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4. Voted that the name of the Fukien Christian University in Chinese be Fukien Hsieh Ho Ta Hsueh Hsiao, 福建協和大學校.

5. Voted that the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, the Church Missionary Society, the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, the Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in America be requested to appoint three persons each on the Board of Trustees to incorporate the Fukien Christian University and that the above persons shall, as soon as possible after their appointment, incorporate under the laws of the State of Massachusetts or such other State as they may deem best.

6. That the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church be requested to appoint a Convener of the Board of Trustees when they are appointed.

7. That the Board of Trustees be authorized to make such changes in the constitution as may be necessary to conform with legal requirements. That when the Board of Trustees has incorporated the Fukien Christian University the Board of Managers be appointed by the co-operating Missions on the basis of the adopted constitution Article IV, Section 2, with the understanding that a missionary teacher giving full time in the University is equivalent to a contribution of $1500 gold or £300, and that each Mission has the option to furnish the money or the men.

8. Voted that the Secretary of the Board of Managers of the Fukieu Union College act as Corresponding Secretary for the Committee for Organizing and Incorporating the Fukien Christian University.

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9. The Chairman and Secretary were appointed to edit the minutes.

After prayer by Bishop Price the Committee adjourned.

Lewis Hodous, Secretary
H. McC. E. Price. Bp. Chairman.

Note: The names of the Trustees and all communications regarding incorporation should be sent to

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150 Fifth Avenue, New York, U. S. A.

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June fourth
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Rev. Edwin C. Jones
152 Market St.
Bethlehem, Pa.

Dear Mr. Jones:-

It was a pleasure to receive your note of June 2 and to learn we have one with us who is so closely associated with the Fukien University and so well acquainted with its plans and needs.

You speak of me as the representative of this Board on the Committee for organization and incorporation. To state the case exactly I am one of three appointed by this Board as members of the Board of Trustees to be organized in this country. A similar number of appointees from the three other Boards, the Methodist, the Dutch Reformed, and the Church Missionary Society were to be appointed. With regard to your question as to requirements for incorporating, there are two methods of incorporating such a body according to Massachusetts rule. If it is desired that the corporation shall be able to grant degrees and to fulfill all the functions of the Trustees of a college in this country, it is necessary to secure an act of legislature granting incorporation. As the Massachusetts legislature is not now in session, it would be necessary to delay until the next session, which will not come until the late fall or winter. If the Board is simply incorporated to hold property and to dispense funds, that right can be secured through the Secretary of State's office by the authority of the Commissioner of Corporations. A blank form of application is furnished, which being filled out and duly presented may secure the issuance through the Secretary of State's office of a certificate of such corporation, the names of the incorporators being stated together with the place of their headquarters. If an act of the legislature is secured it means an appearance on the part of some of the desired incorporators before a Committee of the legislature to make their request and to answer any questions. There is more red tape, therefore, to this incorporation with fuller powers, but if it is desired that the right to confer degrees shall be held by the Trustees it will be necessary to take that step.

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I had anticipated that in as much as two of the Boards involved have their headquarters in New York it might be desired to incorporate in that state. I understand, however, that it is a little more difficult to get such incorporation with the right to grant degrees since the Board of Regents have to pass on the case and are somewhat stiff in their requirements. I suppose it could be arranged even with the incorporation in Massachusetts that the Meetings, if desired, could be held out of the state, that is, in New York City.

The first requirement of course will be the organization of the Board of Trustees so that there is a body to apply for incorporation and to press the matter. We have no copies of the forms or documents involved which I can send you, but I presume they will be hardly essential to your purpose at present.

I note you speak of Monday, the 11th, as being the time set for the Meeting of the Committee. I have received no notice of that call as yet. If the Meeting is to be held then and I am expected to be present, I should be glad to have the notice of the date as promptly as may be so that I can conform my other engagements thereto.

Believe me

Very truly yours,

WEStrong

WES/MB

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June fourth
Nineteen Seventeen.

The Rev. E. C. Jones,
152 Market Street,
Bethlehem, Pa.

My dear Brother Jones:

In harmony with your letter of June 2nd, Dr. North is calling the meeting for the Committee on Incorporation of the Fukien Christian University for Monday, June 11th, at 2:30 o'clock in the rooms of the Interdenominational Missionary Headquarters, 25 Madison Avenue, (19 floor). Doubtless you will be in early Monday so that we can go over together.

It is difficult for me to give you the exact requirements for incorporation of the University under the laws of the state of New York. When we moved in the matter of Peking University our process was that of securing an amendment to the original charter granted some 25 years ago, and this was handled entirely for us by legal counsel. The most recent illustration of incorporating under the laws of New York State was in the case of the University of Nanking. I am enclosing you a copy of the Charter and By-Laws of Nanking University which will give you some idea of the method pursued. From this you will see that educational institutions are incorporated not by the legislature but by the University of the State of New York and become part of the University scheme of the State. This involves attention to considerable detail and the annual filing of reports on blanks prepared by the University with quite a list of searching questions so that Dr. North and those of us who are in touch with these things are inclined to favor incorporation under another State if that be feasible.

Doubtless you will wish to bring both ~~problems~~ proposals before the Organizing Committee so this brief statement from the Nanking University may be of assistance.

Very cordially yours,

Geo. Heber Jones.

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June twenty-fifth
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Mr. Edwin C. Jones, M. A.
C/o Wesleyan Delegation
Northfield Conference
East Northfield, Mass.

Dear Mr. Jones:-

I have your valued letter written from Hartford, Conn., concerning the Fukien University with its suggestion that you might return from Northfield via Boston and so be able to make any investigations concerning the possible incorporation under Massachusetts law.

I wrote last week Wednesday to Dr. Chamberlain suggesting the possibility of a meeting in New York this week to consider the matter of the proposed charter, and asked him if he would find out whether you and Mr. Carmen would be able to meet early in the week. A letter from him, Dr. Chamberlain, received this morning, says that through interruptions and absence from the office he did not see my letter until Saturday, that he had had some talk with you and that you had left the night before for Northfield. That makes it quite clear we cannot arrange for a meeting of the Committee in New York until you are through at Northfield. Then I think we should have one to talk over what are the desirabilities concerning the place of getting the charter, the form of the charter, etc.

I should be very glad to see you and talk over the general project if you are minded to make your return journey from Northfield via Boston. I do not think, however, that there is need for much investigation of the method since we have the data as to how incorporation was secured for our Foochow College, and I presume the same steps would need to be followed. If you think not, or if you have questions in your mind concerning which you would like further investigation, as I say, I shall be very glad to see you here and to do what I can with you towards furthering the matter. I had suggested to Dr. Chamberlain that it would be well for us to get a meeting pretty soon so as to get the matter started before the summer vacations deprive us of the presence of some of the Committee.

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I expect to be here all next week and so shall be very glad to see you on Friday, the 29th, if you choose to come this way. If not, I should be glad to know whether you would be in New York the following week and whether it would be possible for us to get a meeting of our Committee then.

Believe me

Very cordially yours,

WEStong

WES/MB

150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City,
July 2, 1917.

The Secretary of State,
Dover, Delaware.

Dear Sir,-

The Fukien Union College of Foochow, China, of which I am president is about to be incorporated with two, or possibly three, other mission institutions in Foochow as the Fukien Christian University. The body of men which will become the Board of Trustees of the University is to consider soon the advisability of incorporation under New York, Massachusetts, or Delaware laws. I am writing you now to find out what are the conditions of incorporation under the laws of Delaware. If you can give me a succinct statement of the Delaware requirements for incorporation of universities that they may hold property andgrant degrees, I shall be gratly obliged to you. Among other things I should like to have answers to the following queries:

1. Must all the trustees be natives of the United States?
2. Need any of them be such? Could all be Chinese, for instance?
3. Is there any requirement as to where the meetings must be held? Would it be possible to hold them in China, or if the majority were in the United States, could the meeting be held in any state, or must they all be held in Delaware?
4. Is there any limit to the amount of property (either maximum or minimum) that may be held by such a corporate body? In New York, I believe there is a minimum, and sometimes there may be a maximum.

The meetin to consider incorporation comes on the sixth instant. I shall hope to hear from you consequently, at an early date. If it were necessary I could go to Dover on the fifth, but prefer not to unless it is imperative. Yours very truly,

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July third
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Rev. Edwin C. Jones
150 Fifth Ave.
New York City

Dear Mr. Jones:-

A letter just received from Dr. Chamberlain says he cannot attend the proposed Committee Meeting on Friday of this week. Another letter from Mr. Carman's secretary says he is out of the city until about the first of August. Dr. Chamberlain intimates that he will be available next week. I am, therefore, writing him proposing a new date for the Meeting Tuesday morning, July 10, at 10 o'clock, at the same place, 25 Madison Ave.

I hope it may be possible for you to meet with us; indeed, if you cannot come then I should think we had better defer the meeting again until some time when we can get at least three together. Unless I hear from you to the contrary, I will assume that we may meet on the morning of the 10th.

I am

Very truly yours,

W E Strong

WES/MB

State of Delaware

Office of Secretary of State

DOVER, DEL.

EVERETT C. JOHNSON
SECRETARY OF STATE

July 3, 1917.

Mr. Edwin C. Jones,
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

The name Fukien College of Fooshow, China, can be used for the corporate title of a corporation to be incorporated under the laws of this State.

I am sending you under separate cover, pamphlet copy of the corporation laws of this State, together with blank form of Certificate of Incorporation. In the law, you will gather the information you desire. The trustees are not required to be natives of the United States, nor is there any provision in the law at this time, requiring any to be residents of the United States. Their meetings can be held outside the State of Delaware. There is no limitation to the amount of property that may be held by a corporate body.

Trustees' nationality

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I think from the pamphlet copy of the law, you will gather all the information you desire.

Very truly yours,

Everett Johnson

Secretary of State.

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July
Fifth
Nineteen Seventeen

The Rev. Dr. William E. Strong,
14 Beacon Street,
Boston, Mass.

My dear Dr. Strong:

Your letter of the 3d found me this morning when I came to New York.

I am sorry that it is not possible to have the meeting tomorrow about incorporation. It occurred to me after I left Boston that it would be more convenient for you to have the meeting of the sub-committee on one day and make the report at the full Board meeting the next day. Would it be better then to wait until all of the men are home, say early in September and then get them together for the large meeting? I think that we would be able to make a better report at that time, and as I see it, it can hardly delay matters much because we will be unable to get a meeting of the full Board during the summer as some will surely be away from home during July and August and it will take much correspondence and thought to arrange a date which will be convenient for all.

I breakfasted this morning with Dr. E. D. Munds, the President of Canton Christian College. He says that they are contemplating changing their incorporation from New York state to the District of Columbia. He is finding it exceedingly irksome to comply with the conditions which are laid down by the Board of Regents. He thinks it will be more convenient if they are incorporated under the laws of the District of Columbia. One of his objections to New York is that the seal of the Secretary of State of New York has to be attached to the diplomas. If a seal has to be attached he thinks it would be better to have one from Washington, because that is less local than the seal of New York. It may be that both Massachusetts and Delaware would make this same requirement and in that case it might be better for us to go to the District of Columbia rather than to either one of these states. He is making the investigation now and will have data on the question in a week or ten days. I shall keep in touch with him and will get as much as I can from him to report to the sub-committee. Incidentally, putting the date for the meeting of the sub-committee later will help us to get this data well in hand before we meet and will facilitate our coming to a final decision.

It occurred to me this morning also that if we delay the meeting of the sub-committee, it would be possible to make out a brief of the requirements of the different states and have them circulated among the members of the committee so that they would have definite thoughts on the question when they come together for the meeting. This is perhaps a minor consideration however.

If you think best to go on with the meeting without Mr. Carman being present and without the data from the District of Columbia, I would be very glad to arrange to meet with you and Dr. Chamberlain on July 10th at 10 o'clock. I am rather anxious that Mr. Carman become deeply interested in our proposition, personally, and it seemed to me in thinking over your letter that it might be advantageous for us to await his return and have the meeting early in September. However, I will arrange to meet with you at whatever time you decide.

With kind regards,

Yours very sincerely,

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July seventh
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Rev. Edwin C. Jones
150 Fifth Ave.
New York City

Dear Mr. Jones:-

In view of what Dr. Edmunds reports concerning the possible desirability of choosing Washington as the place of incorporation, and of the fact that further investigation is necessary before having sufficient information to act intelligently upon this matter, I incline to agree with you that it would be better to postpone our Meeting until a later date. I am desirous also that if possible Mr. Carman should be present at the Meeting. I therefore conclude to call off the Meeting for next Tuesday and have so written to Dr. Chamberlain.

We had better not attempt just now to arrange a time and date decisively, but I agree that the early days of September would be not too late provided we can get a Meeting closely associated with the Meeting of the full Committee. If the men are willing to give time on two successive days, it would be a real advantage to me to make the one trip of it, and I think if the data concerning the various possibilities could be circulated in advance, we might make quick work of the Meeting of the Sub-Committee, and so make lesser drain upon the time of its members. As you have the matter so well begun, will you not gather the data and summarize the main facts regarding the several possibilities so that we can get them into shape for ready reference.

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I have talked with Mr. Wellman concerning the Massachusetts provisions. He declares regarding the matter of residence and nationality of trustees that it is not necessary they should be residents of the Commonwealth, but that he thinks it would be required or at least in conformance with the custom that they should be residents of the country. As to the place of meeting, that would have to be in the state unless otherwise provided, such provision being somewhat difficult to get. Regarding the amount of property to be held, it would be required that a statement of the maximum amount of property that could be held should appear in the charter unless the organization is incorporated under the general law

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1917

Mr. Jones -- 2

which general law names a certain limit as set. He could not tell me offhand just what this limit was, but as I assumed that we should not wish to incorporate in any event under the general law, I did not think it material.

Believe me

Very truly yours,

WEStong

WES/MB

July
Ninth
Nineteen Seventeen

The Rev. William E. Strong, D.D.,
14 Beacon Street,
Boston,
Massachusetts.

My dear Dr. Strong:

Your letter of the 7th came duly to hand. I shall act on your suggestion to continue to gather data on incorporation of the university, and will let you have a summary of the facts for suggestion as soon as I can get them into shape. I note what Mr. Wellman replied to the questions and shall incorporate them in a report on what Massachusetts' law requires. In case of any other question arising I will write you about it and let you take it up with Mr. Wellman.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

ECJ
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P.S.- The question has come up as to whether the Board of Trustees here in America could delegate to a Board of Managers in Foochow the power to grant degrees or not. Perhaps Mr. Wellman can give you the Massachusetts ruling on this.

E. C. J.

August
Third,
1917.

The Rev. William E. Strong, D.D.
14 Beacon Street,
Boston, Massachusetts.

My dear Dr. Strong:-

In talking over the possibilities for incorporation the question has come up as to the formalities in different states for making and signing diplomas. The Canton Christian College has found that there is a good deal of red tape in New York State on this matter. We shall want to know what the other states require in the matter because it might be a deciding factor.

In Massachusetts are the diplomas necessarily signed by the Secretary of State, or may they be signed by representatives of the Trustees, or simply by the President and Secretary for the Managers of the College.

If it is possible to do the signing and arranging for the diplomas within our own circle it would be better, but on the other hand if they must be sent to America in any case it would be better to have a seal of national significance such as that of the District of Columbia, or of Congress itself.

Probably you will be able to give me this information from your knowledge of what is done in the case of Foochow College

I have just come from a conference with Dr. North and we thought that the meeting of the Sub-Committee and Board of Trustees might be arranged for one day, for instance the 11th of September, Tuesday. We could have lunch at some convenient place and discuss the question of incorporation preparatory to reporting to the Trustees. The Trustees might then meet at 2:30 and the whole matter be closed up at one time.

I think that you would be able to get here probably in time for luncheon at 12:30. Having this all done in one day would be much more acceptable to Mr. Carmen and the rest of the Committee undoubtedly. If you will let me know what you think of this I will speak to Dr. North about it and have the date arranged definitely.

Do you happen to know in this connection whether Mr. Gossard has returned from the Orient or not? It would be fine if every member of the Board of Trustees might be present.

JEC:HG Yours very sincerely

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August 4, 1917

Rev. Edwin C. Jones,
Mission Rooms, 150 Fifth Ave.,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Jones:-

Your letter of August 3d comes to hand this morning just as I am clearing up my desk with a view to leaving Monday for a week's absence from the office. It appeared all of a sudden that next week was the only week I could see for getting off for rest this Summer, so I speedily arranged matters for this absence.

Incorpn

The questions raised in your letter concerning the making and sending of diplomas I have not time to look up this morning, but I will do so in due time and let you know; my impression is that Massachusetts does not require the signature of the Secretary of State for diplomas. I am very sure that Foochow College never sends its diplomas for signature. However, I will verify this impression and let you know decisively in due time.

With regard to the proposed meeting I should think we might arrange, as you say, for the work of the Charter Committee in connection with the luncheon preceding the meeting of the Board of Trustees. As I look ahead I find the 11th of September will be the date of meeting of the Prudential Committee; we always meet on Tuesday afternoon, and figuring ahead the meeting would fall regularly upon that date. Except in dire necessity I do not mean to be absent from a meeting of the Prudential Committee, so it would be much to my advantage if some other date than the 11th could be chosen; on the 12th or 13th I could more easily get away from the office.

