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318-A Mission Road
Glendale, California
August 20, 1934

Dr. Freeman Havighurst
Linwood Methodist Church
Linwood Blvd. at Olive Street
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Havy:

I appreciate very much receiving your letter dated August 3, upon our arrival in Los Angeles August 10th. I am now speaking to the Methodist churches in Southern California in the interest of the Foochow Area in general. I have speaking engagements every evening except Saturday and I generally speak twice to four times on Sunday. I am gradually getting used to this work now. The congregations are generally small in the country churches during the summer vacation on week days, but I find those who do come to be keenly interested in missionary work and are always attentive and appreciative. I am glad to have this opportunity of doing my humble part for the church while I am on the coast.

We are schedule to leave Los Angeles for the East after the middle part of September. As I have been rushed to work as soon as I landed, we have not had time to work out our travel schedule. It will be a great pleasure to Mrs. Lin and myself to have a visit with you and your family in Kansas City, and you can be sure that when we are planning our schedule we will keep that in mind. I shall inform you as soon as I can as to when I might be around your place. I am writing to our office in New York asking them for further information about their plan for us so that we can figure how much time we can have at our disposal in our journey across the continent.

It gives us great joy to know that Mrs. Havighurst has entirely recovered her strength. Paul Wiant also wrote me about their visit and about Mrs. Havighurst's health. We are ever so glad that she is back to herself again.

We learned from the newspapers that you have had some terribly hot weather around your place. We hope your family have been getting along well. We find Glendale quite hot in the day time but it is always cool in the evening and we sleep quite well. As yet Mrs. Lin does not have much chance to get around because of our little children. I alone do the running about. It certainly seems good to us to visit America again and to meet some of our old friends in this country.

Yours very sincerely,

C. J. L. H. M.

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October 11, 1934

Rev. Freeman C. Havighurst
Linwood M. E. Church
Linwood Blvd. at Olive Street
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Havy:

Our delay in writing you does not imply that we did not appreciate your kindnesses and hospitality to us when we visited you on our way East. In fact we want to get the routine things done first so that I may have a chance to write you a real letter reporting briefly on some of the things which I have been doing since I left you, but before I give you that report would you accept our very deep appreciation of what you have done for us, and what a great joy to both Mrs. Lin and myself to have seen you and your family again. We only wish that our stay could be longer so that we can talk over some other things besides what we have talked. Maybe there is a possibility of my being around to see you in December. I will be speaking for the China College Conferences around Des Moines, Iowa, on December 6 and 7; Cincinnati, Ohio, the 9th and 10th; and if there is some chance, I will get to call on you again.

We arrived in Chicago the next morning after we left you, and we went to the Hotel Harding, which we were told was the same Hotel but under the present name as the one which your friend recommended to us. We secured a room there which was not a very good one, and we paid quite a high price for it, nearly \$7.00 for the day. I mention this in order to let you know that in the future when you may wish to help some other friends, not to recommend a Hotel that is in the downtown. It will be both cheaper and better as the Beaman's informed us.

We certainly appreciated the trouble which you went to, and I wish you would express our thanks to the lady who furnished you the name of the Hotel.

We called up the Beaman's immediately upon our arrival, and spent a part of an evening in their new home in Oak Park. Norvil is teaching Junior College and in the Oak Park High School there. He seemed to enjoy his work. We also went into the World's Fair for a couple of hours in order to make us believe that we have seen the Fair. We also went to the tea reception given to us by Dr. Woodward, Vice-President of the University of Chicago. You probably remember him as one of the two Commissioners of Appraisal in connection with the Laymen's Inquiry. We left Sunday morning for Oberlin.

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We spent two days in Oberlin where they gave us a very warm reception. I also spoke to the Students Assembly, and I lunched at the President's home. It gave both Hui-Ching and me great pleasure to renew our friendships with the people there. We came to New York on September 26th, and we had our Trustees meeting on September 28th. I was greatly inspired by this fine spirit of our Trustees and the fine work of our office here. Our Trustees also gave us a dinner reception in the evening when we also showed our motion pictures. We moved to Hartford, Connecticut, on September 29th, where we are gradually getting settled. The apartment which the Seminary assigned to us is a very fine one and we are quite sure that we are going to be comfortable there. Hui-Ching has started her housekeeping, and we are sending our children to the Nursery School and the Kindergarten both are very near to our apartment house.

