches and chapels. The Committee rejoices in the good news from Brazil announcing the increasing demand for the Holy Scriptures throughout the land. The opportunity afforded for the presentation of the Gospel message is demonstrated by crowded halls and churches in Brazil.

It is encouraging to hear of the work among the students in institutions of higher learning in Venezuela, including the University of Caracas, and of the increasing interest in education that has come as a result of the liberal attitude of the new government.

The Committee notes the encouraging progress in other Latin-American fields; in Mexico, the splendid service in the distribution of 60,000 copies of Bibles, gospel portions and tracts, the unimpeded educational work in Yucatan, the sacrificial support of the evangelistic work by the National Church; in Guatemala, the early completion of the translation into the Mam language of the New Testament, the heroic battling against typhus fever in the western hills, the encouraging growth of the native Church; in Colombia, the advance in the life of the Colombian Church since the organization of the Synod last year, the new church edifice in the capital, the fine service of the schools, particularly in Bogota and Barranquilla, and the missionary itineration over the mountains of the upper Magdalena.

2. Africa

The West Africa Mission is working in Cameroon to follow up the great ingathering of 26,000 confessors. The Teaching Mission which resulted not only in a constructive plan of establishing these new converts in Christ, but also in a continued increase in those confessing Christ, is the first part of a Five Year Plan of instruction which the Committee heartily commends.

The continued narrowing of world horizons was demonstrated recently in a regular monthly broadcast of the Board of Foreign Missions, when a missionary located in the farthest interior station of the West Africa Mission was able to hear his wife and son speak to him from America as he sat alone in his hut many miles from any other missionary or friendly associate.

3. China

Throughout the far East the year has been one of continued crisis. The Sino-Japanese conflict has conditioned every phase of missionary work in those countries. In China the year has been marked by almost unbelievable suffering and loss, and, at the same time, well nigh incredible miracles of grace.

The committee rejoices that every station is now occupied and that 302 missionaries are in the field. These valiant servants of Christ have endured on every possible phase of work with amazing ability and steadfastness. They have ministered to refugees in every mission and station. In turn the missionaries have found the Chinese unusually open to the Gospel and ready to respond to it, with life commitment to Christ. The Committee commends these missionaries highly for meeting this crisis and for the devoted manner in which they have carried on.

The committee wishes to record abiding esteem for our Christian brethren of the United Church of Christ in China.

The committee commends our Christian schools and colleges of China for going forward with their great work of training Christian leadership under the difficult conditions of war. Yenching University is continuing upon its own campus in "invaded" China; Hangchow College has combined with three other colleges in the International Settlement in Shanghai; Nanking and Shantung Universities and Ginling College have temporarily moved into western "free" China, where they share in a great Christian University center at Chengtu. These fine training institutions need special prayer and support during this crisis.

4. Japan

The year has been one of restriction and difficulty in Japan. The Christian group craves to be on good terms with their brethren in China, and yearns for our friendship and interest. Our missionaries have continued to the fundamental fellowship existing between the sincere followers of Christ in America and Japan. One Japanese Christian said, "The fellowship of Christians has been our bulwark."

5. Chosen

Conditions affecting the mission in Chosen have become increasingly difficult during the past year.

In spite of adverse circumstances our missionaries have quietly and faithfully carried on in every way open to them, and have sought to give comfort and counsel to Korean Christians in their time of trial. The policy of Mission and Board withdrawing from general education approved by the General Assembly of 1938 is in process of being carried out. In the face of many new and distressing problems, the Korean Church and Mission are commended to the deep sympathy and prayers of American Christians.

6. Philippines

The committee rejoices at the growth of the National Christian Churches in the Philippines and at the manifest friendliness between the people of the Philippines and the United States.

7. Siam

In Siam there is a great and invigorating openness to the American Christian approach. The people of Siam are especially friendly to the missionary hospitals and schools. The committee notes that the Board called the attention of the Church to the great opportunity in Siam by holding a Siam Conference in New York last February.

8. India

The work in India during the year has been influenced by two events. First was the Madras Conference, which made a deep Christian impression upon the country. This meeting was followed by the visitation of the Board Deputation with its survey and evaluation of the mission work.

The committee rejoices that India continues to offer a wide-open door to the presentation of the Gospel, but confesses to our failure to provide adequate leadership for training the masses seeking admission to the Christian Church. The committee commends the service of our missionaries in bringing the Gospel of Christ to bear upon the needs of man, body, mind and spirit. The Christian group in India is relatively small, but it has a clarity of purpose, a body of ideals, and a devoted and steadfast leadership which makes the future of the Christian Church in India bright.

9. The Near East (Iraq, Syria and Iran)

During the past year the Iraq Mission suffered an irreparable loss in the death of Rev. Roger C. Cumberland on June 12. The committee is grateful to note that his influence for his Lord continues. In Iran and Syria there is a spirit of nationalism, at the same time a greater openness on the part of many nationals to the approach of the missionary. The Deputations of the Board made a thorough appraisal of the work of the Iran and Syria Missions and real progress is expected as a result.

10. The Madras Conference

The World Missionary Conference at Madras, India, in December, 1938, was a great forward step by the Church Universal. Sixty-nine different countries and territories sent representative, a majority of them nationals from mission Churches, to plan for "the Upholding of the Younger Churches." The conference itself was a highly successful experiment in ecumenical Christian fellowship. It revealed the vital way in which the truth and life of Christ is taking root in Asia, Africa, and Latin America. Madras pleaded for an enlargement of missionary endeavor. The reports of the Madras Conference contain not only a program of ad-

vance for the younger Churches of mission lands but also much suggestive and stimulating material for older Churches in the sending countries. In our home Churches the coming year may well be marked by a large use of the story and findings of Madras.

VIII. THE WOMEN'S WORK

The committee records with gratitude the sacrificial giving of money and life through the Women's Societies in the past year.

The committee recommends the following objectives for the coming year for foreign missionary effort among the women of our Church:

Synodical and Presbyterial Societies should set goals and form their programs in the light of the results of their self-study of 1938, including an increase in membership, a study of stewardship expressed in accepting growing appointments, and the development of leadership through leadership training conferences. Recommendations of the National Meeting of the Women's Missionary Organization for 1939.

The committee recommends that representatives of the Synodical and Presbyterial Societies be invited to all with the foreign missions committees of Synods and Presbyteries.

The committee heartily endorses the following sections of the report of the Madras Conference on Women's Work.

"Christian women are urged to assume their full responsibility in the life of the Church and prepare adequately to meet it. The unity of the Church can never be fully realized until all members of the Church women as well as men—share more fully in its task.

"We believe in the power of united intercessory prayer and in the strength derived from a sense of unity. We therefore urge the women of our Church to join in the observance of the 'World Day of Prayer' on the first Friday of Lent."

The Committee recommends that new effort be made to interest the younger women of the Church in the cause of world missions in the light of the study of the recommendation of the National Meeting of the Women's Missionary organization at Buck Hill Falls and of the Madras Conference.

The committee commends the splendid leadership being given our Church by the women members and secretaries of the Board.

The committee heartily endorses the close cooperation with the women of the Board of National Missions and of the Board of Christian Education in the areas of work assigned in common to the three Boards by the General Assembly in the organized work for women of the Church.

IX. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee recommends:

1. That the Minutes of the Board for the year 1938-1939 be approved.
2. That the financial report and the policy of the Board be approved.
3. That the attention of all members of the Church be called anew to the Board's Plan of giving to the Board, in operation for 64 years. This plan provides for the donors an assured income and for the Board a sustaining gift.
4. That the Assembly strongly urge upon all pastors and churches the regular use of the "Year Book of Prayer for Missions" in services of public worship and private devotions.
5. That special offerings be taken for the Board of Foreign Missions in Sundry Schools on the Sunday nearest Christmas and on Easter.
6. That attention be called to Foreign Mission study books dealing this year with issues of the Madras Conference and that they be used in mid-week meetings, young people's groups, men's organizations, as well as in the women's societies.
7. That the Assembly confirm and ratify the election of Rev. Llewellyn K. Anderson, Ph.D., Rev. Willis C. Lamont, D.D., Rev. Henry Little, Jr., D.D., Rev. Lloyd S. Roland, D.D., Rev. W. Reginald Wheeler, D.D., and Rev. William N. Wysham, D.D., as secretaries of the Board.
8. That the committee recommend that a special appeal be made to the Presbyterian constituency for the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars for China hospital and emergency needs arising out of the present conflict. This fund is to give adequate support to our mission hospitals in their ministry to the suffering people. Any balance after the needs of the hospital have been met is to be used for other special projects arising out of the present situation.
9. In order to avoid confusion in connection with the recommendation proposed above, the committee points out that the emergency situation in China presents to our Presbyterian Church the following urgent needs:
First and foremost, the support of the regular budget of the Foreign Board which makes possible the service of the missionaries in China.

Second, the Hospital and Emergency Needs, arising out of the present conflict, which cannot be cared for within the regular budget for the China Missions. Gifts for this twenty-five thousand dollar fund may be credited to the contributing church, but the church should not divert to this object funds which would normally go to the support of the Board's regular budget.

Third, because of the continued vast need for relief in China, the committee recognizes the Church Committee for China Relief as the constituted agency through which the Presbyterian Church is cooperating with other denominations in this united appeal for China Relief. Further, the committee recommends that the officers of the General Assembly and the executive staff of the Foreign Board be authorized to cooperate fully with the Church Committee for China Relief in making this appeal effective in the Presbyterian Church. Such gifts received through offerings or special appeals should be sent directly to the Church Committee of the Foreign Board, should be designated "For China Relief." Such gifts cannot be given directly to the churches.

The committee notes that a communication has been received by the Stated Clerk from the Sino-Korean People's League in Washington, dated May 27, 1938, on the State Shinto question in Korea. Inasmuch as the General Assembly of 1938 dealt with the matter in the report of its Committee on Foreign Missions, the committee recommends that the communication be referred to the Stated Clerk for appropriate reply.

The committee recommends developing the benevolent giving to the place where living donors, both at home and abroad, shall very largely support the work on the Foreign Field. The committee recommends that the Board should conserve as far as possible unrestricted legacies to preserve the integrity of its organic financial structure. The committee recommends that the accumulated deficit be eliminated as soon as possible by the Church.

11. The committee notes the receiving of a communication by the Stated Clerk of the Assembly from Mr. Joseph J. Meade, Secretary, Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of Western Africa, Monrovia, Liberia, dated March 16, 1939, in which the question is raised of the Board reopening work in Liberia, the Presbytery offering to turn over to the Board its property and to cooperate fully with the Board in re-entering that country. The committee wishes to express appreciation for this letter and for the invitation and offer which it contains. The committee recalls the historic fact that the initial work of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America was begun in February, 1833, in Liberia, when John G. Pinnex, sent out by the Western Foreign Missionary Society, the predecessor of the Foreign Board, landed in Monrovia, and the committee remembers with profound gratitude and admiration the sacrifice and service of the early missionaries, many of whom laid down their lives in Liberia. But the committee also recalls that over a generation ago, because of the number of mission organizations in Liberia, the comparatively greater needs in other areas, and for additional reasons which seemed sufficient ground for the action, and were approved by the General Assembly, this action having been endorsed in subsequent years by the Assembly, the Board transferred its missionaries and its financial support to unoccupied areas in West Africa, south of Liberia, including eventually Spanish Guinea and Cameroun, and in those countries the Mission has been engaged in a most fruitful work. In view of these needs and commitments in Cameroun and Spanish Guinea, the committee does not believe it is possible to answer in the affirmative the invitation from Liberia. The committee recommends that the Board of Foreign Missions be instructed to send a letter to the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of Western Africa, expressing this view, and carrying the greetings of the Assembly.

12. That the following members of the Board as of the Class of 1936-1938 be elected to succeed themselves as of the Class of 1938-1942:
William J. Barnes, M. D.
Rev. C. Waldo Cherry, D.D.
Rev. Peter K. Emmons, B.B.
Rev. Charles R. Erdman, D.D., LL.D.
Mrs. John H. Finley
Mrs. William Van V. Dines
Rev. Paul F. Johnston, D.D.
Rev. Robert R. Littell, D.D.
Mrs. John Jay Hopkins
Mrs. Charles H. Corbett
Mrs. Charles K. Roys, LL.D.
W. P. Stevenson, LL.D.
Mr. Thomas E. Whitman

HOWARD MOODY MORGAN,
Chairman.

Copy for
Mr Rhodes

Taikyu, Chosen.
Nov. 17th. 1940.

Mrs. George Mahan,
649 W. 4th St.
Ontario, Calif.
U.S.A.

Dear Mrs. Mahan,-

Your sister, Miss. Edna Lawrence left Korea the end of last week. On Monday she sailed from Kobe on the Yawata Maru for Yokohama. On arrival at Yokohama she seems to have been removed from the ship, upon requisition of the Procurators office in Seoul, whence a telegram had been sent to the police in Yokohama, it seems, demanding her return to Seoul in connection with charges arising in connection with the trial of some Korean women over the violation of some political regulation.

Mr. Joel S. Goetzman, American Vice-Consul, Yokohama, secured her power of attorney so that he could seek the refund of her steamship fare and take charge of her three drafts, amounting to \$117.18.

Her three trunks were landed from the ship and re-checked to Seoul, Korea, on her rail road tickets. The checks were handed to the Procurator in Seoul and he gave them to a police official to get and bring to the Police-procurators office for search. Instructions were given the Procurator to have the trunks and unneeded baggage delivered to Mr. Jean F. Gense, Treas. of our Mission, at 136 Renchicho, Keijo, Chosen. (Seoul). in case the things were no longer required by the police.

The American Consul General, Mr. O. Gaylord Maran, has been in touch with your sisters difficulty since the matter was reported to him from the U.S.A. Legation in Tokyo, probably Wed. A.M. the 13th. Mr. Marsh has given much time to help as he could in the matter. He went personally to the Foreign Department, Seoul and asked for the highest and best treatment of your sister, consistent with the laws. Also he sent Vice-Consul, Edwards with me to the Procurators office on Friday the 15th. 2 P.M. to seek to have bail arranged before the arrival of your sister who came in on the 3.38 train, under police escort. But bail was not possible and it was stated that under favourable conditions bail might be considered after ten days. I was promised an interview at five.

At the Station several of us tried to meet Edna. Dr. Avison and Dr. McAnlis and Mr. Pieters, and Vice-Consul Edwards all saw them take her off the train and she acknowledged their greetings but no conversation was possible. I was down the platform too far to see her there.

At five o'clock, Friday, I was given half an hour with your sister in the procurator's office in the presence of the Procurator, Mr. G. Saito. He seems to be a very courteous gentleman and knows English so that we could talk with him freely and this also allowed Edna and me to converse more freely. She was well but weary of the excitement and strain. She showed no fear and was very cheerful in her questions and answers. Only one sentence sticks out clearly in mind,-" I do not like Communism and you say you do not like Communism, ~~so I am an~~ so I am sure that we will get along nicely in this matter". She told me about her feeling OK and her money and trunks at that time. I got your address from her there and asked for any message but all she asked was that we keep her trouble out of the News-papers. But I laughed and told ~~her~~ I presumed that it was all over America before she got back to Seoul. She evidently wanted no word sent till she could send it herself. While there I tried again to arrange bail but it was impossible. So I gave the name of Mr. Gense and told them that our Mission would guarantee Edna and put up whatever bail funds were demanded and that Mr. and Mrs. Gense were ready to invite her to their home and have her appear whenever needed for examination. This may be possible after a few days. I was sorry to have to shake hands and leave her there after about half an hour of comfortable conversation. I could not discuss the charges at all, nor anything connected with her arrest.

