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200 BATH AVENUE NEW YORK  
ST. L. 10001  
NEW YORK



Dr. L. Nassau Smith  
Atlanta, Ga., in person, 1893

My dear Mr. Nassau Smith,

I am very glad to hear  
in regard to the San Antonio  
I regret cannot say that  
I cannot say that I am  
in agreement with the  
of the series of objects in  
the case of the specimens in the  
case of the and that is all.

I saw the paper in the  
columns of 1893, and was



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live at Shanghai, since the  
emergencies of the work so  
or in necessitate things.

I have written to the  
American that in the case  
of a special visit to a  
mission in China, the  
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I will try to add that  
- James H. Haggard -

1112 Pacific City, N.J.  
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with them. Some people

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of experience in the  
with more of insight  
that the life would at  
presently be as  
H. H.

Shanghai, China.

May 22, 1895.

Dear Mrs McCarver

wish I might know  
as I signed this letter  
that you were recov-  
ed to your accustomed  
health! Miss Hayward  
wrote in her last that  
you were better.

I am hoping for a  
letter from you by  
the steamer. We have  
now.

With this I enclose  
the financial statement



two and a half years in  
service in tea room.  
Since so many ladies  
in the household  
as had very little ex-  
perience in Christian  
work. But she is interest-  
ed in the salvation  
of the Chinese, and  
wants to work for them  
she is sweet spirited  
and  
careless.

At present she has a class  
of English speaking  
Chinese girls at Sunday  
School and seems to be doing  
good work with them.  
Previous to coming to  
China two years ago  
with <sup>the Andersons</sup> as governess for the boys

3 in a bright  
Christian experience  
and record of service  
in His vineyard to-  
gether with a well  
strong body, to bring  
into the work, but  
since He has given  
the willing mind  
may He that also  
will bless in a suc-  
cessful measure.

Miss Anderson is dear  
in love by us all  
so far as I know.  
I hope Miss Hayward  
and you will have  
communication on  
the subject. I am

hope Miss Pyle will  
write you about it.

Now about Miss  
Water. The poor little  
woman is almost  
wholly laid aside  
with her head.  
She suffers intensely  
with China headache  
when she is a bit she  
has some with the  
English work in the  
house & school.

It is a real comfort  
to have Miss Water  
have to take her  
when she is laid  
aside of course she  
will get off sooner

for the summer, though  
I doubt seriously whether  
it is going to help the  
matter at all.

I am very sorry to hear  
she is a delicate, dependent  
little body, and I wish  
we all had some one  
suffer so.

How strange is it that  
these bodies of ours  
are sitting "God's  
or wings!"

There are arrangements  
recused, it is a  
of the summer. I will  
Miss Water in our  
water. What a  
and please  
you will be  
I have a  
I have a



In case Miss A. is received  
could you cable "yes" to  
would be such a relief to her  
and the rest of us, too. H. L. C.

Yours  
H. L. C.

Shanghai, China.

May 19, 1895.

Dear Mr. Garrod,

I have heard  
the natives out here speak  
of you so often, that it does  
not seem strange to me to  
feel that in writing to you,  
that I am not writing to a  
stranger although I am a  
stranger to you.

I was married last October,  
I came out with my Uncle,  
(Rev. G. L. Anderson) who was  
making a brief stay in the  
States, to teach his little son.  
The first year was a very pleas-  
ant, happy year, but at the  
end of that time, my health  
was not good, I think prob-  
ably as much from over-

strained nerves as from the climate.

I thought of returning home, but as my heart is in the work, and as I am already on the field, the thought occurred to me to apply to join the Normal Board, on trial for one year. If at the end of that time, I am not well enough to engage in work for another year, we will cancel the arrangement, but if I am well enough then, I want to make it my life-work. I feel that if it is God's will, for me to stay out here, He will give me health to do so.

I am twenty-six years old and was <sup>born</sup> in Newnan, Ga. My father is Mr. L. F. Anderson.

I was educated at the Public Schools in Atlanta, and for reference, refer you to any of the High School teachers, or to the Supt. (Messrs. H. H. Slaton).

I only taught six months at home, as my mother's <sup>health</sup> would not permit me to leave her.

I have had some little Christian experience, and did not come out expecting to engage in the work, but soon after my arrival, I felt that at some future day, I would let me to know my mind. Then, I did not see a Christian, at some time, and he advised me to help the people, and all men for as have been your neighbor's life.