I went to Boston for a two days visit last week-end, where I called on our two members of our Board of Trustees, and a few other friends both in the American Board office and around Cambridge. I spent last Saturday night and Sunday with the Kellogg's at Amherst. They are doing very well there. I spoke to Kellogg's Men's Club at the First Congregational Church at the morning service. Then Kellogg drove us back to Hartford where we had a good visit with the whole family. Ginger is a junior at Mount Holyoke, and Stanley is doing well in his school at Amherst. There is a strong probability that we will succeed in getting Kellogg back to Foochow next Spring. I came to New York yesterday and participated in the celebration of October 10th by the Chinese people in the City. The enclosed program will give you some idea of the meeting last night. I will be in and around New York until the end of October. Our joint campaign is starting in November.

I was glad to have a chance to meet your pastor. I hope some time you will remind him of my brief remark to him when we called on him the night before we left Kansas City, and I also wish to thank you for your thought of some possibility of approaching some of the friends near you, who may be interested in the University in Foochow. If you can get in touch with them in a preliminary way and get them interested, I shall be glad to come down to see them whenever you call. If you can furnish us with some of the names with certain descriptions and their interest, we shall be glad to get in touch with them directly from our office here also.

Under separate cover I am sending you a few copies of the literature which we have just received from China. Enclosed herewith please find a copy of our list of projects which may serve for you as a talking point to interest the friends you may meet.

Please also remember us very kindly to Martha, Dorothy and Robert.

Again wish thanks to Mrs. Havighurst and yourself, I am

Very sincerely yours,

C. J. Lin

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Under separate cover: 10 copies "Fukien News" July, 1934

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January 15, 1935

Rev. Freeman C. Havighurst
Linwood M. E. Church
Linwood Blvd. at Olive St.,
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Havy:

I was sorry that I could not stretch my itinerary down far enough to visit Kansas City again in connection with our China Colleges Conferences during November and the first half of December. We hope that we will see you before we leave America.

The Methodist Board seems to be willing to consider your returning to China. Undoubtedly you have heard something from the Board Secretaries direct. The only question they raised with me when I spoke with them is the health of Mrs. Havighurst. If you could get competent doctors to certify that she will be strong enough to return back to China again, we will try to put as much pressure as possible in New York to have the Board consider sending you back. It will be a great pleasure and privilege to have you back working with us in Foochow again. We shall always pray that the thing will be materialized before long.

We are going to Boston for another series of China Colleges Conferences there. Our Conferences will be closed in Syracuse and Rochester around the latter part of this month. Beginning with February I shall give a course of lectures at Hartford Seminary, in the Kennedy School of Missions. I shall, of course, devote the measure of my time besides the lectures, to continuing the promotional work in the interest of F.C.U.

With kindest wishes to all members of your family,

Yours very sincerely,

C. J. Lin

CJL:HV

See also the memo from

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POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y.
WM. BANCROFT HILL

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Jan 8, 1925.

My dear Dr. Gowdy,

For Mrs Hill and me to give
\$75,000 to any one object would
not be possible except by failing
to meet other definite pledges
in mission work and other.

Nor is there any likelihood
that we could persuade the other
members of Mrs Hill's family to join
with her in endowing such a chair,
as they did join in the instance
of Cairo University.

Nevertheless, I recognize the
need and importance of Bible teaching
in Fukuien University. And I think

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POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y.
WM. BANCROFT HILL

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it can be met temporarily in the following way. Mrs Hill and I will promise you \$3,000⁰⁰ a year for this purpose during the first term of a foreign professor's service (six years, I believe), or up to the date in that first term when an endowment is secured.

This will enable you to send out a man for a full term of service, and give you time to secure the endowment; I believe that a Chair of Bible will appeal to more donors than any other; and I am quite hopeful that it can be secured.

According to the scale of salaries, &c., that we adopted, \$3,000⁰⁰ is a little more than the salary of a first-term man.

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WM. BANCROFT HILL

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But the surplus will not be enough to meet the increased expenses of the Bible department. The deficit, I think, can easily be met by gifts from persons who cannot give large sums but like to give to a definite object. Bible study will commend itself to them.

Outfit and travel make a first year more expensive than the later ones. So we will advance enough to meet these expenses, and deduct it from the following years.

The arrangement I suggest will enable you to go ahead in securing a man for the position. At the same time you can continue your search for an endowment. If you should

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WM. BANCROFT HILL

secure it in the next six months,
and thus release us from our ob-
ligation, we shall then be at liberty
to help Fukien in other ways; and
you need not question that we shall
be glad to do so.