After that I went to Mr. Gense's at the Yunmotkol Compound and got Mr. Gense to go with me to the Provincial Police headquarters whither they were removing Edna. We took some bedding and a folding cot and a basket of dinner and sent them in to her but were not able to see her again. Miss. Marion Hartness. of 137 Rénchido, Keijo, has undertaken to prepare her meals and has secured a young man to take her food across the City to her thrice a day.

I am sorry that I did not ask her as to her clothing. She had her suitcases with her in the Procurator's office and I saw them searching them with your sister helping, but I am not sure that she had sufficient heavy woolens for a cold room. So yesterday I wired Mr. Gense, asking him to make sure that she had these things provided for her. They usually provide no fire for those detained there.

It is not clear just what may be helpful as to legal assistance. Presumably, a preliminary examination may take several days, possibly ten days. After that, in case they find cause for bringing definite charges against her, she will be definitely held for trial and when that would take place would be hard to tell. It may be better not to secure legal counsel too soon. The Procurator has wide discretion in all such cases and he may find that he can free her quite early. We surely hope so.

Of all ladies of our Mission your sister would be the last whom most of us would dream of taking part in any illegal activities. We are quite sure that the Procurator will early find that he has a wise and saintly guest in his care and that he will find it his privilege to give her all the shelter and help allowed within the law.

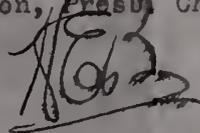
Of course we have not the slightest idea what has gone wrong to get your sister into this trouble. No one has the least idea that she has done anything intentionally wrong. She has dedicated her life to doing good to others, and her good works will show forth the more they investigate her conduct.

As our Mission Executive Com. was in session in Seoul at the time this occurred, it was my privilege to try to help your sister as I could. Now we have scattered and Mr. Gense is probably doing much more for her than anyone from outside could do. He has your address and will no doubt keep you informed as to the progress of the case. As he has sent a cable already, we presume that you are already informed of the difficulty. We all trust and pray for an early release and a speedy return to America, whither she was proceeding when this trouble developed.

Yours sincerely,

Herbert E. Blair,

Chairman, Executive Com. Chosen
Mission, Presb. Ch. in U.S.A.



Taikyu Chosen.
Dec. 30th. '40.

Rev. H.A. Rhodes D.D.
38 Alexander St. Princeton N.J. U.S.A.

Dear Heidie,-

Thanks for your good letter of Nov. 29th. Rejoice in all the quiet comforts of dear old Princeton while you may. But don't get stuck so tight there that we will never see you out here again. We are going to need you as never before. Come back as soon as you can. Not much you can do but stand and endure but that is just what is needed now.

Everywhere the Koreans are saying that the Shrine issue is all over now and that the next thing is the new Totalitarian, foreign exclusion program. Distressingly disappointing to see men participate in a ceremony of that kind one day and have them ^{> secretly} denounce the whole thing the next day. Of course they know that ^{secretly} they will have to cool their feet by the side of some of their friends if they refuse to attend the regular meetings where these new programs are staged. Hooper will have copies of the Declarations. Better get him to send copies to those most concerned.

Lillian Ross is declining to evacuate Kangkei. Daisy Hendrix is going up to join her. That is the spirit.

They report that they had 17 at their Christmas Dinner at P.Y. E.H. reports a grand round of Christmas festivities in Seoul. At Chung-ju they had several out of Station guests. Here in Taikyū we entertained Chair-yung and Andong Stations, and are going right on with a fine series of Bible Study meetings with John Crothers leading. So we are in the midst of things to-day. Mr. Voelkel is the afternoon preacher.

But these gatherings remind us the more of the vacant Stations over the country. Something terrible has happened. It just about did some of us up to stand there in Chemulpo and watch the two hundred go out to their ship lying far out in the harbor. Will the most of them ever come back? It seems to me that the battle has only begun and that the more we have here the stronger will our power be to hold the high positions gained by the fifty six years of devoted toil.

Of course the churches are all going right along with their programs. New Executive machinery has been erected to rule the Presbyterian Church after the minds of those who want immediate obedience in the mobilization of all life to try to save the day. The fever is too high for us to try to do much yet. But our presence is a vital element in the picture.

The Board's Letter 839 on "The Chosen Question" as they call it has just come this last week, - Christmas week. We have not had time to digest it yet. Your article in the Presbyterian seems to give it all the credit it deserves. It does not sound too hopeful as I have read it. Why so much white wash? why the threat to secure more power for the Board when that could but mean the cutting down of field autonomy? Why all the demand for thought control and the

denial to us of the right to write even to the members of the Board even where a large Mission has no other recourse to protest against what is believed to be unchristian mal-administration? Why all this continued condemnation of Mission complaints when the issue before us is as to how Christian Missions are to face resurgent paganism when the Board inconsistently slurs the issue and protects wrong doing of its workers? If you want my reaction you have it. Better than this report is the concrete demonstration of purpose in the Hendersan case and the recent action looking to the closing of the Seoul Girls School, in case the present plan is not accepted by the Government before Jan. 1st. Also there is a rumor that pressure is being used to carry out the Missions policy in reference to C.C.C. But this is not sure yet. These things are good. Hendy has said that he has presented his resignations. I am not able to say what that involves or promises. He still seems to be on the job over there daily. It would be a shame to have him slip out of his problem there lightly on the present wave of anti-foreign nationalism in such a way as to eliminate the proper witness to Christian conviction which should be made in his withdrawal from our school.

In reference to the Board Letter 839, we should take some action I presume, as a Mission. We have delegated this matter to your group of three and are happy that you have gained the central re-affirmation of the Board's stand from which the Foreign Council I presume has been long leading them away by various inconsistencies. Our spontaneous reactions here may be quite belligerent but we do not want war. We know that contention harms the work here more than it straightens out the thinking of certain Board Secretaries. Confident as we may be that no such one sided Report would have been written by a group of neutral Commissioners had that been called for, still we have gained much for the right cause of the Gospel and may presume that step by step the issues will be met in a better frame than during the past two years. But it is evident that vigilance will be called for still. What action do you suggest that we take at our Spring Excom. Meeting? Please let me know at once your suggestion as to this. We do not want to take any action which will undermine what you have accomplished.

Our situation is not clearing up but rather growing more tense. Ofcourse we have nothing to do with political developments but we cannot but see what is doing and we know that we will be caught in whatever difficulties arise. This being so, I contemplate the withdrawal of most of our remaining group gradually? Also I see no call for the hasty return of others than those who can stand the gaff and are needed to stand by and be prepared to go down with the ship. There seems to be no qualification in the opposition movement now. In Japan things may be more hopeful. Here we may look for the worst. Christian leaders who act as tools are in the saddle absolutely and no one dares peep. We are boarding up the windows and doors of such buildings as are not occupied.

But this does not mean that we do not need more of you to return. P.Y. and Seoul are being terribly depleted. Roberts and Will are needed, you and Coen are needed, just as soon as your furlo rest is over. We are glad Chamness is planning to return. Arch Cambell and Allan Clark and Geo Adams should be gotten to return as soon as possible. What about the possibility of the return of Soltau? Wont we be needing him? There is no telling how easy or how hard things may go but the more of us the safer for all who remain and the better the witness and influence for perpetuation of the true Gospel standards.

Happy New Year to all of you. Don't publish this. Send copies to Will and Coen. Love to Weedie.

J. Coen

Takyo 2/8/38

Dear Heedie,

Sorry I could not stop our train to have a talk on the way back from old Kangkei, Susy may have told you all I could have said. I am hoping she may secure help from investigations at Severance.

Our "privately conducted" trip lost its "zeal" north of P.Y. - also it did not start up again till I got back in Seoul. Evidently the G.K. people were trying out some experiment to see how complete a report of my movements they could obtain. A remark made to a local secretarial worker here by one of the police would indicate that that was all that was in it. I have not even mentioned it to any of them and they have all let me alone since my return so I guess I'm not a No. one National enemy after all!

It is too bad one cannot go to Kangkei when both or all families are at home and on the job. Twelve years ago. Dr. Byrom was the lone man in the station back in Seoul & Arch in U.S.A. This time the station seemed still more empty even though Arch is big enough to fill a station all by himself. I am ready to take off my hat to Arch Campbell. He is a big man and is doing a fine work. Evidently Duke Bond is a splendid yake mate.

The real impression of importance I seem to

Have gotten from the visit there is the fact that the Byroms going seems to have been a great relief. No one says so but that is the apparent situation. Both Dr & Mrs B are spoken of very highly but the personality equation seems to have been rather trying.

Kimi Ngum resigned from the First Church during journey. Largely because of friction in the session because of some teachers, session members and deacons, over the school situation. He had evidently served his term and his going was timely in other respects but it rather gives a victory in favor of shriners for he was faithful along with Arch & Pyeng Sookie.

I got in touch with the "Independents" thro young elder Yea. He took me to call on Old Bullet Head's sister in the old "Ong-Sung-Chip." Their younger sister was out and out for reunion. She said her elder sister had done entirely wrong and she was eager to return. She urged Yea to get things going & accomplish the reunion. Later I called on her alone and she was just the same with me alone. But said I would have to write "Yea" over. "Yea" was in the 9th year class at our B.I. - so I saw him daily. A fine fellow! He told me the second conference I had with him at Arch's

home alone that he was ready to reunite
but that "Pyeon" Changno of his group was not
willing - because of the property involved. Old
Bullet Head left them 30 말 각이 of paddy fields
just outside the East gate - enough to pay a pastor
salary. This seems to be held in local title. The
Church Bldg is in the name of one "Yu" in the Seoul
Congregational Church. There are only three Congregational
Churches of this group in Korea he says, "회중의 독립"
The old "One Spring Chij" is also said to belong to the
group but who holds the title I did not hear. So
Yea said he would have to work quietly till he
got all united then he would be ready to act.
I advised him strongly against trying to rejoin
the old First Church as such because of the
Constitutional difficulties involved. I told him to
take it up informally with the local missionaries &
pastors when he got ready and then through the
Seebol - ask the Presbytery to enroll them as
a separate Church - organized just as they are
after full investigation as to membership - officers -
property etc. Presbytery has full right to establish
Churches. They would avoid all questions as
to excommunication before session - election of elders etc
I also advised him to begin appealing to the Seoul
group for release from their Congregational group
because of the spiritual needs of the Kongso group

If the idea gets started that Presbyterians are trying to steal a Church it will arouse antagonism. But if they appeal for freedom in the interests of their own spiritual life, they may get full permission - with property and Good Bless you Combined. And that is really the only reason why they should try to return.

As I sit at my desk the West is full of deep blue snow clouds - with one big opening to the left of the Adams house through which a glorious burst of golden red light from the setting sun is making a beautiful display. So the dark clouds still have glorious promise behind them.

As to the School, Arch has in mind some agricultural training classes & efforts in connection with the B.D. - It sounds fairly satisfactory to me. He will have to get Station action and mission approval before you can force any very strong appeal for the use of the building on that ground. That will come in June. In the mean time it seems to me that you and Mr Senoo can do most good by occasional protest on grounds of ownership and request early release of buildings because of their illegal appropriation of the school plant. There seems to be no serious injury to the Christian witness through their illegal occupancy, but rather does it seem that the

whole community including officials recognize that at least Arch has been given a shabby deal. after all he has done for Hong sei. The school officials now running things have ordered the students to stop and salute Arch on the streets just as though he were still principal - So we don't need to over press things there just yet, while other problems seem so much more pressing.

I enjoyed the B.I. work immensely. The cold -- 28° , 25° , 20° , 18° , 15° - daily was quite a pleasant experience and did me no harm - I wish I climbed mountains to try to see Arch shoot a deer. The last time he had a real chance - 150 ft away, clear field - gently loping - only dark - but Arch's fingers were frozen cold - and his wet underclothing was putting him in a chill and worst of luck he missed it! It was glorious seeing him miss the beautiful creature! We saw four of them in all their beauty sweep across a great white mountain side. $\frac{1}{4}$ mile over a valley - Arch wanted to get nearer before shooting so climbed after them after they entered the timber. I stood far on down watching him climb - Snow $\frac{1}{2}$ feet deep - cold on blazes - but I was dressed for it and enjoyed it. Love to Uncle 

Tamboram Madras
India. 12/19

Dear Heide

Yours of Oct 25th has reached me here
on Dec 18th forwarded in Russys letter
from N.Y. - the three Korea missionaries are
here officiously as co-opted members of the
Conference by official invitation of the Ex Com
of the International Missionary Council. For we
do not represent the Korea N.C.C. nor the Japanese
N.C.C. - We are here at the invitation of the
I.M. Council itself.

Every thing has opened up for me quite
favourably. I was put on the Church
Finance Comm. and also the Church & State
Comm. with Dr. Scott in the latter. I think
the Conference will make favourable pronouncement
as to sup-support, on general Korea program,
and as to stewardship; - yet one can not
tell what the editorial Board will do with
our Comm. findings.

I am getting more invitations to give
talks on Korean Church finance than I can
fill. Have agreed to go to Cooradin in Central India
also three centers in the Punjab, and thence via
Iraq to the Syria Churches for two
weeks for Dr. Dodds. - thence onward
to India for a week with Sue & Vic -
Love to all. - H.C.B.





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Rev H. A. Rhodes Esq,
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Keijo (Seone)

~~Chosen~~ (Korea)

Japan,

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The sunset over
"Lucy" and the
Egyptian desert & the
deserts tonight
was most beautiful
than I ever before
at evening - take



P & O VICEROY OF INDIA

" Red Sea "

11/28/38

Dear Heidee & Weede,

Susan forwarded their printed copy
of the letter from Laddie & Helen. So you are
"Grandpa" to little John. What a joy! May
he help in the recreation of a greater Christian
China, along with Helen & Laddie. As I
wrote Willie about his share in Manchuria, so
we are getting a share in Africa, and you are
doubling your share in China. - And Willie
Paul link you to India, - that would be quite
wonderful. The more I read of India the
more wonderful India seems.

In a few days now we will be in
Bombay. It seems quite strange that
this privilege has been granted me. It
took a cablegram from Van Dusen in Peking
and a check from a Methodist Bishop in
Denver to fix things up - but here I am
- Credentials and expenses all provided and

more. A good friend hearing of my trip added \$200.00 above expenses so I could see India. - There are some nice people in the world. Also I am very happy over a fairly good promise of funds for pushing our World Stewardship program in various national churches - similar to the way we have promoted it in Korea.

But my wonder grows that Mr. Merle Davis is clearly showing in his reports that he realizes that Bible Study leads to Christian conviction and life; that giving is normal for Bible loving & believing Christians in all lands; that Stewardship is not only Biblical and God inspired but also very practical as a plan for Christian conduct; that systematic giving as is being cultivated in USA & Korea is the proper discipline for all Christians - that self support lies ahead along Stewardship systematic giving lines - And this is our Korea program. Clearly Mr. Davis



P & O VICEROY OF INDIA

got an eye full when he was in Korea for which I am very thankful. In his reports he is sparing in his praise of "Nevius" and sparing of words as to Korea - but in his conclusions and recommendations - he advocates the very principles Korea has fought for, and if those principles are accepted they will bring blessing wherever used. Just what we may get out of Madras I am not sure, but already the printed reports & papers have put Korean Church life & financial leadership in the center of the Madras program. So I am glad I am going to keep clear any definite plans we may be able to develop at Madras.