To you have my experience  
in a nutshell.

I hope some day that I  
shall know you personally,  
and I do hope that you  
have entirely recovered from  
your recent illness.

The life out here has been  
very pleasant to me, and if  
one is well, it is a field  
for a great deal of useful-  
ness.

I hope this will meet with  
your approval, and that  
I may be a permanent  
member of your Board.

Yours sincerely,

Wm. Woodson.

Questions to Candidates.

1. Do you feel that your heart is moved by the Holy Spirit to take upon you the work of a foreign missionary? & feel confident that the Holy Spirit is leading me to offer my services for this work.

2. Are you a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South? Yes, at Newnan, Ga.

3. How long have you been a member? Fourteen years.

3. Do you subscribe to the doctrine of this Church? & etc.

4. Is it your desire and intention to make the work of Foreign Missions your life work? It is my desire to do so.

5. Are you willing to go to  
any field? Yes, though a  
matter of course, I prefer China.

6. Have you had experience  
in Christian work? A very  
limited experience.

7. Have you a good English  
education? Yes, I was  
educated at the Public  
Schools in Atlanta, Ga.

8. (a) Have you studied any  
ancient or modern language?  
(b) Do you receive such with  
ease? I have studied Latin  
and French, both of which I  
acquire with ease.

9. How do you talent school,  
where, and with what suc-  
cess? Six months at home,  
and two years in China.  
By name: Rev. S. L. Anderson.  
Fuchow, China.

10. Can you teach music,  
vocal or instrumental? Neither.

11. (a) What is the condition  
of your health? Almost per-  
fect until I came to China,  
but for the past year have not  
been well. This is my second  
year at here, and time may  
reason to hope that when I  
am acclimated I shall be well  
again. I came out to teach  
for my Uncle's family, think-  
ing of going into the work when  
my engagement with him was  
finished, but circumstances  
have made it seem to enter  
the work at once.

(b) Are you predisposed to any  
physical weakness? None.

12. What is your age?  
Twenty-six.

13. Have you ever applied to other Mission Boards, or Societies? No.

15. Will you promise to keep the following conditions: "If you labor with us in the Lord's vineyard, it is needful that you should do that part of the work which we advise, at those times, and places which we judge most for his glory?" I am willing to be guided.

16. Do you agree to conform to all the requirements of the Woman's Board while in its service? I do.

J. A. Anderson.



Anderson, Ida

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DEPARTMENT OF WORK IN FOREIGN FIELDS

STAFF MINUTES

February 17, 1953

Present: Misses Colony, Evans, Lee, Gibson, MacKinnon, Twinem

Miss Colony led in prayer.

For the record:

In memoriam: Ida Anderson, China, (retired), February 16, 1953 73.

Arrived: Catherine Justin, India, February 17, 1953 74.  
Murden Woods, India, February 17, 1953 (Term completed)

For action:

RECOMMENDED that the following medical bill be approved: 75.

Mildred Pierce, India, \$448.40

RECOMMENDED that the following medical bill be paid from Retirement Provision, 76.  
Relief:

Lois Witham, China, \$206.32

VOTED that the following educational grants be approved: 77.

Pearl Fosnot, China, Columbia University \$ 270  
Helen G. Moore, Japan, Columbia University 420

VOTED that \$347.43 be paid from Educational Grants, Candidates, for the 78.  
Woman's Division share of the expenses of the evening seminar held at Yale  
Institute of Far Eastern Languages for those candidates preparing for Japan and  
Korea.

RECOMMENDED that the term of Laura Heist, India, be extended to May 1954, 79.  
subject to medical approval.

RECOMMENDED that Charlotte Taylor be, and she hereby is, appointed field 80.  
treasurer in Southern Congo of the Woman's Division of Christian Service of  
the Board of Missions and Church Extension of The Methodist Church, and that she  
be given authority to handle funds and to operate the bank accounts in Southern  
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RECOMMENDED that Joan Warneka be approved as field correspondent of the 81.  
Southern Congo Conference.

IDA ANDERSON

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Sent to All East China Missionaries (Retired) and here in the U.S.

**WOMAN'S DIVISION OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE OF THE  
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OF THE METHODIST CHURCH**

150 FIFTH AVENUE

NEW YORK 11, N. Y.