I hope you will find a first-rate
man for the chair, - orthodox but not
ultra-conservative, - scholarly but also
evangelistic. When he is found, I
will send him my three books on
the New Testament (all of which will
soon be in Chinese) as an exhibit
of what one of the trustees holds
on points fundamental and other-
wise.

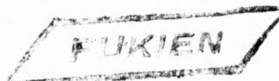
With very best wishes, I remain

Kindest cordially yours,

Wm Bancroft Hill.

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POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y.
WM. BANCROFT HILL



March 1, 1925

TRANSFER

My dear Garrison,

The enclosed check is the customary
contribution to help on the Bible work in the
Fukien University.

Cordially yours,

Wm Bancroft Hill.

Encl. check of \$2,500.-

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TRANSFER

March 3, 1930

Dr. Wm. Bancroft Hill,
Vassar College,
Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

My dear Dr.Hill:

We are grateful to you for your check for \$2,500 on account of your pledge for the work in the Department of Bible at Fukien Christian University. We enclose herewith the University's formal receipt for this remittance.

In the near future we must set a date for the spring meeting of the Fukien Trustees. I will soon be sending out a letter of inquiry to all members of the Board.

Very cordially yours,

B A GARSIDE

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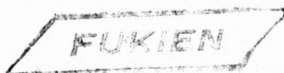
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VASSAR COLLEGE
POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y.

WM. BANCROFT HILL

April 18, 1930.



My dear Garride.

I regret to report that I see little possibility of attending the Fukiien meeting on any of the dates suggested. Mrs Hill's brother died in Bombay, Feb 15th. His widow returns at the end of this month, and his funeral will then be held in St. Paul. The exact date cannot be fixed until she arrives: but Mrs Hill and I start for St. Paul on the 28th. I hope to be able to return on May 6th, but an important engagement on May 7th takes me to Hudson.

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If you can find a convenient date for the others,
take it, and let me know. I will attend, if I can;
but go ahead without me.

Most cordially yours,

W. B. Baumgartner

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VASSAR COLLEGE
POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y.

WM. BANCROFT HILL Dec 7, 1930

FUKIEN

Dear Mr Garside,

I have laid down as a rule that I would undertake no new enterprises this year because all available cash would be needed to carry on those already undertaken. But there comes from Pres. Lin such an earnest appeal for \$3.000 with which to build a residence for Dr Chen and his family before he returns to China that I concluded to break the rule. Accordingly, I enclose a check for \$3.000, and am writing him that you have that sum in hand, and will transmit it to him.

If there is any correspondence about the matter in the next four weeks, my address will be c/o Prof J.R. Jewett, 44 Francis Ave, Cambridge, Mass. I am going there to live while one of the Boston doctors tackles a persistently lame ankle that has troubled me for months.

Very sincerely yours, *W.B. Hill*

P. S. Would it be well to call Pres Chen that you have the desired amount?

\$3.000. - check incl.

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TRANSFER

December 10, 1930

Dr. W. B. Hill,
C/o Prof. J. R. Jewett,
44 Francis Avenue,
Cambridge, Mass.

My dear Dr. Hill:

I have often heard it said that a rule is of little value unless it can be broken occasionally. I wish that all rules might be broken with as splendid results as you have achieved in making an exception to your rule that you will undertake no new enterprises this year. Your generosity in sending \$3,000 with which to erect a residence for Dr. Chen and his family will greatly relieve the critical housing situation with which President Lin has been struggling this fall, and I know that it will lift a heavy burden of responsibility and worry from his shoulders.

I am today sending off a cablegram informing President Lin that this sum is available for a residence for Dr. Chen.

We are sorry to learn that you are in the repair shop temporarily while one of the Boston doctors lines up the lame ankle that has been giving you trouble recently. I sincerely hope, however, that these weeks will give you an opportunity for some real rest and that the ankle will respond with due gratitude to the attention it is receiving.

Very sincerely yours,

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B A GARSIDE

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Fukien Christian University

February 10, 1931

Dr. Wm. Bancroft Hill,
Vassar College,
Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

My dear Dr.Hill:

At this time we are sending you under separate cover a set of the minutes of the Fukien Executive Committee meeting held on February 3, along with some other material which has just arrived from the field.

You will note that by action E-928 the Committee recorded its warmest appreciation of your continued generosity to the University in contributing \$5,000 to provide a residence for Dr.W.Y.Chen. To this formal action let me add the assurance that all the members of the Executive Committee were most sincere in expressing their personal appreciation of your generosity. This gift will not only provide an excellent residence for Dr.Chen, but at the same time it raises just that much higher on the list of Plant needs at the University all the other objectives for which the Trustees and the Managers are now earnestly seeking funds.