We had a wonderful day in
Jordan, Nov 18th - Sue & Vic & I
Just we did the Bible House and
got Hugh & Melita over the phone from
there. He was at the _____
where the World Dominion Press is.
Then we did Westminster Abbey, then
Whitehall & the changing of the Guards -
then St Pauls - but best of all were the
two wonderful evenings about their fine
place at Kingsstone College, - these
will always be precious memories. The
beauty of the love of Christ is such a
wonderful thing in the lives of young people
eager to be at their tasks, - And, Oh!
what a field, - of dread disease, drought,
of turk, backward negroes, debased -
Portuguese exploiters, and only less backward
Roman Portuguese Catholics preying - opposing all
they can do - And still their work is
prospering there. I think it would just
about require a Free Methodist group to
penetrate that jungle! - How they stood above
dread Kingsstone, gone in Westminster and how their
hearts burned to help heal that open sore of Africa as
Kingsstone Island. - Mrs. X. Mrs. X. Mrs. X. Mrs. X. Mrs. X.

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Taiku, Chosen, May 21/1914

Dear Rhodes.

It is amazing the number of times a day some familiar scene of dear old Kangju flashes involuntarily before my mind. My experiences there were so life involving and the scenes so burned into my memory that I presume all the rest of my days will be spent in a gradual decline from the mountain top days of the opening of Kangju. Perhaps it is the sensation of standing on the ridge back of 양강 looking down upon the Gole & the Torgvai, the old house of 리타리, Chumai beyond the river - the 주요 Rock on the hill at the junction of the rivers Agami - it is a scene in my study, pleading with 김문홍 to come back into line. - I find myself looking down into the faces of the Kangju audience, - or sitting figuring out accounts with 이사. My heart aches at times with the mere memory of the awful strain it was upon me at times, and then by a queer inconsistency of emotions I find the heart ache is become - it is now all so far away - Heart suffering for the Lord yield the

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sweetest of memories and faces, - and longings
to live with you again, only, better. But out of
all these years there is nothing that comes to me
with greater joy of remembrance than the fact
of the personal fellowship we had with you and
Mrs. Rhodes. And when I realize some of the
worst heart burdens you two have had to bear
we did not have power to share with you, then
I can hardly restrain the longing to be with you
again, - so we could go on in the battle together to
the end. Sympathy makes one feel that he would
rather suffer himself than know that one he
loves has to suffer almost alone.

I am so glad I was able to visit "Uncle"
mother and be in the old home there in Linnville
while the dear mother was living. The big maples
beautifully surrounded the large frame house on
the N.W. corner of the little back street. As Mr.
Brown and I approached I saw a mother
eagerly glancing out to see some one who had
seen her daughter. Then she retreated and was

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almost backward as it really dawned upon her that, young as I looked, I really was the Mr. Blair she had dreamed of as an old, long bearded missionary, old enough to be father of a mission station. But it did not take long for the distance between her dreams & her new realization to vanish and we plunged into a glorious visit. At Glouce City I visited largely with Mother Rhodes alone. In Lewisville Mr Brown spent as much time with Mother Brown & me as possible. Maudie young and handsome sister come in often with the baby and we talked you people up and down round and round. Mrs Brown sat always in her chair before the sitting room window, - the Eastern of the two south front sitting room windows. Her chair faced the little magazine stand that stood between the two windows - a stool was at her feet and her Bible always on the table in front of her. A comfortable, helpful looking lady friend was housekeeper & cook - and though there were evidences of past suffering & pain

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she seemed perfectly comfortable while I was there. I am sure of one thing, - no sick patient ever had a kinder hearted and more thoughtful helper in her need than did Mrs Brown in her husband's. Weedic's father won my heart even more than the good mother, - but Mrs Brown was not herself, as I was unable to realize fully at the time. I can hardly imagine how lonesome Mr Brown must be. We went out to the cemetery and he pointed out the graves of his friends. We discussed the stones and epitaphs. There are two or three very amusing verses on some of the old stones. At last under some beautiful trees he halted me before the little Brown plot. He was wondering how long till he might be there. But that team of beautiful Black Horses was destined to carry his dear companion there first. I presume Mr Brown has placed a stone there more beautiful than any other. I wish he could come to Korea for a visit this summer, - he will need a change

Larai Beach
~~Taiku, Chosen,~~ Aug 31/15

Dear Rhodes

We have been in Larai three weeks now
It is high time I was obeying your
suggestion concerning a letter from Larai
I presume you are in the busy office
meeting season now. It seems like a crime
to be away from ones work so long as we
have been shoddy - what it will tell like by
the time summer is over I cannot quite
bear to let myself imagine.

Our impressions of Larai are many and
varied. There is a jolly good crowd here of
all colors & descriptions, all told 82 they
say - I counted 60 in the water at one time
last week. The social contact is sufficient
varied. Underwoods, Cobles, Owens, All of Tarkenton but Adams & Tim
Larkin, Some, Halsey, Phillips, Tomkins, Mills, Harno, Reynolds
Weller, Choffin, Clark (Ca) Appenzeller, Lewis, Nichols, Bear, Pease,
Edward Brown, Van Wagner, Page, Fanning miss Mrs. friend, - the Hens
are here too. - Bronnlee (M.S. girl) - more are coming - 8 new buildings
to go - 18 in all now - So Larai is an excellent summer colony.

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Taiku, Chosen,

Aug 31

Bathing is fine most of the time. Weather is very cool. I slept with sheet & blanket over me last night. We had a delightful trip here as others coming on later boats did not. There is too much fog - mist & rain for real pleasure about half the time - but this is winter season and next month may be better. The beauty of the place is largely in the eye of the peer. - all depending upon what you call beautiful, I have seen many more attractive spots even in Korea - according to my notion - Kangheli is infinitely more beautiful. But that is a mountain city & this a rugged promontory along the sea. Sunsets, & water and cool fresh breezes and change of occupation & rest are here in abundance.

Aug 3- We have been having three of the most perfect days I ever enjoyed anywhere. The sea is wonderfully blue and beautiful. Moonlight on the water and the cool breezes are beyond description. Most days we played several innings at base ball - on the beach with an "indoors" baseball. Then the Kodis had a two inning game. - Then all went for a plunge in

the warm rolling waves. Mary is wild over the sea bathing. We can hardly keep up with her - she will go clear out of our sight if we don't watch - jumping easily and without fear the great waves that would run a foot over her head. Sometimes they bowl her over but she is up again and ready for the next one. The day was rounded out by a social at Underwoods in their big porch. Music and recitations and crayon pictures of Sorai Parachutes were on the program - and Refreshments were served. Wish you could have been there. Today again is ideal. If it keeps this up I will become a rowing Sorai boater. Our opinions of Sorai change with the weather - at least at first.

We have a nice little cottage here built for us by Dr Swallen last summer. It is a seven Kon tile roof Korean house, 8 x 8 ft 7 in. It is too small for our large family - but good enough for camp life. I built a three story bunk for the elder children. Mary & little Mary don't use the same B.R. and I sleep in living room.



mission gossip centers about G. J. McCune
 and the Japanese reward for his removal
 from Yenchow. This case may complicate things for
 now, - If the mission decides to move here
 it may not be willing to consider a charge for
 you or it may think of you as his substitute.
 I am surprised to find that at the meeting
 where it was decided to ask Remer to go
 to K.K. that it was on the understanding and
 with the concurrence of Whittemore and Adams
 that you ^{were} to go to Taiwan as Remer's substitute.
 New Adams has practically consented to go into
 the Academy in Taiwan himself - since that
 time. So if you take his place in Evangelistic
 work in Taiwan it will perfectly fit all
 my desires. - N.Y. says they would rather
 close College than lose Hoesefer. I am glad
 Taiwan gets a new woman Evangelistic worker as it
 will stop talk of Miss Jew being sent & substitute
 for Miss Mills. Now the less I do not see how I
 can vote for Miss Jew to go to live in K.K. alone. If
 the crew go to S.C. and with Miss Samuel or Miss
 Helstrom go to K.K. I could more easily vote for it. - on
 understanding that Miss Jew might spend some years in K.K. later

Swarthmore Pa.

6-12-'39

Rev. H. A. Rhodes D.D.,
Sioux, Chosen

Dear Heidee,

I am presuming you have received the short letter and the printed copy of the Standing Comm. on J.M. ^{Report} sent to you, directly and also indirectly from Cleveland. As to the outcome at Cleveland, I presume you have had letters also from Jordan & Stan, - possibly others giving reactions.

Definite rumors had come that effort was being made to get the Assembly to retract the 1938 Resolution or alter it. I at once did my best to encourage G. & S. to be on hand at Cleveland and they were both there when needed. They, Scott, Hooper, Koons and I co-laborated in drafting the section on Chosen. Jordan and Stan did most of the work. Dr. Scott had said some rather critical things of the way the 1938 Resolution was "forced" upon the Assembly over the heads of the Board members present. As he himself sat in on the drafting of their ^{1939 J.M.} report as finally approved, in which the 1938 Resolution is used twice as the basis for authority in reference

the Assembly's position, I hope he has changed a little & will forget how bad it was & how Korea missionaries secure the passage of the 1938 Resolution, So I think we got re-enforced backing of this year's Assembly for the 1938 "Withdrawal" Resolution, plus a clear evidence that McScott and others, think they are being consistently faithful to the basic principle of withdrawing.

They say we wd over that they have not changed but that in the disposition of property they were not bound and that the Mission's interpretation of Dr McAfee's 1936 letter, prohibiting transfer to Christian bodies is an excessive, unjustified, interpretation. The trouble is double. They have no stomach for the Mission's firm stand and unyielding logic and scruples. In the first place and in the second place they deny that they were violating the Mission, Board and Assembly's approved policy, in that they suggested the alternative, that if proper people to whom to transfer could not be found, that then, you should proceed to close up. They cannot see that their letter or mandate, though couched in the form of an alternative, was in reality merely a reversal of the 1938 policy approved by the Assembly. The second clause had no validity.

as long as the first clause was valid, and the first clause was a clear reversal of the approved policy, announced even by Dr. Stevenson to the Seoul Officers, that transfer was forbidden by the W.P. Board. I grow convinced that certain Board Secretaries have followed their own inclinations and have done a lot of fuzzy thinking as to the meaning of their own acts. And they are not so bappy that our Mission has stood pat and refused to be cowed. Nor can they see how unfair they have been to the Mission.

As soon as it became clear at Cleveland that something had "presented" any attempt to change the "1938 Resolution", we went into a huddle, before Dr. Hooper, with Wodehouse also present, and on the basis of mutual dictations that none of us planned to start anything on the floor of the Assembly, we all got on better terms and could breathe more easily. We had never dreamed of starting anything but were simply building self defence in case anybody else tried to force a revision of the approved policy.

Then we called for a conference at "156" for June 7th. Gordon, Mr. Reiner, Mrs. Shields and I were there. I had proposed the conference hoping we might work out some method of procedure that would lead to less friction and more mutual helpfulness between the Board

And the Mission, ^{we agreed that none of us was planning to start anything at G.A.}
Just after ^{this} your cable arrived. This cable
seems to have poured salt on the wounded feelings.
It was evidently regarded by Dr. Hooper as insub-
ordination, illegal and damaging to all concerned.
I at once said that if no one attempted to break
down the approved policy, that there would be no
cause for fear over that cable. Dr. Hooper & Dr. Leber
both seemed to feel that even if I did stick
your cable in my pocket that your action in
sending such a cable was an act of insubordination.
I told them immediately that the cable had come.
Then I told them I would have to consult Gordon
and Stou as instructed in the cable. So we left
them on uneasy street for some time. Dr. Leber
still quizzes me as to how you knew G & I were
to beat Cleveland, and also as to whether we
here had requested you to send the cable. I have
denied that you knew for sure they would be present
except by guess or presumption, and I denied all
knowledge of any request from us to you to send such
a cable.

I immediately told Dr. Hooper that Leber
Dr. Leber were mis-understanding the cable &
mis-judging you. I argued that you and
John Crothers (if no one else) on the Ex. Com. were
well up on Church law and that "the Ex. Com."
knew that Gordon & Stou & I were all rather well

versed on proper procedure and that therefore they
had better interpret your cable as authorization for
us to act for self-defence for the Mission and
to secure more positive backing in the process, but
that it was not an appeal against the Board &
the Gen. Assn. for you had definitely written us
and the Board both that you were not appealing
to the Assembly. But they even yet can't get it out
of their heads that you were ^{not} instructing us to
appeal, - institute an appeal to the Assembly without
giving them a chance to defend themselves and
therefore illegally and unjustly. My answer from
the first to them on that was that they should not
worry, for we were not so unversed in Church
law that we would start any process that is
illegal and without due Council by qualified
ecclesiastical advisers, that you did not mean
for us to rush upon the floor of the Assembly with
some appeal that would be thrown out by the
Assembly immediately because out of order.
but that what we were ready now to do on the
basis of your cable was to act with full
authority as given by your cable, to go the limit
for the defence of the Mission, Board, & Assembly,
policy as approved in 1838 Assembly, if any body
tried to start anything. My claim before &

Hooper & Dr Liber has been that, just as you had written Dr Hooper last summer that I was not "authorized to act for the Mission nor was I to speak out of turn," for the Ex Comm. so now the Ex Comm. was authorizing me by cable, after consulting Gordon & Ston to go the limit to secure more positive backing from the Board in case the Assembly re-opened the question through action of the opposition. Perhaps I have not correctly interpreted your cable. —

When we got to N.Y. June 7th for the Conference with the Foreign Council, heat registered pretty high, Dr Hooper spent nearly an hour telling us how bad the Chosen Mission had been all these years. He re-hashed all the old College trouble with Dr Brown in the right and the Mission at fault. When both Keener and I told him that we had rather? favored Dr Brown's position it made no difference. He had to get it off his chest. That Mrs Shields had belonged to the minority in 1915-22 - he did not realize. Don Gordon was the visible mark; I think, and he calmly took it, knowing that all he was saying had no bearing upon the present case. "Oh yes it did have bearing." It illustrated the irregularities and disrespect of the Mission for the proper rules of the game etc. That we had the

4/ "Bad habit of running rathlessly over the proprieties and the rights of the Board." I heard, "not playing the game" so many times, that I was tempted to hit back, so was Jordan but we saw it was useless to try to argue. Jordan did protest two or three baseless assertions but we were weary and let things go. Mr. Reiner put it quite correctly. He said he was pretty disappointed. He had come to discuss some helpful measure for the future but all he had heard was condemnation of the Mission; that all he had heard was the story of how bad boys we had been. I hope that it has done Dr. Hoyer and Leber good to get all that off their chests. I am sure Jordan will not break before their storm and I am not worried because.

- ① This Gen. Assay. twice reaffirmed the 1938 Resolution
- ② Your & Comm. "sit down" strike cannot be ignored by the Board. They cannot accept minority guidance ^{upon the grounds that minority are in a box to discriminate between officers.}
- ③ If they try to push any official reprimand or punishment because of our supposed misconduct, - we have ample defense materials to make them pretty sick if they start anything more than talk - we might get sore and start some blowing up ourselves.

This is to give you a little fuller psychological background. - There is nothing to do but sit pat, prog. to right one step at a time and trust God for results.

The C.C.C. Board group has been meeting here at Swanton - I understand that they plan a delegation to Washington to see the island empire. Darby & "Car" Taylor are here and on the job, so is W.M. Clark - he is much better. I see Geo. Paik has blown in. He looks fine.

