

## Chapter 16

### INTERIM TRIP- Help or Hindrance?

Pete and Dr. Hardy left with a group of traders, the Washi, who are never robbed and will protect them well. Chengtu is 30 days east past Ttienlu and Yachow. Georgia reports to her family, “the weather is very springlike, but it is snowing in the mountains. Apricots and peaches are in bloom, vegetables taste better now they are picked fresh: celery, cabbage, endive, carrots, beets, radishes, parsnips and spinach, Jonquils, narcissus, sweet william, zinnias, and dahlias growing well. They are hoping to get some cherry trees from Chengtu. They also have seven piglets and chickens. All enjoy the funny papers so they are passed around. Heaps of love, Georgia”

Frank Morton Emerson was born 2-28-25.

In Batang, Mr. Duncan is still objecting to Leland E-'s auditor's report probably because he cannot find all the notations asked for to correct and finish the report. Also he feels that it was nitpicking. Leland answers (3-7-25) that the reason he could not and did not sign off on the report yet was because he had been so busy with their new baby and Corinne was seriously ill. *Marion D- was not as sensitive as he should have been. Yes, the report was way late...But his demand also that Leland should sign or resign was uncalled for.*

The TCM from the first had felt that the Worthleys had gone over their heads to send their criticisms and resignation to the Board without consulting anyone in the TCM. Their continued refusal to come before the Mission polarized the Mission into two groups. The W-s in letters to Bro. Corey, sometimes daily now said it would be “unfair to the UCMS” for them to speak without a representative from the Society as there would be no fair reporting. The W-s were only too aware of the criticism they had aroused as now the other members of the Mission began to express their sense of injury and no resolution offered was acceptable. The Morses still tried to bridge the gap. Unfortunately Leland Emerson's meticulous manner of rising to points of order and dissecting even the smallest problem drove the other missionaries wild.

After the first such turmoil Leland E- wrote an apology to Louise Duncan “I am thoroughly ashamed of myself...I spoke and acted as no gentleman should...doubly bad because ladies were present. I beg of you to accept this sincere apology for my angry words and actions.” She accepted his apology just as sincerely, “I wish that existing conditions here might be altered but that seems impossible for no one

seems to trust or want to trust their neighbor. I know that there is great good in all my associates here on the field but sometimes it is lost sight of in the petty disturbances which arise. I accept your apology and wish that you could see fit to trust the good intentions of the members of the Mission." (Exchange: Leland E- & Louise D-, Mar. 9 & 10, 1925) *If only this could have been built upon. At this point it sounds as if there were still some real communication possible with the Emersons.* Others really felt that Emersons could have adjusted in their own relationships if they had not tried to help the W-s.

*One difficulty is that new missionaries who adjust to the strangeness of life, become different- relaxed and accepting, and this irritates those who do not.* Pete at one point said "There is not all the understanding that there should be." He felt himself, being older, as more conservative and tending to take things easier. "Emerson says I have completely changed. No more am I always in a hurry but take my time, a matter of self-preservation. You know what happened to a certain gentleman that tried to hurry the East."

Pete writes from Litang saying he discussed the possibility of working there with Lee Gway Gwang. They went over to see the home of a prince whose parents are dead now. This area had showed wonderful prosperity but it is now all gone. Pete is learning "gobs of Chinese which will tickle Tungze, their cook. Pete got a horse he named Sparky.

Georgia tells her folks (3-12-25) that if she says something to Ray in English, then Charles repeats it to him in Tibetan. Charles is in kindergarten with John Hardy (3 years) and Eugene Morse (4). Georgia brought a set of Kg materials from the Calvert School in Baltimore. They provide and examine all school work, K through 12, grade it and give a report that is good in any school in the States to place a child properly.

'Daddy' at Dongola to 'Mother' (Pete to Georgia 3-12-25, 3-22-25): Pete tells of climbing to the last pass and walking all the way through the most prosperous valley he had yet seen and arriving in Tatienu that day. Sparky had gone lame without shoes. He stayed at the Cunninghams and Dr. at the Edgars- "such a jolly lot". After Yachow it will be one day to drift downriver to Jading - going from 8000' at Tat to 800'. "With love to all, Daddy." To Georgia, "At the best we cannot make it by the 4th of July. I cannot understand how I can make it but I must. You know me well enough to know that I want you and need you so this will be a hard time for both of us..." From Tatienu the Edgars, CIM missionaries, accompanied them to Chengtu. Every possible valley, they observed on the way, was tilled.

