Mr. B.A. Garside June 27 1935

You have no doubt noted in the papers the tense situation there has been here in north China in the past few weeks. Apparently Japan has just now slowed up in pressing her policy. Of course no one really knows the reason, but among the suggested ones are that the Japanese Emperor has recently expressed himself that he did not look with favor on repeating the atrocities which had occurred in Manchuria. Another guess is that Japan, having pushed down into China proper (which covers the city in which the foreign legations are still situated), England and the United States may have spoken in stronger terms through diplomatic channels. In all that Japan has been doing recently she seems to be carrying out her policy of 1915, made clear in the Twenty One Demands. She is constantly saying the papers here that she is only on a goodwill mission and is glad to note that her position is being more favorably regarded by the Chinese. My own impression is that it is only deepening the hatred.

We had a wonderful time here during the three days of Commencement, in spite of the fact that I had to give an address each day. The general impression is that this past year has been one of the best in the history of Yenching since her establishment on the new campus.

Although I had, as you know, many beautiful pictures of the campus, I find that all of them fell short of the reality as one finds it on entering the campus. ~~The~~ Pictures are flat and do not bring out the wonderful influence that rains down on one from the overhanging eaves, which at once gives the impression of the large size and dignity of the buildings. Many beautiful details are lost in photographs and no photograph of the buildings in groups can convey the wonderful harmony of structure and arrangement which one instinctively feels as one approaches the central court from the front gate, crossing the bridge.

I shall be spending a few days here and then I think I shall go to Peitaiho for the rest of the summer. I plan definitely to be here the first two weeks in September and then start out to visit all the other twelve colleges. I am sure you will let me know whether I am to have the privilege of Carlton Sherwood's company. It's great to be back and I am enjoying every minute. Greetings to all at the office.

Ever truly,

S.W.L.

June 30. The flare-up this week was not important save to show Japan's methods. You will probably not learn through the papers that it was 200 Jap-inspired bandits who captured an armored train south of the city, tried to enter the city + were stopped easily at the south-gate of the South City. It was a very minor affair