

Chapter 23

1929 - Conflict

1-11-29 Marion Duncan writes Jim O- for advice on business and travel arrangements as they prepare to return to Batang. He declares: "We are sent out now to settle Peterson's hash." This upset Jim very much and he begs him "not to spill the beans. You have been so much on my mind and heart."

1-13-29 Writing to Marion he told him how he felt about him and his wife, he "could not hold back the tears. I love you folks dearly." Jim sometimes seem very fragile but he also demonstrates great strength and ability to concentrate to get the job done, to say the right thing to each person to encourage them. He mentions his illness but had not gone to the Battle Creek Sanitarium this time. (*Should he have?*) Instead he goes to Los Angeles and puts himself in the care of Dr. Traugher while his family stays in Lexington, Ky with kinfolk. Yocum wants him to come to Indianapolis for a conference but Traugher objects. "He thinks I should not go before April." His personal plans? Los Angeles is a great port, so he plans to establish a furlough home there and for the future.

They were giving hints to the Duncans as to what to take to Batang. He offered two beds and the Emerson's cook stove stored in Ba. "There are plenty of places to buy anything in Shanghai. Edwin Marx can help." 6th request: "You should handle the Pete affair just the same as if nothing has happened. Business is business. Personal is personal. Be kind. Don't mention our affair, if you can help it. It is not necessary. God reigns." *That gentle forgiving man could not stand to continue anyone else's pain.* "Under these unsettled conditions travel as lightly as possible. The Gway Ming Dang (Kuomintang) demands and the land matter were practically settled before we left Ba; the new contract papers were left with Consulate Adams in Hangkow. The main thing is for you folks to go back soon, and all the problems will solve themselves as you go along. You have good sense and judgement. I know it. I am improving. 1-16-29

A welcome letter from Mrs. Morse to Louise D-: She is just recovering from the birth of Russell La Verne on Jan. 4th. They were in Tulsa but Russell is taking a medical course now in L.A. They hope to go back to China next summer. She hopes that Louise is completely recovered and is pleased to hear that the MacLeods had found a good place working with the Indians and Esther had her operation.

1-17-29 Mac to Duncan: telling him he learned from experience not to take many household goods. "You certainly have my sympathy in your role of Lord High Excommunicator." He had to be that on the Yakima reservation and Comptroller of the Paddle. "Stop to see us on the way to Seattle."

1-22-29 Lois Bare to churches and UCMS Foreign Dept.: "If you actually mean to support gross immorality in your missionaries we have been deceived in you all these years. If not, why has not something been done about it?" Her first letter was sent in Sept. - Ogdens did not get to the US until Sept.

1-18-29 Mrs. Shelton to Duncans rejoicing that they can go back to Ba which means Mrs. D-'s health has improved, and that Mr. D's book has been finished⁶³. She discusses whether her daughters will get to go back to Ba. They would have to marry to do so, but "that decision is theirs to make now." Dorris is in Dallas, glad of her training in Ba and Dorothy is in the library in Hollywood. She is young enough to dream and it is of dreams that acts are born. Mrs. Sh's teacher, Gezong Ongdu, has died, which was an awful blow to her.

1-25-29 MH Duncan to Mrs. Shelton: Someone had told Mrs. Shelton that her books were not of much use: Marion contradicted that saying her books had been in use daily and 100 were already worn out. The geography and story books are used by the new missionaries studying Tibetan, but can only be used by advanced Tibetan students because of the advanced vocabulary in them.

CW Nichols, Lois's brother, of Lincoln, Neb. writes Mr. Duncan telling that Dr. Dye and Stanley Jones came to town. He also wonders why there is no appendicitis in Batang and if they have yaws.

1-25-29 Marion told Jim of his visit to the Hardys in Nashville and to Minnie and the children in Lexington, Ky. "We limited our stay with Mrs. Ogden not because we do not love and sympathize but due to circumstances. Glad to know you are improving. We certainly need you people in Ba as it is certain that Hardy and Macs will not go back for years, if ever. I am as busy as a dog scratching fleas. Love, MHD"

1-29-29 Jim O- begs Duncan again: "Please treat our unhappy affair with silence. Be kind to Pete's. We desire no retaliation. Not revenge, but reform. We can handle here when they come home. The good Lord reigns..." Continuing with all kinds of instruction re: sailing plans, baggage, customs. See the Shanghai CIM about their plans for a new family at Tat. Write Bob Cunningham, a prince among men, God bless him and his good wife. Edgars should be back in T.T.L.