AUG 4
1917

Mr. Goddard has returned from the Orient and has been at the office. I regret to say, however, he has resigned his position on the Board of Trustees, feeling that he could not undertake that duty. The resignation has been accepted by the Prudential Committee, but no successor has yet been appointed. A possible choice is contingent upon other decisions which make it seem best to wait a little before we decide. The Prudential Committee will, of course, appoint a third member, but at present there are only two of us.

Believe me,

Very truly yours,

W E Strong

W.E.S./F.A.W.

August
Tenth
Nineteen Seventeen

The Rev. William E. Strong, D.D.,
14 Beacon Street,
Boston,
Massachusetts.

My dear Dr. Strong:-

Thank you for your letter of August 4th. It was certainly fortunate that you discovered before it was too late that you could get off this week. I hope you have had a pleasant rest and change.

With regard to the date for the meeting of the Charter Committee, and the Board of Trustees, Dr. North says that the 12th or 13th would be impossible for him, but if it were convenient for you on the 6th, he can arrange for that date, or the 14th; the former date is a little more convenient for him, as he has to be in Niagara Falls on the 15th; however, he will accommodate himself to your convenience.

I suppose the latter part of September would be just as crowded as the first part seems to be. Dr. North will be at Niagara Falls until the 21st at least; probably there will be committee meetings growing out of this general meeting also and so he may be held there until toward the end of the month. I presume on the whole it will be better for our purpose to get the meeting out of the way in the first half of the month if at all possible.

I am sorry that Mr. Goddard will not be able to serve on the Board of Trustees. His knowledge of the situation would certainly have been helpful, but undoubtedly his reasons for resigning are weighty ones.

On receiving your reply about the date I will again take the matter up with Dr. North, and let you know immediately what the decision is about the date of meeting.

With kind regards,

Yours very sincerely,

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August 14, 1917.

Rev. Edwin C. Jones,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Dr. Jones:

Thank you for your letter of the 10th with its report concerning the possibility of a meeting of our Charter Committee and the Board of Trustees. On looking over my engagement list, I find it will be possible, so far as I can see now, for me to be in New York on the 6th of September, so I will put that date down tentatively, and authorize you to see if we can arrange for a meeting on that day. I think the 6th will suit me better than the 14th, so that if Dr. Chamberlain and Mr. Carman can be secured on the 6th, that will be altogether satisfactory. If you will let me know as soon as it is convenient what the decision is, I will try and arrange matters definitely so as to be on hand for the 6th.

I hope you have stood the heat well and are getting the benefit of the cooler days that have succeeded.

Believe me

Very cordially yours,

W E Strong

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W. S. C. returns on Sat. am.
W. O. C. 7th suits convenience better
but will try to arrange for 6th if 7th impass.
J. M. S. will hold 6th & 7th open.

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150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City,
Aug. 13,1917.

Dear Dr, Strong,-

Dr. Chamberlain told me this morning in conversation over the date of the Committee on Incorporation that he is to be away from the city the entire first week of September. The only date in the following week, the 14th, is not convenient for yourself, and the next week is out of the question for Dr.North. This leaves only the thirdweek of September available. Monday is a bad day for such a meeting, Wednesday is probabably impossible for Dr. Chamberlain, and Thursday is surely so for Dr. North. This leaves only the 25th or 28th open as Saturday is not a good day. I phoned Mr. Carman to see what he had to say about these dates but found he is not to be in the city till Tuesday morning.

May I suggest that I take up the matter again with Dr. Chamberlain and find out surely about the 26th, and also ask Mr. Carman whether he can come on any of those days and write you again on Tuesday? In the meantime if any of the three days are impossible for you, you can let me know and I will eliminate them in talking with the other men. I see no other way than to put it off in this way.

Hoping to hear from you on Tuesday morning about your convenience in the matter, I am

Yours very sincerely,

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August twentieth
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Rev. Edwin C. Jones
150 Fifth Ave.
New York City

Dear Mr. Jones:-

I am sorry you are having so much trouble in finding a satisfactory date for the meeting of the Committee on Incorporation. Evidently they are a busy lot of men who are on that Committee and we shall do well if we can catch them all on any one day.

I note your statement that the 14th of September is not convenient for me. I do not know just how I gave you that impression but I have no note in my engagement book that interferes with that date and there is nothing regular occurring that would make it impossible for me to be in New York on that Friday. If, therefore, the others are available, I should think it would be well to nail that day, Friday, September 14th.

If that be not available and we turn our attention to the last week in September, I could come down either for the 26th or the 28th, at least so far as anything now appears. On any one of these three days then I could arrange to be in New York and will gladly do so if you will indicate which one suits the others best. As I said before, I am sorry to make you so much work in the matter. Fortunately we shall not need to meet often.

Believe me

Very truly yours,

W. E. Strong

Dr. E. C. J. 14 Sept 28

WES/MB

August 22,1917.

Dear Dr. Strong,-

It seems that Dr.Chamberlain and Mr. Carman and Dr. North all agree with yourself in finding Friday,September 28th,as convenient day for the meeting of the Trustees and Committee on Incorporation of the Fukien Christian University. I have notified Dr. North to this effect,but it might be well to let him know directly from yourself as well.

The 14th proved to be unsatisfactory for Dr. Demarest,President of Rutgers College,as he will be engaged in the opening days of college at that time. I thought the 14th was inconvenient for you because in you previous letter you said the"6th would be more convenient than the 14th."

I presume you will sned the name of the third member from your board to Dr. North or Dr. Chamberlain so that he will receive due notice of the meeting.

Hoping that there will be no further trouble about the date,I am

Yours very sinwerely,

August 22, 1917.

Dear Dr. Strong,-

At Dr. North's request I have just phoned Dr. Chamberlain that the meeting of the Trustees of Fukien Christian University would be on Friday, September 28th, at 2.30 P.M. at 25 Madison Avenue. Dr. Chamberlain will send out the notices for this meeting.

Dr. Chamberlain has also very kindly invited the Incorporation Committee to eat with him (at University expense, of course) at the National Arts Club, 15 Gramercy Park, at 12.30. This might be mentioned in the notice of the meeting.

I am so busy at present with work in the office that it is difficult to say when I shall have the comparative statement of the requirements for incorporation under the laws of the different states ready for distribution. I hope, however, to have it finished well in advance of the meeting so that our discussion may be expedited.

It is interesting that Cairo University in which the R.C.A. has a share has decided to go to the District of Columbia for its charter rather than the University of the State of New York. They found the requirements of the Regents too irksome for them to be comfortable under their rule. I am contemplating a trip to Washington, if possible before the meeting and shall investigate the possibilities of incorporation under both the Federal Government and the D. of C.

Yours sincerely,

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August twenty-third
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Rev. Edwin C. Jones
150 Fifth Ave.
New York City

Dear Mr. Jones:-

Your two letters of August 22nd are just at hand. Thank you for all your pains in the matter of making the arrangements and notifying me thereabout. I will send out in due time the notices of the Meeting of the Incorporation Committee. Probably it is not best to send them quite yet lest they be lost or forgotten.

It is very kind of Dr. Chamberlain to make arrangements for us for the luncheon so that we can meet in a quiet spot and transact our business at the table.

I note with pleasure that you are getting the data together so that we can move ahead in the business promptly when we do get together.

The matter of the third representative on the Board of Trustees from the American Board has not been acted upon as yet, to fill the place made vacant by Mr. Goddard's resignation. If Mr. Hodous should decide to remain in this country (which we hope he will not, but which we are apprehensive he may do) he would be superbly qualified for this post. Pending his arrival here and conference with him, I presume the Prudential Committee will not make any appointment to fill the vacancy.

Believe me

Very cordially yours,

WES Throop

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

BUREAU OF EDUCATION

WASHINGTON September 10, 1917.

Mr. Edwin C. Jones,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Mr. Jones:

In reply to your letter of September 6th, I beg to say that there are two ways of forming corporations of an educational character in the District of Columbia. One is by special act of Congress and the other is under sections 574-586 of the Code of Laws for the District. Congress has in some cases granted special charters to educational corporations, but cannot be said to have been lavish in granting such charters. Among the more notable cases of incorporation by special act are those of the National Education Association, General Education Board, Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, Carnegie Institution of Washington, and American University. A near approach to the kind of incorporation contemplated by you is that of the American Academy at Rome (33 Stat. 1044). If you prefer to incorporate in this manner, I suggest that you consult one or more senators or members of the lower house of Congress with a view to getting a bill incorporating your institution introduced and passed. Corporations formed in this manner

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are generally made corporations of the District of Columbia.

The other method of incorporating is comparatively easy. It consists in the association of five or more persons for the purpose of establishing an institution of learning and the filing of certain statements with the recorder of deeds. For full information relative to this method, consult the Code sections referred to above.

Standards required in the event of incorporation by special act would depend largely upon the temper of Congress at the time of the passage of the act. Those required in the other event are indicated in the Code sections.

Yours sincerely,

L.A. Kalbach

Chief Clerk.

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September
Fourteenth,
Nineteen Seventeen.

Mr. W. W. Carman,
99 John Street,
New York City.

My dear Mr. Carman:-

Enclosed I am sending a copy of the comparative statement for Incorporation of Universities under the laws of different States, etc. These are results as nearly as I can determine them from examining the laws themselves. You will probably have had experience with incorporation so that you will have valuable suggestions as to the form in which this should go to our Committee. If there are any questions which arise, requiring further search for information, I shall be glad to have you ask them and shall endeavor to find correct answers.

I am going to Niagara Falls tonight and shall not return until after the middle of next week. If you can let me have your suggestions by that time, I shall be glad.

Yours very sincerely,

Edwin C. Jones.

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VHW

September
Fourteenth,
Nineteen Seventeen.

Dr. Wm. E. Strong,
14 Beacon Street,
Boston, Mass.

My dear Dr. Strong:-

I am sending you a comparative statement of the results of my investigation as to the laws governing Incorporations in the different States, etc., of which we have previously spoken. May I call your especial attention to the characterization of the directors under Massachusetts? According to Mr. Wellman, it is not necessary that they should be residents of Massachusetts. In the law which I studied this morning, I found the direct statement that a majority must be residents of the Commonwealth. Perhaps, my information is incorrect and he will be able to tell us which is right.

You were not able to tell whether the diplomas of Foochow College were signed here in America, or not. It is my impression that the diplomas come from America and that the stone from which they are lithographed, is here. Perhaps, however, they are not signed here. I wish you could let me have Mr. Wellman's thought on this so it may be included in a final copy of this comparative statement.

If there is any further information which you think should go on this statement, will you kindly let me know and I will try to get it? If there are any suggestions as to the form, please let me have those also. I am sending copies to Dr. Chamberlain and Mr. Carman for their question and suggestion and am planning to have enough copies made so that each member of the Board of Trustees may have it for his reference at the meeting, September 28th, provided the Committee thinks that that is wise. It may be they will be satisfied with our decision without inquiring too much into the basis for it.

I am leaving tonight for Niagara Falls and shall return the middle of the following week. If you will let me have a reply by that time, I will see to the further gathering of information and publishing of the results.

Yours very sincerely,

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September
Fourteenth,
Nineteen Seventeen.

The Hon. Everett C. Johnson,
Dover, Delaware.

Dear Sir:-

In reading over the regulations regarding Corporations which you so kindly sent me, two questions have arisen. On page 17, Section 2, No. 4, it is stated that "the power to hold real and personal estate, except in the case of religious corporations, shall include the power to take the same devise or bequest." Am I to understand from this, that trustees of colleges are not allowed to receive bequests?

The question of the Principal Office is one that has raised some doubt in my mind. I presume that the term, "Principal Office" does not mean that the greater part of the work must be done at that Office, but simply that it must be maintained in case of suing or being sued, etc., so that these matters of law may take place within the State of Delaware. If this is not correct, kindly give me your interpretation.

Thanking you for your kindness, I am,

Yours very truly,

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VHW

Jan. 7th
Coll. opens 8th

Wilson McDonald
Union,
~~Engg~~ -
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J. A. Dobbinghouse request.

A. C. Klinger, Hist., in Harvard.
See on trip in March

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Pol. Sci.
Wisconsin

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State of Delaware

Office of Secretary of State
DOVER, DEL.

EVERETT C. JOHNSON
SECRETARY OF STATE

September 17, 1917

Mr. Edwin C. Jones,
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your favor of the 14th inst., relative to paragraph 4, Section 4 on page 17 of the General Corporation Laws, beg to advise that religious corporations, that is, churches which are classed as religious corporations, are not incorporated under the General Corporation Laws, therefore the reason for that phrase being embodied in that paragraph of the General Corporation Laws. This is a general law upon the Statute Books of this State relative to bequests to charitable and religious corporations. This general law is in the Revised Statutes of 1915 and the subsequent volume thereto.

In regard to the principal office, this means that all corporations must have a principal office within the State of Delaware with ~~an agent~~ in charge at all times, for the keeping of the original or duplicate stock ledger and transacting the necessary business to be transacted within this State, but the main business is usually transacted outside the State of Delaware, where a corporation can have as many offices as they desire.

Very truly yours,

Everett C. Johnson

Secretary of State.

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DANIEL BURKE
COUNSELLOR AT LAW
44 PINE STREET
NEW YORK

DANIEL BURKE
BURDETTE LE MUNYAN
ARTHUR V. McDERMOTT
WINFRED C. ALLEN

September 18th 1917.

Dear Mr. Carman:-

I return to you herewith the letter of Mr. Jones and the data on the law concerning incorporations furnished by him.

It seems that the Canton Christian College has a provisional charter, and I enclose to you herewith a copy. We are informed that they have been attempting to get a permanent charter with degree giving powers, but up to this time have not succeeded in doing so. When Mr. Jones comes back to New York so that we can get from him a more complete statement of actual conditions, I shall be glad to give him a letter to my friend, Mr. Gilbert, or get in touch with Mr. Gilbert on the telephone some day in order to see if anything can be done at Albany.

My own impression is that it will be pretty difficult to get the degree giving power, but the determination of this question will of course better be left until we can get more details from Mr. Jones.

Sincerely yours,

Daniel Burke

To W. W. Carman, Esq.,
Summit, N. J.

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Canton Christian College

Charter

The College was incorporated under the University of the State of New York, in the United States of America, December 13th, 1893. Its charter is given below. The corporate name was changed in 1903 to "The Canton Christian College."*

University of the State of New York.

CHARTER OF CHRISTIAN COLLEGE IN CHINA.

WHEREAS, a petition for incorporation as an institution of the University has been duly received, and

WHEREAS, official inspection shows that suitable provision has been made for buildings, furniture, equipment, and for proper maintenance, and that all other prescribed requirements have been fully met,

THEREFORE, being satisfied that public interests will be promoted by such incorporation, the Regents by virtue of the authority conferred on them by law hereby incorporate Robert R. Booth, F. F. Ellinwood, William A. Wheelock, Darwin R. James, E. M. Kingsley, A. P. Happer, William M. Paxton, Peter Carter, David Torrens, and their successors in office, under the corporate name of the Trustees of the Christian College in China, with all her powers, privileges and duties, and subject to all limitations and restrictions prescribed for such corporations by law or by the ordinances of the University of the State of New York. The first Trustees of said corporation shall be the nine above-named incorporators.

IT IS ALSO PROVIDED that no degree shall be conferred by this College except on such conditions as are from time to time certified under seal of the University as being duly approved by the Regents.

This corporation shall be located at Canton, China.

IN WITNESS THEREOF the Regents grant this Charter, No. 766 under the seal of the University, at the Capitol in Albany, Dec. 13, 1893.

(Signed) ANSON JUDD UPSON,
Chancellor.

MELVIL DEWEY,

(SEAL)

Secretary.

*Bequests should be made out in the name of "The Trustees of the Canton Christian College."

Statutes of the Canton Christian College.

ARTICLE I

Declaration of Purpose

The purpose of the Trustees of the Canton Christian College is to establish in Canton and adjacent territory in China, an institution of learning of the highest standards of educational efficiency, under Christian influences.

The College though undenominational seeks to serve and cooperate with other institutions of like aim and with all evangelical denominations in building up a strong self-developing Chinese Church. To this end appointees to the American staff must be persons of well-attested Christian character, who are qualified and willing actively to provote both the religious and educational aims of the institution.

ARTICLE II

The Board of Trustees

1. **Membership.** The Board of Trustees shall consist of not less than seven nor more than fifteen members. All vacancies in the Board shall be filled by the Trustees at the annual meeting, or at a special meeting called for the purpose, the election being by ballot. The President of the College shall, when in America, be *ex officio* a member of the Board. No person shall be ineligible as a Trustee by reason of sex.

2. **Absences.** If any Trustee shall fail to attend three consecutive meetings without a written excuse, accepted as satisfactory to the Board not later than at the third consecutive meeting from which he has been absent, he shall be deemed to have resigned, and the vacancy shall be filled.

3. **Vacancies.** Any vacancy in the office of Trustee continuing for more than a year, or any vacancy reducing the number of Trustees to less than five may be filled by the Regents of the University of the State of New York.

4. **Quorum.** A majority of the members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of routine business at any meeting of the Board; but for the changing of general policies for the appropriating of sums in excess of $6,000, and for the election of officers, two-thirds of the members shall be required to constitute a quorum.

AMERICAN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS

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CONGREGATIONAL HOUSE, 14 BEACON STREET
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

September 19,1917

Rev. Edwin C. Jones,
Board of Foreign Missions M.E. Church,
150 Fifth Ave., New York City.