3-19-25 Mrs. Shelton to Mrs. Atwater, Sec'y at the UCMS; "It

was certainly good of you to write...a nice letter after I made such an ass of myself. Mr. Corey's reprimand was well deserved...I have known Dr. Hardy a long time & he has been most kind to me, but I think they are very tired as letters from there say they are both very tired & nervous & they have much to bear in the last few years. Neither can I think that Dr. Worthley told an untruth when he wrote of conditions." She makes the justification that they are young and mentions how the Chinese would like to leave Ba in their difficulties but can't if the missionaries don't. So she is hopeful in time that things will right themselves.

3-29-26 Dr. Hardy walked all day rather than ride remembering being kicked by Pete's mule. They crossed the Tong River by an iron chain bridge. The Tong valley is so beautiful but Pete is cross being forced to travel an hour or so before breakfast.

Letter from Georgia (3-28-25). Tells of cash problems, and that Mr. Emerson had the prayer service on Borehan's essays on "Sorrowing". Jim is down in the dumps and needs him and the Dr. to pull him out. Dr. W- operated on a growth on the teacher's face but didn't ask Grace to assist. Got your letter with Ruth's note in it; - funny, I was awake quite a while worrying about you and her. I shouldn't I know, but it is too bad she couldn't put her confidence in someone less susceptible. I know your weakness and hate to feel this way. I know how you feel towards me, thought if you did not, I surely would want to give up the ghost!

(Continuing 3-31-25) Ruth brought a note from her mother about vegetables for the orphanage; they have 60 children now and more being pressed on her. A mother she refused ran off leaving her baby by the river to be brought back to Minnie. Morse, Emerson and Dr. W. went hunting and Mrs. Emerson made her first visit to Japoding with Mrs. W- carrying the baby. "Take good care and come back safe and well to us."

4-3-25 Sha Sa Ba (Little Desert Place) A pack mule kicked Pete below the knee; (*ouch!*) He didn't get lunch until 4:30, so he raised hob. They saw the acting Border Commissioner for an escort through the war zone and papers. Going over a small pass they could see far to north and west with a splendid view of famous Mt. War with a beautiful gorge like the Garden of the Gods.

4-9-25 Pete is an apt writer of description, not only on the itinerary and the surrounding countryside but of the people, their living conditions and farms. He gives graphic accounts of the inter-actions between the political, social and economic conditions. "The road leads down into flat, open country after a small pass, irrigated fields mostly of rice, with a water wheel to lift the water from the river for the

ditches. Fields are bordered by mulberry trees and large buildings for the silk worm culture.

4-19-25 Meanwhile Dr. Worhley wrote to "My dear Mr. Bear", a very friendly letter giving him all kinds of good advice as to what to bring and what he could expect. He spoke as if he expected to still be there in Ba.

Pete in Chengtu 4-21-25: "We were told there was fighting upriver, an attack on General Yang, so we flew a large American flag on our boat and slipped by using our passports." They went through Yang's lines using the papers and escort to get to the walls. They brought off their horses and rode into the city.

They began a heavy round of social and business obligations: lunch with Dr. Beech, president of the University, with Dr. Webb and Gentry, who know Dr. Bare (comes to Ba later) from being at the Univ. of Nebraska, with Dr. Yates one of their dentists, with Mr. Dickinson in connection with cattle, and with Dr. Royal J. Dye at the University.

They went to Ho Tai Yuiin Shop for silk, Lee Gway Gwang and Dr. H- were buying Bibles, SS material and printing press supplies, Pete bought and ordered pharmaceutical supplies, but soap, lye and sugar had to be ordered from Chungking. The Yangtze is low so the order has to wait for the rains. They visited Mr. Torrance of the American Bible Society, the yamen of General Yang, Harry Openshaw of the school for blind boys, the Canadian School for foreign children, headed by Pres. Wamsley, the principal; and the language school of Mr. Moncrief. Pete was so intrigued with the pharmaceutical work being done and with the school for children that he thought he would like to work there.

General Yang was going to be ousted by the other generals but he attacked them all at once and won out. Yang heard of Openshaw's School for the Blind and gave them an old temple for a building. There were so many other visits, sights to see and shopping to do they can't all be named. He fussed at Georgia not to show some letters to J.C. (Ogden) "They are in a great mess in Chungking I guess as the students are sore at the missionaries," This student unrest would come later to Chengtu.