⁶³ The Mountain of Silver Snow, Marion H. Duncan, Cincinnati, Ohio: Powell & White, 1929.

(Tatienlu) Excellent, too: Dr. Andrews and new folks are also, lovely people. Take your time. Relax. Pray often. Haste makes waste. Don't hurry across China. Play safe...with tender affection. JCO"

Marion also expressed some of his feelings about Morse going independent. This expression at this time of confusion is fomented by anger at the break-up of this body of Christians devoted to the union of all Christians. The breakup was rarely accepted as simply a difference of approach of each to their own faith. As Marion said, "Doesn't this sound egotistical as if the right were all on our side. I don't think that much will come of all this for each side, the UCMS and the Standard are each going their own way not meeting the other."

1-26-29 Georgia, TCM Sec'y, sent word to the West China Miss'y News of Chengtu, Szech. to be sure that their Mission was listed as it had been left out of the Dec. issue. She mentioned that Duncans were returning, and of their Mission's dependence for supplies, mail, and communications upon Szechuan.

Two letters crossed in the mail: 2-5-29 Bro. Corey to Bro. Peterson: Announcing Mr. & Mrs. Duncans returning and that upon arrival he and his family can start home. He needs to have the Mission Treasury ready to turn over immediately. The Executive have authorized Mr. Duncan to make arrangements for travel expense. "We do not approve of your suggestion that you remain in the field for a longer period. We are aware of what has occurred at Batang...are holding the matter in confidence in the Foreign Dept. awaiting conference with you on your return." SJC.

And: 2-7-29 Georgia P. writing to Bro Corey: She enclosed the Peterson reports and did not know what to do about the Bares as on 2-2-29 they wrote severing relationships with the school, orphanage, and chapel and requesting for Mr. P. to sever relationships with the hospital. "Instead of acceding to our wish to talk the matter over they made accusations and we have gone our separate ways. This has made problems with my secretarial work."

Lois B- tells of the girls of Mrs. Ogden's S.S. class asking Mrs. Bare to take it. At first she refused but then later they re-organized the SS staff giving her a class.

2-7-29 Because the Bares would not confront the Petersons they could only guess why they were taking the drastic action of dividing the Christians. They thought the matter of Alberay awaited action from the Ogdens. It was equally dark to the Christians since nothing further had been done before the Ogdens left. The Bares did not speak, perhaps assuming it would be well-known?! No one spoke of sin nor of reconciliation.

The Bares called a meeting of the young men and women of

their respective SS classes and merely asked them to meet at the hospital "...they did not make it clear the reasons for this (Georgia to Bro. Corey) but the natives feel an obligation to him for the medical care he has given. It has caused great confusion among the natives...they want a church which is one." *To them a confrontation would have been better than the division of the community.*

The Christians feel they will be the laughing stock of the town. So the natives got together, had a committee to wait on the Bares and us to ask if things could not be straightened out, pleading that the foreign families be friendly and work together as we should do! *How responsible and insightful of these new Christians!* Nothing has come of it. "Mr. P- and I would like to have this straightened."

Deep down a sickening feeling is growing! Yet Bro. Corey had written as soon as he had word and a definite decision for action.

Georgia tells of Li Gway Yin being ill and later dying of his illness which is a shock to all. Georgia says to Corey, "We are going about our daily tasks which are many, and are trying to do them with a whole heart, although deep down there is that sickening feeling of unrest and sadness for the turn things have taken. We need your prayers and advice."

Marion D- tried to be a true friend to Ogdens even though he has gone out to take over specifically from the Petersons immediately and send them home within two weeks. Hurrying to go he was more and more pushed by the Bares' anger at what they considered the flagrant behavior of the Petersons. Even Mr. P-'s efforts to push the Mission into the new era of cooperation and co-leadership with the natives was considered highly suspect by them. That what he was doing was necessary and right was not even considered.