Dear Mr. Jones:-

Your letter of the 14th came duly with the enclosed points on laws. I appreciate greatly all you have done in the matter regarding laws of the different states and it makes it easy thus to compare and to form some judgments.

Concerning the question you ask as to the Massachusetts law, as I think I have said to you before, there is a general law under which it is possible to incorporate or [a method by which to secure a special charter] for an institution that seeks such. This latter method has been the one that the American Board has found it best to follow in Massachusetts. If that separate charter is secured the questions you raise are not vital because provision can be made in the form of charter to cover these points, or by the omitting of provisions against what is desired to do. For example, under the general law it would be necessary to have the place of meeting of the corporation within the state, but in the special charter provision can be made to meet outside as is the case with our American Board.

If nothing is said in the charter concerning the rule how diplomas should be signed, it is assumed that the Board of Trustees or Directors could authorize the President of the University to sign them. I think you are right in understanding that the diplomas of Foochow College are made here, and that in some cases, at least, they have been signed here, though not uniformly so.

In regard to the residence of the Directors, I think that under the law of incorporation it would be required that the majority should be residents of

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the Commonwealth; that requirement, I think, could also be waived in the terms of the special charter, if that were secured.

Inquire Secy of State

Turning to your question whether I think of any other information it might be desirable to get, there is the point concerning the right of the Board of Directors or Trustees to authorize the local Board of Governors or Managers to confer degrees. I am doubtful whether this right can be so delegated; or whether it is not an inherent and inalienable right of the Board of Directors to confer such degrees. If there is any law or legal decision or digest of experience in this matter, I should think it would be well to have that on hand.

Hoping to see you on the 28th,

I am,

Very cordially yours,

W E Strong

WES/FAW

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September 21,
1917

Rev. Edwin C. Jones,
150 Fifth Ave.,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Jones:-

Just a formal notification of the meeting of the sub-committee on incorporation of the Trustees of Fukien Christian University at the National Arts Club, 15 Gramercy Park, New York City, at 12.30 p.m. Friday, September 28. This is in accord with your suggestion to me in your letter of August 22, in which you reported that Dr. Chamberlain invites the sub-committee to lunch with him (at University expense) at that time and place.

Trusting that we may all get together then,

I am,

Very cordially yours,

WES/FAW

WM. W. CARMAN
99 JOHN STREET
NEW YORK

September 25, 1917.

Rev. Edwin C. Jones, D.D.,
President Fukien University,
#150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Dr. Jones:

As suggested over the telephone just now, I am enclosing a letter written, at my request, by Daniel Burke, concerning the proposed charter. Mr. Burke is a Trustee of Hamilton College and also a friend, I believe, of Dr. Gowdy, and a right good fellow, and I know he would do anything he could to help us in the matter.

Hoping to see you on Friday afternoon, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Wm W. Carman

Enclosure.

September
Twenty-Sixth
Nineteen Seventeen

The Secretary of State,
Boston, Massachusetts.

My dear Sir:-

The Fukien Christian University of Foochow, China, is about to be organized and incorporated. There is a question in the minds of the Trustees as to the place where incorporation will be most advantageous. Massachusetts appears to them in some ways very favorable indeed. There is a question, however, as to the conferring of degrees. In the organization of the College, there will be a Board of Trustees here in America, and a Board of Managers in China. It will be more convenient if possible to allow the Managers to have the degree-conferring power. Would it be possible for the Trustees to delegate the power to confer degrees to the Managers upon the field?

The meeting of the Trustees is to come Friday afternoon, and I shall be greatly obliged if you can let me have your judgment on this matter before that time.

Hoping to hear from you at as early a date as possible, I am

Very truly yours,

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Office of the Secretary,

Boston, Sept. 27, 1917.

Albert P. Langtry, Secretary.
Herbert H. Boynton } Deputies
Peter F. J. Carney }

Mr. Edwin C. Jones,

C/o Board of Foreign Missions of the M. E. Church,

150 Fifth Ave., New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of yesterday, you are informed that no corporation can be created under the general laws of this Commonwealth with the power to confer academic degrees. In order to obtain this power, a petition must be filed with the General Court, after having first been published in the manner provided by law, and afterward deposited in the office of the Board of Education, with proof of publication satisfactory to said Board.

A recent statute provides that such petition shall be deposited in the office of the Board of Education on or before the first day of November, and that the Board shall transmit such petition to the General Court during the first week of the following session with an endorsement that the required publication has been made, together with its recommendations relative thereto.

Further information as to publication etc. if wanted may be had by communicating with Payson Smith, Commissioner of Education, State House, Boston, Mass.

Very respectfully,

Albert P. Langtry
Secretary.

L.K.M./G.I.C.

THE UNIVERSITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
ALBANY

Nov. 7, 1917.

President E. C. Jones,
% Board of Foreign Missions,
Room 500, 150 Fifth Ave.,
New York City.

My dear Prof. Jones:

Since our conversation the other day I have given some thought to your question that you raised incidentally during our conversation, namely, that of a private secretary.

If you have not secured one to your liking and desire me to nominate some for your consideration please advise me somewhat in detail regarding the qualifications and duties of the office and also the privileges and emoluments.

I am just working out with considerable care the requirements for the secretarial courses to be recognized by the Regents, and from your personal case I will get another point of view for my study.

With assurance of personal esteem believe me

Very truly yours,

H. L. Taylor

HLT-M

Foochow, Nov. 10, 1917.

My dear Jones:

Up country trips must be my poor excuse for this delayed reply to yours of Sept. 6.

I am glad to hear of your good progress. I am also glad to tell you that the C.M.S. has approved the Constitution and taken steps to appoint its Trustees. I have not heard officially of their actual appointment.

Heard with interest of the proposal to arrange for premedical work in connection with the Union College. The Medical College will, I Trust, keep its head just above water during the present difficult times, and then after the war I hope that it will get more vigorous support from C.M.S. and others. There seems to be general agreement that we are right in keeping on and doing the best we can for the present. This is the C.M.S. view and I find that Bishop Lewis quite agrees with it.

All good wishes to yourself

Yours very sincerely

H.McC.E.Price, Bp.

November
Seventeenth,
Nineteen Seventeen.

Dr. John F. Goucher,
Baltimore, Md.

My dear Dr. Goucher:-

It seems advisable to the members of the committee on Charter for Fukien University to have the proposed meeting of representatives of Universities in China, seeking incorporation under the Regents, immediately following the conference on Africa. The meeting is called, therefore, for November 22nd, at 4 P.M., at 25 Madison Avenue. I hope you will be able to be present. It will be of interest to you that Mr. Williams promised over the 'phone this morning that he would be present with us also.

With kind regards,

Yours very sincerely,

ECJ
ELH

VASSAR COLLEGE
POUGHKEEPSIE, N.Y.

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My dear Mr Jones,

I would enjoy meeting with the others for a discussion of incorporation under the regents. I am doubtful, however, whether college engagements will permit it. But if I can, I will be with you.

I do not think you will have any serious difficulty. The Fukien plan is along lines endorsed by the regents. Cairo Univ. has been blocked because it did not wish to be under the control of mission Boards, and the regents insist that

it shall be.

Very cordially

Nov 19/17.

Wm Bancroft Hill.

New York City,

November 19, 1917.

Dr.H.L.Taylor,

The State Department of Education,

Albany,N.Y.

My dear Dr.Taylor,-

Will you kindly send me copies of handbooks relating to higher education,numbers 3,6,23,24 32,34? I am not sure that all of them relate to our particular problem,but I hope it is n asking too much of you to send me all of them as there is the possibility of each one bearing specially on some phase of the project.

Our committtee is working on the problem of incorporation and it is probable that before long there will be a definite proposal from them to the Regents through Dr. Downing.

I wish to thank you personally for the attentions shown me when talking over our plans. I am very grateful to you.

With regard to a secretary,there are now some questions which must be settled before I begin the search definitely for such a person. I shall communicate with you,however,when I have a definite request to make.

Again thanking you for the courtesies extendede to me,I am

Yours very truly,

1124 Amsterdam Avenue,
New York City,
November 20, 1917.

Herbert L. Bridgman, Esq.,
298 Washington St., Brooklyn.

My dear Sir,-

The Board of Trustees of Fukien Christian University of Foochow, China was organized in New York by representatives from the various participating mission boards on September 28th. The trustees are now comtemplating incorporation under the University of the State of New York. There are already a number of foreign universities and colleges incorporated under the Regents but there seems to be some dissatisfaction with certain of the requirements. Before taking the formal steps toward incorporation, therefore, the incorporation committee of Fukien Christian University is trying to get the opinions of institutions already incorporated as to variations, which seem to them to be advisable, from what they have gone through. A meeting is being called of representatives of such institutions to formulate, if possible, some plan for our guidance as a cla of institutions. There will be representatives of Canton Christian college, Nanking, Peking, and West China Universities as well as our own It would be extremely profitable if members of the Board of Regents could also be present at the meeting to advise as well as to get the atmosphere of the institutions more intimately than would otherwise be the case. I wonder whether you could not find time in the midst of your many duties to be present and give us your needed counsel. The meeting is to be held at 25 Madison Avenue (19th floor) on Thursda November 22nd at four o'clock. Mr. Elkus has also been invited to be present. I hope you may both find it possible to be there.

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I cannot refrain from telling you that one of the reasons why I have felt free to ask this of you is the fact that I am a member of the Xi of Psi U of the class of 1904, and consequently, though I have never seen you, I feel as if I knew you since your name is a household word wherever there is a Psi U,

With kindest regards and the hope that if at all possible you will be present on Thursday, I am

Yours in the bonds,

President, Fukien Union College (Arts Dept. of Fukien Christian University.)

THE UNIVERSITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
ALBANY

Nov. 20, 1917.

Dr. Edwin C. Jones,
1124 Amsterdam Ave.,
New York City.

My dear Dr. Jones:

I am in receipt of your letter of Nov. 19 and I am sending you, under separate cover, not only the handbooks requested in your letter of Nov. 19, but as complete a collection of the handbooks as our duplicate files permit. You may find suggestions of help to you in your problems in others of our handbooks.

Dr. Downing is now at his desk invigorated by a well earned rest in the Adirondacks.

We shall be glad to render such assistance to you and your co-laborers in China as may lie within our powers.

With assurance of personal esteem believe me

Very cordially yours,

H. L. Taylor

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Edwin C. Jones,Esq.
President,Fukien Union College,
1124 Amsterdam avenue,
New York,N.Y.

Dear President Jones:

In reply to your valued favor I will endeavor,and,so far as I can now see, shall be able to attend the meeting to which you kindly invite me, tomorrow afternoon,though I must explain that the junior regent and junior member ot its charters committee is inclined to observe the ancient precept to be "seen, not heard".

However,I shall be very glad of the opportunity to pay my respects to another Psi U president.

Fraternally,

H. L. Bridgman

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1124 Amsterdam Avenue,

New York City,

November 24, 1917.

Dr. H. L. Taylor,

Department of Education,

Albany,

Dear Dr. Taylor,-

There is one point that I think I have not made sufficiently clear either in our conversation or in correspondence.

There will be no preparatory department connected with the Fukien Christian University. Nevertheless, there will be for some years at least, students connected with the Theological and Normal Departments which have not attained to university standard,-i.e. thay may not have passed the entrance requirements to the University before admission. These will not be considered as matriculated students in the University, but provision will have to be made for granting them certificates on the completion of courses prescribed for them. This I presume can be left to the Trustees and Managers of the University to adjust, provided that power is included in the Charter.

It may be also that there will develop ~~the~~ a system of examinations similar to ~~that is~~ conducted by Cambridge, Oxford, and London Universities. It will be well to consider that possibility in making out the Charter.

Will not the clause in the Nanking Charter beginning "It may have departments of elementary, secondary, and higher education, etc." cover this point?

Yours very truly,

I find that my postscript must be continued on another page.

Does an absolute charter give an institution more liberty in granting degrees than aprovisional charter? To take an example, do the trustees of Cornell or Columbia Universities forward the names of students to be graduated to the Department of Education, and after the approval of the Board of Regents, are the diplomas sealed with the seal of the University of the State of New York and signed by its Chancellor and President, and then forwarded to the Trustees of the university in question for signatures and then delivered to the students? Perhaps an outline of proceedure actually taking place in the case of Cornell or Columbia would be the best way of answering this question.

The proceedure that I should like to have made possible is this: The faculty would recommend to the Board of Managers in Foochow that certain students be allowed diplomas, provided they passed satisfactorily in all the work prescribed. The Managers would forward these names to the Trustees who would authorize it with that proviso. The Trustees would then send the requisite number of diplomas duly signed to Foochow and the students' names and the dates would be filled in there and presented to the students.

The above proceedure would eliminate the necessity of the students' finishing their work six months in advance of graduation in order that the recommendation could be made that they had completed the work prescribed. On the other hand if such institutions as Cornell and Columbia follow the outline given in the first paragraph, I suppose there could be no deviation in our own case. My suggestion is simply in the interest of shortening the lapse of time between the recommendation for graduation and the granting of the diplomas.

1124 Amsterdam Avenue,
New York City,
November 24, 1917.

Dr.H.L.Taylor,
Department of Education,
Albany.

My dear Dr.Taylor,-

Thank you for your letter of the 20th and for the handbooks which followed. They will be of service I am sure.

I am enclosing a tentative copy of our application for incorporation by the Regents. Will you kindly make any suggestions which will help to get the application into proper form? The following notes on the application may help to a clearer understanding on your part of our case.

With regard to the second statement, I think it is sufficiently clear that the University is to be made up of union institutions already existing, as follows: Fukien Union College, Foochow Union Theological School, Foochow Union Normal Training School, and Foochow Union Medical School. We shall want the privilege of increasing the number of these schools if it seems advisable and if the maintenance can be adequately provided. Can this be included in the charter, or will it be better as in the case of Nanking University to leave it unsaid? I presume that Nanking may establish other departments in addition to those in operation without referring to the Regents for permission to do so, or at least without requesting a change of charter.

Fourth provision states the location. The post office address will always be Foochow. The university site, however, is not in the city itself, but about five miles away by road; consequently, I have stated its location as "at" rather than "in" Foochow.

With regard to the fifth pro

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~~With regard to the fifth statement I have given a list of only eight~~ In the fifth statement I have said that the trustees are to number twelve or more. At present there are only eight regularly appointed trustees, but a ninth is to be appointed soon. These nine are appointed by the American Board, the Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in America, and that of the Methodist Episcopal Church. There arealso three representatives of the Church Missionary Society of England to be appointed. These will in all probability be members of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Protestant Episcopal Church, or at least appointed by them. It may be better to wait till these men are duly appointed before making formal application. I am anxious that the three representatives of the C.M.S. appear in the original charter if possible. Further, we shall wish the privilege of enlarging the number of trustees in the manner outlined in the amendment to the charter of the University of Nanking.

Will you kindly send me the appropriate blanks on which to present the course of study, lists of books and apparatus and description of building and equipment, etc.?

Now that Dr. Downing has returned I presume that I should no longer trouble you with correspondence, but should direct all letters to him. I wish again to thank you, however, for the courtesies which you have so willingly extended.

With kind regards,

Yours very truly,

P.S. I neglected to ask whether a copy of the By-laws must be submitted to the Regents or whether it is sufficient to guarantee that no by-law shall be contrary to any provision of the charter.

My recollection is that when I was in Albany you offered me a copy of the [illegible] of the Regents. Is is too much to ask that you send me three copies of [illegible], one ofr each member of the committee on incorporation?

THE UNIVERSITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
ALBANY

Nov. 26, 1917.

President Edwin C. Jones,
1124 Amsterdam Ave.,
New York City.

My dear President Jones:

I am in receipt of your letters of Nov. 24 with inclosure. Pursuant to your request, I am sending you, under separate cover, sample forms of the statement of school library equipment, courses of study and three copies of the Regents Rules with the amendments to date, for the use of the members of your committee on incorporation.

In regard to these forms it should be said that they are specifically prepared for secondary institutions and are more suitable as suggestions than for practical use for higher institutions. The majority of applicants prefer, in my experience, to use the same size paper as that on which formal application is made for affording the information regarding the buildings, equipment, library, apparatus, course of study, teaching force and student body. It may be possible that you will gain suggestions from the application form (2) for the registration of a college of liberal arts and science sent you in the package.

For the purpose of helping you and as suggestions only, I comment on the copy of your tentative application submitted. In the second item, "purposes for which such corporation is to be formed" I would strike out the word "higher" before the word "education and insert immediately after that word elementary, secondary and higher, and then I would omit the phrase "in the arts and sciences", so that the clause would read "the privileges of education, elementary, secondary and higher;" instead of the word degrees, I would use the word credentials in the next clause. Thus providing for certificates in the elementary school, diplomas in the secondary school and degrees in the higher colleges and schools. That clause would then read "To grant credentials to those that shall have satisfactorily completed prescribed courses;" The final clause I would amend so as to read "and to grant such degrees, under-graduate, graduate and honorary, as shall from time to time be deemed advisable, in

conformity with the Education Law and the Regents rules.

These suggestions will make the powers of the University more general, and while there may be no departments at present created under some grades of education it leaves the way open for the development of such relations in the future without the necessity of amending the charter, , and can do no harm specified in the application. While you may not, in the coming decade, care to give degrees in other departments than those to be conferred by the four institutions now about to form the University, it may be that in the near future you may wish to put in other professional schools for example dentistry, pharmacy, veterinary medicine, etc; or vocational schools, agriculture, domestic economy etc; or to organize elementary and secondary school system in connection with the institution throughout Fukien. The provision for the location "at" Foochow seems proper.