From April 21 until June 11 they were in Chengtu keeping very busy. Dr. Hardy's teeth were still not finished when Pete decided to start back with some of the freight. He was bringing back a Chinese teacher, a Mr. Dai, at 50 Rs a month, for the proposed Middle School. Enough books were bought for ten pupils. They were also bringing two bulls, a Chinese-pedigreed cross and a 5-month old pedigreed calf. Dr. Hardy suggested they start a Batang Livestock Company and all buy shares.

Pete warned Georgia not to say a thing about the teacher as Dr. Hardy will have to tell J.C. Pete was bringing pughais (Chinese quilts) for the girls, finished purchases at the C.M.M., Press and Pharmacy, got shirting, flannel and blankets. Both he and Hardy had spoken to different groups and preached. Dr. Hardy had met with the Medical Committee at the University and both sides were very impressed with each other.

Pete: “I am sorry about Ruth and Hosiling but it is exactly what I expected and more is liable to happen. Dr. doesn’t like Ho any more than I do Hwang. Ruth did promise me in an indirect way that she would not run off with Ho before we got back. I knew all the time that she was going to the School when she went to Hardys. All the servants will do what Ruth tells them, even lie to her parents. That boy is not fit to be around Molly either...don’t let anybody read this letter. Lots of love to CHARLES, RAYMOND, MARY IDA Best of all to MOTHER.”(4-28, 5-1, 5-4, 5-5, 5-14, 5-21, 5-29, 6-7-25)

The problems with the Worhleys and Emersons did not go away. The other missionaries would have been happy to forget, if they could, to allow the situation to quiet down.

5-1-25 Dr. Hardy to Jim 0- “A little bird tells me you are working too hard, and that I must call you down when I get home. Well, I can’t wait. It is always a pleasure to tell you to let up on your gait. ‘Go aisy’ and if you can’t go aisy, go as aisy as you can. If you kill yourself by work and worry when you are young, you will save the trouble of dying when you are old, but even at that, dying old is better in a number of ways...”

He told about Gen’l Yang Sen, the official put over Chengtu by the Governor, asking about the opium situation in Ba. When told that it had been said that the Military Official there was planning to have opium planted, he didn’t like it. So he gave Dr. Hardy some orders to use there in Ba and Dr. passed them on to Jim. “Yang seems to be winning out here, the foreign community is on his side as he has done so much more than any other man.”

Dr.’s dental work is progressing nicely but a lot still needed to be done. He also mentions that the Foreign school there is fine and he wished his two older ones and Jim’s children could be there this year. “I am sure that Ruth would like to be with the other high school girls there.” He sent a catalogue, If only Jim had listened!

Having at hand now several letters from the Worhleys and Emersons beginning with that first Worhley October 10th letter telling of their initial cultural shock, Bro. Corey did not doubt that there were real problems in Batang. Although many things had been concealed he had now talked to the MacLeods and one cannot conceive that that

forthright and honest couple would not have spoken the bare truth. There were problems and he early knew that maybe Worhleys could not stay there.

Apparently letters were soon exchanged between Edwin Marx of the China Mission, Alexander Paul in St. Louis, and Bro. Corey. Bro. Marx replied (3-24-25) to Alexander Paul that he was interested in considering having Worhleys in their Mission. He was willing to consider having them take the place for a year or two of doctors going on furlough, namely Dr. Hagman and Dr. Corpron. He was sensitive both to the need not to have Worhleys leave altogether disappointed, but also to the reluctance of the UCMS to give up on the situation.

Bro. Corey was fearful that they may have already left Batang and were on their way to Shanghai. Bro. Marx was going to check on the thoughts of the rest of the China Mission. There was a great deal of correspondence on the matter. Then on April 16th Bro. Paul said there had been encouraging letters from other Batang missionaries feeling the crisis could be resolved.

Dr. Worhley had written in early Dec. 1924 asking if there were some other Mission they could work in, either China or the Phillipines, saying it was a waste of the money of the UCMS to keep them in Batang. This, though, depended on whether the TCM voted in the Dec. meeting to start the new station in the fall of 1925, so that the Worhleys, Emersons and Morses could go there and get out of this unpleasantness. Bro. Corey's sensible answer to this was that you do not open a new station for new missionaries to get away from problems- you solve your problems first.