Very cordially yours,

B A GARSIDE

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My dear Fairide,

Your request for a photo' for
Fukien has slumbered unearily in
the back of my head; and a good
resolution has been suffered to become
a paving-stone.

But today I ran across this
Kodak of Mrs Hill and myself taken
in a mission compound in Ypsolama.

Somehow I think this would be
pleasing all around, — to Fukien because
Mrs Hill is the principal down to the
Bible department; and to me because
I shall not have to undergo being
photo'd.

Very sincerely yours,

Wm Bancroft Hill.

Copy to President Hill 6/22/31

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Fukien Christian University

May 26, 1931

Dr. Wm. Bancroft Hill,
Vassar College,
Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Hill:

We are enclosing herewith a docket for the meeting of the Fukien Trustees on the afternoon of May 29. We sincerely hope that it will be possible for you to attend.

In connection with the preparation of the budget estimates for 1931-32 there has arisen the question of whether or not you wish to continue the generous support you have given for so many years to the work in religious education, at the existing level of \$2,500 per year. According to our records, the unpaid balance on the pledge you made a number of years ago is only \$1,450 so that is the figure we have used in setting forth the assured income available for 1931-32.

I believe that President Lin has written to you telling of the plans for the work in religious education, and of the continuing need of the University for the maintenance of this support at the previous level.

You have already been so generous to the University over a long period of time, and this year have been particularly generous in your contribution of funds for a residence for Dr. W.Y. Chen, that we feel on the one hand that we have no right to urge the continuation of your contribution toward the support of the work in religious education; and recognize on the other hand that you will be happy to continue this support if this can possibly be done in fairness to your other philanthropic obligations.

If you are able to attend the meeting on the afternoon of the twenty-ninth you can let us know at that time what we should count on for 1931-32. If, for any reason, it is not possible for you to attend I trust you will be able to send us a note on the subject so that we may be able to give the Board the correct information on this matter when we take up the study of the Trustees' contribution toward the budget of the University for the coming year.

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Very cordially yours,

B A GARSIDE

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VASSAR COLLEGE

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y.

WM. BANCROFT HILL

June 1, 1931.

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My dear Garside,

My silence at the Fukien meeting last week was sufficient evidence that I was not intending to pay to the budget more than the \$1450 still outstanding on my original promise. I shall, of course, pay that; but there is little prospect of any further donations in the immediate future.

The lumber business, from which Mrs Hill derives her revenue, has become a liability instead of an asset. Lumber cannot be sold, even at less than cost of production, so there is nothing coming in; and heavy State taxes on timberlands added to interest on investment and insurance on stock make a large outgo that cannot be reduced and must be met. This means that Mrs Hill's income in the near future will be almost nil, and her contributions corresponding.

I make this explanation now that I may not need to make it later. When this cruel war is over, we may have more reason to rejoice.

Most sincerely yours,

W.B.H.

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Fukien Christian University.

June 2, 1931

Dr. Wm. Bancroft Hill,
Vassar College,
Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

My dear Dr.Hill:

Let me thank you for your letter of June 1 with regard to the amount of your contribution to Fukien Christian University for the year 1931-32.

We fully appreciate the factors which make it impossible for you to do more than pay over the \$1,450.00 remaining on your pledge. The present period of depression is having such a disastrous effect on so many sources of income just at this time that all of our institutions realize the necessity of carrying on their work on the most economical basis possible.

We sincerely hope that next year the economical situation will be radically better. Perhaps at that time Mrs.Hill and yourself will wish to ~~re~~study anew the possibility of continuing the support of the work in Religious Education in Fukien which has been so invaluable in the development and maintenance of this portion of the University's work.

Very cordially yours,

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VASSAR COLLEGE
POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y.
WM. BANCROFT HILL

Oct 2, 1931.

FUKIEN

My dear Garside,

The enclosed check for \$1450 is what I promised for the present year's budget. I am glad to be able to pay it; but I am making no promises about the future to any one. I can, however, make the prediction that my gifts will have to be very small.

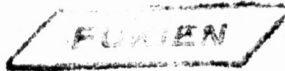
Hoping that at least some of the Fukien donors may be in better shape, I remain

Most cordially yours,

Wm. Bancroft Hill

\$1,450.00 check encl.
Dep. 10/3/31

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Fukien Christian University

October 3, 1931.