As to the number of trustees, your arrangement is meritorious in that three representatives are to represent at least four denominations, and the term of each representative can be for three years, and there will be as many trustees in each class (first year, second year, third year) as there are representative missions in the Board. I think you are wise in waiting until the three members of the Church Missionary Society have been appointed before making formal application for incorporation. That will give you your original twelve and I should provide, by a clause, for the enlarging of the number of trustees, three at a time, for every mission or other body that enters actively on the support of the University.

Regarding the question of by-laws, you will see under item 10 of the Education Law, sec. 68, that provision is made for the by-laws and rules. In the case of a new institution, such as that contemplated by you, it has seemed wise for the general provisions of the by-laws and rules to be drawn up and submitted during the process of incorporation. Frequently, items can be relegated to the by-laws and thus lessen the work of writing, editing and engrossing the charter.

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In reply to your question "does an absolute charter give an institution more liberty in granting degrees than a provisional charter", let me say that as a matter of experience it does not. Dr. Downing has phrased the distinction between the absolute charter and the provisional charter as to rights and advantages, as follows:

"The only difference between an absolute charter and a provisional charter, as to rights and advantages, is that a provisional charter can be revoked without formal notice, by preferring charges against the institution, or giving any reason for revoking the charter; whereas, an absolute charter can not be revoked unless due and timely notice is served upon the institution and the reasons for revoking the charter stated, and an opportunity afforded the institution to make reply.....no provisional charter has ever been revoked so long as the institution has been making an honest endeavor to comply with the provisions of the charter, even though the time limit in which they must comply may have elapsed."

Simply registered

Answering your question regarding Cornell or Columbia, let me say that the degrees are not conferred jointly by these institutions and the Regents. Hence, there is no procedure necessary in the transmission of the diplomas conferring the degrees.

Your outline of procedure is normal and satisfactory so far as I know, in connection with the several institutions of the University that confer their credentials jointly.

Since I saw you I have had a conference with Dr. Downing and Dr. Finley regarding the procedure in the case of two institutions in the State recently chartered by the Regents under provisions similar to those under which your institution will be chartered if it applies to the Regents for such relation. It was held that the institution should have its own seal independent of the Regents' seal and that both seals might properly be placed upon the document. The procedure you outline is easily adapted to ours with other institutions, namely, when your trustees have authorized and issued the diplomas, they can be forwarded to the Regents for signature and seal and returned to the trustees for transmission

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to China where they could be executed by the faculty and presented to the students. If it seemed more economical to the board of trustees to take advantage of the arrangements we have for the publishing and engrossing of the diplomas, they could be prepared here on recommendation of the board of trustees, and forwarded to the trustees and through them sent to China. If, for any reason, it would be an advantage to have the great seal of State attached that can readily be done through our relations with the Secretary of State. Of course, it is understood that all diplomas are issued by the Regents on evidence in the Regents' possession that the applicant meets all requirements of the Education Law and the Regents Rules. Hence, certificates of the general education possessed by each applicant for a degree, as well as evidence of the applicant's meeting the requirements for the degree must be filed with the Department. In other words, our Department is, as it were, a court of record and it is our constant effort to maintain these records in such form as to be readily available for the public.

The evidence of the general education preliminary to entering the higher institution can be furnished on matriculation, and the recommendations of the faculty can be prepared six months in advance, on the assumption that students will be able to complete their course in due time; and then the president, or dean, or executive officer can keep back any diploma from the student that has not completed the requirements for the same.

My letter is misunderstood on this point.

Regarding the institution of a preparatory department, that matter can properly be held in abeyance. It would not seem to me sound policy to handicap the institution by formally deciding the question of the preparatory department in connection with the charter. Let the trustees and members have freedom of action in developing the institution, if need be, by the organization of elementary and secondary schools, or on the other hand, by the extension of the work through the department known as the University Extension Work.

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I trust I have not written too greatly at length and with the information before you I hope that you will be able to present your case to Dr. Downing in person without the necessity for extensive revision or re-writing.

With assurance of personal esteem and with deep interest in your venture, believe me

Fraternally yours,

H. L. Taylor

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Notes by Rev A. L. Warnshuis - Dec 1917

Fukien Christian University.
Foochow, China.

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1. Name and Grade.

Fukien Christian University to be incorporated early in 1918, was conceived by representatives of the six chief Missions working in Fukien Province and is to be made up of the following union institutions founded, and with participating Missions as indicated.

1. Fukien Union College of college grade - 1915 - A.B.C.F.M., C.M.S., M.E.M., R.C.A.

2. Foochow Union Theological School - 1912 - collegiate department of college grade, and non-collegiate department of secondary school grade. A.B.C.F.M., C.M.S., M.E.M.

3. Foochow Union Normal Training School - 1913 - of secondary school grade - A.B.C.F.M., M.E.M.

4. Foochow Union Medical College of college grade - 1911. A.B.C.F.M., C.M.S., M.E.M.

11. Location.

At present two of the four schools are in rented quarters which are entirely inadequate. The buildings of the other two are sufficient for present use, but with all of them, grounds are insufficient for erecting new buildings or for athletics. Furthermore, present buildings are generally cramped and not adapted to school purposes. These several institutions are not located at one center but are scattered over the Foochow District. There is imperative need for a well-located campus with adequate grounds for recitation halls, dormitories, library, gymnasium, and athletic fields to accommodate at least one thousand students of university grade. Exactly this kind of a plot has been purchased and twenty acres additional will be bought besides the forty acres already in hand.

The new site is at the foot of Kushan, a beautiful mountain towering three thousand feet above the Min River on which the city of Foochow is located. The mountain slopes gracefully to the river bank and there breaks up into foothills much like the paws of a crouching lion. On these paws buildings will be put that can be seen for twenty miles up and down the river by the two million people of Foochow and the surrounding plain. Between the foothills lie fifteen to twenty acres of fields that can be admirably adapted to athletic use. Sightly, healthful, apart, yet near enough that students and professors may profoundly affect the city's life. The site is one that could hardly be made to order to better advantage.

111. Population

The total population of Fukien Province from which most of the students come is variously estimated from 11,000,000

to 22,000,000 people. From the Philippines, Malaysia and the Straits Settlements the Institution is drawing students of Chinese parentage. In Fukien Province, there are only two institutions, one for men and one for women, attempting the standard of work which Fukien Christian University will attain. New York with a population of 9,113,275 has 34 institutions of higher learning within its bounds.

All classes of young men desiring higher education will be the responsibility of Fukien Christian University.

IV. Attitudes

At a meeting held in February, 1917, in the interests of Fukien Christian University, the Chief officials of the City and Province were present and took prominent part in the exercises. General Li, then Civil and Military Governor of the Province, kindly consented to act as Chairman and made pertinent remarks. Men, prominent in commercial and banking circles showed their interest in the project by their presence.

There has been intense eagerness on the part of many to know of the projecting and establishing of the Institution. Civil Governor Hu has sent a check to the College and several others have promised gifts amounting to several thousand dollars. There is evidence that more than one building will be forthcoming as a perpetual memorial to some honored Chinese name.

V. Plant (Cf. outline)

1. Buildings.

(a) Fukien Union College is in rented quarters which are exceedingly inadequate to the needs. Twelve college students occupying one room as a dormitory; a former horse-stable, calcimined, for use as a dining-hall; science laboratories eight minutes' walk away in buildings of another institution; an athletic field the size of a tennis court; and no residences for teachers, are present conditions under which collegiate work of excellent grade is being done because there is no other place.

(b) Foochow Union Theological School is in a building owned by the Methodist Mission. It is sufficiently large for the present enrollment to be comfortably housed, but it allows no increase. Furthermore, the grounds are exceedingly limited and afford little opportunity for the men who will undergo the rigors of a pastor' life to fortify themselves by building up strong bodies.

(c) The Foochow Union Normal Training School, is in rented quarters for its own property was kindly rented to Fukien Union College, in order to let the latter make an otherwise impossible start. This property in the light of recent developments toward a university is not advantageously situated even for a normal school for the normal students would be deprived of many benefits arising —

from prozimity to the University. The present property should be disposed of and the proceeds go toward the participation of the Normal Training School in Fukien Christian University.

(d) The Foochow Union Medical College is occupying property, some of which belongs to the College itself and some to the C.M.S. The buil ings are sufficient for the present number of students, but there is practically no place for the students to exercise. This means physical stagnation for the medical students - a perilous condition. Furthermore, if growth in numbers is to be looked forward to, there must be additional dormitories provided.

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Foochow, China.

XIII. Constituency

1. There are in Fukien Province from 11,000,000 to 22,000,000 people, of whom about 70,000 areProtestant-Christians. There is no other institution of higher learning for men, beyond secondary school grade, within a radius of 350 miles, which at all attracts the students of this Province. Consequently, the major burden of furnishing advanced education for the four to eight million boys of theProvince falls directly on Fukien Christian University. Taking the Christian constituency alone, there are at least 21,000 boys represented by the 70,000 Christians and not less than half of these are of school age.

More striking than this, however, is the fact that in 1915 there were the following numbers of students in mission schools alone looking toward Fukien Christian University for their higher education:-

	Figures for 1915-1916. Schools	Students	Latest
Lower Primary	500	11,000	13,726
Higher "	14	1,663	
Middle Schools	9	757	1,569

In Government schools of similar grade there are upwards of 90,000 students.

2. In reaching this constituency there is no little difficulty for the schools are always full to overflowing. The chief problem is to provide accommodations for the large number of students that are crowding the doors. For instance, in the middleschools, in the class which will come up to the University next year, there are now upwards of 150 students.

The students from government schools are also knocking for admittance, but most of them have to be turned away due to insufficient preparation. In time this will be remedied probably by a closer co-operation between the government and mission schools. Already the Fukien Union College has had effect on the standards of both government and mission schools, and the aim will be to continue this good influence, but with the idea of fitting the students to meet their life problems rather than to pass off entrance requirements to the University.

XIV. Purpose, Place & Service

1. The aim of this institution is to give Chinese young men higher education under Christian influences and to fit them for the problems of life and leadership in the Province and the Nation. Early in their course, the students will meet the question of what their life work is to be and the aim of the institution will be to help them in thorough preparation for it.

2. Place in educational program of the Province.

Founded as it is by the six Chief Missions of the Province, it is looked to as the capstone of the entire missionary system of education of Fukien, with its 15,000 students.

3. From the institution will come men imbued with the spirit of service to teach in the lower schools, to preach in faraway places, to lead in movements toward Christian politics and business, and to help weave the many different elements in Chinese society into a Christian fabric.

4. The effect on government schools has already been noticeable. The aim will be for the heads of the departments to get into close touch with the government school presidents and win them to a position of confidence where the education of the Province as a whole may be discussed and planned for.

XV. Creating and Developing Native Responsibility.

1. The aim is to develop Chinese teachers as fast as it can be done well. Returned students of outstanding ability will be called as opportunity offers and some excellent students will be selected from time to time for special training abroad. Work in education will be regularly in the curriculum with a view to grounding those who take education as a life-work, thoroughly in its principles.

2. For Financial Budget.

(1) Fees will be adjusted so that the large majority of students can pay them. At present, about half of the annual budget of $6,000 Mex. for Chinese teachers' salaries, and miscellaneous expenses, is provided from students' fees. Missionaries' salaries are provided by their respective Boards.

(2) Native help is anticipated in putting up buildings. Many good friends have been made for the University who will rally to its support when an opportune time arrives.

(3) The Boards of Managers of three of the four departments already have from one-third to one-half of Chinese members The aim with regard to the local Board of Managers of Fukien Christian University, will be to have a large number of Chinese members.

(4) The ideals are constantly insisted upon of unselfish service to the Nation and always the privileges of the Christian ministry and other forms of Christian activity are held up as the highest a man may have. Already there are ten young men looking toward the ministry as a lifework. Twenty-five are planning to teach, preferably in Christian schools. Others are contemplating medicine, engineering, business, etc.; and still others are undecided as yet.

XVI. Needs and Askings

1. Statistics

(See Statistical Sheet.)

2. The assets of the University now are:-

a. Fifteen thousand boys in mission schools looking to it for higher education.

b. Ninety thousand boys in government schools with no institution so conveniently located to meet their needs.

c. Possibly the largest student body of any Christian institution of its grade in China.

d. Departments doing work of one grade unhampered by preparatory schools.

e. A beautiful and capacious site on the banks of the Min River.

f. The separate buildings (with no athletic fields) owned by two departments.

g. The goodwill and support of the six chief Missions of the Province.

H. The eagerness of the local Chinese to have the University and the promise of financial co-operation from official and commercial classes when the time is ripe to make demands upon it.

On the other hand, the University has no buildings on its new site, insufficient teaching force, and no endowment.

Please return to E.C.

1124 Amsterdam Avenue,
New York City,
December 6, 1917.

Dr. Augustus S. Downing,
State Department of Education,
Albany, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Downing,-

There are still some questions with regard to the incorporation of Fukien Christian University under the University of the State of New York on which I should like to have your opinion. It may be that we can come to a better understanding of what we should like to have, and of what the Regents can grant, if we could meet for an hour's conference within the next week or so. Are you likely to be in New York soon? If you are, I shall be very glad to arrange to meet you at any time and place you may suggest.

Is there any institution, incorporated under the Regents, which confers its own degrees without reference to the Regents? or do all the institutions recently incorporated confer degrees jointly? It occurs to me that possibly Syracuse is of recent enough formation to have been incorporated under the Regents rather than by special act of the Legislature as in the case of the older institutions. Perhaps their proceedure will have bearing on our case. I wish to find out in short whether being incorporated under the Regents means that degrees must be conferred jointly.

Looking at the question from a different angle, do you think it would give us greater freedom of action to incorporate under the laws of some other state, and then, if we wished the prestige from recognition by the Regents, be registered by the University of the State of New York? For instance, Columbia confers its degrees inde-

pendently of the Regents and yet they have the prestige of recognition by the Regents because, if they failed to maintain the standards of the Regents for the B.A. degree, the Regents would investigate and Columbia could either raise its standard or withdraw from the educational field.

With regard to registration institutions I presume that annual reports must be made to the Regents as in the case of institutions incorporated under them. Do the records of those graduated from registered institutions need to be filed with the Regents as in the case of graduates from incorporated institutions?

Can you forward for my inspection a copy of a diploma such as is issued to one obtaining a bachelor's degree? I imagine that it might save expense to have diplomas and certificates printed in China.

I hope that nothing I have said will lead you to think that we are contemplating low standards in Fukien Christian University. Nothing could be farther from our thought. Comparing entrance requirements with those of Columbia College, I find that we are requiring sixteen points for entrance, whereas Columbia requires but fifteen. Furthermore, for graduation a student must have completed 140 points instead of 124 at Columbia. We are all anxious to establish and maintain sufficiently high standards both as to quality and quantity of work done for the bachelor's degree and others.

What we want is to be as free from trammeling red-tape as possible. For instance at Columbia (I have learned this since writing Dr. Taylor) the Trustees approve the requirements for graduation, but when a student has fulfilled those requirements his graduation is almost automatic. His name never comes before the Trustees. This would meet our needs

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better than making recommendations to the Trustees and they to the Regents, etc., because of the great distances in this case, and the consequent lapse of time in getting answers to communications.

I presume it will occur to you that the University of Nanking is using the method suggested above. This fact would not weigh heavily in the minds of our Trustees, however, if a better method can be evolved to meet the conditions.

I trust that you will understand that this letter is merely an attempt to state facts about ourselves as clearly as possible, and to obtain a knowledge of details as to your proceedure so that we shall be guided to a proper decision in the matter of incorporation of Fukien Christian University.

I hope that you may be coming to New York soon and that it will be convenient for you to have me call upon you.

Believe me, Sir,

Yours very truly,

THE UNIVERSITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
ALBANY

AUGUSTUS S. DOWNING,
ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER
AND DIRECTOR OF PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

January 5, 1918

Dr Edwin C. Jones
1124 Amsterdam av.,
New York
N. Y.

My dear Dr Jones:

I have your letter of December 21 before me, and perhaps I should have written you; but it was my impression that I had written to you earlier. I wrote Mr Grant, Secretary of the Trustees of The Canton Christian College, under date of December 19th, and in some way confused the matter in which he is interested with that which you have at heart.

I shall be in New York sometime shortly and will endeavor to arrange to have a conference when we may talk over this whole matter.

Cordially yours
Augustus S. Downing

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January
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The Hon. H. L. Bridgman,
Brooklyn Standard Union,
Brooklyn, N.Y.

My dear Brother Bridgman:

At the meeting of the Psi Mu Club held on Wednesday night I hoped I might see you to thank you again for your attendance at the informal conference with representatives of Fukien Christian University. Barring that privilege I am writing you to do so most heartily now.

You will also be interested, I am sure, in the fact that we have been signally honored in receiving a grant from the China Medical Board of the Rockefeller Foundation. They have given us $50,000 on condition that $48,000 is provided by the Board of Trustees. This is to go for the equipment and building of a Science Department. I may say that the grant is larger than it seems in America because $40,000 will put up a building which would cost $200,000 or $250,000 here in America. They have granted, in addition, an annual income of $22,700 which will be used for the salaries of professors and for the maintenance and expenses of the Science Department. This amounts to the income on an endowment of some $450,000 and so is not a small item. We are delighted that we have the aid, but more than that, we are glad to have the estimate which an unprejudiced body of men has put upon us as an institution. It is sometimes a delight to see ourselves as others see us.