5-5-25 Dr. W- to the Advisory Committee TCM- A request to have it verified that Dr. Worhley can bring patients to the hospital from his itinerating. The Committee's reply was he had been given this permission by the Mission to itinerate and the TCM has not interfered, yet he has referred this matter to the UCMS so "we consider it beyond our authority to take any action..." *A fine kettle of fish! How sad!*

5-11.25 Request by the TCM that W-s, and E-s attend a TCM meeting to tell if they would come before them when Dr. Hardy came back. Refused. Worhleys stopped coming after the Feb. meeting, but E-s still came, or Corinne came alone.

5-15-25 Mr. and Mrs. Emerson wrote Mr. Corey requesting their recall from the field. On June 1st a copy of that letter was filed with the TCM secretary.

5-16-25 Letter of 2-8-25 arrived from Bro. Corey: Unfortunately too much time had passed before this admonishment to the Worhleys arrived: "...Even though it means deep humiliation, you should bring yourselves to face the consequences of your decision and

the possibility of reversing it and going back to your task, chosen in the sight of God, and we believe worth His approval. I am praying for you and for the TCM that His Will and that of no other be done..we cannot accept your resignation.

I would have put it but lightly to say that we are shocked and grieved. We cannot think of any contingency that would justify the acceptance of your resignation. I trust that long before this letter reaches you, whatever problem has arisen may be sufficiently ironed out so that there will be no thought of resignation.”

The resignation would have to be taken up with the Mission; “...no resignation can be accepted by cable, from so important position as that of a missionary, sent out for life work, ordained for the task and sustained by and responsible to a great Brotherhood at home.” 2. “...you have gone to the field at great expense, through the sacrificial giving of a host of people, who in love and confidence have borne the burden, that you might go out to represent them in the task of winning people to Christ in Tibet...” 3. “In a peculiar way, your going out was the answer to the challenge of Dr. Shelton’s death and sacrifice for the Tibetan people, whom he loved. You have accepted it and so has the Brotherhood, You are both loved and trusted by the people everywhere. Your turning from the task after a few months of service on the field cannot be justified by anything we can foresee.” 4. “If problems have arisen ...work or personal problems in the Mission; prayer and the spirit of our Lord should suffice to solve them. Nothing short of the charity and forbearance in the 13th chapter of 1st Corinthians is sufficient to apply...following Christ to Tibet can have no implications short of the love that ‘suffereth long and is kind’ and that ‘endureth all things’. You have made the ‘long, long trail’ to the land of your dreams and the land where duty of service have called through the beckoning hands of the Master Himself. Think of what it means to backtrack on that trail! Not only what it means for you both, but what it means to our great Brotherhood...and most of all what it means to Batang. We have never dreamed of such a possibility.” Upon sending this he had immediately sent for Mr. MacLeod to discuss it all.

When the letter from Bro. Cory giving the reasons for refusing the resignation and instructing the Mission to solve the problems together, arrived on 5-16-25, the whole Mission was stunned. Without Dr. Hardy they could not really set up a meeting to resolve the issue. The TCM simply did not know what to do. The Dr. and Pete did not get back until Sept 6.

5-19-25 Dr. W- to Bro. Corey. “The UCMS has refused to accept our resignation. We are sending a communication to the Mission asking the Mission recommend that we be recalled. We said, “We will

not expect to be recalled however, not until we can face the Mission with charges we have made against Dr. Hardy. This will keep us from being unfair.” With this same mail Bro. Corey had returned copies of all the letters written to him from Dr. Worhley. Dr. W- was shocked, but this was the only way the rest of the Mission knew what he had been saying. They were also shocked.

Hereafter the Mission required copies of all letters sent to the Board to be filed with the secretary, Louise Duncan (who now came under attack). This way there would be nothing done in secret as all the files were open to every member of the Mission. It was a sad but necessary act since the Worhleys had refused to bring their complaints out in the open. There were so many letters involved and so many missionaries now that passing letters around was causing them to be mangled. So Louise had to request that they no longer be sent around and finally she did not have time to copy them all so others had to come and read them from the files. Here again Leland’s meticulousness at constantly requesting time in the files, etc. became very provocative. He also wanted to examine the whole files to see what letters were ‘lost’.

Several orphan babies had died; possibly from the relapsing fever but also because until someone brought them to the missionaries they had had very poor care once their mothers were dead. This time two of the older boys conducted the funeral.