I think the mission will have less trouble the more the mission demands the right to handle field problems - not by any process of argument but by settling things there on the field to the limit of the Manual provisions. It is not safe to let serious problems be turned over to green administrators here ^{thousands of miles away} who do not know the things at issue. Also it will be well to limit talk till we get into a better frame of mind. Dr Hooper goes out now. Who will run the Chosen correspondence I do not know. - It may be they will decide that in N.Y. today. - at the Board's Annual Meeting, I would have gone up ^{to the 3rd meeting} had Hooper invited me as did several others but we have been rather disagreeable to each other of late and I do not want to distress him any more. Any way I think we have him where he is harmless. I do not think he will care to start anything. I have seen Edman, Mackay, Herrick & Dr. Faucher and had quite favorable reactions. Also Dr. Downs sees things straight. We were on the same train two buses Friday. So we have friends. I hope Dr. Stevenson is well and in N.Y. today. Prayers best after all. ^{Cherry at 10}

Apartado # 4
Guatemala City, C. A.
July 31, 1947

Dear Dr. and Mrs. Rhodes:

The only way I will ever get a letter to you both is do it this way. I hope you do not object to carbon copies. I have had this on my mind for months, it seems to me.

We have had no word from Pasadena for so long that we don't know what the score is. Shirley is so wrapped up in her Gerry that she doesn't tell us what is happening in other quarters. Phyllis is at work this summer in Whittier; so we don't hear much from her either. As for Florence, I don't really know who owes whom a letter. I probably am the guilty one. Anyway, I often remember that just about a year ago we all were under the same roof--strange as it seems now that we are more or less scattered to the four corners.

The day my old college annual came from Korea was something to be remembered. Not until yesterday could I even remotely imagine where it was found. But from the Korea Klipper I see that lots of books were found in the Pieters attic. So I suppose that was the place. After having given everything up for lost and never expecting to see any of our things again, it was like someone from the dead. The precious Korea dust on its covers was left there. I didn't have the heart to wipe it off.

I notice too that there is a Korean desk in the attic. I suppose it could just as well be mine as anybody's else. It seems that Mrs. Genso is asking for any mark of identification. Wallace gave me mine for a wedding present, and I do hope this turns out to be it. Though I am not sure what I could do about it if it is mine. Having it sent here is out of the question, I fear. Of course, I am crossing the bridge long before I get to it. Anyhow, the only thing that I can think of is a crack all down the door which is on the right as you look at it. I left lots of letters and stuff in mine and I have the key. I wonder if Dr. Rhodes would speak to Mrs. Genso about it. I wish I were there; I bet I could find several things that mean something to me; but have no value otherwise.

A good bit of the time we think that we are in Guatemala to stay; but when letters come from Korea, we weaken. And I mean weaken. Just after we came back last fall the first letters came; while we were at Annual meeting, to be exact. Wallace had just told the Mission that we were going to ask for a permanent transfer; but those letters headed us off. Still, we feel that Guatemala needs us more than Korea does. You have no idea how much there is to do here. And we seem to get along so slowly; not we personally, but the Cause. While Wallace speaks Korean well, I do not; but I do get along with Spanish. I feel that there is a place here for me; but I am not sure there is in Korea. I couldn't do much. So I feel that my wanting to go back is mostly selfish. Anyway, in the final analysis, we shall leave it to Coughlin, and shall follow His leading. By the time we go on another trip, there won't be many years left for us on the active list. Also, we are just on the eve of starting something here that we feel is a great need; it would be sort of bad to start it and go off and leave it. So we don't know.

I don't type well; but I can do better than this looks; this typewriter is too old. We hear that there is new one for us at the Board;

getting it from there to here is the big problem. A bunch of folks came down from New York just lately; I wish somebody had been on the ball and sent it with them. Wallace is of the opinion that the typewriter maybe wasn't even there when they left. But I'll bet it was. We shall probably have to wait until Christmas, when a group of the Board's Seminar comes down.

Every once in a while we wonder if Dr. Rhodes ever got his birthday present we sent him last year.

I have an English class at our boys' school coming up now in a few minutes. It nearly finishes me; the kids are so irresponsible and lacking in just plain ordinary honesty. It is not ground into them from the beginning. The school does all it can to correct this lack; but you know how it is: give me a child until he is 7 or 8 and you can have him.

Our youngsters are getting along. Albert has not been well for sometime. He has had a round of worm medicine and still is not well. Lola Beth continues her own unique self. Before many months have passed we are to be moving out to our Mission Farm; that means that I shall have to teach Lola Beth. She looks forward to it; and I do too. The only thing is that she will not have her companions every day.

Mrs. Rhodes, I do want to hear from you. It seems such a long time since we left you standing outside the House of Rest. And Dr. Rhodes, we want to hear from you--tell us all about Korea--everything.

With a lot of happy memories,

Hermie

31 January 1932

Dear Dr. Rhodes,

I have been intending to write you ever since I read your article on Gutzlaff in the November number of the FIELD. Thanks so much for it. All these footprints of the past become more and more valuable as time passes. So much is lost at best, that we should guard and put on record every item possible. Last year I picked up the THREE VOYAGES in which he gives an account of his visit to Korea that you mention. I see from Dr. Horace's Catalogue that you have a copy of it in the Landis Library. These things that happened a hundred years ago all had to do with preparing a way for us who came after. Many thanks for your investigating mind that keeps constantly on the alert for facts and data that are of interest. The difference between us and the savage is that we know what has gone before and he doesn't, poor chap.

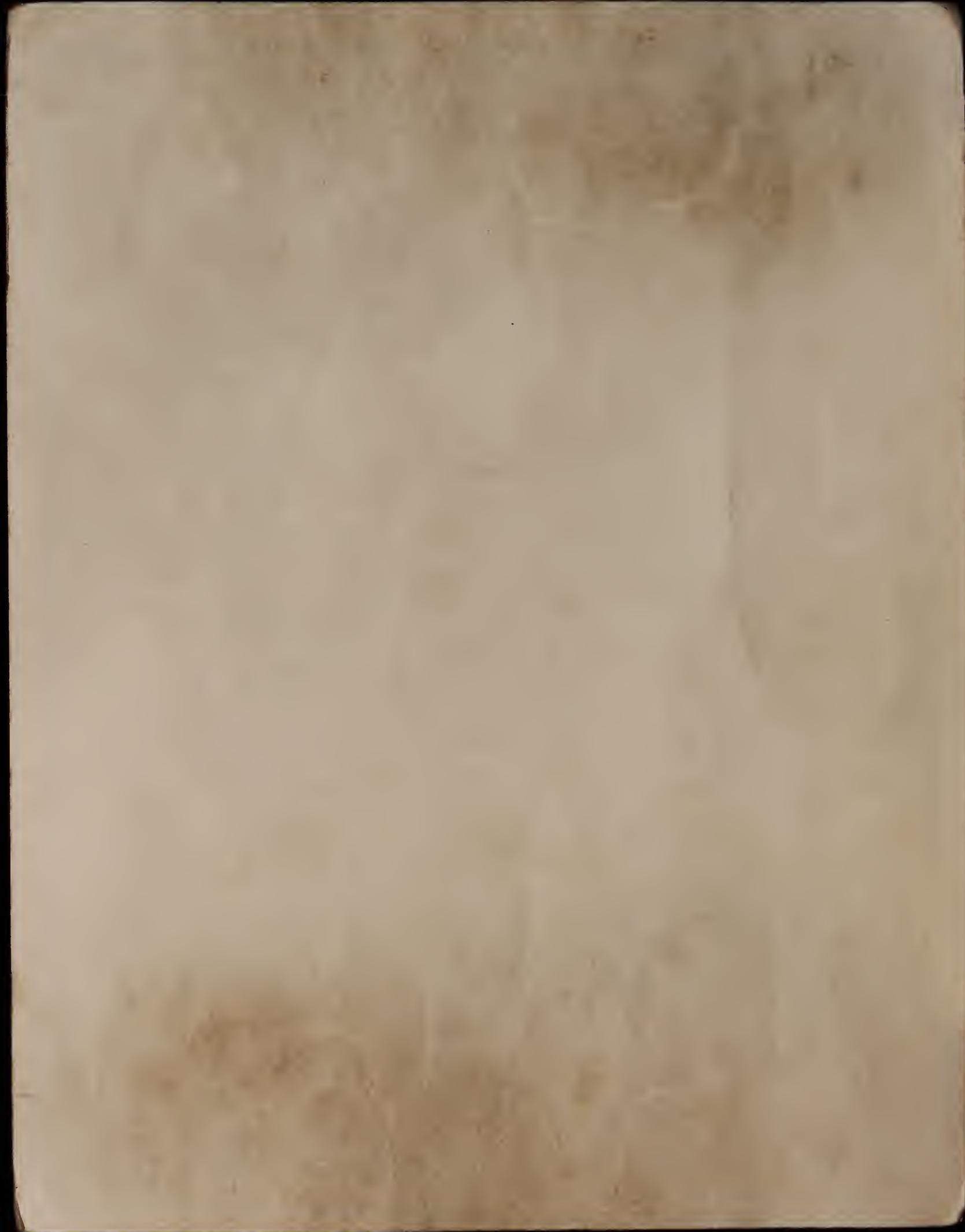
The YEAR BOOK of PRAYER has just come to hand and I have it at my elbow. I am so glad that the list still holds on so much of it unbroken. On page 35 however, where I read Rev. William M. Baird and all his many duties, now stands a blank. His memory is a very sweet one, modest, true and faithful, what can beat it? I have a list of letters nine of them I run off as the verse records: l.j.p; l.g.g; f.m.t, and I know of no one who lived them out more truly than Dr. Baird. I am glad I knew him and that he was a friend of mine.

Your troubled days grow apace in Asia. Where will this Manchurian dispute land the world next. We have just been hearing of the attack on Shanghai and the dreadful havoc done. The Commercial Press, the great printing house for the whole country, has been destroyed along with a great loss of life. I see we have forty missionaries or more there not counting the children. They will all be greatly distressed by these doings. The day of universal peace is not yet though some of my acquaintances ~~talk~~ talk confidently of a warless world just in sight, just round the next corner. The poor folk in Shanghai could give an emphatic denial to any such world as yet.

We are looking forward to a visit from the Genso's early in the summer. How nice it will be to have with us once more members of our Korean family. The years that are gone keep returning again and again in silent processions through the mind as we call up this and that; but best of all is when we actually see the faces and hear the voices. We did enjoy Mrs. Sharrocks and her daughters. A very short visit it was, but not forgotten.

When will you and Mrs Rhodes be passing England? Or Helen, Paul or Howard? When you do we shall welcome you as visitors from a planet we used to live in, a daer old p'planet hundreds of years ago it would seem.

We are well and send our love and all good wishes
James B. Gale



A
Dear Dr. Mrs. Rhodes:

Jack had sent me his
copy of 'Vital Statistics' & I was about
to try & trail mine, when along it came.
Thank you so much also for the good
news letters.

I plan to try to get some
word off to Helen & Laddie's loop.
But just now I'll not stop to make
corn his a letter as I'm going to
the local Red Cross to try again to
get a table top to U.S.

The enclosed clippings will
interest you - friends near Glauco
sent it to me. I saw Dr. Will, Blair

Yulea Presyterial Church Hall, next
suburb. Mrs. W. R. Robins, 124 Main St.
a faithful correspondent. Beautiful present,
have others too.
S. C. A.

at a joint meeting of S. E. Florida
Presbytery & Presbyterian on April 25th
at Ft. Lauderdale. He is carrying on
bravely, but of course shows the strain.
Edith, Jr. was then still in Florida.

I wonder if your reference to 'Fellowship of Service' is re the same
matter to which Dr. Lais briefly
referred as to his ^{unpleasant} future work.

We are only a block from the
Swallen, Sr., Jail Prayer Meeting
last night I saw Dr. & Mrs. Dingle
who held vaughnetic services in
Korea a few years ago.

Will be seeing you in Korea
again I. V. if not sooner -

Affectionately in His Service

Sue Comstock Adams

April 30, 1942.

PHONE 4161

Court House News:

Ex-Missionary Leaves 5,000 Yen In Japanese Bank to Sister Here

Orlando, Central Florida Furnishing Scores Of Motor Mechanics to Army—Coroner's Inquest In Wewahootee Shooting Set Monday

By JOHN FORNEY KUDY

One of the most unusual wills ever filed in County Judge John G. Baker's office was revealed yesterday when letters of administration were granted to Elizabeth Best Ford as administratrix in the estate of her late sister, Margaret Best, who died in Orlando April 15.

Miss Best, formerly a missionary in Pyengyang, Chosen, Japan, bequeathed 5,000 Japanese yen to three sisters and a brother in the United States. The money is on fixed deposit in the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation of

Kobe, Japan, and a bank in Seoul, Korea.

Resigned 1912
Dec. 2, 1916
- age 55 -

Fairfield Iowa,
May 17/1911

My Dear Rhodes;-

Thank you so much for keeping me posted about affairs in KangKai. Every scrap of news from the field is received with delight. I am sorry that you have had such a difficult situation to meet-- I know how it hurts for a man to see his church rent asunder by such devilish work as has been manifested, but then these situations will arise as long as the Devil goes around like a roaring lion. If you fellows up in Kang Kai had no problems you would become jelly fish, and that would be a sad state of affairs. We "mosy" along in about the same ^{way} each day, and let me tell you that it is getting to be most dreadfully monotonous. We are longing, longing, LONGING, for the day that will see us started on the way home. It has been a long hard pull trying to regain that priceless thing that I lost, my health. Rhodes guard your health as you would guard the apple of your eye. If you do not know how to eat ~~apple~~ aright, by all means learn how; and if you drink coffee, do for the sake of your health and your work, give it up. When you drink a cup of coffee you take into your system four grains of caffeine, and for all practical purposes caffeine is the same as uric acid. The only thing that is accomplished by taking that cup of coffee is that you have placed an added burden upon the liver, for it has to strain out the poison that you put into the blood when you took the coffee. Is it an y wonder that people get torpid livers when they use their livers in that way? Nobody ought to have a torpid liver, people would not have such a thing if they treated themselves right. You couldnt possibly get any kind of animal to drink a decoction of coffee, simply because the animal's natural instincts tell him that the stuff is a poison and he absolutely refuses to take it. The only difference between the alchohol habit, and the morphine habit, and the cocaine habit, and the coffee habit, is simply a difference in degree. The very fact that people who are slaves to the coffee habit, cannot miss their morning cup of coffee without having a headache all day, is proof positive that the drug is injurious. You may call me a crank, a fly wheel, an eccentric, or anything old thing, but from now on as long as I live I am going to know the food value of the stuff that I take into my stomach, and I want to tell you that I do not propose to put anything there that will injure my health. This morning I went out on the track and ran half a mile, and in a few days I expect to do a mile. On June 2nd. I will be fifty years old and on that day I expect to be able to do three quarters and perhaps a mile. For months I have not touched flesh foods and I never expect to eat them again. It has taken me months to get started but praise the Lord I am on the up grade. Three months ago it was all I could do to run a block. It is worth everything Rhodes, to conserve that priceless thing that we call health, the value of which is above rubies. I will not charge you anything for this lecture. Give my love to all the Station.

Most sincerely yours,

Graham Lee

^{Lee}
P.S. Mrs. tells me that you have a new baby in the house. Give the little thing some coffee Rhodes and watch its effect. Praise the Lord for this new baby, and God bless her.

G.L.

GEORGE SHANNON McCUNE
Mountain Rest
Lithia, Mass.