Hoping that we may have the opportunity to meet again in the not too distant future, I am

Yours in the bonds,

ECJ-ER
1124 Amsterdam Avenue,
New York City.

1164 Amsterdam Avenue,
New York City,
January 15, 1918.

My dear Dr. Downing,-

Thank you for your letter of January 5th stating that you would be in New York in the near future and would try to arrange for a conference over the incorporation of Fukien Christian University.

I am writing you now to see whether it will be possible for you to be in New York on Thursday afternoon or evening. The chairmen of our committee on incorporation, Dr. W. E. Strong of Boston, will be in town on that day and I should like to have the conference that day, if possible, so that he can be present. Your convenience will be the deciding factor of course.

If Thursday, the 17th, is not convenient for you, is there any likelihood of your being in New York in the immediate future? I should like to get the question of incorporation as against registration settled, if possible, before the January meeting of the Regents so that we can take the next step as soon as possible. Will you kindly inform me whether there is still time to get the matter into shape for the January meeting, -i.e. as far as the committee on charter of the Regents is concerned? From our standpoint, we shall be ready, I think in a few days for the formal application for charter, providdd we decide that incorporation is preferable to registration.

If Thursday me at my expense whether Thursday is or is not convenient for you and the hour. Answer by letter to the other queries will reach me soon enough.

Yours very truly,

THE BROOKLYN STANDARD UNION

EVERY AFTERNOON AND SUNDAY MORNING

WASHINGTON AND FULTON STREETS

BROOKLYN, N.Y.

TELEPHONE 5300 MAIN

January
Fifteenth
1 9 1 8 .

Dr. Edwin C. Jones
1124 Amsterdam Avenue
New York City, New York

Dear Dr. Jones:--

Thanks for your favor of the twelfth instant and its highly interesting information concerning the Rockefeller endowment of Fukien, upon which I sincerely congratulate you.

What has happened concerning the New York Charter, and can you give me the address of the Reformed Representative at our recent conference? (Chamberlain was it?) whose letter to me inquiring concerning the application of the Cairo University, I have mislaid.

I have further light on that situation, from an interview with Chancellor Sexton, which I should like to impart.

Yours very truly,

H. L. Bridgeman

HLB/AK.

1184 Amsterdam Avenue,
New York City,
January 15, 1918.

Hon. H. L. Bridgman,
The Brooklyn Standard Union,
Washington and Fulton Streets,
Brooklyn, N.Y.

My dear Regent Bridgman,-

Your letter of even date has just arrived, and I hasten to give you the information you desire.

The Reformed Church Representative was Dr. William I. Chamberlain, of 25 East 22nd Street. He will be glad, I am sure, for any further light on the Cairo situation.

With regard to our own incorporation for the Trustees of Fukien Christian University, we are awaiting the opportunity of a conference with Dr. Downing. I have just written him suggesting next Thursday afternoon since Dr. Strong is now in Garden City and will be available on that day. All else is in readiness, and we hope to bring formal application for the committee on Charters so that it may be presented at the next meeting of the Board of Regents.

With kind regards,

Yours very truly,

THE UNIVERSITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
ALBANY

Jan 21,1918

AUGUSTUS S. DOWNING,
ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER
AND DIRECTOR OF PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

Mr Edwin C. Jones
1124 Amsterdam ave.,
New YorkN.Y.

My dear Mr Jones:

I have your telegram this morning, saying that you will be on the 19th floor of theMetropolitan Tower at 3 o'clock Wednesday, or at my convenience. Unfortunately I cannot meet you at 3 o'clock, but shall be glad to see you at the City Club, 55 W 44th street at 9:30 Wednesday morning. I make the hour thus early for the reason that I am leaving for Philadelphia about noon, and shall not return to New York until Friday morning.

Trusting that the hour set will not too much inconvenience you, I am,

Yours very truly

Augustus S. Downing

Form 290

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Send the following Cablegram, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

Jan. 23, 1918.

Testimony,
London.

Will you appoint American representatives Fukien University trustees cable names.

Chamberlain

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THE UNIVERSITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
ALBANY

AUGUSTUS S. DOWNING,
ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER
AND DIRECTOR OF PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

February 2, 1918

President Edwin C. Jones
150 Fifth avenue
New York
N. Y.

My dear President Jones:

I have your letter of January 29 inclosing, as you say, the data required preliminary to incorporation of Fukien Christian University, and also an unsigned copy of the petition, which I have read with care.

I am leaving, tonight, for Chicago and will be absent until Thursday morning, the 7th. In the meanwhile, I am having the proposed petition made to accord with the probable requirements of the Charter Committee of the Board of Regents, so as to show the authorizing Boards of Missions, also such other modifications of the petition as may seem necessary to make your application accord with other applications of foreign institutions, such as the University of Nanking.

Upon my return, I will write you more fully in regard to the matter.

Cordially yours

Augustus S. Downing

ASD-D

February
Thirteenth
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Dr. Augustus S. Downing,
State Department of Education,
Albany, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Downing:

Some days ago I sent you the data required previous to the incorporation of Fukien Christian University, together with a preliminary copy of the application for charter. Reply was made that you were away from the office and would take the matter up when you returned.

We are planning to have a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the University to sign the application for charter formally on Saturday morning, February 16th. I should like to hear from you before that meeting, so that we may have the application made out in proper form, and that there may be as little correspondence as possible over details after the application is sent in. Will you kindly let me have any suggestions which may be in your mind at as early a date as possible, so that I may get the application into proper form for the Trustees on Saturday morning.

I presume you noted that in the copy of the catalog sent, the constitution, which will now be called the by-laws, was given in full detail. It will be necessary to alter this in certain minor matters, we have found, and it may also be necessary to alter it to conform with the customs of the Board of Regents. In reading it, kindly keep this in mind.

Hoping to hear from you by mail on Friday, if there are changes to be noted, or by telegram in case all is in good order at present, I am

Yours truly,

ECJ-ER

THE UNIVERSITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
ALBANY

Feb 15,1918

AUGUSTUS S. DOWNING,
ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER
AND DIRECTOR OF PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

Dr Edwin C. Jones
150 Fifth ave
New York

Dear Dr Jones:

Owing to my absence in Chicago and then in New York, I have been unable to write you before this.

Concerning the preliminary application for incorporation of Fukien Christian University which you forwarded to me, I beg to make the following suggestions and corrections:

In the 5th item you speak of the amendment granted to the University of Nanking December 12,1917. This is clearly an error as there was no Regents meeting December 12,1917; but the record shows that the charter amendment to which you refer was granted the University of Nanking December 12,1912.

I would suggest that the order of the petition would be more logical if the 5th and 6th items were interchanged, and that these items would better provide the information requisite to Regents action in issuing a charter modeled on the Nanking charter, if they were made to read as follows:

Fifth. The names and postoffice addresses of the ~~twelve~~ trustees to be at first the persons named as incorporators, to hold in the order of their naming: (here insert the names and addresses); the first ~~four~~ for the year 1918; the second three for the year 1919, and the last ~~three~~ for the year 1920, and their successors to hold for terms of three years, to be chosen each year: one by the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions; one by the American Reformed Presbyterian Missions; one by the Methodist Episcopal Missions, and one by the Church Missionary Society; (et al, as the case may be).

FEB 15 1918

Dr Jones.....2

Sixth. The number of trustees is to be twelve or more, as other missionary organizations may at any time be affiliated with and made constituent trustee-electing members of the corporation of the University by the favoring vote of the managing boards of all its then existing such constituent body; and each such so added constituted body shall be entitled to choose as its representative or representatives to hold for a term of three years an additional associate member, or members not exceeding three, if the vote of affiliation shall provide, of the board of trustees of the University; and to choose every three years a successor or successors to such representative trustee or trustees, to hold for a like term.

In making this suggestion I have given you only the form for these items and not the content, as you undoubtedly have fuller information as to the more recent action by the contributing missions than that filed with the Regents.

The matriculation requirements appear to be sufficient for approval and fully equivalent to that required by the Chinese Government in its middle schools. The number of full-time professors and instructors more than fully meets the requirement for registration and the qualifications of the men named are certainly excellent. Property, equipment, laboratory and library facilities as outlined appear in every way to be adequate.

That this information may be in ample time for the meeting of the Board of Trustees tomorrow, I am sending it by special delivery. I am returning the several papers thinking that you mayneed them, but am asking that they be forwarded here with the application.

Yours sincerely

Augustus L. Downing

INCS

Foochow. Coll.

1. Prud. Com. & successors made trustees with power to maintain a coll. for educn of yg men (& women?) in the city of Fooch. with all powers & privileges & with all rights, & duties, & liabilities pertaining to religious & charitable corporations. Corpn may elect officers & determine duties & tenure of office; & clerk & treas. of corpn need not be members.

2. Corpn may acquire by purchase, gift, bequest or otherwise, real or personal propy not exceeding $500,000 & shall expend income & may use propy in maintaining coll. so as most effectually to promote virtue, piety & learning & as shall conform to the terms of any gift or bequest made to, or for benefit of said corpn or coll.

3. Corpn controls officers & instructors of coll. (duties, compensation & tenure of office; purchase etc. bldgs for coll.; rules for govt of coll & corpn provided they are not repugnant to const or laws of state, the U.S. or any treaty of U.S.; determine courses of study & grant honors, degrees & dips as may be granted by any univ. coll. or sem. in this state.

delegate this to bdgs

4. No stud. shall be refused admission to any dept. except theol., or be denied any privs honors or degrees on acct. of relig. opinions entertained by him.

5. Genl court may appt overseers or visitors who shall have powers determined by court. 7 30 8 48
8 25 10 12

D. of C.

Corporations. - Institns of learning.

574. Certif. of organzn. 5 or more persons desiring to estab. an instn of learning make & certif. & file in office of recorder of deds. stating 1. Name & title (in law)
2. No. of trustees, directrs or mgrs. & names.
3. The particular branch of lit. & sci. or either of them to be taught.
4. If instn is to be of rank of Coll. or univ. the no. & designation of professorships to be estabd.

575. Signers of certif. incorpd to acquire, hold & convey propy, - use & change seal, - make & change bylaws not inconsistent with U.S. Constn & laws of D. of C., - & confer on worthy persons academic or honorary degrees usually conferred by simr. instns.

576. Corporate Powers over Propy.

577. Propy held solely for purps of educn.

578. Funds to go for bldgs, cals, app. etc.

579. Donations & bequests for partic. obj. of donor.

580. Quantity of Land. - No such corpn shall hold more land at one time than nec. for purps of educn as set forth in articles of ~~incorpn~~ assocn. unless a gift, grant, etc. & then must dispose of it within 15 yrs. If not, reverts to donor or heirs.

581. Officers. Corpn appt pres. & profs & displace them in ints. of instn; fill vacancies & prescribe & direct course of studies to be pursued in instn.

583. Treasurer. Corpn may require treas & all other agts thereof to give bond for security.

584. Annual statement. Trustees file on or bef. 1st Mon. in Jan. statement of trustees & officers of instn with inventory of propy & liabilities and stmts. & other infrmn exhibiting its condn or operation.

585. Rmts.

Mass.

1. Formation – 7 or more persons, a majority of whom are residents of this commonwealth
2. Purps. for any educ.n charitable, benev. or relig. purp.; for supg any missy enterprise having for obj. dissem.n of relig. or edl. instruct.n in for. countries.
3. Organ.n
   Cap. stock not exceed $500000.
   A corp.n with no cap. stock may omit statement of cap. st.
   Fees.
4. Investigation of proposed assocs.
5. Charitable corp.ns or homes for children.
6. Bylaws, officers.
   Corp.n in bylaws prescribes manner & offices of accomp. purps.–
7. Inc. of cap. not exceeding 500,000
8. May hold real & personal estate not exceeding $150,000.
9. Change of purp. of incorp.n
10. Corp.n organd. for med. purps. shall not confer degs. unless specially authorzd by ~~spec~~ general court.

500 wds.
200 pres. opp. & Law it's met.
100 Mass movement & evangelistic
100 educl syst.
50 med. wk.
50 Chr. lit. & presses

Mon. Bps. Bashford } The Fld
Oldham } Vision

Tues. am. Scott.
Taylor - laying before
Com. facts of survey.
Appt. 2 comm.
1. statement of prog.
2. How to carry it out.

Tues. after Com. mtgs

Tues. eve. Taylor's lect.

Wed. afternoon - 1. Com. report

Wed. evening 2. " "

Delaware

1. Purposes. - Not less than 3 may assoc.
2. Powers
   1. To have succession - perpetual
   2. To sue & be sued etc.
   3. Common seal.
   4. Hold propy.
   5. Appt agts.
   6. By-laws.
   7. To wind up & dissolve.
   8. To conduct business in U.S. & colonies & in for. countries, & have one or more offices out of this state.
5. Certif. shall set forth.
   1. Name
   2. Name of county, city or town in wh its princ. off. is to be located in this state & name of resident agent.
   3. Objs. or purps.
   4. Amt capital stock to be stated.
   5. Names & places of residence of original corporators.
   6. Perpetual or not.
   7. Whether priv. propy of stckhldrs liable for debts.
   8. Other provisions.
6. Certif. signed & sealed by each of orig. corporators - & filed in office of Secy. of State & of Recorder of Co. where princ. off. is located.

30. First mtg shall be held at any place either within or without this state. Later ones at time & place in or out named in by-laws.

32. Every corpn shall maintain a princ. off. or place of business in this state & shall have a resident agt., resident of or located in this state.

Congress.

Am. Acad. in Rome.

Purposes.

Powers. - adopt constitution & make all by-laws, rules & regulations. May hold real estate in U.S. & in Italy not exceeding 1 million dollars.

Adopt seal.

Principal office - in Wash. D.C., & hold annual mtgs in such places as incorporators determine.

Directors - no official of U.S. eligible as director.

Non-liability of Govt.

~~Carnegie Institution of Wash.~~

General Educn Board, 57th Cong Jan 12 1903.

Body corporate of D of C.

The principal off. shall be in city of Wash., D. of C.: Provided, that mtgs may be held elsewhere within the U.S. as may be det'd by members, or provided for by the by-laws.

Educ^n Law. Revised 1910-13
§ ~~1097~~ 59 Charters. Cumulative Sup.:
Regents may incorporate any univ., coll., acad., lib., museum.

§ 60. Provisional Charter.
If cond^ns for absolute charter will be met in prescribed time, R. may grant prov^l charter to be replaced when cond^ns are fully met. If not met, prov^l charter shall be surrendered to R. "No prov^l charter shall give power to grant degrees".

61. To grant degrees inst^n "shall have resources of at least $500,000"; & "no inst. for higher educ^n shall be incorp^d since suitable provision, approved by regents, for educ^n equipment & proper maintenance". Faculties, depts. of educ^n anywhere & power to confer degrees must be specifically authorized by charter.

Change of name or charter.
62. R. may change name, alter, suspend, or revoke charter of any inst. they might incorp. under § 57. (on unanimous vote of trustees, or after 30 das. notice)

63. Liquid^n of affairs of educ^l inst^n.
1. Meeting to consider application for dissolution, when to be called.
2. Notice thereof, how published.
3. Vote requisite for surrender of charter & dissoln.
4. Power of trustees of acads. on dissoln

Educn Law.

§ 64. contd.

5. Notice to creditors to present claims, how published.

6. Surrender of stock scrip, upon distribution to ~~stockholders~~ shareholders.

7. Notice of distribn to absent & unknown shareholders.

8. Liability of trustees when to cease.

9. Duties & liabilities of custodians.

§ 65. Suspension of operations.

Discontinuance unless R. approve, means surrender of charter.

68. Powers of trustees of institutions.

1. Number & qnorum. 5-25 trustees. Fix term & no. of. Majority of whole no. is quorum.

2. Exec. Com. Not less than 5. to transact business authorized by trs except grant degrees & make removals from office.

3. Mtg. (& seniority). Meet as please but notice of 5-10 days must be given.

4. Vacancies & elections. Fill any vacancy by electg another. Absence for 3 consec. mtgs. = resignn. Both sexes eligible.

5. Property holding. May hold by gifts, grants, devises & bequests in own right or in trust addl real & personal prop'y p. 530.

6. Control of ppty. Buy, sell, dispose of prop'y as best for instn. lend, dep., rec. as gift, loan or dep. collections etc.

7. Officers & employes. Appt & fix scls. of nec. offs. & empes.

8. Removals & suspensions of trustees, officers & - for misconduct, incapacity or neg. of duty.

9. Grant degs & honors as are specifically authorized by charter. & give suitable certifs & dips.

10. Make all bylaws & rules necessary.

69. Colls may construct water works & sewage systs.

THE UNIVERSITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

INCORPORATION BY THE REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY

The procedure for securing incorporation of an educational institution under section 59 of the Education Law (chapter 140 of the Laws of 1910) is as follows:

An application for charter is filed with the Education Department.

This application is referred to the charter committee of the Board of Regents, which gives it careful consideration and reports to the full Board at a meeting.

The Board of Regents takes action on the application.

If the application is granted, an engrossed charter is prepared and sent to the applicants, thus completing the incorporation.