"The little daughter of Li Gway Yin died of burns while Li himself was ill. All the Christians helped in this affliction." GFP. Raymond and Georgia's work within the Christian community enhanced their mutual respect so the Bares' avoidance was noticeable. The increasing antipathy made the Christians feel diminished within the town. It caused anguish to Georgia. Pete was embittered but accepted it feeling philosophically that the good work he was doing would overshadow any other feeling, particularly since the Bares never brought up their reasons. After Jan. 1st the Bares simply never attended any other meeting either the committee meetings or the TCM meetings. The Petersons did not know how to question them.

Bro Corey's letter to Petersons probably did not arrive until the first week of May so the time for resolution of the situation was long gone. It had just gotten worse. In the UCMS the concern over Jim's stability was of more a concern than for a situation that it was

thought was being managed in Batang. Until later after anguished letters began arriving from Lois Bare from about the middle of May and these began telling of the gossip they were accepting as truth, of the lies, the bribing, the stealing, all the result of P-'s sin. (?)

2-26-29 Georgia P- to Bro. Corey: "Glad to get facts re: financial matters; we will do all we can for the minimum of expense - the greatest is the Orphanage. We are attempting to make the land pay for it."

"I am glad to report that Dr. and Mrs. Bare, Mr. P- and I got together over the differences, brought about by the natives (Christians) who were not able to understand their attitude. After going to the Bares again and again they said they were ashamed. The Bare talked things over with us, because the natives' attitude was that the test of Christianity here is whether all can forgive and work together in harmony. We were able to talk out some of their misunderstandings but they did not want to work with us, or with some natives, unless demands of theirs are met of repentance and confession publicly of sins. If not they want these put out of the Church. They feel appointed to judge, purify, forgive or punish but admitted that their attitude was not such as to encourage sinners to confess to them. They have too much of superiority and not enough sympathy to reach people who have the new consciousness. You are as anxious as we that we two families cooperate, eliminate misunderstandings. We have strained every nerve to talk with them but they do not want to work with us. They are counting on us leaving which is the main reason that they are failing to live up to the church's plea of cooperation. The great good of it all is in the unity of desire of the native church and friends to want unity to banish misunderstandings."

2-12-29 Translation of letter in Tibetan sent by Rev. Pe Shen and Sumu to the UCMS: "together at your place A message is given; at this time on acct/of one another's narration...again humbly what is to be said as to being able to forgive, that consideration may not be lost of whatever disagreement there is between one and another. However if not able, we ask the favor that before the church acc/to custom, whatever calumny is, may be able to be made peaceful. This request is given by these from Batang, met together to talk it over. Please send me an answer."

2-16-29 Minnie write Duncans: "I hope the robbers leave you alone. We had a nice time at Hardys and arrived here Jan. 31. Jim is improving right along. Sorry we didn't come here in the first place. I wish it would not be necessary to talk about our sorrow, but I feel sure you two are among our best friends and I will not worry."

"I have suffered a million deaths over it and will continue to

suffer until death relieves us. It would make it so hard if we return. *Would not a service of reconciliation and forgiveness also help them?* We have gone through the valley and shadow of death, and as yet I am very sad; and my religion is almost a minus quantity. I am sorry to even mention this to you, but felt I must. I wish there was some way Mrs. Bare to be careful as to what she says. I wonder if you could just drop a word about it. I don't write her because I don't want to hear from any of them."

Ruth has gone to Calif. Christian College with tuition free and is working to pay her personal expenses. Harold is in Hollywood High. "God bless you - to leave Harold and Ruth here is the hard part. Jim talks about what we will take back and I usually end up crying, so there we land and no further." MFO

2-19-29 Jim is trying hard "to forget the things that are behind and press on to the things that are before, God helping me," he tells Duncans. "We are to pray for those who despitefully use us, and for enemies, and are to suffer wrong and do good for evil. Don't hurry. Take your time and a good time as you go along."