Aug. 29, 1937

My dear Friends *Ned & Edie:*

Have you been saying, "What a long time and no letter from Dr. McCune"? Well, better late than never. I could give alibis but one or two will be sufficient--Busy for the Board of Foreign Missions among the churches is one reason and lack of funds another. (In Korea the small cost was met by friends.) New friends have been made and I am sending them the first letter. Have you forgotten me?

I have so much news I don't know where to begin. Have you been reading the papers about the Japanese aggression in China? Isn't it awful? Well, you can imagine after you read the enclosure on the "Shrine Situation" that it would seem quite impossible for us to return to Korea now. Wasn't it good of the Sunday School Times, Philadelphia, Pa. to publish "Can Christian Missionaries Sanction Shrine Worship"? In June 6th and 13th issues the facts that so many friends have been asking for were published. They cut out the pages and gave them to me to send to my friends. I hope you will take the Sunday School Times. It gives fearlessly the truth on vital questions of the day and the very best Bible notes published anywhere. If you are a Sunday School teacher or pupil you cannot do without it. Well, that's the biggest news.

Now you are waiting to hear about my wife's recovery. I wrote you that it was nothing short of a calamity. On November 6th she had the operation, a silver pin being put through the bone instead of her being put in a cast. She can never say "Silver and gold have I none," any more. Three months in the hospital, then on her crutch and brace for three months more. Now a cane is used. My! But she is plucky. And are we happy?

I'm sure you want the news of the children. The Kingdons (Anna Catherine, our oldest daughter) have completed a year in their new church, Pilgrim Congregational, in Honolulu, where Robert is pastor. Their three children, Robert McCune (9), Anna Carol (6), and Henry Shannon (3) are growing and in fine health. Do you recall ten thousand Koreans at their mid-week service praying for our son McAfee at death's door five years ago? Prayers were answered. He recovered and came to America. In 1935 he received his M.A. degree and taught in the University of California last year. In June he received one of the much coveted awards from California State University, the Mills Travel Fellowship of \$1600. He will complete residence work on his Ph. D. degree this summer. His wife, Evelyn, (daughter of Dr. Becker, a missionary in Korea), and daughter, Helen Louise (3), will sail with him for Japan, Korea and China in September. It seems almost a miracle, doesn't it? Helen Margaret, (Do you recall "Through Peggy's Eyes"?), has been such a joy and comfort. Because of her faithful and efficient work in Columbia University, New York, the degree of M. A. was granted her in June. And our youngest, Shannon, you may recall married Edith Blair (daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Blair, missionaries in Korea) a year ago. He taught in Syracuse University and received his M. A. degree there. He has been granted a Fellowship at Clark University where he will continue work on his Ph. D. Degree. In our rejoicing we will say as we do in Korea after reciting such blessings, "What wonderful Grace of God!"

We are here in the Berkshires with a fine company of missionaries (about 60 including children) having such a refreshing time with perfect climate and delightful fellowship. We are in Judson Cottage.

What of the future? All in His hands as it has always been with us. One door shuts. God opens another. We are waiting to see what the Will of our Lord is. Pray for us. We are happy in a sort of reckless abandon to the Will of God.

Most sincerely yours,

George Shannon McCune

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Sept. 8th, 1932

My dear Dr. Rhodes:

Your good letter written on July 10th on "President Taft" was forwarded to me at Sorai Beach but I have had no opportunity to go into the matter further. I twice set out to go over to Sorai and consult the date on Mr. McKenzie's grave but failed to do so. On the other hand, I am as certain as it is humanly possible to be that Mr. McKenzie died not at the beginning of the summer but in the middle of the summer which would correspond with your date of July 26th or 25th and bring the dedication of the church to August 3rd. I know that we had already been sometime at our Han Kang house for the summer when the messenger came, arriving one afternoon while we were all at a prayer meeting and I can remember very distinctly the hurry and rush of my father and, I think, Dr. Wells in getting ready to go down to Sorai to do what they could for Mr. McKenzie.

In regard to the baptism at Sorai, I think I can ascertain the state by consulting the diary of my father's two trips which I have at my home. My recollection is that the baptism was done during the first trip but I will look the matter up and let you know as soon as possible.

In regard to the two elders who were supposed to have been elected when the West Gate Church was organized in the Fall of 1887, I was much puzzled. I have always understood that when Soh Sang Yun was elected an elder some years later that he was one of the first to be so chosen so that I am considerably puzzled as to the statement that any elders were chosen at so early a date. However, I am writing to the Rev. Soh Kyung Jo who is now in Tientsin to ask him if he can throw any light on the question and I will write you as soon as I hear from him.

One reason why I have not written you before is because of the deep regret I feel over your decision to leave the College. I have expressed myself on the subject so frequently to you that I shall not trouble you with further arguments at the present time, but I certainly regret the whole matter very very much indeed and wish that there were some way by which you could be brought to change your mind and finish out with us the service which you have given to Korea and which you have so ably given to us in the C.C.C. The loss of yourself and Dr. Billings in one year is a loss to the spiritual and religious forces of the College which we can hardly afford and I do not just see how your places are to be filled or who can be found to speak your message and do the work

which you have done. I have the highest respect for Mr. Coen and should he come in your place I shall welcome him with open arms but I am quite frank to say that I doubt whether he will be able to do just the peculiar service which you have done. He will not command for sometime the respect you have commanded and his words will not carry a weight of your words.

Things are moving very fast apparently for within the space of a few months we lose Dr. Billings and yourself and are probably soon to have Dr. R. K. Smith as our College Physician for at least a year. This, I think, is a step and plan which holds a great promise for the future both for the Smiths and for ourselves. No one can tell, of course, whether the experiment will be successful or not but there are many of us who believe that in different surroundings and a different community that Dr. and Mrs. Smith may still be successful workers and certainly the college community is in great need of a qualified physician for our staff, our students, for the children's clinic which we have tried to establish, for the agricultural students who will be here this fall and for the rural communities around us. As I wrote to Dr. Smith this is in many ways a very great opportunity for the right man and we can only pray that the right man may be found.

We all had a very good summer at Sorai and our family returned home on the "Black Duck" (all seven of us). We were taken by a storm and took refuge on an island for five days. Our non-arrival caused great excitement and it was reported in the newspapers that we had been missing for eight days and we were probably drowned. This caused considerable excitement and since our safe return we have been overwhelmed by messages of congratulations and love which are very gratifying and pleasing, although we feel rather ashamed to have caused so much concern for us over nothing.

Please give our very kindest regards to Mrs. Rhodes and to all three of your children, and believe that whether you come to the College or whatever may be your work our hearts are with you and that we shall look forward to welcoming you back to Korea.

Yours very sincerely,

Howard Underwood

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May 24, 1945

Dr. Harry A. Rhodes
229 Wilson Avenue
Uniontown, Pennsylvania.

My dear Dr. Rhodes:

Your note written on May 22nd was received yesterday and I am very glad to know that you are thinking of writing the article you mention. I have no desire to trespass on that field and if I did, do not seem to find the time to get down to it. Your own work on the History of the Church gives you much better equipment than mine. I shall await with interest your article and hope that it may have wide circulation.

In regard to my own trip, it became apparent something over a month ago that there would be no hope of my getting to China as a missionary. About the same time, the organization which had previously been in touch with me again contacted me with a proposition that I go out as an employee of the Government. After several trips to Washington, I have consented to do this and I am to report in Washington on the morning of June 12th. According to their present plan I shall be in Washington for about a week, after which I will return to Brooklyn and they expect that I will fly to China sometime between June 20 and 27. I do not yet myself know the exact nature of the work they wish me to do in China except that it is, of course, connected with Korea and Koreans. The officers of the organization have indicated their complete willingness to have me do either religious or philanthropic work in my spare time, and I hope in this way to be able to do at least a part of the work which I wanted to do as a missionary. Furthermore, I do not share the prejudice against Government employ which some of our religious leaders seem to have. I even dare to hope that while in such employ I may be able to be of some service both to Korea and to our own country. If the above plan works out, I should be in China by the first of July. There is also quite a strong probability that Dick will arrive in the same locality by the end of summer or early fall. He will, of course, be in the Army but it seems probable that he will be assigned to work with my organization. Of course, any and many changes are possible, but this is the way the set-up looks at the present time.

With best regards to Mrs. Rhodes and yourself,

I am

Yours very truly,

Horace H. Underwood

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CHOSEN CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

SEOUL, KOREA

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

H. H. UNDERWOOD, PH. D., LITT. D.

April 2, 1941

Dr. H. A. Rhodes
38 Alexander Street
Princeton, New Jersey

My dear Dr. Rhodes;

Your letter of March 5th came to hand in yesterday's mail and many thanks for the same. In regard to the P.M.B.S. the price of all real estate is now regulated by the government and we find that it will be impossible to get more than ₩200,000 for the property and the terms and arrangements for payment are exceedingly doubtful. A further suggestion has come from Dr. K. S. Oh that we rent the entire property to him for a period of three to five years. This seems to many of us far in a way the best plan yet. It allows the P.M.B.S. zaidan hojin to retain the title to the property with the hope that at the expiration of this period it may be possible to re-open work. It takes off from our shoulders the responsibility and the bother of rents, eviction of undesirable tenants, property management, etc., while providing for a moderate income from the property. On account of the present exchange regulations and rate of exchange, to sell for ₩200,000 at present would mean that we were getting not more than about \$40,000 for the property. This money could not be easily transferred out of the country and the question of sale would immediately bring up the whole question of the status of the zaidan hojin, its continuance or the transfer of its rights to some other organization of a similar nature. This in turn would raise a question as to what constituted similarity and you can see for yourself that there might be a very considerable difference between what the courts considered to be a "similar" institution and what Mr. Pierson consider to be a similar institution. Miss Kinsler is still of the opinion that the best thing to do is to sell the property. However, Dr. Miller, Dr. Koons and I strongly favor this plan of rental which means a still further suspension of the work of the school, but leaves the door open for continuance under the possibility of better conditions. Dr. Miller and Dr. Koons feel with me that there is no reason supposed that bank deposits will have any greater degree of security than real estate. In fact, we are inclined to believe that for holding purposes real estate is a better risk. I expect to see Dr. Oh again in a few days and will talk over with him the possible terms of such a lease. I find myself rather embarrassed by Miss Kinsler's opposition as I constantly feel as my own position as Chairman of the Board is one in which I do not belong. I am not anxious to do anything contrary to the desires of the friends in America and only wish to preserve for use according to the original purpose of the donor this valuable property.

In regard to my own position, my previous letter refer^{red} to the fact that although Blair last year indicated very strongly that the only difficulty in the way of continued happy relationships with the Mission was my retention of the position of president. He and Clark and others have now conveniently forgotten all this and are insisting that the title of honorary president or president emeritus which the Board of Managers has given me and my election as a coopted member on the Board of Managers are contrary to the Mission policy that they constitute rebellion, etc. etc. It is our understanding here that the wording and meaning of both Board and Mission action referred to positions of "administration and control". Non representative membership on a large Board is certainly neither administration ~~and~~ control while the title is purely honorary and carries no powers whatsoever. Dr. Blair also wrote to me stating my attitude and policies were "anti-Christian" that I was "rebellious", "defiant", and "unfair". I have twice written him asking him to specify in what particulars I was either rebellious or defiant and have not yet received any answer. The spirit in the Mission continues much as it has been through all these

years. When failure to abjectly acquiesce in the decisions of the machine is considered rebellious. The same spirit was shown in the grave reluctance of the Committee to do anything for the Seoul Foreign School, although the P.Y.F.S. was closed and they themselves stated that they had no expectation of re-opening it. The Executive Committee finally passed permission for our extension of furlough, but it was only done due to the enforced absence of Dr. Blair, and Dr. Clark from the meeting. According to latest decision there is to be no annual meeting this year lest there might be unexpected opposition to plans of the Executive Committee. It is all very discouraging and I am very weary of these constant struggles against fellow workers, against the unsympathetic sections of the powers that be and against that portion of the church which sees in the present situation an opportunity to grab property and privileges to which it has no real claim. If it were not for a streak of obstinacy combined with the conviction that I would lose my own self-respect I would gladly sell everything we have and retire to live somewhere peacefully and quietly at home. It is fairly plain that a large section among the controlling powers would rather we were not here. It is equally plain that such men as Bernheisel, Clark, Hill, Kinsler, Reiner, Blair and Miss Kinsler, Miss Butts, Miss G. Bergman would be glad to get rid of us. When you add to this the undoubted fact, there is at least a section or group in the Korean Church which shares these views, it seems as though it must be worse than folly to insist on staying on. However, I can only act according to my own conscience which thus far says, "stay." Blair and his gang seem to think that this is for some selfish purpose of my own pleasure, while I do not care a great deal what such men think. I sometimes wish that they knew how much I would like to be out of the whole business and how much easier it would be to "kow-tow" to the Ex Com. as one is expected to do rather than keep on fighting. Despite all their talk about conscience it never seems to occur to them that people do sometimes do unpleasant things for conscientious sake. It is possible, of course, that conditions will change so drastically here that the government itself will solve the problem both for me and for the Mission. The latest case in which a number of women missionaries were charged with undesirable activities is not yet settled. At present it looks as though it might be settled very satisfactorily, but so long as certain sections continue to regard all such activity with such suspicion there is no telling what the next case will be or what new developments would be made up from this case. The officials have been very courteous in their conduct of the case and I think no one has any complaint to make on that score.

There is not a great deal of local news except that the Winns left yesterday and Dr. McAnlis leaves today. The Genso's are planning to go in June and the Pieters at the same time. Mr. Pieters just met with a very serious and unfortunate accident. He was alone in the old Avison's house and opened a door which opened inward and down cellar stairs. He fell the whole length of the stairs and knocked himself unconscious. Sometime later, he regained consciousness and managed to climb up stairs and called for assistance. He had a deep cut in his head, two broken ribs, and two cracked ribs. The rest of the Station is in reasonably good health though Miss Kinsler seems to be up and down a good deal of the time. Mr. Reiner is in Seoul preparatory to taking over the Treasurer's work. In the C. L. S. we have arrived at a compromise by which the Board of Managers as at present constituted retains the title of the property and the administration of the building and endowment. The other affairs of the society are turned over for a period of three years to a Special Committee consisting of Dr. J. S. Ryang, Dr. L. G. Paik, Prof. C. H. Lee, Rev. James K. Chung, Bishop C. S. Chung, Rev. K. S. Synn, Rev. M. C. Lee (Holiness Church), Mr. U. K. Yu, Dr. K. S. Oh and Dr. T. H. Yun. With Dr. J. S. Ryang as general secretary. This is to take effect on May 1st. The plan has the approval of the authorities and seems to be the only way out of an almost impossible situation. In the College, you have doubtless heard that Dr. Yun is president; Dr. Matsumoto, vice-president; Mr. U. K. Yu is head of the administrative section; Dr. S. J. Chey, Treasurer; Prof. P. C. Kim, Director of the Science Department; Prof. Hyo Rok Kim, Director of the Commercial Department and Prof. Yang Ha Lee, Director of the Literary Department with Mr. Nikaido as Librarian. There are drawbacks to this set up, but we hope and daily pray that they may be able to preserve the Christian character of the institution. The community now gathers at the Seoul Union for our church services and 25 or 30 is a large congregation.