Dr. Wm. Bancroft Hill,
Vassar College,
Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

My dear Dr. Hill:

Let me acknowledge with warmest appreciation receipt of your check for \$1,450.00 to apply toward the Fukien Budget for 1931-32.

We are doubly grateful to you and Mrs. Hill for making this contribution in these times of depression when philanthropies of all kinds have necessarily been greatly reduced.

We sincerely regret that the prospects for a continuance of your generous gifts in the future are not very bright at the present time. We earnestly hope that the economic pendulum will soon swing the other way, and that returning prosperity will brighten the financial outlook for us all.

Very cordially yours,

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Fukien Christian University

October 5, 1931

Dr. Wm. Bancroft Hill
Vassar College
Poughkeepsie, New York

My dear Doctor Hill

In a telephone conversation with Mr. Samuel Thorne he has suggested that we communicate with you regarding the Imperial Japanese Government, 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ s, due 1964, held on the Fukien list. The amount is \$5,000.00 and the cost price was 91-3/8. They closed Saturday at 100 $\frac{1}{8}$. Very few foreign bonds are holding this strong position today, but in view of the conditions in the Orient and also in view of the fact that there is a nice profit, it has been suggested that we sell these and reinvest the proceeds.

We are seeking your advice as to whether or not you think it is the proper procedure and also some suggestions as to the use of the proceeds. The market is full of bargains of all kinds in common stocks, preferreds, and high grade bonds, and if you so desire, our office will secure recommendations for the use of this \$5,000.00. It is quite possible, however, that you have something in mind that would answer the purpose.

Enclosed find stamped envelope for your reply.

Very sincerely yours

Assistant Treasurer

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 POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y.
 WM. BANCROFT HILL

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Dear Garvick,

I would say "sell".

There certainly are plenty of
 sound investments, - bonds or
 stocks - in which to place
 the \$5000. I have no
 special one to suggest;

Most sincerely

W. B. Hill

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VASSAR COLLEGE
POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y.
WM. BANCROFT HILL

June 13/32

FUKIEN

My dear Baside,

I regretted not to attend the
Fukien annual meeting, as well
as the meeting of my own Board
that came on the same day. But
I had just returned from our
General Synod, and was exhausted
by some very heavy work as
chairman of the committee on
overtures.

I think all your decisions
were excellent, and I heartily approve
the minutes.

Best wishes for a pleasant summer.

Most cordially.

Wm. Bancroft Hill.

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July 28, 1932

My dear Dr. Hill,

I have received a package from Fukien Christian University which I have been requested to deliver to you. If you are at home these hot days I will express it to you there. But I am sending along this note of inquiry in the thought that you may have deserted Poughkeepsie for the time being. If you are away and prefer that we hold the package until you return, I will be glad to do so.

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Cordially,

BAG/G

(ack 8-4-32)

I am always at home to gifts. Send the package. C.O.D. and relieve my much curiosity.

W.B.H.

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Fukien Christian University

August 4, 1952.

Dr. Wm. Bancroft Hill,
Vassar College,
Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

My dear Dr. Hill:

You will probably be receiving in a day or two the package from Fukien Christian University about which I wrote. It is a silk scroll being sent by the field to you and Mrs. Hill on the occasion of your seventy-fifth birthday. While these birthday greetings are somewhat belated I know that the gift brings the warmest of good wishes from President Lin, the staff, and the field Board of the University.

I am not sure whether or not President Lin has written directly to you regarding the gift. I quote what he says regarding the gift.

"The original painting of the embroidery was done by a famous artist in this province. His painting is also quite popular in Formosa and in Japan. The embroidery is hand work on the original painting. As you will know, the picture stands for the four best things in life according to Chinese thought; namely, blessedness (福), honor (榮), longevity (壽), and happiness (吉)."

I hope that this package reaches you promptly and safely.

I am also holding here in the office a lacquer cane, which is sent to you with the compliments of W. Y. Chen. I can mail this to you, or if you are going to be in the city any time soon, you might drop in at the office and get it - that is if you are sufficiently addicted to the habit of carrying the cane to be willing to appear in public with such a sartorial embellishment.

Very cordially yours,

B A GARSIDE

BAG:PW

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VASSAR COLLEGE
POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y.

WM. BANCROFT HILL

Aug. 16, 1932

FUKIEN

My dear Garside,

I returned yesterday from a ten day's outing, and found waiting me that truly wonderful scroll with its beautiful embroidery work.