3-12-29 Grandfather Fillmore to Raymond P- "We are informed that you folk are to leave Ba as soon as possible after the Duncans arrive. You will not be returned to that or any other field under the UCMS. The reasons will prevent you from securing a pulpit. The UCMS is keeping the trouble within its own council. All hope, for the sake of the cause (that) it not become generally known. We hope and pray for the best. It goes without saying we expect to do everything we can for the sake of Georgia and the children. Not knowing your plans we trust that you will conserve your means and resources (and make) mature plans for your future work. We are naturally shocked beyond expression (and are) trying to face the whole situation in a Christian attitude and spirit. You have the ability and training fitting you to do a great work in the world in spite of all that has happened. We are willing to do all we can to help you make good. But under God, it is up to you, more than anyone else to prove that the spirit of faith, humility, probity, integrity and other elements of genuine manhood whereby you may be able (in spite of this great handicap) to overcome your weaknesses (by the help of God) and develop strength of character that will give you the victory. Others, who have done worse than you, have come back. We hope you will, too. CMF"

3-14-29 Marion to Jim: "I certainly appreciate all of the affection and thoughtfulness. Your suggestions have been very valuable and I have taken them all in order." He had seen the CIM Secretary and they will occupy Tat, and help the TCM. Sending a family there can be postponed indefinitely. "I hope that you are feeling better every day.

Affairs look a little gloomy now around Nanking but most feel it will blow over. Look on the bright side of life and remember we are your friends in our struggle to uphold the Christ in Ba. Bares are still worried but we sent a telegram to stand fast. The best of life for you. MED.”

3-15-29 Minnie to Duncans: “Jim has finally been allowed to go East. He has been giving too many talks. He will know after he has visited the Society when will we go back. He will not go until we locate Ruth and Harold happily. We must make it up to them, if we can, what they missed by going back last time.(!) We feel we did not do them right. Mr. Cunningham seemed peeved at Jim, thought he had not acted quickly enough. Of course, he did not know Jim had been so sick. People sure can take liberties and say just what they please. MFO. P.S. Jim wrote Bare to please deal with us only about our affairs.”

3-20-29 SJ Corey to RA Peterson: “You and Mrs. P- should start home at the earliest possible moment following the arrival of the Duncans with the thought that you would not return to the field again. How can you write about a possible return following what has occurred at Batang! It would be impossible to carry on the work of Christian leadership. Only God can measure the spiritual catastrophe which the work faces. You will relinquish your leadership and responsibility (and) any further discussion (will be) when you come to America...Our hearts go out to Mrs. P- and the children regarding what has occurred.”

3-22-29 and 5-7-29 Georgia has written happily to her parents and family, accompanied by a letter that Charles wrote his grandfather about his new pup, Dan, and the pretty birds singing in the church with the congregation. She tells of the 9th birthday party for him with ‘mien’ & play. They had heard that Duncans reached Shanghai having sailed from Seattle Feb 23rd. They have no time to start to get ready to leave until D-s are in. There is too much to do. *She is a kind, loving, and compassionate woman who worked hard caring for and educating her own children and working at the school and with the women in this strange and difficult land.*

4-7-9 Lois B- writes to Corey, “I honestly do not understand Ogden at all. Petersons should be recalled “AT ONCE “not in the Fall.” Lois also continues to worry that she will not be allowed to keep Alberay and is quite adamant that she can care for him better than the P-s even though Corey suggested she should turn him over.

4-21-29 Lois reports that he is an active child and believes his heredity is essentially good. She reported that Li Gwei Yin has died after a rather long illness. According to her he had sadly gone astray and his misconduct since the trouble, is partially responsible for his early death. (!) When this news reaches the US everyone is devastated

as he is one of Shelton's 'boys'. Lois also speaks of an inquirer's class of nine, not the 'rice Christians' that Mr. P- is gathering by compensating them, as he is the Treasurer. (!)