Last Sunday my son preached his first sermon. Next Sunday, I am to preach and Dick and Grace are to join the church. It is our hope that Miss Hartness can teach the Seoul Foreign School next fall or if not that we can get some other teacher. The Davidson's are probably leaving for good this summer. The Moores of Pyengyang and Mr. Sauer of this city expect to leave as soon as the present case makes it possible. Spring seems late in coming, but is gradually arriving. We think of you all and wait anxiously for the time when we may see you back on the field.

Yours very sincerely,

Horace H. Underwood

Horace H. Underwood
~~President~~

HHU/DTA

Please let Coen see this letter (and others who may be interested)

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We've just written quite a long letter to Hooper in which you may be interested.

NORMAN CLARK WHITTEMORE
2747 HILLEGASS AVENUE
BERKELEY 5, CALIFORNIA

October 11, 1951

My dear Harry:

In going through my letter file before starting dictation this morning, I turned up a letter of last March 1, I am afraid I have never answered. From that you are referring to 'Weedie' being up in Hayward for the arrival of another child. Since I received this letter I think I have sent you some communications and referred to one of our class regarding one of our second generation workers who is now located a few miles out in the country in a fast growing suburb of Oakland. In this last letter of yours you refer to Doctor Hirst being in very frail health. You refer to my June birthday and you gave the correct number of years. Ned and Grace gave me a very nice birthday party down at their house and are taking very good care of me now in my house.

If you are able to get out any supplement to the Mission History I hope you will send me a copy even if it is only a mimeographed form. You refer to Roderick Irvin; also told that he was dead. I get a good deal of news about our Korea friends from the Korea Clipper and try to make notes on ~~any~~ people whose addresses are given and also remove from my card catalog those who have passed away.

I recently had a letter from Hugh Miller which I took down to the house of one of our neighbor's on the next block and they told me considerably about Miller's family history and also of his first wife's sad death.

I hope you and 'Weedie' are both keeping well and if you are up this way again that I will have a chance to see you. Howard's new church is not so very far away but I do not get a chance to get out there except when son Ned is able to drive me or I have a University student in for some driving. Write me when you can and let me know how you and Weedie are faring.

Sincerely yours

Norman C. Whittemore

NCW/ec



NORMAN CLARK WHITEMORE
2747 HILLEGASS AVENUE
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Aug 2nd, 1943

Dear Rhodes,

I will send this note to Florida,
as I don't know your Montreat address, nor
how long you might be staying on there.

First let me thank "Dreddie" for her
card from Montreat telling us of your
stay there & of your meeting the Pres-
byterian friends in that resort of theirs.

Please give our greetings to them,
if this is forwarded to you there.

We saw Paul last Tues. evening
at a meeting of the Korea Club which
met at the Frank N. Smiths. I pre-
sented 11 of them from San Francisco.

Let me ask what you can tell us
of a Mrs Swoope, a practical nurse
who said she had attended your church
& has just come to California. Paul
has just engaged her, temporarily, as a
companion & helper. She has no Cali-
fornia references.

M. is better, but on acct of her
weakness & bad arm has to have a
companion-helper. Give us your frank opinion.

Another matter - Horace Lincolnwood has written me, urging strongly that I take the job of working up the former & retired mission-ary contributions by the board. The board estimates there are about 2,200 of them, but has the addresses of only about 200. Horace may have written you about twenty to utility's these former workers in his department. I am going to write him that it could be done, only after a Board appointment ^(if salary involved) & authorization & several other actions on their part. Before deciding I want your opinion as to the usefulness of such work, & what could be accomplished by me or any one else that might tackle the job. Personally I feel the Board has neglected quite an opportunity & a means of considerable aid to the F.M. cause & I told Herrick Young so some years ago when he was out there.

Hope you have both benefitted by your vacation. Maud is tired, as are I - of our having had a large family for a month. Ned was installed last Sunday. His Uncle Bishop Parsons & I both having a part in the service. Yours as always
Norman C. Chittenden

Also for the final addition to the Museum
History, the lists of addresses and those
of the people in War service bring us into
touch with lots of our old friends. The
location of many we had not known
for a long time, especially the second
generations.

I notice no address was given for Mrs.
Hupkirk. Does that mean they have
separated, as in the case of the Tiptons?
I am enclosing a check for \$2.⁰⁰ for the His-
tory Supplement account. Please collect soon.
If more is needed later let me know.

Red expects to sail some time next
month & hopes to take his family at the
same time.

Yours as of old sincerely
Norman C. Whittemore

*O little town of Bethlehem!
How still we see thee lie;*



*Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by...*

December 11, 1951

Dear Friends and Relatives:

The Advent season is here, or as some would call it "Kingdom Tide," and before many more days have come Christmas will be here, the day we celebrate too often only with feasting and parties and forgetting the real spiritual significance of the day.

Besides the religious services in which we may participate, may it bring you all real happiness, as many of you may be able to gather with your families or friends for the usual festive meals. Even should any of you be too far away from your families may the day bring you much joy and pleasure as you assemble in Churches or other meeting places for the commemoration of the coming of the Christ which has meant so much true blessing to us all.

I hope you all had a good Thanksgiving day. Here, after the Central Berkeley Union Service at the First Congregational Church, daughter Grace had invited my sister-in-law, Mrs. Hodgkin and Dr. Hodgkin, to our home for a midday dinner.

For me, the first year since the death of my dear wife, I have been well taken care of; first by a cousin from New York, and now by my son and his family who have come to live with me, as most of you doubtless know, and have kept me from being too lonesome. I have comparatively good health and am able to get out for exercise and rides although my doctor doesn't approve of my driving my car. I can go to meetings in moderation, and I am looking forward to a family gathering in San Francisco on Christmas when all the nearby relatives will gather at the home of one of the nieces.

To our Korea friends, especially those who have returned to the Orient, I would say that the Koreaites left here in the East Bay are reduced to our household (Ned being the only one of whom has seen Korea), the Frank Herron Smiths, the Dick Bairds who live on this same street but over the Oakland line, Dorothy Adams up near the University and as busy as ever, the Reiners are way up in Martinez. The E. H. Millers are in Santa Barbara, also the Cyril Rosses, the Ben Adams in San Francisco, and the Chamnesses and the Henry Adams over in San Anselmo.

We have recently had a long rainy season which has kept many of us indoors, but the prospects are better now.

This letter takes my heartiest good wishes to you all for a happy time and the opportunity for many of you to gather with friends, if not with families. I enjoy hearing from my friends, and if you have not already written me I trust you will do so before this year is gone.

Sincerely your old friend and relative,

Norman C. Britten

NCW:lmn

March 31st 1949

My Dear Dr. and Mrs. Rhodes:

Your good letters came yesterday but last night I was too dead tired to do anything but go to bed. It is letters from our "own" like you that mean the most to us, tho we do appreciate the letters from others too. I have sent to the children and to the Board a long account of the funeral. I have suggested that possibly the Bd might have it mimeographed for friends like you who would be interested in it. I simply cannot write it over and aover again by my stupid hunt and punch method.

It was a wonderful demonstration of love and sympathy. I shall never forget it but you will undertand me when I say I wish I had never had to see it. I thank God for everything in the last 33 years except my own shortcomings which today I bitterly regret. I thank Him for John and Horace and Joan here. The night after the funeral we had the college Board to dinher here and Joan took the other end of the table for me so sweetly and graciously that it was almost too much for me.

I am trying to get back in the work again but it is hard sledding, I walk over the hill and wonder why Ethel is not puffing beside me, I look to meet her in the halls or wait for her cheery greeting when I open the door in a now silent house.

Tell people however that the Koreans are still here the need is still here and the greater since she is gone. Tell missionaries who are afraid to stay at home! but for heavens sake find some who are not interested in "Safety First" to come. Actually I still dont think we are in any great danger. I have a great pile of letters to write so cannot write more even to you who meant so much to Ethel and mean so much to me

Yours Sincerely



Foreign Missions and Overseas Interchurch Service

The Board of Foreign Missions
of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America

156 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y.

March 17, 1949

To Members of the Korea Mission

Dear Friends:

The Board has been shocked to hear first over the radio, then by news report, and now by a cable from the Executive Secretary of the Korea Mission that Mrs. Horace Horton Underwood was shot on March 17th and died almost instantly. We have sent a cable expressing our deepest sympathy and are awaiting further information.

In the meantime, in order that you may have what information we have, we are giving you a copy of the cable sent by Rev. Edward Adams from Seoul, Korea, at 5:28 p.m., March 17, 1949:

"ETHEL UNDERWOOD SHOT BY UNIDENTIFIED ASSAILANT DIED ALMOST IMMEDIATELY."

We are also giving you a copy of the International News Service report. This gives details which, as yet, have not been confirmed.

"Mrs. Ethel Underwood, a Presbyterian missionary in Korea for twenty-five years, was fatally shot during a women's tea party in her Seoul home today.

"Two masked assassins fired two shots from an American carbine in what authorities describe as 'a political slaying'.

"The missionary was born Ethel Van Wagoner in Kingston, Michigan.

"The hooded masked men opened fire as she came to the front door to investigate the noise of a house boy scuffling with one of the assassins. Mrs. Underwood died of a perforated liver on the way to the hospital. Another shot was fired at an unidentified woman but missed its aim. A speaker at the party was scheduled to talk against communism. The unidentified slayers escaped.

"The killing occurred while Mrs. Underwood and her husband were giving a tea party.

"The husband, Horace Underwood, is a teacher at Chosen (Korean) University.

"Officials state they believe the motive for the assassination was political, since no robbery was involved and Mrs. Underwood was known to sympathize with the conservative cause in Korea."

The "New York Times" gives a different version, which in turn is taken from the reports of the Associated Press and the United Press, as follows:

"One report said Mrs. H. H. Underwood was holding a meeting of faculty wives in her own home; the other said at the College. Two gunmen appeared, one at the front door and one at the back door. They opened fire. It was not known whether they intended to shoot Mrs. Underwood or a Korean poet, Miss Mo Yung-Sook, a liaison officer between the South Korean Government and the United Nations Commission. It was not known whether the gunmen were political assassins trying to get her, or whether they were disgruntled students. Mrs. Underwood died in an ambulance on the way to the hospital."

I personally was in the Underwood home in October 1948 and had a chance to see what splendid work was being carried on by the family. Mrs. Underwood has always been in the forefront of the organization for service to the Korean people, and her personality and Christian love has reached out to all, and especially to those in need. Our hearts go out in sympathy to Dr. Underwood and family.

Letters may be addressed to Dr. Horace H. Underwood, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Grant Underwood, and Rev. John T. Underwood at Chosen Christian University, Seoul, Korea. The children in this country may be addressed as follows:

Rev. and Mrs. James H. Underwood, Presbyterian Manse, Hancock, New York
Mr. Richard F. Underwood, 18 Carnegie Hall, Hamilton College, Clinton, N.Y.
Miss Grace Margaret Underwood, Hood College, Frederick, Maryland

Sincerely,

John Coventry Smith

March 17, 1949

Dear Friends of Ethel's:

Your friend and my dear wife has gone to be with God. There is no one of whom it is so impossible to believe that death is the grave as of a Christian spirit like hers.

In a sense her going was blessed. She taught her class of boys whom she loved, she came back to a meeting in her home of women whom she loved. Two armed men broke in. She grappled with one and the other shot her. She died in a short time apparently without great pain--no lingering illness.

She taught her class at 1:00 P.M. and came home at two o'clock for a meeting of the faculty women's club. The meeting was in progress when a man came through the back door and kitchen and another came in the front door. She saw the man struggling with the cook and ran out. She apparently grappled with the man who came through the front door, and the man who came through the back door knocked down the cook and fired twice. One shot entered her back and passed out under her right breast.

After the men fled the others tried to make her comfortable on the floor, and she said in Korean "It is all right." She did not speak again. They got a mattress and a car and rushed her to the hospital and called us (Horace, Joan and John and I). We rushed to the hospital but she was gone when I got there, and apparently died on the way there.

The Communists have recently been threatening to kill those who are "teaching capitalism." They have also been recently attacking women and children as the best way to terrify the men. I have long said that some day the Communists would decide that the time had come to kill some well known American "to show the world that the Koreans hate the American imperialists." It is no exaggeration to say that there was probably no one so widely loved in all Korea as Mrs. Underwood and this made her a good mark. She would feel most deeply hurt (could she still be further hurt) if through her the good name of Korea was tarnished. I beg of you in her name to not feel that Koreans are to blame. Already (within two hours of the affair) we have heard from the President of Korea, the Prime Minister, a representative of the Assembly and other high officials. They are doing everything in their power to catch the assassins, though neither Ethel nor I want any Korean executed on our account.

I cannot do her work, I cannot write her letters. You will find me a poor correspondent. She knew and loved you all. She knew where you lived, what happened to you, and rejoiced with or sympathized with you in your joys and sorrows. I will try to answer your letters but am not too optimistic about being able to do so. Korea still needs your relief packages, I will try and acknowledge them.

We shall go on as best we can--God will give me strength I believe. I am writing this in the wee hours of the morning, just about twelve hours after she was killed. I am going to get Joan to mimeograph it and address the twelve hundred or fifteen hundred envelopes that are needed to reach you. I do not know when this will be done.

She loved you, she loved to think that you loved and thought of Korea. She would have you continue that thought, that love, those prayers. We all need prayers; our children, I, the Koreans, the communists. "Prayer availoth much."

Let us have those prayers for Korea.
Yours in the grief of loss
and in the Joy of Faith,

Horace Underwood

Horace Underwood

The Funeral of a Missionary

Mrs. Ethel Underwood

I have written to some of Ethel's friends the first crushing news of her death and have written to our children a brief account of the funeral. I find it difficult to contemplate writing this over and over again so I am writing this to be distributed to the friends, for it seems to me that there are inescapable inferences which may be of interest to many of you and that may help the cause of Christianity to which she gave her life, not only on March 17, 1949, but ever since 1912 when she first came to Korea.

As most of you know, she went to the College at one p.m. to teach a class of "her boys"; at two she hurried home for the monthly meeting of the Faculty Women's Club. The ladies came, the meeting was in progress. An armed man burst in through the front door, another came through the back door and the kitchen, driving the cook at the point of a gun. Ethel ran out and grappled with the man who came in first; we do not know whether she saw the second man at once or not. While she was struggling with the first, the other man fired twice, one bullet entering her back and passing out under the right breast. The men then went in and threatened the assembled women, warning them to stay where they were. The men then escaped. After some little time the alarm was given and a former servant came and endeavored to make her more comfortable, she seemed to recognize him and said in Korean, "It is all right." After further delay she was taken to the hospital but died before reaching there or before we, who were away from home that afternoon, could get to her.

The United States Army very graciously offered their facilities at Ascom City and the body was removed there that night, Thursday, March 17th. We went home to find the house and grounds full of police, MP's, reporters, etc. Just after dark a number of Korean friends began to come to see us to offer condolences and sympathy. Between the time of her death and the funeral no less the 1000 people from every class in the country called. The wife of the President of the Republic, Cabinet Ministers, College Presidents, refugees, boys, girls, old and young, Catholics, Greek Orthodox, Protestants, Buddhists, many came as the representatives of large groups who did not want to "trouble us" by coming into the house.

On Sunday afternoon, the body was brought to our home and the casket reverently laid in the library. It did not seem wise to have it open but a few of Ethel's most intimate friends of the last thirty years begged to look again on her face and were gladly permitted to do so.

