Chefoo. China

March 21, 1928

Dear Dr. Page,

In answer to your letter of January twenty third about the Tsinan school. Because of the war situation the girls and boys schools of Tsinan were close some time ago. The girls having closed in March of 1927 when all were order out of Tsinan. Last fall we was asked to return to Tsinan but no one thought it wise to open the girls school. This spring we saw no hope of being able to stay through the spring term so did not open. The Chinese felt as I did that the school has been opened and closed so often

that people were loosing confidence in it and many of the day pupils had gone to others schools. The teachers had all been dismissed.

Personally I feel Tsinan girls school should not be reopened by the Board but should be left until the church there can open a school and support it. The girls that should go there now are so few that I urged the station to send them to our school at Hwanghsien. Some of the money appropriated has been used that way. I would suggest to Brookfield church that they let their gift meet this expense. I am writing them to that effect. This gift is none of my solicitations and came to me as a surprised assure you.

I am now in Chefoo in the William's Memorial school. When it was thought best for Rachel Newton to go home with Mrs Hartwell I offered to come here. I see no hope of Tsinan school being able to open for some time so I felt I should fill this gap.

Mrs Davis and I went to Manila for the Chinese New Year vacation. We had a good trip and she was much better down there where it was warm and she had no responsibility. We were able to see most all the Sailors we worked with last summer in Tsingtao. Some of them

we found taking an active part in the bible class and Christian Endevor. Others were discouraged, but when Mrs Dawes left they had been greatly helped.

Mr and Mrs Dawes will be greatly missed in China. I hope they will be able to find something in America that will keep them busy but not over tax their strength.

Pray for the Sailors this summer that many may come to know Christ as a personal Savior

Yours in His Service

Ethel Ramsbottom