A fee of $5 is required for the issuing of the charter.

In case of a stock corporation, a corporation tax of $\frac{1}{20}$ of 1 per cent of the par value of the stock, but not less than $5, must be paid to the State Treasurer. Certified checks for these fees should accompany the application, the one for the charter made payable to the New York State Education Department, the one for the corporation tax payable to the Treasurer of the State of New York.

The following form of application may be used:

To the Regents of the University of the State of New York:

We, the undersigned, all being persons of full age, desiring to form a corporation under the Education Law, do hereby apply to the Regents of the University of the State of New York, for a charter to be granted pursuant to the provisions of section 59 of such law, and do make, sign and acknowledge the following statement:

First: The name of the proposed corporation is [*insert corporate name*].

Second: The purposes for which such corporation is to be formed are [*insert statement of purposes*].

Third: The proposed corporation is to be a membership corporation.

[*If it is proposed to form a stock corporation this clause should be as follows:*]

The proposed corporation is to be a stock corporation, and desires to have capital stock of [*state amount*] dollars, divided into.....shares, of the par value of.....dollars each, and the amount of capital with which said corporation will begin business is [*state definite amount*].

Fourth: The institution to be maintained by the proposed corporation is to be located at [*state place where school or other institution is to be located, giving city or village and street address, if any*].

Fifth: The number of trustees is to be [*insert a definite number, not less than three*].

Sixth: The names and post office addresses of the trustees for the year are as follows: [*Give names in full of trustees for the year, with addresses*].

[*If the corporation is to have capital stock, insert the following clause:*]

Seventh: The names and post office addresses of the subscribers of this certificate and a statement of the number of shares of stock which each agrees to take in the corporation are as follows:

[*Give names and post office addresses of subscribers, with number of shares*].

In witness whereof, we have made, signed, and acknowledged this application, on this day of 19

Leave space for 12 signatures

(*Signatures of incorporators*)

STATE OF NEW YORK } ss.
COUNTY OF.....

On this day of 19 before me personally came [*insert names of subscribers to certificate*] to me known to be the persons described in and who executed the foregoing certificate, and severally duly acknowledged to me that they executed the same.

(*Signature of notary or other officer*)

In case the proposed corporation is to conduct a school, there should be added to the application a description of the building and equipment, including library and apparatus, a copy of the proposed course of study, a statement showing the number of members of the teaching force and the preparation of each, and the number of students in attendance so far as these facts have been determined.

Blanks for presenting course of study and lists of books and apparatus will be sent on application.

R41-N16-300 (7-1144)

The University of the State of New York

The State Department of Education

PLINY T. SEXTON, Chancellor — ALBERT VANDER VEER, Vice Chancellor — JOHN H. FINLEY, President

Department of Higher Education

AUGUSTUS S. DOWNING, Assistant Commissioner

Application form 2

Regents Rules, § 21. [*See* page 3]

REGISTRATION OF A COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY[1] § 401, 403, 404

This form is for the use of colleges or universities that maintain courses in liberal arts and sciences leading to baccalaureate, master's and doctorate degrees. When applying for registration, *consult* the sections printed on the third and fourth pages.

This certifies that [*title of institution*]

[*address*] [*state*]

was legally incorporated [*date*] and now formally applies for registration with the Regents of The University of the State of New York and agrees to meet the graduation standards fixed by statutes, court and Regents rules.

Candidates for the degrees will be required to be of good moral character, to have presented evidence of secondary instruction for admission and to have pursued full years of higher instruction for the degrees desired registered under the several sections of the Regents Rules as follows:

Years of secondary instruction [*Number required for admission*]	Full years of higher [*Number required for graduation*]	Degrees desired registered [*Abbreviations*]	Sections

This institution has at least professors giving their entire time to college work, a course of full years of college grade in arts or science, and requires for admission not less than years of secondary or academic preparation or its equivalent in addition to the elementary or preacademic studies.

Degrees will not be conferred on examination without the completion of a prescribed course, of which at least one year has been taken in regular attendance on the usual exercises of this institution.

The bachelor's degree in arts, science, philosophy or literature, the master's and the doctor's degree in the same that are registered will not be conferred by this institution *causa honoris*.

The latest announcement of requirements for the degrees to be registered accompanies this application, and future announcements, which will be sent regularly to the Assistant Commissioner for Higher Education, will show that the above requirements at least are exacted.

This institution is [not][1] a department of a university that maintains other departments, faculties or schools.

In witness whereof, I hereunto set my hand and the seal of this day of 191

[*Seal*]

[*Signature of executive officer and title*]

This application should be forwarded to the Assistant Commissioner for Higher Education and the duplicate should be preserved by the school's executive officer.

[1] Cancel any statements that do not apply.

K371-F17-200 (7-1000)

Additional information

1 Name of president.....Address.....

Name of dean.....Address.....

2 Value of total property $..... Annual receipts $.....
[If this item can not be given exactly, it should be given approximately] Annual expenditures $.....

3 Faculty. Lecturers and others devoting partial time to college instruction..... [*no.*].....

Professors or instructors devoting their entire time to college instruction [*no.*].....

[*Name*]	[*Chair*]	[*Salary*] $.....
"	"	" $.....
"	"	" $.....
"	"	" $.....
"	"	" $.....
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"	"	" $.....
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Use another sheet for additional names

4 Students current school year 191

	By classes	For degrees
First year students.....[*no.*]	.....	.....
Second year students.....[*no.*]	.....	.....
Third year students.....[*no.*]	.....	.....
Fourth year students.....[*no.*]	.....	.....
Graduates, class of 191 .....[*no.*]	.....	.....

5 Classroom facilities. No. rooms.....Student capacity of each.....

6 Laboratory facilities [*no.*]..... Name of.....Student capacity.....

7 Library facilities. Volumes..... Annual appropriations $.....

8 Athletic facilities. Gymnasium capacity.....value $.....field area.....value $.....

9 Instruction begins [*date*].....Ends [*date*].....Holidays [*no.*].....Vacation [*days*].....
[Instruction begins with the first classroom work; ends with the last examination]

Total number of days of instruction exclusive of holidays and vacations.....
[If different classes begin or end at different dates, indicate it]

10 Number of students attending and graduating

SCHOOL YEARS	1913–14	1915	1916	1917	1918	1919	1920	1921
First.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Second.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Third.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Fourth.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Graduates.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

SCHOOL YEARS	1922	1923	1924	1925	1926	1927	1928	1929
First.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Second.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Third.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Fourth.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Graduates.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

Regents rules regarding registration

NOTES. Separate forms are used for registration: 1, University; 2, College; 3, Technical and other; 4, University (combined degrees); 5, College (combined courses); 6, Theology; 7, Law; 8, Education; 9, Medicine; 10, Dentistry; 11, Pharmacy *a*, *b*, *c*; 12, Veterinary Medicine; 13, Nurse; 14, Certified Public Accountant; 15, Optometry; 16, Architecture.

In applying for registration be specific regarding the degrees to be registered and the section or sections of the Regents Rules under which registration is desired.

§ 21 Application. An educational institution desiring admission to or incorporation or registration by the University must file a written application giving the information requested in the form prescribed by the President of the University. Such application must be on file in the University at least ten days before the meeting of the Regents at which action thereon is to be taken.

§ 23 Registration. *a* If it maintains approved standards of equipment and instruction, and possesses resources at least equivalent to those prescribed by the laws of this State and the rules of the Regents, a college, university, professional, or other school, institution, branch or department, within or without the State, may be registered by the Board of Regents for the purpose of having its work recognized for professional licenses and University certificates and for determining its educational standing and rank and for such other purposes and on such conditions as the Regents shall prescribe. Admission to or continuance on the roll of registration shall depend upon furnishing all information requested and, in the case of an institution not a member of the University, meeting the expense of such inspection as the Regents or the President of the University shall deem advisable. Upon admission to the University, an educational institution will, upon request therefor, be registered for the rank to which it is entitled, and any registered institution may, upon application to the Regents, be registered anew for its later established approved grade or merit.

c Institutions of secondary and higher grade thus registered, and no others, shall be entitled to use the word "registered" after their name. Temporary registration may be made by the President of the University, to meet a case regarded by him as emergent, for a period till the adjournment of the succeeding meeting of the Board of Regents, but formal registration shall be effected only by action of such Board.

d The work of institutions not registered shall not be accepted for a University certificate unless the student desiring the certificate shall submit to the officers of the University satisfactory evidence that the particular work which he has done is worthy of recognition.

e A college or university may be registered as maintaining a satisfactory standing for one full year of medicine when the combined course for the baccalaureate and medical degrees is not less than seven years; and a university maintaining a registered medical school may be registered as maintaining a satisfactory standing if it shall confer academic degrees and medical degrees as a result of a combined course covering six years, provided the diploma conferring the academic degree, whether it be conferred at the end of four years or at the end of six years, shall clearly indicate that such degree is conferred as the result of concurrent courses covering six years; but this must in no case be construed to mean that less than four years' work in subjects essential to a liberal education will be approved as the basis of the academic degree.

§ 24 College defined. An institution to be ranked as a college must have at least six professors giving their entire time to college or university work, a course of four full years of college grade in liberal arts and sciences, and should require for admission not less than the usual four years of academic or high school preparation, or its equivalent, in addition to the preacademic or grammar school studies.

§ 400 Definitions. *a Colleges.* An institution that though taking the name, in reality does work of a lower grade, may not be recognized as a college or university. Colleges of theology, law, education, medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, veterinary medicine, business and all similar professional and technical schools shall not be registered as colleges.

b Accrediting. Institutions unable to meet the standards required by the Regents for registration in full shall be accredited by the University for one or more years as they meet the requirements for admission and for graduation set by the Regents standards.

c Hours. An hour is the measure of the work prepared for a weekly recitation, lecture or quiz in a higher institution. Two hours of practice or demonstration in a laboratory are considered equivalent to a recitation hour. A minimum year is 15 recitation hours for 40 weeks (600 hours) or the equivalent. One hundred fifty hours are the equivalent of 5 counts.

§ 401 Approved college. A college or university to be registered by the Board of Regents as an "approved" institution must conform to the definition of a college, contained in section 24.

§ 402 Baccalaureate and medical courses. An approved college or university to be registered as maintaining a satisfactory standing for one full year of medicine must afford instruction in the subjects of the first year of medicine, namely: anatomy, physiology, chemistry, physics, histology, embryology and bacteriology.

§ 403 **College allowance for the study of law.** A college or university may be registered as meeting the order of the Court of Appeals for the admission of attorneys and counselors at law when it gives a course of college instruction that requires as a condition of graduation at least six full years in liberal arts and sciences in addition to a completed eight-year elementary course.

§ 404 **General credentials.** Credentials from colleges, universities, professional, technical and other schools maintaining lower requirements than those enumerated in section 401, and not coming under the meaning of section 402 and section 403, may be rated in proportion to the work actually done, as compared with the definition of a college in section 24.

§ 405 **Recognition accorded accredited professional schools.** Professional schools registered by the Regents shall give the work of accredited institutions no higher recognition than that accorded such institutions in the University's accredited list, namely: (1) the successful completion of a four-year course in a professional school accredited by the University for three years shall be accorded three years' recognition only; (2) the successful completion of a three-year course in a professional school accredited by the University for two years shall be accorded two years' recognition only; (3) the successful completion of a two-year course in a professional school accredited by the University for one year shall be accorded one year's recognition only.

A registered school may refuse to accord an accredited institution the recognition given it by the University but it may not give it any higher recognition.

If the institution maintains a graduate department or affords courses in residence leading to graduate degrees, the following information should be given:

Graduate department

Name of dean Address

Number of students in residence and acquiring graduate degrees in arts, science and philosophy.

SCHOOL YEARS	1913–14	1915	1916	1917	1918	1919	1920	1921
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SCHOOL YEARS	1922	1923	1924	1925	1926	1927	1928	1929
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Degrees								

THE UNIVERSITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

STATEMENT OF SCHOOL LIBRARY EQUIPMENT

To accompany an application for recognition by The University of the State of New York, as a school of.....academic grade.

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*Private or parochial school .....

*Fill in only the form that applies

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[1]Use "R" to indicate required subject, "E" to indicate elective subject.

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Instruction in special subjects, drawing, vocal music and physical training, is provided as follows:

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Vocal music												
Physical training												

Facilities for laboratory instruction are provided in the following sciences .....

The course of study as outlined above was adopted by this board of education [*date*] 191 and has been entered in the minutes of the board. It is understood that no change or modification of this course is to be made until such change or modification has first been submitted to and approved by The University of the State of New York.

[*Signed*].....
President, Board of Education

Courses approved:

For apportionment of public money

For admission of nonresident academic students

For admission to normal schools and city training classes

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Clerk, Board of Education

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Assistant Commissioner for Secondary Education

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Principal

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1124 Amsterdam Avenue,
New York City,
February 16, 1918.

Dr. Augustus S. Downing,
State Department of Education,
Albany, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Downing,-

Enclosed I am sending you the application for charter for Fukien Christian University, which was to-day signed and acknowledged by nine of the eleven incorporators. I am now sending to Drs. Goucher and Hill copies of the document and am asking them to sign and acknowledge it before a notary public and forward to you immediately. I hope that this will serve your purpose, for I could see no other way of getting the document to you for the February meeting of the Regents. I am very anxious that the charter be granted at that time if possible.

We have made no suggestion in the application as to the method of filling vacancies caused by death or resignation. Will it be sufficient to provide for that in the By-Laws?

The Incorporation Committee is now working on the By-Laws and the corrected copy of them will be in your hands shortly. The changes come under two classes: elimination of provisions already mentioned in the charter, and giving more of the controlling power to the Trustees in America rather than to the Managers on the field in certain matters. I hope that the copy of the By-Laws already in your possession will be sufficient for your information preliminary to incorporation.

I shall be glad to hear from you as to the possibilities of getting the charter at the February meeting of the Regents.

Yours very truly,

1124 Amsterdam Avenue,
New York City,
February 16, 1918.

Dear Dr. Goucher,-

The Trustees of Fukien Christian University met this morning and signed the application for charter, a copy of which I am enclosing. Will you kindly sign the enclosed copy, acknowledgin it before a notary public, and forward it immediately to Dr. Downing We are trying to get the charter at the February meeting of the Regents, if possible, -hence the haste.

You will be interested that there is a strong probability of our receiving $5000 from the American Board in the near future. This is simply an earnest, they feel, of larger things to come from them at a later date.

It will also be of interest to you that there is a promise of $25000 to be paid during 1918, and to be used for buildings.

The names of the representatives of the C.M.S. you will see on the enclosed document. Mr. Thorne was added to the Finance Committee

With kind regards, I am

Yours very sincerely,

1124 Amsterdam Avenue,
New York City,
February 16,1918.

Dear Dr. Hill,-

The Trustees of Fukien Chrisitan University met this morning and signed the application for charter,a copy of which I am enclosing. Will you kindly sign the enclosed copy and acknowledge it before a notary public,and forward it immediately to Dr. Downing? We are trying to get the charter at the February meeting of the Regents,if possible,-hence the haste.

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It will also be of interest to you that there is a promise of $25000 to be paid during 1918,and to be used for buildings.

You will note on the enclosed document the names of the men who are representing the C.M.S. Mr. Thorne was added to the Finance Committee. The Finance Committee was also made the building committee with power to procure an architect and proceed with plans for building. I was engaged when it was being discussed and so am n t certain whether other powers were given or not. At any rate there will need to be a meeting of this committee in the not distant future,and it would be well if you could let me have a list of your engagements in New York during the next four weeks,say,so that we could arrange the meeting to coincide with one of your other engagements.

Yours very sincerely,

THE UNIVERSITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
ALBANY

AUGUSTUS S. DOWNING,
ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER
AND DIRECTOR OF PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

February 19, 1918

Dr Edwin C. Jones
1124 Amsterdam avenue
New York
N. Y.

Dear Dr Jones:

I have your letter of February 16 inclosing application for charter of Fukien Christian University, and as soon as I shall receive the copies sent by Dr Goucher and Dr Hill I will forward the same to the members of the Charter Committee, with an expression of hope that it may be acted upon at the coming meeting of the Board of Regents.

With highest esteem, I am

Very cordially yours

Augustus S. Downing

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P.S. I have just received the copy signed by Dr Hill.

To the Regents of the University of the State of New York:

We, the undersigned, all being persons of full age, desiring to form a corporation under the Education Law, do hereby apply to the Regents of the University of the State of New York, for a charter to be granted pursuant to the provision of section 59 of such law, and do make, sign, and acknowledge the following statement:

First: The name of the proposed institution is Fukien Christian University.

Second: The purposes for which such corporation is to be formed are to hold property to be used in giving youth in China the privileges of education, - elementary, secondary, and higher; to grant credentials to those who shall have satisfactorily completed prescribed courses; and to grant such degrees, undergraduate, graduate, and honorary, as shall from time to time be deemed advisable, in conformity with the Education Law and the Regents' Rules.

Third: The proposed corporation is to be a membership corporation.

Fourth: The institution to be maintained by the proposed corporation is to be located at Foochow, in the Province of Fukien, in China.