It came in perfect condition, and already is attracting the attention of my friends. I must get Cassatt to translate the inscription. Truly I am greatly surprised at receiving such a tribute, and feel that I have done nothing to deserve it.

The cane you will kindly keep until I am in the city and can get it. I appreciate the labor you have put upon the scroll, and would not add to it by having you send the cane.

I hope this note will find you off on a vacation somewhere, and that you are getting lots of pep for the coming winter. Mr & Mrs Cassatt are staying at home. She reports that he is making rather slow progress but certainly is better than at the beginning of the summer. It was a rather bad breakdown, and he will require much time to mend it.

With all good wishes,

Most cordailly yours,

Wm Bancroft Hill

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At Genoa.

(Received) 3-9-33

Dear Mr. Bourde.

Various notices and requests concerning Fukien University have been forwarded to me in Cairo, and have remained unanswered because I was so far away that an answer would be of no value. But when you receive this stamped envelope you may know that I have just reached N.Y. and will be responsive to any future requests.

I saw Mr. Ralph Ward several times

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in Cairo where she was visiting her
sister, Mrs Parker of the American Uni-
versity, before going on to China. I
hope he has completed safely his journey
via Russia.

With all good wishes,

Most sincerely yours,

Wm Bancroft Ford.



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VASSAR COLLEGE
POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y.
WM. BANCROFT HILL

May 3. 1933

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My dear Mr. Evans,

I have just returned from the funeral of a relative in Rock Island, Ill. Hence my delay in answering yours of April 28th.

I know very little about the three bonds Mr. Thorne suggests; and have no better means than he for finding their value. Since the Board wants bonds, I very take them.

But nothing has occurred since our meeting to weaken my faith in T. & T. and U. S. Steel pfd. (Had we had bought them then)

Sincerely,

W. B. Hill

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February 28, 1934

Professor William B. Hill
Vassar College
Poughkeepsie, New York

My dear Dr. Hill:

You have probably noticed the discussion and action reported in the minutes of the January 19th meeting of the Fukien Executive Committee relative to the plans of President C. J. Lin and Mrs. Lin to come to America in the autumn of 1934 for a sabbatical year spent in study for promotional work on behalf of the University. This will provide for the opportunity we have so long desired for our Fukien Trustees and friends to form a close personal friendship with President and Mrs. Lin. It will also provide an opportunity for President Lin to make a beginning in cultivating a larger amount of interest here in America in the work that Fukien Christian University is doing and of laying foundations for the future increases in support.

President and Mrs. Lin are planning their trip to America on the most economical basis possible. From the letters we have received from the field, we find that they are trying to reduce to the minimum the amount of financial assistance which they will receive from the University, and will be making heavy inroads on their limited supply of personal funds. We are now in touch with several schools in the vicinity of New York where President and Mrs. Lin could spend the year to good advantage, and hope that at some one of them we will be able to make arrangements that will give them the maximum advantages at a minimum of cost.

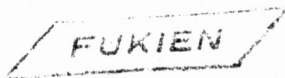
But with all the economies that can be effected the supplemental fund of \$500 which the Board of Trustees has undertaken to provide will be very much needed and greatly welcome by President and Mrs. Lin. It was the feeling of the Executive Committee that this sum should represent the personal contribution of the members of the Board of Trustees to President and Mrs. Lin rather than an appropriation of University funds. In the first place regular income is so radically reduced already that any special appropriation of this nature would be a heavy handicap added to the work of the University. In the second place, such a gift as the Trustees are proposing will do much to strengthen the personal friendship between the President and his Trustees.

Two of the Trustees present on January 19th agreed to give \$100 each, and a third promised to give \$50. This leaves only \$250 to be provided by the remaining members of the Board. We are writing to each of you who were not present and are inviting you to participate in this undertaking to the extent that your other obligations will permit. Actual payment need not be made until some time after September 1, 1934.

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Very cordially yours,
B A GARSIDE

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VASSAR COLLEGE
POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y.
WM. BANCROFT HILL

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Dear Garside,

You may put me down for \$50 for
the Pres. Lin fund. I wish I could promise
\$100. but —

Most-sincerely,

Wm Bancroft Hill.

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March 6, 1954

Dr. William Bancroft Hill
Vassar College
Poughkeepsie, New York

My dear Dr. Hill:

We are very grateful indeed for your willingness to provide \$50.00 for the fund our Fukien Trustees are raising among themselves personally to assist with the expenses of President and Mrs. C. J. Lin next year.