4-14-29 Mother to Georgia:- "I think of you constantly. Mr. Ogden called by phone much concerned over the contemplation of even temporarily closing the station. When I asked about you and the children he said, 'I want to tell you now that Georgia is a noble woman.' Kay (a sister) is wearing a diamond. We are keeping Ray's sad affair a profound secret from Kay and Ruth. I sincerely hope it can be kept so. One thing remember: Your Father and Mother love you too dearly to ever make anything harder for you and for your dear little children, and when Raymond proves himself to be the man he can be if he wills, we can forgive him and welcome him as in former years. If Raymond's mother is in ignorance of this sad event, I shall never be the one to tell her. -from a heart full of love and anxiety for you and yours. Mother."

There was considerable governmental worry about the wars, etc. in China. So Corey wrote to Chungking for Duncans to go no further. Marion simply went on, writing back to Marx in Shanghai they were already past the war zone. 4-8-29

4-18-29 Jim to Duncans: Hearing of the fighting along the Yangtze but D-s still going up: "Personally I believe the work will go on, if political conditions will allow, but our people will never give up Tibet...impossible, so do not worry about it." Minnie wrote: "after being nailed to the cross almost, he can say that. He sure has faith, and I know he has Tibet on his heart. Mr. Cunningham wrote Mrs. Shelton. She called me over. I am sorry he has (written)."

4-24-29 Mrs. Bare sent a letter to Mrs. Duncan containing messages from her S.S. girls. One she quotes states: "I like to come to S.S. Mrs. Bare gave me a half ruppee for saying the Beatitudes." (*Bribery!? Making her a "rice Christian"?*)

Lois tried to maintain friendly relations for Georgia's sake and can only hope they will call when her delivery time is due. They have not worshipped together since Feb. 1st. The Petersons have the Chapel and the Bares have the third floor of the Hospital. They had decided if the UCMS had not acted within the year this is what they would do. They did it in heartbreak and anger that 'right' was not done. The S.S. was gradually built up to 50 in number. Those who have remained faithful are going to prepare a meal to take to the hot springs to eat when the Duncans come in. Lois mentions different ones who have gone bad. Those with them are anxious for Duncans' arrival; but the others are afraid of the judgment coming. 5-17-29 *More likely they are anxious as to what stand the Duncans will take in the controversy.*

5-6-29 Corey writes Bro. Duncan worrying over the job they have given him to send Petersons home. They will find the Bares “frightfully discouraged” and the division among the missionary families difficult. He advises Duncans and Bares to stick close together and counsel with each other which Duncan will have to handle with great care. They (Bares) need to be advised that as quick action as possible was taken, but communication has always been slow. “You need to keep us informed about the situation. We will want to know conditions intimately.”

Lois Bare kept a diary, rather oddly written, possibly due the stress she was feeling about the situation. The diary began four months after they made the decision to break all contact. The lack of a social life with their own kind affects a person surrounded by a foreign culture. So it is not surprising they obsess over the injury done to their relationships. Lois uses the third person “the mother’ and ‘the father’ in referring to herself and Dr. Bare. Her diary is full of the picnics that the children go on daily unless it rains. She tells of the physical progress of Marguerite and Alberay whom she has designated as her ‘twins’. Lois is a strict disciplinarian and sets high standards of strict obedience. She is proud of Marguerite’s ability to sing recognizable tunes and words at an early age.

She discusses a problem of one of the inquirers who wants to be baptized, but he presently has contracted to make some wooden images, ‘idols’ for Ma Siling. ? *He is a Muslim!* Since there is no one else who can do it, the general is unwilling to release him from his promise.

“Nothing seen or heard of Opal Ione today though the mother (Mrs. Bare) told Yishi Chudren yesterday to bring her to the dispensary for the sores on her face and her sore eyes.” Lois’s comment: “Litang mail runner robbed.”

Some of the Christians have hinted through Latsu that the missionaries should furnish everything for the dinner in honor of the newly baptized. This makes Lois suspect that they are really ‘rice Christians’ and the missionaries have been giving them too much. (!)

Sometimes ‘the mother’ takes the twins over to the clinic with her when she goes for her daily hours to help out. It doesn’t always work well as all “make over them” and the patients are inclined to grab them up which could be dangerous because of infection. But “they do look so pretty”.