In one letter to the W-s Bro. Corey had said that they had not expected them to do any work until the language study was completed. Immediately the Worhleys upon receipt of this began resigning all the jobs they had been given. Amanda resigned from taking care of the Loftis Memorial Library, Dr. W- stopped doing any medical work and resigned from the audit committee.

Copies of all notes and letters the W-s and E-s received from other missionaries went to Bro. Corey as well as their comments upon them and copies also to the TCM secretary. 5-19-25: “...we are not afraid to back up every statement we have made. We will not face the Mission until a secretary is here and if a secretary does not come then we want to be taken home as we know that no fair action will be taken here. We realize after reading your letter that we are not fitted to serve in this station and we do not want to take the risk of having you send us to any other field. We have not changed our ideas of missionary work but we see that we cannot reconcile our ideas with the actual practice for older missionaries., and they do not do the things we thought should be done in missionary work.” This last letter also went to Mr. Ogden. *The statements made now began to sound very paranoid.*

5-26-25 Jim O- to Dr Hardy: “We have all enjoyed the very

interesting letters...which you and Pete have written back to the wives. I am trying to do my duty and keep them all straight and out of mischief. You already know by now...that the hospital affair and charges (re: Hwang) are to come up before the station for investigation.”

6-9-25 Another request from the TCM that the Worhleys and Emersons present their charges before the Mission. (6-10-25) A copy was sent to Bro. Corey telling of the TCM decision to accept the Worhleys’ resignation, “Trusting that you will believe that we are working for the best interests of the work out here and have that work continually in our minds and hearts, I remain Sincerely yours, KLHD, Sec’y TCM.”

Now a certain amount of irrationality entered into Dr. W’s and Mr. B’s letters: (to Mr. Ogden 6-9-25) e.g.: In the question of opening the new station, he accuses the older missionaries of opposing the opening; and “a motion made in yesterday’s business recommending the acceptance of our resignation...We have informed the Mission and the UCMS that we have withdrawn our resignation.” This was said because the UCMS had refused the resignation and the TCM had had it for six months and not acted upon it. “The proposed motion is meaningless, for our resignation is no longer open to action...I have now asked for recall...and the only action the Mission can take is to recommend our recall.” The copy that went to Bro. Corey has this note written on it by Corey, “Takes up matter of not doing work for 2 years. Demands Mission recall them unless Secretary comes. Sorry...(they) took wrong attitude” By the time this letter had reached Corey it was already too late, but at this point he sought to send someone.

After reading all the copies of Worhley’s letters sent to the Mission, including Leland B’s copies of his letters now filed with her, Louise writes Bro. Corey “Today Mr. Ogden has written asking you to engage a ‘first class Christian lawyer...to examine...those charges...and give us expert legal advice.’ I also want to know what is lawful to write, and what is illegal, and what is libelous. I feel the same.” KLHD, MHD

Of course this became known to W-s and E-s and they said now they were going to be sued for libel even though this was denied many times. 6-10-25 Dr. W- stated that they cannot bring a libel charge against him because he did not publish any charges and all the letters he wrote, except personal family letters, were to the UCMS and they made those letters public so the charges will have to be made against the Society. He states that he is “sorry you did not come to me before writing your letter”. So the threatening gestures became more deeply bitter and even hysterical. The older missionaries became more unstrung at (what now seemed) the deliberate misunderstandings.

Amanda Worhley wrote (6-12-25) indicating that Louise Duncan in particular, was “trying to ‘squelch’ her, that Mr. Ogden was saying, ‘we have our imaginations run riot’. I wish all these terrible things were only the child of my imagination.” She stated that Dr. W- had finally confronted Jim O- with things he had said, “unkind, unchristian things and he had most vigorously denied, finally saying ‘I positively could not have made such a remark, unless it was at a time when I was worried or out of my head.’ This may throw some light on this...if he thought a secretary...were coming...where he has acted the way Mr. O- has both to natives and his own children-that he ‘was out of his head.’”

She also brought up that before leaving the States so many church people spoke against the UCMS. *It was true that there had begun to be a parting of the ways between those who were “cooperative” and those who wanted to be “independent” and the separating continued. Uncharitable things were said and done on both sides. It is not the purpose of this story to discuss them more than to say this is how it affected the little Mission on the far western Border of China among the Tibetans. How unutterably sad that this fight should have one of its beginnings among a people so newly learning to love the God Who loved them so much! Yet it explains much of the thought and action which brought bitterness!*

Russell M- wrote a letter (*because now everyone was sensitive to how misinterpretations may enter and feeling that letters cannot be misinterpreted!*) to Leland to point out the misinterpretations, misquotes, and a misrepresentation of his May 15th letter to Mr. Corey. He regretted that letter as it would reinforce the impression that “that is the way Morse ALWAYS does”. Both his and Leland’s reply were conciliatory, but meticulous.