LOUISE ROBINSON  
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY  
CHINA

February 10, 1953

Dear Friends:

Louise Robinson is out of town so I am writing to tell you of the home-going of Miss Tda Anderson on February 10. Attilio Millingsworth sent the following telegram to Bobby:

"Tda Anderson died this morning. Though she had broken her arm three weeks ago she was feeling well yesterday and stayed up until ten last night. This morning she just didn't wake up. The funeral will be Tuesday morning at 10:30."

As you probably know, she lived with her two sisters, Rose and Irene, at 922 North State Street, Jackson, Mississippi.

I know that all of us who knew and loved her in China are grateful for her love and for her abiding influence.

Louise Robinson has gone to Knoxville for the meeting of the South Central Jurisdiction. She is leaving next week for the Southeastern Jurisdiction in Jackson. We enjoy living together, enjoy in the glimpses we have of our friends. Bobby is good about sharing news with me and I know that she sends you messages from time to time from me.

As you probably know, I was in Europe and Africa from early July until nearly Christmas. It was a great experience. I believe the only East China persons in Africa are James and Rita Roberts in Old Egypt. There are other China persons in many countries in Africa. I have been calling Liberia "China in Africa".

Thank you for the Christmas greeting which came to me from Bobby and the girls' gift. They were very thoughtful.

I remain appreciative and love,  
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Sincerely yours,

Attilio Millingsworth

April 10, 1953

IDA ANDERSON MEMORIAL

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Huangshao, China

May 22, 1898

Dear Miss Laura, - (Haygood)

I have  
been eagerly waiting for  
the outgoing mail, for I  
knew you would be glad  
to hear that I want to in-  
cast my lot with God's  
workers in this land.

I know the life in Anchow  
was not best for me, and  
then my health was not  
good. Though if I had been  
strong, I would have con-  
tinued to teach the boys.

How I wish you were  
here, and I could talk it  
over with you. I think you  
could understand how  
I feel about it.

Ida Anderson to "Miss Sarah"  
Shanghai May 22, 1895

Until I came out here  
and you talked to me,  
no one had ever spoken to  
personally about religion.

I was groping in the  
dark, trying to do what  
I could, and with an in-  
-die use longing to help oth-  
ers. God was a God, but  
not a living God to me.

I think that for one of  
my temperament, to be  
among the people, and  
to see their need of a  
Savior, would make you  
feel that you must have  
a living, or present, Sav-  
ior in order to help them.  
It is pitiful to see the  
degradation and suffer-  
ing one sees out here's

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When I long to be able to  
talk and get out among  
them.

On account of my health  
I only ask to join the Board  
for one year, but I am con-  
fident that it will be a  
permanent engagement  
on my part, for I am not  
at all downhearted about  
my health.

I am staying at M<sup>rs</sup>.  
Tyne Home. It is delightful  
here. Every body is so nice,  
and one cannot be with-  
out growing such lovely people with-  
out growing.

Miss Richardson has  
been so kind to me, and  
has helped me so much.  
She is so unselfish.

so much to give, because she has so much of God's love, that she seems to always be overflowing. I like to be where she is and get some sprinklings.

Mrs. Guithus is as dear and lovely as ever.

Miss Waters does not seem to get any better. She suffers so much with her head. We are all so sorry for her.

Miss Reynolds and I are rather chummy, if you will excuse the expression. I love her very much.

Now if you were here all of the finishing touches would be on

this home. We are counting the days until you do come. Don't let them be long days.

I suppose that you have heard that ~~the~~ Mrs. Hearn has a little boy. She named him Walter Anderson, after Dr. Walter and Aunt Marnie.

Mrs. Burke has a little boy, and Mrs. Reid, a little girl. Both born this morning. They are both doing nicely.

The Harts leave in June for their own mission. I have found them so pleasant. Dr. Hart is such an earnest Christian gentleman. He has

... a true brother to me.

Everyone is pleased with Dr. Fearn. He is a fine man.

I have found Miss Pylee so satisfying. She is so womanly, and has her whole heart in her work.

I have just finished reading Les Misérables. One little thought in it, "From nothingness to God," makes me think of the utter nothingness of some of these miserable people, and how much it would mean to them to know God. Oh, how they need Him.

I have thought of you so often Miss Lumsden

wanted to write to you but I felt that your time was too precious.

I can never cease to be thankful that I am out here. I feel very insignificant with the Christians who have grown so much, but I know that I can grow too.

Give my love to Clara and Mrs. Bonston.

Won't you use your influence to let me stay?

Now I won't write any more, except to send a steamerful of love. I mean a heartfelt.

With love,

Ada W. ...