v. A. Dayfoot rites from China

brough the kindnes of Dr. callister, a letter is reprinted bea :former Georgetown Rev. Arthur Dayloot, a Uni-Church missionary in China. is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Dayfoot, who now make their home Dak Bay, B.C., and a nephew of Harry Dayfoot of town. The Atlet is now a year old but the ve it contains will be of interest bil kill friends here, and we hope future to be able to reprint sim-Mar letters from Mr. Dayfoot.

Canadian Mission, Fowling, Seechuan, China March 20th., 1949

From one of you came a letter yesterday, remarking that my last directar letter was dated Oct. Mith, Fiser, and adding: "I must presume that you have written other circular letters since that date and that I have been removed from the list! Perhaps now I can be reinstated." Let me say that letters from anyone 'at home' are most welcome, but lest anyone else be under the sad impression that for lack that they have been "dropped from the list," I confess that there have been no intervening letters! I am at last stirred to take time although still labouring at the foot of a mountain of work, to write again! The long silence will be explained (though not excused) by some-indication of the work of the last year and a half.

In November, 1947, Geoff Smith (our predecessor here as district missionary) and I, took a trip around the rural districts of the two Presbyteries which are in our charge. If you have a good map you can find Fowling (or Fowchow) and Chunghsien chow) on the Yangtse River between Chungking and Wanhsien. In the Fowling District there are four churches besides Fowling itself, and in the Chunghsien area there are five altogether. . widely scattered and with no roads except sootpaths to connect them. It took . the best part of the month to visit all but one of these places. In a future letter I will try to describe each place and the various Chinese workers and their Work.

After returning from this "itinerating trip," the Fowling missionaries (the Smiths, MacKenzies just arrived and still doing language study after refugeeing from Honan - Miss MacIntosh and ourselves) prepared for Christmas and the visit of the Delegation from the Home Church, Rev. D H. Gallaof the Overseas Mission Board, Dr. Astbury and Dr. Ferguson representing education and medicine respectively, visited us just before Christmas and Mrs. Taylor of the Women's Missionary Society just after New Year's. We were glad of their fellowship and the opportunity to discuss with them the problems of our work.

Early in January 1948, the Smiths left for Canada on furlough, and soon afterward Bessie and I, and

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After my short trip in February, to one of the district churches for vangelistic meetings, came the departure to Canada of Miss Macntosh, nurse in the hospital here. There was no one to replace her, and her retigement left the Treasurership of the hospital in my hands. It was several months November, in fact - before we were able too get even a competent Chinese bookkeeper! Meanwhile, in addition to the church work, I had to do bookkeeping and maintain contacts without which the hospital could hardly continue to do good work. To make it worse, there was only one Chinese doctor we are short of Chinese as well

missionary personnel at in this 60 bed hospital, with an Outputient Clinic ranging up to 40 or 50 pat-Plents a day. Some administrative ouestions, which Dr. Chao had not time for also fell to me. Then we happened to get a grant from the China Relief Fund of two billion dollars (yes \$2,000,000,000 Chinese currency to help build a mughneeded building for the huspital. Don't be surprised: this was worth only \$800.00 American). That add-

ed a building project to the job! In April and again in June came more itinerating trips, and from the second trip I arrived back in Fowling to hear that Norman Maca Kenzle had taken sick and left for Chungking. He had bee preparing for our Summer School (something the place to swim, and with four missionary group here. like a Young People's camp, minus classes daily in the Bible, Church,

Miss MacIntosh; set out for Cheng- work, etc.) Again the job was tu for the Annual Meetings of the mme, along with the Chinese lead-Church and the Mission. Once again ers of course, and we started a we were glad that the four Dele- Summer School at , which the atgates from the home church were tendance was almost 30- ,- more there to consult with us. For some than we could adequately handle. obscure reason I was elected to Norman was back on the job' for the Mission Executive, which meant the last half of the School, which two further treps (a couple of was four weeks long. He and I led weeks each time) to Chengtu dur- a course based on a translation of ing last year, in 'May and Sep- the United Church Catechism,' and also a few classes in the Leading of Worship and duties of a minister. Several of the young men at the School are preparing for the ministry, and will have to take 'student charges' (as we would call them) before entering theological

> After the School (and a few days getting hospital affairs in shape) I finally got to the "Chungking hills" out of this semi-tropical summer heat an for a couple of weeks before the September Exec-, utive meeting in Chengtu. While returning from the latter in a fellow-missionary's station wagon, we broke the universal joint on the rough road, and I spent 3% days; watching the car by the roadside while he hitch-hiked to Chungking to get the new part! That, I may ay, was the most fedious three

mys I have spent in China! rafter a brief trip to Fowling from Chungking, where, Bessie was awaiting the arrival of our first buby, I returned there in time for, this event. Catherine Marie was born on Oct 7th, in the Canadian Mission Hospital, Chungking, Evcrything went well, and by the 17th, we were ready to come home to Fowling again. "Cathie" is now

a healthy 15-pound baby with a very nice laugh and a lusty cry. Late in October, Miss Graham, our WMS, worker returned from WINS QUILT IN furlough, giving me welcome relief LUCKY DRAW fro mresponsibility for keeping her work going! We now have five adults and three children in the Friday in the school. Mrs.

During November, when Norman hymns were sung during the de- Avenue."

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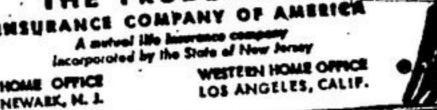
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and I were both away ifmerating, votional, Mrs. J. E. Maxwell playthe political situation in China be- ing the piano. Jeannine Humphreys, came critical. For a time we were Mrs. Harris ad Mrs. Maxwell were very unsettled; though locally life! went on much as usual. By the time the Annual meeting of the Mission were held in January, things had cooled off, and we have settled back again to "business as usual". In 'another letter I will have room to say more about this, which is a subject in itself!

Meanwhile, greetings to all -Yours Sincerely, . Arthur Dayfoot

The AYPA meeting was held Harris read the scripture and two a street called "Ball Bear

winners of contests conducted by Mrs. C. Blizzard. Next Friday meeting will be held in the school. Esquesing Women's Institute held quilting meeting at Mrs. H. P. Lawson's home Wednesday after noon and evening.

W.A. meeting on Thursday was a

quilting at the home of Mrs. Cooks Miss Alice Davies spent week-end with relatives in Strate

Next Sunday, churhe service St. John's will be at 7.30 p.m. Sunday School at 2 p.m.

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