Fifth: The names and post office addresses of the eleven trustees to be at first the persons named as incorporators, to hold in the order of their naming, are as follows:

Charles W.Congdon, 2104 Beverley Road, Brooklyn,
Howard C.Robbins, Amsterdam Avenue and 110th Street, New York,
William W. Carman, Summit, N.J.
William I. Chamberlain, 25 East 22nd Street, New York,
William E. Strong, 14 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass.,
Samuel Thorne, Jr. 27 Cedar Street, New York,
John F.Goucher, Baltimore, Md.,
William H. S.Demarest, Rutgers College, New Brunswick, N.J.,
John W. Wood, 281 Fourth Avenue, New York,
Frank Mason North, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York,
William Bancroft Hill, Vassar College, Poughkeepsie,

the first four, through the year1918; the second four, through the year 1919; and the last three, through the year 1920; and their successors to hold for terms of three years to be chosen each year; one by the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions; one by the Church Missionary Society for Africa and the East; one by the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church; and one by the Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in America: (et al., as the case may be.)

Sixth: The number of trustees is to be twelve or more, as other missionary organizations may at any time be affiliated with and made constituent trustee-electing members of the corporation of the University by the favoring vote of the managing Boards of all its then existing such constituent bodies, and each such so added constituent body shall be entitled to choose as its representative, or representatives, to hold for a term of three years, an additional associate member, or members, not exceeding three, as the vote of affiliation shall provide, on the Board of Trustees of the University, and to choose every three years a successor, or successors, to such representative trustee, or trustees, to hold for a like term.

In witness whereof, we have made, signed, and acknowledged this application on this sixteenth day of February, 1918.

Charles W. Congdon 210 Beverly Rd, Brooklyn, N.Y.
Howard C. Robbins, Amsterdam Av. & 110th St., New York
William W. Carman
Wm. J. Chamberlain
William E. Strong
Jno. F. Goucher
Lewis Hodous
William Bancroft Hill
Samuel Thorne Jr., 27 Cedar Street, New York,
William H. S. Demarest, Rutgers College, New Brunswick, N.J.
John W. Wood 281 Fourth Avenue New York
Frank Mason North 150 Fifth Ave. New York

State of New York } SS.
County of New York }

On this 16th day of February 1918 before me personally came Charles W. Congdon, Howard Robbins, Wm. W. Carman, William J. Chamberlain, William E. Strong, Samuel Thorne, Wm. H. S. Demarest, John W. Wood, Frank Mason North, Jno. F. Goucher, Lewis Hodous

to meknown to be the persons described in and who executed the foregoing certificate, and severally duly acknowledged to me that they executed the same.

Arthur M. Slade
NOTARY PUBLIC
QUEENS COUNTY 1536
NEW YORK COUNTY No. 125
NEW YORK REGISTER No. 9121
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES MAR. 30, 1919

State of New York } SS
County of New York.....

On this 20th day of February 1918 before me personally came William Bancroft Hill to me known to be the persons described in and who executed the foregoing certificate, and duly acknowledged to me that he executed the same.

Howard S. Bennett
NOTARY PUBLIC, KINGS COUNTY
CERTIFICATE FILED IN NEW YORK COUNTY
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NEW YORK REGISTER NO. 8353
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POUGHKEEPSIE, N.Y.

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Dear Pres. Jones,

The charter application, duly acknowledged, has gone forward to Dr Downing.

I congratulate you on having Mr Thorne on the finance committee. He should be a strong addition.

So far as college work goes, my afternoons are free except on Mondays. I could meet the finance committee any other afternoon that might suit them; but I could not surely reach the city before 3:00 p.m. or on Fridays 4:00 p.m.

I am glad to know there is some money looming up in sight.

Most cordially yours
W. Barnett Lee.

GOUCHER COLLEGE,
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND.

February
20th.
1918.

Dr. Edwin C. Jones.
1124 Amsterdamm Ave.
New York City.

My dear DR. Jones,

I have returned from a four weeks absence in attendance at the Joint Commission on Unification and from meetings ~~on~~ other engagements in Florida and Louisville and found your letter of the 16th. awaiting me. I have signed the Charter and sent it to Albany in the envelope you enclosed.

I regretted very much I could not be at the Meeting of the Trustees and congratulate you on the progress which is being made in the interest of the University.

I'm-~~enclosing~~-leaving in about two hours for Canada and I'm writing in very great haste.

Cordially yours,

Jno. F. Goucher,

THE UNIVERSITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
ALBANY

March 14, '18

Dr Edwin C. Jones
1124 Amsterdam ave
New York

My dear Dr Jones:

In accordance with my promise I am advising you that the next meeting of the Board of Regents will be held March 28, in Albany. All the papers in the matter of your application for incorporation of the Fukien Christian University are in the hands of the charter committee.

I shall be glad to advise you after the aforesaid meeting what action was taken.

Yours very cordially
Augustus S. Downing
Assistant Commissioner

March 19, 1919.

Dr. Phiny T. Sexton,
Palmyra, New York.

My dear Sir:

On passing through Albany yesterday, I stopped at the State Department of Education, and had the good fortune of an interview with Dr. Downing with regard to the granting of a charter to Fukien Christian University, which I am representing here in America, but he told me that the application for charter had to be sent to the Committee on Charters, of the Board of Regents, and that there would be a meeting of the Board March 28.

I am writing now simply to express the sincere hope that the charter will be granted at the coming meeting of the Board.

Hoping that there will be no occasion for delay, I am

Yours very truly,

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PLINY T. SEXTON
PALMYRA, N. Y.

April 4, 1918

President Edwin C. Jones
150 Fifth Ave., New York City

My dear President Jones :

If you have not already been otherwise informed, you will be disappointed to be told that no action was taken by the Board of Regents of The University of this State, at their meeting on March 28th, upon the pending application for a charter for the incorporation of the proposed "Fukien Christian University," and I am not able at present to indicate when such action may be expected.

The case will probably have careful preliminary consideration at a meeting of the charter committee of the Regents in the latter part of this month, and I may be able to write you more specifically soon afterward.

Very truly yours

Pliny T. Sexton

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Dr. Pliny T. Sexton,
Palmyra, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Sexton:

Thank you very much for your letter of recent date telling me of the status of the application for charter for Fukien Christian University.

As you surmised, I was keenly disappointed that no action was taken on the application at the meeting of the Board of Regents on March 28th. Before sending in the final application I took every precaution, I thought, both by correspondence with the State Department of Education at Albany and by consultations both in Albany and New York, to have the application in proper form, so that there might be as little delay as possible in granting the charter. I also took the precaution to find out what the requirements of the Board of Regents were, so that I might have some basis of judgment as to the likelihood of the Board of Regents granting a charter to a university in the initial stages of its development, such as Fukien Christian University now is. Furthermore, by my study of other institutions which are already incorporated under the University of the State of New York, I found little difference between our own conditions in Fukien Christian University and those of these other institutions, except that we seem to be doing already more advanced work than some of the others. After this careful going-over of the ground, you can see, I am sure, why I was disappointed at their being no action taken March 28th.

From the rules of the Regents I gathered that if applications were submitted ten days before the meeting of the Regents, they would be gone over by the Charter Committee and would be brought up at the next succeeding meeting of the Regents. Consequently, we hoped that the charter would have been granted in February. Now that the March meeting has passed and there has been no action, we are at a loss to understand the reason for the delay. If more information is required we will be very glad, indeed, to send it. If the form of the application is not correct, we will hasten to remedy any defect.

We are, however, very anxious to have action taken at the April meeting of the Regents, if there is one, so as to

know whether the charter can, or cannot, be granted. You will readily understand that in the present stage of our institution a state of indecision, such as is caused by our lack of knowledge as to whether we can or cannot be incorporated under the laws of the State of New York, hampers us greatly in furthering the university project as a whole. I do not wish you to get the impression that I am urging you to give a favorable answer to our application. Of course, I should be delighted if that is the result of your investigation of our application. I am writing now simply to urge that action be taken, if possible at the April meeting of the Regents, so that our thought may be resilient and we may know whether we are to have the good fortune of being incorporated under the University of the State of New York, or whether we are to seek incorporation elsewhere.

Hoping that you will do everything in your power to bring the matter to an issue at the April meeting of the Board of Regents, I am

Yours very truly,

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PLINY T. SEXTON
PALMYRA, N. Y.

May 1, 1918

President Edwin C. Jones
150 Fifth Ave., New York City

My dear President Jones :

With sympathetic understanding of your disappointment at the delay in responding to your letter of April 18th, it should be said that it has not been possble to write you sooner with satisfactory definiteness.

It may be stated now, however, after a recent long waited for conference of the Charter Committee of the Regents of The University, followed by subsequent consideration by that Board, that there is favorable regarding, generally, of the pending application for a charter from The University of the State of New York for the incorporation of the proposed "Fukien Christian University," in which your interest is active.

But there are some related matters, which do not appear to have had consideration in the correspondence between you and the Department, which should be mentioned. Probably the substance thereof is within the expectation and understanding of the named trustees of your proposed University.
The Regents have long been reluctant to incorporate educational institutions to be operated in foreign countries, both because of the difficulty of maintaining any particular direct supervision over the same, and because of a feeling that other countries should be left to determine for themselves the character and methods of educational work to be done therein.

To relieve the measurable sense of responsibility which the Board of Regents have for institutions incorporated by them for the indicated purpose, it has come to be their policy to refrain from granting charters therefor, unless such institutions are to be under the willingly assumed sponsorship and trustee-electing control of firmly established, responsible, incorporated missionary bodies, or other satisfactory altruistic organizations ; and, as you will be anticipating, it will be desirable to have the managing Boards of the missionary organizations, under whose protecting care your proposed University is to be conducted, by suitable voting request the incorporation thereof and assume the mentioned sponsorship and responsibility therefor.

The Regents would also wish to be officially assured that the establishment and operation of your proposed University in China will be welcomed by the authorities of that country, and an affirming letter from the Chinese Ambassador, at Washington, would be satisfying.

PLINY T. SEXTON
PALMYRA, N. Y.

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The charter, if granted, would be a provisional one and would be replaced by an absolute charter, which would authorize the University to confer upon its graduates the usual scholastic degrees, subject to the restrictions and requirements of The University of this State, if within five years the corporation should acquire resources and equipment, of the value of, at least, five hundred thousand dollars ($500,000), available for its use and support and sufficient and suitable for its chartered purposes, in the judgment of the Regents of The University, and be maintaining an institution of educational usefulness and character satisfactory to them. Such preliminary charter would also provide that, until the granting of the absolute charter, suitable degrees of The University of the State of New York would be conferred upon the graduates of the Fukien Christian University who, in the judgment of the Regents should duly earn the same.

After consideration of the added information which this letter will give you, if it shall be deemed desirable to have your proposed University incorporated by such a charter as has been indicated may be obtainable from the Regents of The University of the State of New York, please so tell me and I will outline and send to you resolutions suitable for the contemplated adoption by the managing Boards of the intended sponsoring missionary organizations, whose exactly stated corporate names should be given to me.

Further, to meet the requirements of the General Corporation Law of this State, it would be desirable to have a statement, from some person duly informed (perhaps from Dr. North), that the proposed incorporators are natural persons, of full age, and at least two-thirds of them citizens of the United States and one a resident of the State of New York.

It is intended that there shall be another meeting of the Board of Regents of The University of this State on the 28th of this month, and you will probably be wishing, as I will be hoping, that all preliminaries may be duly arranged in sufficient time before the mentioned date to admit of the granting of the desired charter at that time.

Very truly yours

Pliny T. Sexton

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Dr. Pliny T. Sexton,
Palmyra, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Sexton:

Thank you for your full letter of May 1st which has just come to hand.

All of the points which you have brought up had been covered in previous conversations with Dr. Downing, or in correspondence, I think. You speak of the desirability of having the managing boards of the missionary organizations endorse the incorporation of the University by special vote. I think if I quote to you from the Minutes of the Board of Trustees that you will find all the data you need in them. The representatives of the different Boards met June 11, 1917, and the following is recorded in the Minutes: "The questions were discussed as to the authority of the representatives of the Boards in the matter of the approval of the Constitution proposed by the Preliminary Committee (as contained in the printed Minutes of the Preliminary Committee on Higher Christian Education in Fukien Province of July 27, 1916) and the authority to incorporate the proposed Fukien Christian University. These were variously answered by the representatives of the Boards present. After considerable discussion it was voted to report the proceedings of the present meeting to the various Boards and request that the representatives be fully authorized to act in the matter of the adoption of the proposed Constitution with a view to taking steps looking to the incorporation of the proposed Fukien Christian University."

At a meeting held September 28th, Dr. William E. Strong, Corresponding Secretary of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, stated "that the American Board was committed through formal action by the Prudential Committee to a general approval of the plans for the Fukien Christian University and the formation of a Board of Trustees in the U.S.A., and its representatives were authorized to act as members of the proposed Board of Trustees with a view to permanent organization." The representatives were Dr. William

E. Strong and Mr. C. W. Congdon, whose signatures appear on the application.

"Dr. F. M. North reported for the Methodist Episcopal Board the acceptance by that Board of the present steps thus far taken toward permanent legal organization, and the authorization of the representatives to act for the Board on the Committee on Organization." The representatives of this Board are Dr. F. M. North, Dr. John F. Goucher and Mr. W. W. Carman, all of whom have signed the application.

"The Rev. W. I. Chamberlain stated for the Reformed Church Board that the plans for the organization of Fukien Christian University, including a general approval of the proposed by-laws, had been accepted by his Board and that its representatives were authorized to act upon this Committee with a view to a permanent organization." The representatives of this Board are Dr. William Bancroft Hill, Dr. W.I. Chamberlain and Dr. W. H. S. Demarest, who have signed the application for charter.

"Information was elicited that the plan of the Church Missionary Society to be represented by the members of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the U.S.A. had not yet developed in the appointment of representatives for C.M.S."

Again, February 16, 1918 the Board of Trustees convened and there were present representatives of the Church Missionary Society. Let me quote from the Minutes. "The Secretary made a statement of the steps that led to the designation by the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church, U.S.A., of three representatives for the Church Missionary Society, London. The proposal arose with the Cooperating Committee in Foochow with a view to securing a Board of Trustees, all of whose members should be resident in America, since three of the four cooperating societies are American" After correspondence by letter and cablegram with the Rev. Cyril C.M.Bardsley, Secretary of the Church Missionary Society, London, Dr. John W. Wood, Secretary of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church, U.S.A., made three nominations to the C.M.S., London. In fulfillment of these nominations , Dean Robbins, Dr. Wood and Mr. Thorne have taken their seats as representatives of the Church Missionary Society, London, the Home Society of the Church Mission in Foochow, one of the cooperating missions." The three gentlemen referred to are the Rev. Howard C.Robbins, Dr. John W. Wood and Mr. Samuel Thorne, Jr., all of whose names appear on the application.

In view of this careful action on the part of the cooperating Boards in appointing their representatives on the Board of Trustees of Fukien Christian University, it

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would seem hardly necessary to have more formal action than is here recorded.

In addition, the requirements of formal action would delay the granting of a charter until next winter. The Boards have their meetings in the autumn and it would be impossible to get action by the entire Boards before that time. Furthermore, I am sure the Secretaries of the respective Boards would feel that all necessary precautions had been taken to secure the permanent, definite backing of their Societies for this Institution. They are responsible men and could not go into a project of this kind and sign their names to an application such as you have in your hands, without due authorization from their Boards. I sincerely hope that the granting of the charter will not be further delayed by unnecessary formalities on this point.

With regard to a letter from the Chinese Minister at Washington, I shall be glad to ask him to write an affirming letter as you request. I had an interview with Dr. Koo, present Chinese Minister, while in Washington recently and he was most enthusiastic in his endorsement of the whole proposition.

We have thoroughly understood the custom of the Board of Regents to grant only a provisional charter to institutions such as ours. To us the day seems not far distant when we shall be able to meet the requirements of the Regents for an absolute charter.

You asked for the corporate names of the missionary societies participating in this University. These have already been given in the application for charter. They are the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions; the Church Missionary Society for Africa and the Far East; the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church; and the Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in America.

With regard to the requirements of the General Corporation Law which you say necessitates a statement that the proposed incorporators are natural persons of full age and at least two-thirds of them citizens of the United States and one a resident of the State of New York, I shall ask Dr. North to give you this information.

Hoping to hear from you at an early date in case anything further needs to be done by us, I am

Yours very truly,

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May
Sixth
1918.

Pliny T. Sexton, LL.D.,
Palmyra, New York.

My dear Dr. Sexton:

Referring to the application of the incorporators of the FUKIEN CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY for a Charter from the University of the State of New York, permit me to say that these incorporators, all of whom I know personally, are natural persons of full age; that to the best of my knowledge and belief they are all citizens of the United States, and that several of them are residents of the State of New York.

Hoping that this information may help clear the way for the granting of the Charter, I am

Yours cordially,

May
Sixth
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Minister Wellington Koo,
Chinese Legation,
Washington, D.C.

My dear Dr. Koo:

A letter awaiting me on my arrival states that the Board of Regents of the University of the State of New York would like to have from some Chinese authority a statement as to the way in which our University will be regarded in China. They suggested the Chinese Minister and so I am writing to see whether you will be willing to make a statement of this sort for them. Their request is to be "officially assured that the establishment and operation of the proposed university in China will be welcomed by the authorities of that country." If you will kindly send the letter to me here I will forward it to the proper authorities in Albany.

It was a great pleasure, I assure you, to meet you again for conversation on topics in which we are mutually interested. I hope that if you get away from Washington in this direction that I may have the pleasure of seeing you here, and if I am in Washington at some future time I shall certainly endeavor to find you at liberty for a few moments, so that we may continue discussion of these all-important topics.