We have received pledges from one or two of the other Trustees to whom I wrote, and quite a number of them are still to be heard from.

I hope that the warmth we have enjoyed during the last two or three days has gotten as far north as Poughkeepsie.

Very cordially yours,

B A GARSIDE

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VASSAR COLLEGE
POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y.
WM. BANCROFT HILL

July 9, 1934

My dear President Lin,

Ever since it was known that you were coming to America I have looked forward to meeting you: and I am glad to learn that you have a similar anticipation.

It will give Mrs Hill and me real pleasure to have you and Mrs Lin as our guests for as long a time as you can devote to us. From the latter part of August we shall be at home constantly.

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Our home is on the college grounds so that you will have full opportunity to see Vassar; but you will not see it in operation until Sept. 20th, which may be a little too late for your other engagements.

Roughly speaking is two hours from New York City, and in a beautiful and historic section of the State. There is much for you to see and enjoy; and, of course, I shall prize the opportunity to discuss Fickian problems with you.

With sincere regards to him as well as yourself (How about those nice-looking children?) I remain

Very sincerely yours,
Wm. Brewster Hill

September 6, 1934

Dr. Wm. Bancroft Hill
Vassar College
Poughkeepsie, New York

Dear Dr. Hill:

It was very kind of you to write me on July 9. We landed in Los Angeles on August 10. We appreciate very much your cordial invitation to Mrs. Lin and Myself to be your guests in your home. We hope that we may avail ourselves of this privilege when we are in the East. We are planning to leave Los Angeles on September 15 so that we may be in New York before September 28, when I understand a meeting of our Board of Trustees has been arranged. Mr. Garside, Secretary of our Board, wrote me some time ago that our trustees have arranged for us to accept an invitation of the Hartford Seminary, Hartford, Connecticut, to quarter our family, but we hope that we may have the chance to see you and Mrs. Hill before we finally settle at Hartford. It may be possible that we will stop at Poughkeepsie on our way to New York from Chicago, but as I look at the train service we will be passing thru that place in the night if we plan to stop at Cleveland before we go to New York City. I shall write you from Cleveland in case we can make a stop in the day time.

Mrs. Lin and the two small children are getting on quite well. They are looking forward with great pleasure to having the opportunity of seeing you and other members of our Board of Trustees.

With kindest regards, I am

Yours very cordially,

C. J. Lin, President
Fukien Christian University

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Nov - 1st to 3rd -

Poughkeepsie n.y.

Nov. 6 - 10

October 15, 1934

Professor William Bancroft Hill
Vassar College
Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

Dear Professor Hill:

We were so glad to have seen you at our Board of Trustees meeting on September 28th. We left New York City for Hartford, Connecticut, the next morning. We are gradually getting settled there, and we find the place very pleasant. I was away in Boston for two days, and spent the week-end with Professor Kellogg, of our staff, at Amherst. I came to New York again last week. Mrs. Macmillan told me that you would be waiting for word from her as to when it will be the best time for me to have a visit with you at Vassar. Would November 1st to 3rd be a good time for me to visit you and be at Vassar? The campaign work of the Associated Boards will start on November 12th, around Philadelphia, and I am looking forward for an appointment on Sunday, November 4th, at Meadville, Pennsylvania. If the first three days in November are not convenient for you, I could arrange to come any day between Tuesday and Saturday, from November 6th to 10th. Should you desire to have our whole family come to visit you, would you write me at 85 Sherman Street, Hartford, Connecticut. I am going back to Hartford tomorrow afternoon, and will be there until Thursday morning, so that I can consult with Mrs. Lin as to the details of our going up to your place.

Yours very sincerely,

C. J. Lin

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Nov. 1st

October 19, 1934
(Dictated October 18th)

Professor William Bancroft Hill
Vassar College
Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

Dear Professor Hill:

Your telegram came to us last night at Hartford. We shall be glad to plan to come to see you on November 1st. We shall be coming back from Boston on October 30th, so that we will be ready to come to your place. We shall look forward then to hearing from you again, when you will advise us just how to get to your place. We can either go by train or wait for your car to call.

I am leaving for Washington, D. C. this evening in order to attend the meeting of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society there, to talk over the possibility of cooperation between Hua Nan College and our University. They also invited Dr. Fairfield as President of our Board of Trustees, as well as Mr. Garbide, to attend the meeting. I shall report the outcome of our conference when we see you.