5-23-29 Apparently Marion has gone ahead of Louise and the children in order to go to Chengtu for some Press supplies. He stayed with Dr. Dye and met Mr. Tan and Mr. Dai both of whom had taught in Ba. Mr. Tan had recovered from his rheumatism from Ba. “Dai is more

sympathetic and less cocksure than he was. Love and tender affection from your travel-worn hubby, Marion.”

5-27-29 Lois tells of 11 being baptized, “one bright spot in all the darkness. Li Gway Gwang is “humping himself” now that Duncans are coming.

5-30-29 Georgia’s answer to her parents: “The letter of 3-12 came and I am not going to give it to Raymond now, maybe never. I cannot bear for him to see it, for the tone of it is hard for him and me to bear after other letters... and the attitude of our fellow missionaries here. This business has all gone wrong. The things that are stirred up now were just the same last year, and why, if we are such a great harm to thenwork, why have we been allowed to stay and work ourselves nearly to death? All because of Ogdens’ shilly-shallying ways and Bares’ desire for sensation-making? In all of it, I have not been considered at all. Anything I have had to say has been discounted and I know more about this than anyone on earth. I, more than anyone, want to save Raymond from the bitterness that comes from the attitude that everyone seems to take...B’s, O’s, Corey’s, and now yours smacks of Phariseeism. It leaves no self-respect or chance for recompense for wrong. The past year has shown me that all the confidence that I ever had in him has not been misplaced. I do not want the good lost from some sense of failure coming, or of ‘what’s the use?’”

“Duncans are on their way. We hope they will have a better attitude than others; many natives are sick of Bares’ attitude. If Duncans line up with them in wanting to put people out of the church and listen to a few gossips and troublemakers D-s will have a hard row to hoe. Raymond and I are doing the best we can to preserve the work, and encourage the few sincere leaders - save them from disheartenment. I am going to have another baby without the help of the Dr. and his wife. Facing death as I am I should not talk as I have, but I have kept the above to myself for so long (having no sympathetic ear except Raymond and I do not burden him) that someone must know it, if something should happen. We love the Ogdens and have worried ourselves sick over Ruth. I hope to keep my friend always. She has been handicapped by being out here so long, but has good stuff in her and is going to come fine. Just today I received a loving letter from Ruth. If only the Bares leave her alone. As long as there are people who make themselves out to be such fine Christians and yet set out to harm everyone they can, no family will be safe from heartache.”

“Maybe the best thing for all and the board and our friends would be that we never see you again, and God may direct us into a path apart. We would not be a burden to anyone who might be embarrassed by our contaminating presence. The above sounds bitter

and unhappy, but you must realize that I love my husband more than anyone else in the world and the rest of you can do as you wish. Ever your loving daughter, Georgia.” 5-30-29 to Fillmores.

6-17-29: Lois and Norton Bare to SJ Corey: Lois is full of joy and relief that the Ogdens have written giving renewal of her right to keep Alberay, ‘my beloved baby’. She expressed her joy at getting to keep him - “As soon as I knew he was white (!) I knew I would never willingly give him up.”

With his status settled for now she turns to settling Opal Ione’s future giving Yishi Chudren one year in which the offer to take her is good. “This child left on the field will do as much harm as a missionary can do good. Even supported by her father she would be doomed to a life of immorality.” *Unless Christians can truly love enough.*

Before that letter was mailed one came that Lois felt did not take her seriously -that banditry, lawlessness, and attempted robbery would give discouragement. But not one moment as much as the important fact of gross immorality and “that fact you have completely ignored!” *His ‘mad career’ by now had become so highly exaggerated in her mind that no other factor in the Mission got her attention. His ‘mad career’ was allowing natives to take positions of responsibility per the Survey’s instructions and Ogden’s leadership. This resulted in such development of these Christian leaders that when needed they were able to lead when the little church on the Tibetan Border was left to manage on its own.*

But, Lois felt “There is not a single native, Christian or otherwise, who could be trusted with one phase of the work or to the oversight of one building. All who have formerly occupied positions of responsibility have followed in Mr. P’s footsteps - we know them to be immoral and dishonest. All whom we have trained are without exception young Christians. None are capable of administering Mission business without oversight. The TCM grounds would be raided, buildings looted, and most of the property destroyed. Notes written in the margin of their letter, presumably by Corey questions the tone of the letter and the factual statements. *People new to a culture and who are isolated, without opportunity for consultation, become obsessed with minor difficulties being blown out of proportion. For the Bares, so concerned with sin, it was torture to find themselves unable to deal with it.*