With kind regards, I am

Yours sincerely,

ECJ
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May
Fourteenth
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Dr. V. K. Wellington Koo,
Chinese Legation,
Washington, D.C.

My dear Dr. Koo:

Your letter of May 8th was awaiting me at the office this morning when I returned from a week-end in Connecticut. Thank you very much for your hearty endorsement of the University scheme for Fukien College. I am sure that your letter will fully satisfy the request of the Regents on this score.

Again thanking you, I am

Yours very sincerely,

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May
Fourteenth
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Dr. Pliny E. Sexton,
Palmyra, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Sexton:

This morning I have received a letter from Dr. Koo in reply to my request for some endorsement of the Fukien Christian University project in Foochow. I am enclosing a copy of his letter which I trust will satisfy you and the Charter Committee on this point.

I trust that you received my letter of recent date in which I outlined the steps by which the Trustees of the University have been appointed by the several mission boards. I hope that this is a satisfactory explanation of the point you raised and shall hope to hear from you soon as to whether you need further information or not. I sincerely hope that what I have already written will be sufficient to cover the point at issue.

Hoping to hear from you soon, I am

Yours very truly,

PLINY T. SEXTON
PALMYRA, N. Y.

May 24, 1918

President Edwin C. Jones
150 Fifth Ave., New York City

My dear President Jones :

Your letters of the 6th and 14th and the copy of the cordial letter to you from the Chinese Minister, together with a letter from Doctor North, seem to supply sufficiently, under the circumstances, the information and assurances which have been thought needful to smooth the way for the incorporation under the Education Law of this State of the proposed Fukien Christian University, and I have been considering with some care the drafting of the vote to be recommended for adoption for the indicated purpose by the Board of Regents of The University of this State, which it is hoped and expected will receive their consideration and be favorably acted upon at their meeting at Albany upon the 28th instant, unless after reading the same, a copy of which will be sent you herewith, you shall wish to have such proposed vote changed in some way, and if that shall be so please telegraph me to that effect immediately upon receipt of this letter, and the matter can then be withheld from presentation to the Regents until their June meeting, which it is now expected will be upon the 27th of that month.

Very truly yours

Pliny T. Sexton

PLINY T. SEXTON
PALMYRA, N. Y.

June 7, 1918

President Edwin C. Jones
150 Fifth Ave., New York City

My dear President Jones :

The meeting of the Regents of The University which had been called for May 28th failed to have a quorum present and was adjourned to June 6th.

I was not able to be present at either meeting, and on receipt of your telegram to-day, wishing to know the "results Regents consideration Fukien Christian University charter application," I immediately sought the desired information by wire from Albany, and the answering, which was long delayed in coming to me, was speeded on to you by telegraph telling that your charter was duly granted by the Regents at their yesterday's meeting. Official notice will soon be coming to you from the Department at Albany.

Anticipating and wishing for the Fukien Christian University great prosperity and usefulness, and that you may have abounding and abiding happiness in guiding its beneficent work, I am

Very sincerely yours

Pliny T. Sexton

Room 800, 150 Fifth Avenue,

New York City, June 10, 1918.

My dear Dr. Downing,-

A letter and telegram from Dr. Sexton gave me the information that the Regents had granted the request for a charter for Fukien Christian University. He said that official notice would soon come from Albany.

There are two questions that I should like to have settled before the meeting of our Board of Trustees on Friday, the 14th, in addition to receiving official notice about incorporation which will undoubtedly come before that time. The first point is this. The Reverend Lewis Hodous has been appointed as the third representative of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions and thus brings the quota of trustees up to the full number, twelve. I should like very much that his name appear in the charter. I have asked him to sign the application before a notary public and forward it to you. It should reach you at latest by Wednesday. He has had special connection with the University idea in Fukien since its inception and for sentimental reasons, I shall be very grateful if this can be done for him.

The second question comes up with reference to the manner in which the degrees are conferred jointly. In some of the correspondence from your office it was allowed that we might have the diplomas made in Foochow, where it could be done more cheaply, and then they could be forwarded to the Regents for their seal. Will you please let me have the wording of the diplomas so that I may see exactly how the idea is expressed that the degrees are conferred jointly by the two boards,-the Regents and the Trustees of the University? I hope that you will let me have this data as early as possible.

With kind regards, I am

Yours very sincerely,

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THE REGENTS YESTERDAY GRANTED THE CHARTER FOR FULKIEN CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

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THE UNIVERSITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

Provisional Charter of

FUKIEN CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

TRANSFER

THIS INSTRUMENT WITNESSETH That the Regents of the University of the State of New York have granted this provisional charter incorporating Charles V. Congdon, Howard C. Robbins, William A. Carman, William I. Chamberlain, William E. Strong, Samuel Thorne, Jr., John F. Goucher, William H. S. Demarest, John W. Wood, Frank Mason North and William Bancroft Hill and their associates and successors, under the corporate name of Fukien Christian University, to be located at Foochow, in the Province of Fukien, in China, with twelve trustees, or more, as hereinafter provided, to be at first the eleven persons named as incorporators, and one other to be chosen by them to complete their board, to hold, the first four, through the year 1918, the second four, through the year 1919, and the last four, through the year 1920, and their successors to hold for terms of three years to be chosen, four each year, one by the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, one by the Church Missionary Society for Africa and the East, one by the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and one by the Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in America.

In futherance of its intended aiding of youth in China to acquire literary, scientific and professional education, the university may establish and maintain elementary, secondary and higher departments; but it shall not have power to confer degress, except such as shall be authorized by the absolute charter by which this provisional one will be replaced, if within five years the corporation shall acquire resources and equipment, of the value of at least five hundred thousand dollars ($500,000), available for its use and support and sufficient and suitable for its chartered purposes, in the judgment of the Regents of the University of this State, and be maintaining an institution of educational usefulness and character satisfactory to them; and until the granting of the absolute charter, suitable degrees of The University of the State of New York will be conferred upon the graduates of the university hereby incorporated who, in the judgement of the said Regents, shall duly earn the same.

Other incorporated missionary organizations may, at any time, be affiliated with and made constituent, trustee-electing members of the corporation of the university, by the favoring vote of the managing boards of all of its then existing such constituent bodies; and each such so added constituent body shall be entitled to choose, as its representative, or representatives, to hold for a term of three years, an additional associate member, or members, not exceeding three, as the vote of affiliation shall provide, of the board of trustees of the university, and to choose, each three years, a successor, or successors, to such representative trustee, or trustees, to hold for a like term.

GRANTED June 6, 1918 by the Regents of the University of the State of New York executed under their seal and recorded in their office, Number 2767

Pliny T. Sexton
Chancellor

Seal.

Thos. E. Finegan
Acting President of the University

THE UNIVERSITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK.

Amendment to Charter of

FUKIEN CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

TRANSFER

THIS INSTRUMENT WITNESSETH That the Regents of the University of the State of New York have amended the charter granted June 6, 1918 to Fukien Christian University, in Foochow, China, by inserting therein the following provisions:

The incorporated missionary organizations which are constituent trustee-electing members of the corporation of the university as provided by the charter granted June 6, 1918 shall each be entitled to choose an additional representative on the board of trustees of the university to hold for a term of four years, and to choose each four years a successor to such representative trustee to hold for a like term, but the total trustees elected by each mission board shall not exceed four in number.

The trustees elected in accordance with the provisions of the charter granted, June 6, 1918 and amended as above, may elect additional trustees to such a number that the total membership of the board shall not exceed twenty-four. The terms of office of one-fourth the number of trustees thus elected shall expire each year, and their successors shall be elected for terms of four years each. After the first election of said additional trustees, their successors shall be elected by the entire Board of Trustees.

Granted October 18, 1923, by the Regents of the University of the State of New York executed under their seal and recorded in their office. Number 3302

Seal.

Chester S. Lord
Chancellor

Frank P. Graves
President of the University.

FUKIEN

January 7, 1935

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Dr. W. Y. Chen
Acting President
Fukien Christian University
Foochow, China

My dear Dr. Chen:

I enclose herewith a copy of the absolute charter of Fukien Christian University as granted by the Regents of the University of the State of New York on October 18th, 1934. There was a delay of some weeks after the actual granting of the charter before this document was engrossed and forwarded to us from Albany.

Very cordially yours,

B. A. Garside

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FUKIEN

TRANSFER

THE UNIVERSITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

ABSOLUTE CHARTER OF

FUKIEN CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

This instrument witnesseth That the Regents of the University of the State of New York being satisfied that the required conditions have been met, have granted to Fukien Christian University, Foochow, China, provisionally incorporated on June 6, 1915, this absolute charter to replace its provisional charter, with power to confer the degrees of Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) and Bachelor of Science (B.S.), in conformity with the rules of the Regents of the University and the regulations of the Commissioner of Education for the registration of institutions of higher education; and have continued the said corporation with all its powers, privileges and duties.

GRANTED October 18, 1934 by the Regents of the University of the Sate of New York executed under their seal and recorded in their office. Number 4245

/S/ JAMES BYRNE
Chancellor

/S/ FRANK P. GRAVES
President of the University
and
Commissioner of Education

G. Cornell - Faculty representative on Mgrs.

27 Pomeroy Street
Hartford, Conn. Oct. 21, 1918.

My dear Ned,

The by-laws look good to me. There are just a few points which arise in my mind.

✓ 1) the location of the University. This I presume is already mentioned in the charter.

✓ 2) the names of the coöperating missions. This is probably provided for in the charter.

3) There should be clearer provision for the appointment of professors, assistant professors, instructors. Could you change Sect. VI p. 3 to read shall appoint officers, professors, assistant professors and instructors. What is the duty of the Board of Trustees as to professors etc.

✓ 4) Section IV p. 3 has something left out. I presume that's just an omission.

5) Shall anything be said about Chinese representation on the Board of Managers? Unless something is

✓ said we may have difficulties. Say at least 1/4 of the members shall be Chinese or something like that.

I like the article on coöpting members. I wish the number to be coopted could be larger, say 6, one for each mission. It's not mean that we would necessarily coöpt men representing missions. In fact I hope that we shall not get into this way of doing things.

If anything further occurs to me I should let you know. Say, I think I like some one to help me in translation etc. Do you know what the plans of Li Seik Sing are. He could study here at Hartford and work with me a few hours a week and almost

the fourth section to read as follows

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pay his expenses. Can you see what his plans are and let me know. This would be only for one year.

Sincerely,
Lewis Hodges.

THE AMERICAN BOARD
BOSTON

Feb. 23d 1918.

Dear Mr. Jones;

I am returning herewith the copy of proposed by laws with comments. It is after hours, clerks are gone: hence the ~~autograph~~ note. A word or two of explanation of my marginal notes.

III Should there be some inclusion of funds, securities and so on in the "property" the Trustees may hold?

IV between a) and b). Do not other By Laws require some provision for determining department

after c) Ought there not to be some naming of the Officers of the Trustees as there is later in the case of the Managers

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THE AMERICAN BOARD
BOSTON

IV Section III.

The American Board's Annual Meeting always falls in October, usually in the latter half. I don't suppose we can ever clear of all conflict of dates, but I should be sorry to find the A.B. men in an annual conflict of that sort.

VII Section II

Would it be well to give the Senate power to initiate inquiry into the government or discipline of any department?

VIII 3/4 of those present would be a sufficient check on hasty action would it not.

My other notes are self explanatory, I think. All that I have written is merely in the way of suggestion. I see no change to insist upon.

Very truly yours

A E Strong

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March fifth
- 1918 -

Professor E. C. Jones,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Brother Jones:

I have been looking over the By-Laws proposed for the Fukien Christian University. Let me note and get your views.

In the object, we are to indicate men. Are we to give no chance to women? That is, is it to be distinctly and only a men's University?

Under item IV, sub-head (C), I should substitute for the word 'ordinary' some such word as 'prescribed'. 'Ordinary' might refer to methods entirely outside of our By-Laws. I assume that you mean, in the manner fixed in our By-Laws.

Item V, sub-head (c). What body is intended by the term 'this Board'? Is it the Board on the field or the Board at home?

Section II, Item I, sub-head (a). Are we to confine the provision from each mission for the Faculty to specialists in departments. This may be wise but there will be very grave difficulties because to find a specialist who has to do with a given mission, may be difficult. If it is intended that the provision shall be made for two missionary teachers either in money or the man, room would be left to get the right sort.

Page 3, Section V. Would it not be proper to make the Board of Managers accountable to the Board of Trustees, not only for the safe keeping and disposition of all funds received by them from whatever source, but also in general terms for the general policy of the Institution. It would seem to me that if the Trustees here are to be representative, they should not be expected to transfer to the Board of Managers the entire business of the shaping of policy; though large liberty should, of

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course, be given to the field Board in this particular.

Section VII. It is stated that special meetings may be held at the request of three members of the Board. It would be better to substitute shall for may, as it seems to me, or else there will be no obligation for the calling of a special meeting if three members of the Board ask for it; and there ought to be a provision of that kind.

Page 4, Item VI. Is it thought that there might possibly be the affiliation of the women's schools under the term 'other schools under missionary auspices'? If this is so, it might perhaps meet the question and answer which I suggested as coming in the statement of the object.

And finally, are we definitely convinced that we ought to insert the 'NOTE' under the INTERNAL ADMINISTRATION OF THE UNIVERSITY which carries forward the purpose of the preliminary committee to make Mandarin the medium of instruction? Does this meet your own judgment?

I make these comments for your thinking and for later consultation.

Yours cordially,

F. M. North

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March 13, 1918

Mr. Edwin C. Jones
c/o Board of Foreign Missions
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City.

Dear Mr. Jones:

I have just returned from my fortnight's absence from New York and take the first opportunity of writing you concerning suggestions that have come to my mind in comparing the results of your and Dr. Strong's revision of the proposed Constitution of the Fukien Christian University for the purpose of their adoption as By-Laws.

It is evident that you have gone over the Articles with much care. In general, the revision seems to me to meet the situation. I have a few queries and suggestions.

Article IV, The Board of Trustees; makes no statement as to how this Board is constituted and who its officers shall be. In your minds was this provided in the Proceedings of the Board and did not, therefore, require a statement in the ByLaws?

Article IV, Section (a). The latter part of this article seems to me unusual and is to me of the nature of a suggestio falsi. Would not this be an authority inherent in the very Constitution ~~and authority in~~ the Board of Trustees, without suggesting the possibility of an entire break between the Board of Trustees and the Board of Managers?

Page 4, Article VII, Section II. Would it not be better to use the word "supervise" rather than "superintend" both here and on the next page under Section III?

Page 5, Section IV, Faculties; Subsection III. Would it not be better to use the word "prepare" instead of "suggest"? It seems to me clearly the function of the faculty to prepare the course of study for its department, the same to wait upon the final approval of the Senate. It is assuredly more the function of the faculty to prepare than merely to suggest.

Page 5, Article VIII, Amendments. I should prefer the expression "Submission to the Board of Managers for opinion" rather than the word "approval".

There are some other minor questions in regard to the numbering of the Articles, but these I can go over with you when we meet.

Yours very sincerely
Wm. J. Van Kersen

27 Pounley Street
Hartford, Conn. March 29, 1918

My dear Ned,

Yours of March 28 came today. Your wording of the object is very comprehensive and will not find any objectors unless it is especially called to the attention of Hind.

Medium of instruction

As to the medium of instruction, I quite agree with you. It makes little difference whether we put it in or not. If we leave it out however the men at Amoy will think that we have broken faith and kick and if we can avoid a feeling of suspicion or the possibility of such a feeling they will work better in harness.

Could it be put under the duties of the Board of Managers Section 6? It does not sound euphonious, but it will do as little harm as possible there.

Thank you about your recommendation of men for translators. I quite agree with you about Pastor Ti. My thought was that I should like to have him in case he remained another year. As to Wang Shang Che, does he speak correct Pekingese? I wonder if you could find out. Also does he know the Chinese language well. If Hung Ngiek recommends him I presume he is doing in his Chinese classes. I shall let you know again about Wang Shang Che. I am glad you spoke of him.

Yours faithfully, Lewis Hodous

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The Kennedy School of Missions
Hartford, Connecticut

23 April, 1918.

My dear Ned,

Thank you for your letter. I am sorry that Wang Shang Che does not feel like coming. If you know of some one else who speaks Mandarin well and whose Chinese scholarship is good I should like to hear about him. I can assure of a good place to study and enough to pay for board and room and a little besides.

As to your suggestion about the medium of instruction, I think a personal explanation would probably satisfy the majority. It would of course raise the matter again.

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If it is left out I think the best way would be to send a letter and turn it over to the Board of Managers.

As to point "in harmony with the evangelical views etc." this you can put in. No one in the field will have the least objection.

As to managers being approved by Trustees, this seems to be quite natural in order to bring about entire harmony in the machinery. This is what the Board of Trustees of Rochester College require and I believe most boards of Trustees would require the same.

We shall move after May 1 to 11 Sumner Street. Sumner Street is nearer the station. It runs from Asylum Street. Stop again when you pass through.

Rachel and Jennie have just returned from the hospital where they had their tonsils and adenoids removed.

I have just started my lectures to the Senior class here.

If you know of a good Chinese who is also interested in Theology or Education let me know about him.

Yours sincerely,

Lewis Hodous

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