6-19-25 Dr. Hardy to Pete- He is still in Chengtu and hoping to get away June 23rd though a little concerned about the road as there are daily skirmishes between armies or robberies. Everyone is exasperated in Batang having to use tongyen for cash - like paying your bills with bags of pennies!

Following the TCM’s action accepting the resignation of the Worhleys and the Emersons’ request for recall there was finally a monthly meeting which Corrine E- attended and from which she was asked to leave later in the meeting. They discussed and finally agreed to file all future letters of the E-s and W-s not to be read until a Secretary for the UCMS should come. They were simply worn out by the continual stream of letters, tired beyond hope of redemption.

They had too much to do to reorganize the Mission along the guidelines of the Survey to spend time with what now seemed to be

endless bickering. They wanted to reorganize committees and open new ones; they wanted to open the new station. A note to this effect was sent to the W-s and E-s.

Now Leland E- began more bitter attacks upon Louise D- as secretary for the TCM in meticulous demands upon her time to see the files and to object to her handing of the secretarial position. He also requests aid of Mr. Corey (June 10- 2 and 11) in getting legal service for him and then stating he has gotten a lawyer in case of having legal action brought against him by the Ogdens and the Duncans. He reports (6-11-25) that he resigned (5-28-25) from the Orphanage, Auditing, Constitution and By-laws Committees and resigned from the Treasurer's Office. He would, even at this point, have withdrawn this resignation if the Mission had asked him to do so. Obviously they did not want to accept it, but did not know how to act. When reported to him by the secretary that no action was taken on his resignation this action left it open to him to withdraw his resignation. He still refused to withdraw as he wanted them to want him enough to ask him to withdraw it.

Next: Letters by Leland E-: 6-20-25 Discusses the use of exorbitant funds to rebuild, rather than repair the Mill House for the E-s and P-s so that there were no funds left for the use of the Worhleys to improve their living situation with a bathroom, more storage space, another study, etc.

7-6-25 After many notes (15) Leland wrote Mr. Corey complaining of the new rule of the TCM not to reply to any notes from the W-s and E-s and demanding an explanation for such a rule.

7-8-25 Letter demanding an explanation from the TCM and Mrs. Duncan for this rule and stating he no longer wished to attend a TCM meeting with any who were going to bring them to court with a libel case.

7-11-25 Letter to the TCM arguing their case for attending no more monthly meetings and the reason for their sending monthly reports directly.

7-13-25 Letter to JC Ogden- objecting to a statement made in a TCM meeting that the auditor's report had several errors. (All of his knowledge as such from the meetings were relayed to him by the Morses.)

The TCM wrote up a list of charges against the W-s and E-s. 6-15-25 The charges were rebutted in detail by Leland Emerson to Mr. Corey and a copy to the TCM Sec'y. They included: lack of careful investigation; failure to verify statements; indications and appearances taken for facts; attributing wrong motives to fellow missionaries causing lack of confidence; from false premises have drawn false

conclusions; exaggeration is frequent; misstatements; misquotations; bad spirit; wrong interpretations; wrong attitudes appear evident; intense personal feeling manifest; serious lack or appreciation of a sense of humor; facts and true quotations misinterpreted; no good reason for a lack of confidence in co-workers; imaginations run riot; foundation for serious charges lacking; accusations of misappropriations or misuse of funds unjustified; many things will have to be unsaid and retracted to which Leland added 'unthought'. *These charges and counter-charges were mutually incomprehensible to each side because of their opposing viewpoints and methods of thought.*

7-13-25 From the American Consul came the denial of permission to open a new station in Yengin. This sad decision was lost in the horrendous turmoil - which was interpreted by the W-s/E-s as lack of caring. Jim O- was authorized to begin planning for the new Orphanage.

Duncans took a vacation trip and without specific permission went over the Tibetan Border to visit a shrine of which they had heard. Upon realizing the suspicious and angry nature of the local official, instead of staying overnight they picked up their tents and left after dark. They continued traveling without stopping until well within the border of Chinese territory. That day a message reached then ordering them to return to Batang immediately.