Supposing Raymond P- to be bribing certain natives, including Lee Gway Gwang, they felt he had purchased the purchasable natives. Yet while it was later discovered that he had overpaid some there was no evidence of deliberate bribery. One such was Della and her husband, Tudebao (Mr. Fu), who went off to enter one of the military bands of

the Kuomintang and eventually joined Morses, becoming well-trusted leaders and evangelists.

6-16-29 To Marion Duncan: "Just finished your book- 'The Mountain of Silver Snow' - it is fine indeed." Mrs. Shelton is grieved at the death of Lee Gway Yuin. "To your hands is the torch to carry on; for none other is ready & may the good God who takes you back keep you ever & protect you always- Much love, Mrs. Sh-."

6-18-29 Lois B- to Duncans: "We hate to see the UCMS constantly kicking up a fuss about something of no importance to veil the real issue...to get R.A.P. out. If they can't do that they are pretty poor and the whole UCMS will go to wreck on that one rock. We have been patient for 16 months...we are going to explode and let the whole world know their immoral missionary and his bastard babies - get him away from the orphanage girls and his other concubine first."

"Lois Bare's impatience 'to get R.A.P. out' was because she had not accepted the slowness of communication between that far corner of the world and the U.S. Nor did she understand the seriousness of Mr. Ogden's illness, and the delay that caused. She had been fed Tibetan gossip concerning Mr. Peterson and the orphanage girls and 'his other concubine'. In later years she mellowed and was much more careful of words and of making accusations." (by Marguerite Bare Fairbrother)

6-23-29 Bares to Corey: "You state that within one month after you knew the Peterson facts, 12-26-28 we wrote our first 'publicity' letter. We believe you could and should have known the facts earlier...blame should not attach to us. We threatened but doubtless you know that we have not done so." *An astonishing statement since they had written their families and Living Link churches. Yes, the situation is out of control.*

6-30-29 Minnie to Duncans: "I know we have to suffer and God knows we have, but surely there is a limit. I know you are our friends, so I just impose on you. Mrs. Shelton has been lovely to me, and such a comfort. I really wonder what the Bares have done..." (Mrs. Sh- has offered to look after Ruth and Harold.)

Minnie and Jim are consumed with their sorrow over Li Gway Yuin's death. His wife, DiDee, was one of the orphans taken by the Ogdens. Ruth has begun writing to her friends in Ba again. Jim was really ill and all in from his trip West.

6-30-29 On this date the Shelton Memorial Fund amounted to \$115,406.98. Included in this amount is the \$50,000 invested in securities in the USA for the Shelton Memorial Chair, College of Missions. Expended already was \$31, 246.46 and the amount remaining was \$34,160.42 In October, 1929 the bottom fell out of the

market in the Stock Market Crash, but for some reason their investments were not part of the losses.

7-1-29 Lois B- to Bro Corey: Telling of Yishi Chudren and her daughter, Opal Ione, she and Harold had confessed their sin, and kept quiet about it with the understanding that Mr. Ogden would help her and the baby. The Petersons helped some by giving her work, but not enough. Yishi Chudren was destitute and homeless as no Oriental will help her and the baby. Harold was 16 on 2-1-28; Ogdens left on furlough 6-10-28. Opal Ione was born 9-23-28. "In the more than a year since O's left her manner has been modest and shrinking...as I can learn her conduct has been above reproach. Yet...she is followed down the street by taunting remarks and vile names: 'foreign, white, of the Jesus religion'. They ask when the Ogdens are returning to preach to their grandchildren. You state that Mr. O- arrived in America a broken man..."

A daughter, Georgiana, was born to the Petersons July 5th without calling the Bares and refusing their help when offered. The Petersons are putting on a big 10th Anniversary program for the Orphanage running three days and costing 100 Rs. Bares have not told him he is no longer treasurer since July 1st (until the books are asked for?) so they do not know but that he has the right to do so.