On Tuesday, the college students who were to act as pallbearers came and carried her out to the new three-quarter ton Mission truck which served as hearse. The casket was literally buried in flowers which had been brought to the house. The casket was taken to the Church (1st Presbyterian Church of Seoul, founded by my father) at 10 a.m. and there still other loads of flowers arrived. The service was scheduled to begin at 1:30 p.m. and we (the family) including our Korean family of nurse, who served us for 31 years, cook and others, drove to the church in cars graciously provided by friends in the American Mission to Korea. About three blocks from the church I noticed there was no other traffic and found that all traffic on that large artery had been stopped, further on the sidewalk was lined with high school students from several of the large Korean schools. As we left the cars to go up the drive to the church, the people did their best to make way but the whole drive

was so crowded that with the best of will on their part it was with difficulty that we could reach the door. We found the church packed with many standing along the sides and in the back. Estimates of the number in the church vary widely; my own guess would place the number at around 2500. Among those attending were: three cabinet ministers, personal representatives of all the ministries, the wife of the President, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, the Roman Catholic Bishop of Korea, the Papal Legate and representatives of all branches of the American Mission (State Department), the commanding General U.S. Forces in Korea, the British Minister to Korea and the Church of England Bishop. I have been told since that the crowd outside grew and swelled until it overflowed the driveway into the street and that "several thousand" who could not get in stood reverently there.

The service was opened with a few words by our son, Rev. John T. Underwood, after which the pastor of the church gave the invocation in Korean. "Christ the Lord is Risen" was sung as the hymn, and Rev. Edward Adams of the Presbyterian Mission read the Scriptures in English. Commissioner Lord of the Salvation Army led in prayer in English. Dr. S. J. Chey, Governor of the Bank of Korea, read a brief account of Mrs. Underwood's life, stating through his tears that any success he had made was due to her. The Pastor then read the Scripture in Korean after which our life-long friend, Miss Alice R. Appenzeller, President Emeritus of Ewha College for Women, sang "Love Divine All Love Excelling." Dr. L. George Paik, President of Chosun Christian University, then made a brief but beautiful address in Korean followed by prayer in Korean by Rev. W. S. Lee, a refugee from the North and co-worker with Mrs. Underwood in the Home for Girls in Need, which she had recently founded. John Underwood led in a funeral meditation in which he scarcely referred to his mother but took us all to a higher level in contemplation of the joys of Christian Birth, Marriage, Death, Resurrection and Eternity. An American enlisted man said later that he felt he had been lifted up to high places. John pronounced the benediction in both Korean and English and the pallbearers reverently carried the casket to the waiting truck.

On leaving the church and entering the car in the street I was astonished to see the street lined with police, one every 50 to 75 yards, with representatives of local Youth Organizations between the police; mounted police were stationed at intervals of about every 400 yards. All traffic was stopped and, as the funeral procession passed, the police and Youth Groups saluted while the crowds along the street bowed. It has been estimated that on the route of four miles to the cemetery at least 100,000 people lined the street. Even supposing that 90,000 were merely curious observers they must have been impressed. At the cemetery there was some slight delay to allow the last of the long line of cars and chartered busses to arrive.

Many from nearby villages, realizing that they would have no chance to get into the city church, had gone direct to the cemetery and conservative estimates place the number attending the interment service there at over five thousand. "This Is My Father's World" was sung, and again John led in conducting the service. The grave was filled and covered deep in flowers; the crowd departed, and Ethel's body rests by that of my mother in a beautiful lot overlooking the river. The Koreans had heard that we preferred gifts for some phase of Ethel's work rather than flowers, so before the funeral money poured in until altogether some Won 300,000 was received which will be used for the Home for Girls in Need. Put into United States dollars it is not a tremendous sum, say \$400, but from poor people on low salaries in Won it was a touching tribute.

I am told that a "national" memorial service for her is being planned for April 11th, her birthday, and at that time a much larger sum is to be raised for some practical memorial to her work. Every newspaper in South Korea except the extreme left papers carried not only accounts but editorials telling of her life and work and of her death, courageously struggling with two armed men. It is our prayer that all this may make many think of the power that is in Christ, the Spirit that is in Him, and find the Salvation He offers. The whole of South Korea has been startled into a new awareness of the nature of Christian work and life. The Blind Institute, the Association for Deaf and Dumb, all refugee organizations, the many orphan asylums she has helped, her former students, representatives of churches many miles from Seoul, people of all classes and groups, all united to honor a Christian missionary woman.

Rev. Horace H. Underwood, Ph.D.

Chosun Christian University
Seoul, Korea
March 27, 1949

Foreign Missions and Overseas Interchurch Service

The Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America

156 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y.

Mrs. Horace H. Underwood
Memorial Minute

Adopted by the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions
April 19, 1949

The Board made record of the death of Mrs. Horace H. Underwood on March 17, 1949, at Seoul, Korea.

Miss Ethel Van Wagoner was born April 11, 1888, at Kingston, Michigan. She graduated from High School in 1907, from Albion College, Albion, Michigan, in 1911, and in 1925 received her Master's Degree from the New York University School of Education. She had become a member of the Methodist Protestant Church when she was 16 years of age and, with a strong sense of Christian mission, she went to Korea in 1912 as a teacher in the School for Foreign Children at Seoul. There she met Horace H. Underwood, whose father was the founder of Chosen Christian College (now Chosun Christian University). Upon the completion of her term of service she returned to the United States and applied to the Presbyterian Board for missionary service in Korea. After her appointment, she was married to Horace Underwood on December 6, 1916, and returned with him to Korea the next year. They were assigned to Seoul in connection with the College there, and across the long years she assisted her husband at the College, established her home, raised the children and was active in every good work. At the outbreak of the war in 1941, the Underwoods and three of their children were in Korea. After various experiences of internment, they came to the United States on board the "M.S. Gripsholm" in the summer of 1942. They were active here in the United States for the cause of Korean freedom and at the war's end Dr. Underwood went back to Korea with the American Military Government. Mrs. Underwood followed her husband in 1946. For three years, first with the government and then once more with the College, she served the land which she loved so much.

On March 17, 1949, Mrs. Underwood returned from an early afternoon class at Chosun Christian University. She was entertaining the faculty wives at a tea, where a prominent Korean woman was to speak. The meeting had already begun and she was sitting near the door of the library, when an armed man broke into the house from the front. He turned toward the library but Mrs. Underwood stopped him. Another man had come in through the kitchen and had forced the cook to lead him to the meeting. This second man shot twice, one bullet fatally wounding Mrs. Underwood. The men then put masks over their faces, warned the women to be quiet, and fled. A former servant, who had some experience in first aid, cared for Mrs. Underwood while the University car was being called. Her only words were in Korean, "It's all right." She was taken by car to Severance Hospital but was pronounced dead upon arrival.

Her funeral was held in the First Presbyterian Church in Seoul on March 22nd and she was buried in the cemetery at Seoul. The funeral was an occasion for a vast outpouring of love and affection on the part of the Korean community. Literally tens of thousands lined the road from the church to the cemetery and representatives of the President and of most of the influential Korean and foreign dignitaries were present.

Mrs. Ethel Underwood's activity as a missionary was not at all limited to the part that she played as the wife of the President of Chosun Christian University. There she was active, of course, as a hostess, as a teacher and as friend of faculty and students, but in her own right she established herself as one of the leaders of Christian work in Korea. After the war her home was a center of distribution for relief supplies and just before her death she was considered by many as the outstanding administrator of church relief in Korea. She was active in the rehabilitation of refugees and particularly was interested in making a home for orphan girls. This was the activity that consumed a good share of her time and energy immediately preceding her death. Her place cannot be filled by anyone else; certainly the Christian Church and the nation of Korea have lost a staunch and devoted supporter.

The tragedy of her death came as a shock in Korea and in other parts of the world. Expressions of appreciation and sympathy have come to the Board from many sources, both here in America and abroad. One of her missionary colleagues has written an article about her entitled, "My Most Unforgettable Character." The "Seoul Times" carried an editorial after her funeral, in which it called upon the nation of Korea for a mood of sober examination in the face of the tragedy that resulted in the death of one so greatly beloved. A Korean leader has written, "We are proud to have this friend. She loved us with her life and with her death. God, help us to be worthy of her friendship."

Mrs. Underwood is survived by her husband, who remains at his post in Korea; by two sons, John and Horace, a daughter-in-law and grandchild, who are with the Mission in Korea; by three children in the United States, Rev. James T. Underwood, who with his wife and two children lives at Hancock, New York, and Richard and Grace who are still students in college. To all of these, the Board expresses its sincerest sympathy and prays that God's comfort may rest upon them.

The first cable from Korea stated that "Ethel Underwood had been shot by an unidentified assailant." Though considerable time has elapsed and many theories have been advanced, still the assassin has not been clearly identified nor has the motive been fully revealed. It is clear, however, that Mrs. Underwood's death is one of martyrdom for the Cause of Christ. In carrying on her activities as a Christian missionary and in the protection of her friends, she gave herself for them. Her family would be concerned lest there be any undue blame attached to the Koreans, whom she loved better than her own life. And they would be concerned if this tragedy should result in any lessened interest in missionary activity in Korea.

Actually in times past, "The blood of the martyrs has been the seed of the Church." There is no reason to believe that this will not be true now. Once in the early history of the Church in Korea, an Englishman was shot by an assassin in northern Korea. Today the Thomas Memorial Evangelistic Society is active within the Church in Korea and since the war has organized 26 new congregations. Indications are that Mrs. Underwood's death is also serving as a stimulus to the Christian cause, both in Korea and in this land. A number of inquiries have come to the Board concerning the possibility of service in Korea and at least one young couple has definitely applied to take Mrs. Underwood's place.

More than 30 years ago, when Miss Ethel Van Wagoner was appointed by the Board, a Mrs. McKale, in whose home Miss Van Wagoner worked while completing high school, was asked for her opinion as to Miss Van Wagoner's general fitness for missionary work. Her answer was as follows: "The best answer I can give is that when I knew her, she was always looking for a hard job." Bishop Harris of the Methodist

Church in Korea was also asked at that time to describe her Christian personality. He answered with three adjectives: "Magnetic, charming, attractive." On Mrs. Underwood's application for service, there was the following question: "Do you realize that certain privations and sacrifices...are often necessarily involved in a missionary career, and do you seek missionary appointment with the full knowledge of such possibilities and readiness to meet them with persistent courage for Christ's sake?" To this question Mrs. Underwood replied: "No one knows it better. The work is worth it all."

Such devotion across the years, climaxing in the gift of life itself, is a humbling challenge to all those who seek to serve the Master.

(Note: The Board participated, in cooperation with the Lafayette Avenue Presbyterian Church of Brooklyn, in a Memorial Service at that church on the evening of April 8, 1942)

Chosun Christian University

Seoul, Korea

May 1948

Dear Friends:

Things do move under God's guidance! Since writing you the Mission has been formally re-organized after a lapse of seven years; Severance Medical College has called Dr. Fletcher and two Canadian nurses and the whole institution is on the upgrade; our girls' school is doing well under Mrs Pilyi Kim, one of the finest of our educated Christian women, (a childhood playmate of Horace's!); The West Gate Church (Dr. Underwood's old church) has been completely rebuilt and is a splendid Christian witness to all who pass; the C. C. University moves on even with Dr. Paik speaking among you in America; the Alumni have completed the new statue of Dr. H. G. Underwood to replace the one destroyed by the Japs; the WCTU held its first conference since 1938, secured two full time workers; by their request the Foreign Auxilliary has been reorganized- the WCTU will be really busy from now on!

We started the year joyfully with 98 New Year's day callers. Since then we have had almost 300 guests at our table, some sixty committees and conferences in our library and many friends have spent the night with us. Horace Grant took over one of my classes but even so I had 205 exam papers to grade in February and have had 482 compositions to correct. More than 700 letters have been written to generous friends. Few reports have been sent even where most needed.

Relief work has been strenuous and exciting: for weeks we have nothing to distribute but try to comfort those sent away empty handed. Then comes a truck load of goods or parcels by post. Bales and packages must be opened, address noted, so that letters however inadequate, may be sent. Helpers are called in to sort clothes and make up bundles for families to send to churches and camps, the house is cluttered with great piles none of which must be "mixed up"! From Dec. 9th to the end of the year 7676 persons recieved clothing here. Since the New Year 19,789 people in 4,056 families living in 114 communities have been given help from this house. To this must be added 1598 pairs of LARA shoes, 1672 garments made for men, and 493 quilts made from LARA scraps and padded with Korean donated cotton. These 30,000 helped still leaves a list of 5423 unfilled requests! We need your help, your 22 lb International Post Packages. Men are our greatest problem. They must have clothes or they cannot work, teach or preach.

By contrast with the clothing situation S. Korea is well fixed for food, but the improvement in babies fed on powdered milk in February was so great that we have tried to broaden this field of service. In Seoul alone 61 milk stations feeding 9230 children have been opened and 37 more districts are clamoring for milk to feed 5410 other children! To run these adequately will take 40 tons a month, 480 tons a year of milk! A careful survey is being made to determine what can and what MUST be done. As it is now the milk does not fall like manna but requires weekly trips from National to Provincial to City Welfare Offices and back to Food Administration, and once secured is hauled by us in a long suffering jeep and trailer.

I thank you for Readers Digests. Please continue to send your used 1948 issues. Tablets, pencils, notebooks are always needed:

Good news which cannot be omitted is the wonderful record of Korea's first election-over 90% of possible voters registered and over 90 % of those registered actually went to the polls to an election conducted with a degree of peace and order that would shame many long established democracies! May God grant that these people achieve real independence and that they may not again be the victim of Godless force.!

Strees of relief work and hundreds of callers on relief has made me neglect all of you. Even now time fails to tell of the beauties of the garden of, John now en route to Tientsin via L. S. T to bring back more refugees, of Joan operating milk stations for 1400 babies, of Horace Grant or of our grandson. We hope you will forgive, will remember Korea and pray for Korea, for Koreans and for those working with them:

Your help-material help and spiritual help is greatly needed and deeply appreciated:

Sincerely

Ethel Underwood

KOREA MISSION
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BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS
OF THE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE U.S.A.

April 8, 1949

Dr. Harry A. Rhodes
Presbyterian Church
Ravenswood, West Virginia

Dear Dr. Rhodes:

I have both of your letters, December 2 and March 22, before me. I presume by now you have received the mimeographed letter which I sent out so that you have the news enclosed. This is just to acknowledge these two letters from you.

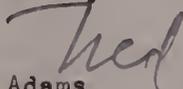
You may have also received the new publication "Korea Calls". How widely this was distributed, I do not know. It ~~was~~^{is} being edited in place of the Korea Mission Field by the missionaries on the field with Joan Underwood as editor. However, it is being published in Berkeley by E. H. Miller. I do not think it is intended to be primarily a news sheet.

You asked about the Seminary situation. It really is in a very critical situation. Things are heading up for a first-class head-on collision, I am afraid. General Assembly meets on the 19th where the whole problem will come to a head. We are hoping and praying that it can be solved without a split in the church. As a Mission, we have tried to maintain a more or less neutral position, but even neutrality sometimes tends to throw you on one side or the other and both sides continuously accuse us of being on the other side. "If only," they say, "we would come on ^{our} their side it would give ~~them~~^{us} such strength that the problem would be quickly settled". The fact that one seminary has technical recognition of the General Assembly seems to be somewhat aside from the point for on several occasions the Board of Directors have flouted the desires of the Assembly. We are still working for a reconciliation, but a letter just received from Ham Tae Yung in reply to one of mine would seem to indicate it was almost hopeless.

Your last letter I will present to the Executive Committee which meets in a week. We will then try to get someone on the job of preparing the information you want. I do not know of anyone leaving for the States immediately, but we will be on the look-out for an opportunity to ship the materials here back to you.