7-15-25 to JC Ogdan- Now that Hwang has been reprimanded for the actions criticized by Dr. W- and Lee Gway Yuin reinstated, instead of thanking the Mission for making the correction now he criticizes the TCM for employing someone who is not legally permitted thus violating the law. (Notice did arrive 11-7-25 that Gway Yuin was not 21 as required back in 1917 when first registered by Dr. Shelton but was only 18.) Moreover Lee Gway Yuin was put in charge of the Hospital when there was a Doctor in the Mission (but Dr. W- had refused to take this responsibility).

7- 15-25 Two letters to Corey to indicate how they are not wanted by the TCM.

7-18-25 Two letters to Mr. Corey describing the removal of the sterilizer pipe from the living room of the Worhley residence, the objections by the Mission despite the heat from it being unbearable in the summer, and its final relocation by Leland. It was in a better position actually, for use, with the exhaust going out of the window. *This, of course, should have been done a year ago but no request was made - no indication of any problem in housing. Dr. Hardy, nor anyone else thought of it.*

*In a way a watershed incident:* July, 1925- instead of writing a request Leland went to Louise D- demanding to see the files, and

thereby seeing the letter sent out to six agents notifying them Mr. E was not to be treasurer and requesting they not send him material designated for that office. Leland felt it was “maliciously written to defame my character. However, I wished to be fair so I wrote the Mission, requesting that it clear up the misimpressions and insinuations for which it was responsible. As the Mission gave me no answer...I wrote the six agents, in an attempt to clear up the misimpressions...” 7-28-25 *At that point probably Leland felt there could be no more hope nor trust, instead of it being simply a matter of business.*

7-23-25 ‘Daddy’ to Sweetie: Telling of the difficulties getting through the fighting lines and moving their unwieldy pack train, etc. through. Pete tells of a robbery, mostly of others, Hwang and Jang with the Dr. losing some. “I started this letter intending to make it a real love letter. I’ve been doing some pretty deep thinking; there are fundamental things to talk over. The feeling that exists for you and the children is too strong, good and different to bear the name ‘love’. I could bear to lose an arm, my sight...much easier than you. You are closer than hands or feet, a part of my very life. (Being apart) I feel as if the best part of me was gone. I think of you and the children all of the time even if I do not mention all by name. I have determined to make a closer pal of Charles...Love and kiss the kids, Daddy.” 8-5-25 Wrapping 2,500 Rs for his use, Pete also tells that they are escorting a great many Rs for the soldiers’ pay.

8-2-25 Georgia’s Diary: The official asked all the missionaries to move out. They replied asking him to reconsider leaving and not leave the town unprotected...

8-10-25 The TCM asked Georgia to take the singing classes at school.

8-10-25 Pete’s letter: News is muddled but he hears that Yang Sen suffered reverses. Also there are rumors that Tibetans are buying tea to last through a war with China. An American gunboat rescued the Maryknoll missionaries in Kwangsi. Men were here (at Tat) to skin boxes and the Catholics took him to see General Periera’s grave.

“Quite a sensation as people wondered why we should be carrying a calf.” Four men were carrying him draped with an oiled sheet! 8-12-25 Grace Y-s birthday. 8-15. We went to the river for a picnic with the Duncans and Hardys. Georgia finished her 3A exams. Pete and Dr. H- have to travel slowly with the yaks. Pete arrived home 9-5 and he and Georgia talked all night.

8-15-25 Mr. Duncan to Mr. Corey: “We are grieved that things have seemed to go wrong with two of the new families due largely I think to the pernicious influence of one woman, but I have done the best I could. It is impossible for an average-minded person to

work with them and I believe they realize it. I was wondering if the record of the wife is looked up as carefully as the husband. In this field here it is much more important that a person have shown previous ability to cooperate with people than any other field. People who are a thorn at home, not popular, or not well liked, or sort of sufficient unto themselves will have a hard row to hoe in any Mission field.”

“In Mrs. Atwater’s 3-27 letter, she wrote about the older missionaries being steady. God knows I have tried to be steady and silent under a persecution that appalls me. Perhaps it is our schooling for the greater persecution which may follow from the priests or the unsettled conditions of the country.” Duncans had gone to the Emersons with tears in their eyes and begged them to reconsider their stand. *Neither could really understand the other.*