May God bless you and Mrs. Rhodes as you continue to serve Him both in your church at Ravenswood and in this job for the Korea Mission.

Very cordially,


Edward Adams

A MEETING WITH KOREAN EDUCATORS

by

Rev. Harry A. Rhodes, D. D.

May 3, 1946

On April 11, 1946 a group of Korean educators arrived in Washington, D.C., as guests of the United States government which is trying by this visit to aid the Korean people in establishing a free educational system. A part of the plan is to initiate an exchange of students and instructors between this country and Korea.

During the first week of May this group of six visited New York for a few days and on the afternoon of May 3rd they were invited to the Assembly Room of the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions to meet an inter-denominational group of missionaries and Board secretaries, and to have tea together.

In addition to graduation from schools in Korea, Japan and China, all six had been graduated from colleges and universities in this country. In all they had attended 25 different schools and colleges on both sides of the Pacific and has received 12 degrees in this country including B.S., M.A. and Ch.E. from Columbia University; M.A. and Ph.D. from the University of Michigan; M.D. from Emory University and Ph.D. from the University of So. California. Five of the six had attended Mission schools in Korea and all six are Christians.

They were selected, of course, because of their educational qualifications. This is indicated by the work they have done and by the positions to which ^{they} have been appointed in Korea by the United States government. Their names and various fields in education are as follows: (According to Oriental custom the surname is given first).

Chang Lee Wook was principal of a Boys' Academy in Syenchun in the north of Korea, and has been appointed as Head of the Seoul Normal College.

Kim Hoon Lincoln, who has traveled around the world, is to be the Administrative Officer of the Bureau of Agriculture and Commerce in Korea.

Miss Koh Whang Kyung, teacher of Economics and Sociology in Ewha College for Women in Seoul, Principal of the Kyunggi Girls School in Seoul.

Koo Byron R. S., who for some years was Dean of the Severance Union Medical College in Seoul and Professor of Pediatrics, is to be Head of Medical Education of South Korea.

Lah Ki Ho, who has served under the U. S. Military Command as Chemical Engineer, is to be Executive Secretary of the Technical Supervisory Board of the Bureau of Mining and Industry.

Moon Chang Wook, who has been Professor of History and English in the Methodist Theological Seminary in Seoul, has been appointed Civilian Secretary of Foreign Affairs under the U. S. Army Military Government.

Dr. Koo is the oldest of the group. He was on the Staff of the Severance Union Medical College and Hospital for more than twenty years, from which institution an estimated 600 Korean physicians have graduated (complete statistics not available) and 300 Korean nurses from the Nurses' Training School. Dr. Koo is one of the outstanding and consecrated leaders of the Korean Methodist Church.

Dr. Koh is the youngest of the group and in some respects the most highly trained. She has an LL.B. in law from Doshisha University in Japan; she received her M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Michigan. She belongs to a remarkable family. Her grandfather Koh was one of the first Korean elders in the Fusan Church in South Korea. Her father, M. H. Koh, M.D., as a boy received his first lessons in English from the wife of a medical missionary in Fusan; became a fine surgeon who has taken post-graduate courses in medicine in this country; and is an elder in the church. This daughter took for herself the English name "Evelyn" while her sister who is a graduate of Georgia Wesleyan College in music, is known by the name "Gladys".

These two girls, contrary to Korean custom, are not married. They are full-time Christian workers in music, education and social service. They organized social welfare work in one of the most populous suburban districts of Seoul. With the help of Korean and American friends they have financed the project. An interesting interview with Miss Evelyn Koh appeared in the New York Times of May 6 under the title, "Freedom is Sought for Korean Women". Miss Koh is now in Grand Rapids, Michigan where she will address the National Association of Presbyterian Women of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A.

It was to be expected that these six Korean educators in meeting a group of missionaries and Board secretaries on May 3 in New York would not be free to speak on political conditions in Korea, since they are in this country as guests of the U. S. government. They did, however, tell us something about the condition of the Christian Church in Korea. For the most part their reports were encouraging. They doubted however, that the Union Korean Church which was organized under Japanese pressure, will continue to function. There is a division also over certain Korean Church leaders who were forced to yield to Japanese demands in the matter of obeisance at the Shinto shrines. Incidentally, the main Shinto shrine in Korea known as the Meiji Shrine, located on South Mountain inside the city of Seoul and costing 2,000,000 Yen to build, has been torn down; on the site this year an Easter sunrise service was held.

One unforgettable impression that these six educators made on the missionaries and Board secretaries present was the deep appreciation, amounting to affection, of the Koreans, for the missionaries; of the lasting good results of missionary work in Korea; and of the Koreans' desire that all the missionaries might be returned to Korea soon to help reorganize the Christian movement in this new day of Korea's freedom, at least in the south.

The political situation in Korea is impossible with the country divided at the 38th parallel. As yet under Russian occupation in the north, where two-thirds of the Christians live, there is no freedom; and Koreans report conditions there worse than they were under the Japanese. In the south, however, where two-thirds of the population of Korea is to be found, there is hope for better things. The bringing of these Korean educators to this country is only one item. Preceding them ten Korean physicians came who are now studying at Harvard and John Hopkins Universities and at the University of Michigan. It is hoped that the return of the missionaries to Korea will be accelerated by the State Department. No other group of friends of the Korean people can be of more help to them at this time. Already many Christian leaders are officials in the Korean government which is being formed under the U.S. Military Occupation and which the Koreans desire to be continued as long as the Russians are in the north.

Again as after the Russo-Japanese war in 1905, Korea suffers from a bad decision made by the "big" powers; this time it is from the decision made at Yalta or at Potsdam, which postpones fulfillment of the promise made at Cairo. Had the American occupation extended throughout Korea, the period of "trusteeship" could have been shortened, Korea would have been able to form her own government, and the successful "Philippine experiment" would have been repeated. Meanwhile, Korea must wait for the realization of the freedom she thought she was obtaining; and while waiting there will be the doubt whether

or not Russia will evacuate north Korea, into which as yet no missionaries are allowed to enter. The equipment of some churches, both Catholic and Protestant, in north Korea has been destroyed by the Russians and Korean Communists. Pastors and other church officers have been imprisoned.

However, the right will finally win. The strong Christian church in north Korea will survive the storm. The evangelization of the Korean people, though temporarily interrupted, will finally be consummated. Not even Russia will be allowed to thwart God's purposes in the end. We believe the Christian forces in this and other lands will not be discouraged. Prayer and work under the power of the Holy Spirit will bring complete freedom to the Korean people and the Korean Church. The six ^{Korean} Christian educators whom we met are only a few of a large number of capable Korean leaders who are prepared to lead in the re-establishment of their country to take her place among the free nations of the world.

Princeton, N. J.
May 10, 1946

Harry A. Rhodes

LETTER FROM DR. HARRY RHODES

Seoul, Korea, November 20, 1946

Dear Fellow Missionaries:

Knowing that you are eager for more and more news from Korea, I am writing this second letter to be mimeographed and sent out by the Board.

The second meeting of the Emergency Executive Committee was held in Seoul in the Holdcroft-Kumabe house, November 6 and 7 in four long sessions, with all members present: Dr. Rhodes, Chairman; Mr. Coen, Secretary; Dr. Blair, Dr. Lampe, Mr. E. Adams, Dr. Fletcher, and Mr. Voelkel.

A summary of the actions taken is as follows: Dr. Blair was asked to reside in Taiku where Edward Adams is overloaded with Korean and Station work. Before leaving Seoul on November 15, Dr. Blair conducted meetings with the 300 students and faculty of the Presbyterian Theological Seminary with very marked spiritual results, so much so that he was asked to continue the meetings, which was impossible at the present time. Now in Taiku, he, Dr. Crane, and others are assisting in a retreat for pastors and officers of the Presbyterian General Assembly of South Korea. This is to be followed by a Bible Class for the Taiku district, and later by a session of the Men's Bible Institute.

Mr. Coen was appointed to secure, if possible, books in English from America for Koreans and Korean Institutions. Many of you may be able to help in this. The United States postal authorities here tell me that packages marked "Books" can be sent by ordinary mail at 12¢ per pound (with a limit of 4 pounds 6 ounces) to missionaries, as well as to Koreans. In line with this action, the Presbyterian Theological Seminary here sent in a formal request for a full-time teacher and for books for their library. We replied that while we could not assign to the Seminary a full-time teacher (Mr. Coen and Mr. Fraser are already assisting), we would try to help in the securing of books.

A request from Kyungpuk Presbytery to assist in the founding of a University in Taiku, including a theological department, was declined. Mr. Adams was given permission to grant Presbytery the temporary use of the Bible Institute Building for a session of the institute. Mr. Coen, Dr. Fletcher and Dr. Rhodes were appointed the Mission representatives on the Board of the Chungsin Girls' School of Seoul. We have had two meetings of the Board with Mrs. Choi (Kim Pilloy) who has consented to act as Principal for the present. The Korean members want to open the School in December, but it may not be possible to open until September of the next year.

It was voted to present to the authorities here, for immediate return, the names of Mr. and Mrs. John J. Genso, Rev. and Mrs. Archibald Campbell, Misses Daisy F. Hendrix, Marion E. Hartness, Jean Dolmarter, Rev. George F. Adams and Rev. John Y. Crothers. Since we met we have word that Mrs. Crothers may be able to come also. Mr. George Adams has written that he hopes to sail in January.

We are informed that the list we presented after our September meeting has been approved. The names presented were: Mrs. Henry W. Lampe, Mrs. Archibald Fletcher, Mrs. Edward Adams, Mrs. Frederick S. Miller, Misses Olga C. Johnson and Edna M. Lawrence. In addition, the Emergency Executive Committee has approved the return of Misses Gorda O. Bergman and Minnie C. Davie; Dr. and Mrs. Wolling T. Cook, Rev. and Mrs. Harry J. Hill, Rev. and Mrs. Charles L. Phillips, but their names have not been presented here until we have word from the Board that the persons named can come. Additional names will be considered at our meeting on December 17. As yet permission is not given to wives with children to return.

Securing passage is another obstacle to overcome in addition to securing passports, but since yesterday in "Stars and Stripes" announces that the shipping strike is believed to be over, sailings for the Far East may be possible. Experience shows that it is much better to get passage on a ship coming to Korea even though it stops in Japan. To disembark in Japan causes many days' delay and the hardships of train and ferry travel to Korea. In addition to the information you get from the Board, if you have questions to ask about what goods and how much to bring, write to Dr. Fletcher or myself. We are trying to gather information at this end and will send it to the Board as soon as possible. Miss Edith G. Myers arrived last week by air-plane from America in only a few days' time. After working in Seoul a few weeks, she thinks she may be assigned to Quopart. Bruce Hunt is here and has located in Fusan.

Our Committee extended a cordial invitation to Dr. John D. Bigger to return to the work of the Mission and urges the Board to do everything possible to hold him for a Mission assignment as soon as it is possible. His contract with the Allied Military Government terminates on December 22. He is undecided as to whether or not to renew it. In any event he will probably make a short trip to America. A satisfactory mission assignment may not be available at once.

Arrangements with the United States Army authorities to provide living quarters for members of the Mission, as they return to the field, are going on satisfactorily in all the four Stations in South Korea. A contract for Taiku, similar to the one for the Yundong compound in Seoul, was presented to the Committee. Mr. Voelkel writes that a beginning has already been made in Andong, and Dr. Lampe reported that arrangements have been concluded in Chungju. You will be interested to know that Dr. Lampe is acting as temporary chaplain for our United States forces in Chungju.

We have begun to consider the survey which the Board asks us to make for "Re-entering Occupied Fields"; it is on the docket for our December meeting. At that time we expect to arrange a conference with all our missionaries in Korea, including those in government and Red Cross service. The number has been increased by the arrival of Mrs. Horace G. Underwood, in addition to Miss Myers.

Mr. Coen and myself are appointed on a sub-committee to consider requests for personal property losses and present them at our next meeting. He has the lists which many of you presented but perhaps not all. If you have any questions or information as to your own list please write to Mr. Coen. In several of the lists presented to him, prices are not given and we will need this information.

At the time of our meeting on November 6 and 7, we also had a meeting in the Bible House with representative Koreans of the General Assembly, and with members of other Missions in the home of Dr. Jensen, including Drs. Crane and Hopper and Mr. George Anderson from out of town. These meetings were for consultation only, particularly in regard to our union institutions.

It needs to be emphasized again that the immediate future of our work depends very much upon the solution of the exchange problem, of which there is no announcement as yet. If we were thrown on our own with the official rate of 15 to 1 still in force, it would be too expensive for the Board to support many missionaries here. As it is we are limited, and all who return must expect to do what they can within these limitations, as well as endure many inconveniences in travel and living conditions. It is perhaps just as well that the complete mission force will not be here this winter.

Each evening at nine the group of us here meet for Bible reading and prayer. Messrs. Fraser, Scott, Fletcher, Coen and myself; also others who may be here as guests. During our meetings ten of us slept in this house. Day by day we are often baffled as to how to proceed. Relations with the Koreans and with the United States Army authorities are cordial. We feel very much the need of Divine guidance. You also, wherever you are, can join us in our petitions.

As yet we have no communication from New York as to when it may be possible for the Board's Deputation to visit Korea.

Meanwhile in the midst of not a few discouragements, God's work of Grace is manifested. Mr. Fraser was present last Sunday in the morning service of a new church organized a year ago not far distant from Yudong, in the direction of Namsan. He saw thirty college students (23 boys and 7 girls) baptized. The Communion service was conducted by Rev. Andrew Whang (Whang Chai Kyung), who graduated from the Seminary in Tokyo and while a student there was in prison for five months. He was permitted to have books for references in writing a competitive essay on the "History of Protestant Christianity; students from twenty-two seminaries in Japan competed. One hundred fifty-six essays were submitted and Mr. Whang's was voted the first prize by the judges. Night after night he appears in the churches of Sooul and Kyungkui province, showing an Italian film of the "Life of Christ" and reciting from memory passages of the Gospels in explanation. He is an accomplished musician and plays well half a dozen different instruments in turn. In all his meetings he is evangelistic and spiritual.

Thanksgiving and Christmas this year for us missionaries will be different. We will be thinking of the splendid dinners and the delightful fellowship which we enjoyed together in former years. However, the Korean Christians are now taking their Thanksgiving offering and will be observing Christmas as usual, and we missionaries will join with them. There is still much for which to be thankful, and the true meaning of Christmas is always present wherever there are sincere Christians. Also we can look forward hopefully to the future when missionary groups will be in happy fellowship in Korea again.

Very sincerely,

Harry A. Rhodos

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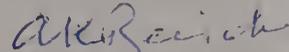
Dr. Harry A. Rhodes
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Dear Dr. Rhodes:

Thank you for your letter of October 2, 1947. I am glad that you will help in the promotional work on the West Coast. As you surmised, the financial arrangement for that work belongs to the Home Base Department.

As you say, the situation in Korea seems to grow worse from month to month. Russia's suggestion that both armies withdraw is no surprise to me for I expected that. Of course, that would mean that the Communists would take over and that they would have the backing of the Russian army next door. It would simply be another Balkan situation. Well, we shall see what the Assembly of the U. N. will do with the problem since it is now on their agenda.

Cordially yours,



A. K. Reischauer
Acting Secretary

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Ps. We have just now received Dr. Drake's announcement of his marriage on Oct 7 to Miss Susan Thomas Williams.