With warmest regards, I am

Yours very sincerely,

C. J. Lin

CJL:HV

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Nov - 1 - 3

October 24, 1934

Professor and Mrs. Wm. Bancroft Hill
Vassar College
Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

Dear Professor and Mrs. Hill:

Mrs. Lin sent over to me your letter about getting our family over to Poughkeepsie on November 1st. She said that she already replied to you with regard to the time that our family may be ready to leave Hartford. Number 85 Sherman Street, Hartford, is on the Seminary Campus, and your chauffeur would probably have no trouble in locating the same. We shall look forward with great delight to having a visit with you.

I did not mention to you that I have brought with me three reels of motion pictures showing the life of the people in Foochow, and the activities in our university. I shall take them along with us when we go to visit you. If you can secure a projector for a 16 milo-meter film, and an operator, we shall be glad to show them to any occasion which you may like us to. These three reels will take about 25 minutes. The pictures are properly titled, but I can explain further wherever the titles are not sufficient.

I have an appointment at Meadville, Pa., on Sunday, November 4th. In order to catch a train from New York City for Meadville, I shall have to leave Poughkeepsie on the train scheduled 4:12 P.M. on November 3rd. I hope this will not cause you any inconvenience.

Yours very sincerely,

C. J. Lin

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November 10, 1934
(Dictated Nov. 9th.)

Prof. and Mrs. Wm. Bancroft Hill
Vassar College
Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

Dear Professor and Mrs. Hill:

I wish to thank you again for the hospitality which you extended to me last week. I appreciated the opportunity of visiting with you at your home. I also enjoyed the visit at Vassar College. It certainly was very kind of you both to make such an arrangement and to spend so much time for me when I was there. Your kindness to me served to reinforce our conviction of your deep interest in the work of Fukien Christian University. We have known the loyalty of our Trustees, but through such personal contacts with Trustees like yourself, it has given us fresh inspiration and encouragement. We shall certainly dedicate ourselves more unreservedly to our common task for the training of Christian leaders in China.

I went home to see Mrs. Lin and the children yesterday. The children are getting a little better. Mrs. Lin appreciated Mrs. Hill's letter, and also was glad to have Prof. Hill's book. She hopes to write you some time later when she is not so tied up with the care of the children.

I am writing to Miss Frances White and Miss Margaret Walker at Vassar, and sending them certain names of our women students which they may use for correspondence between some of the students at Vassar and those at our University. I am enclosing herewith a copy of those names for your reference. I hope this will be the beginning of increased interest for international goodwill and peace among the young people in our two countries.

Would you be good enough to give me a letter of introduction to the Secretaries of the Foreign Mission Board of the Reformed Church in New York? Dr. Chamberlain is still sick, otherwise I would call on him direct. If you have time, I hope you will write to some of them about my plan to call at the office. I also would like to secure some of the names which are on the list of the Board whom I may be allowed to call and cultivate for the work of Fukien Christian University. As you know, I am a stranger here and I do not know how to get around, or to whom I should go to present the work of our University. It is through the cooperating Mission Boards that my service may be most effective. I am sure you will do what you can to make my few months stay in America most profitable, both for Fukien Christian University, and for the Christian missionary work in China. Any additional names which you may personally suggest will also be most welcome.

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Prof. and Mrs. Hill

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November 10, 1934

Again appreciating what you have done for us,

Yours very faithfully,

C. J. Lin

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January 11, 1935

Professor William Bancroft Hill
Vassar College
Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

Dear Professor Hill:

Enclosed herewith please find a copy of my statement to the W. F. M. S. ladies regarding the question of cooperation between Hwa Nan and our University. No formal joint meeting has been held as yet since that time, but I think the question is up for consideration among the women of the Methodist Church. Our Trustees may be called upon some time in the near future to consider this problem again. This statement may help to clear up some of the facts about this question.

I am still travelling with the China Colleges Conferences. We shall be in Boston between January 13th and 14th; Providence, January 16th, and then from January 19th to 24th in Syracuse; and January 25th to 29th in Rochester. I shall be back at Hartford in the early part of February where I will give a course of lectures on China and the Christian missions. A list of my lectures is enclosed herewith for your reference. I shall, however, devote the rest of my time for the promotional work of our University. Any suggestions from you as to how my time can be most profitably used, will be greatly appreciated.

Yours very sincerely,

C. J. Lin

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Encs.

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July 11, 1935

Prof. and Mrs. William Bancroft Hill
Vassar College
Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

Dear Professor and Mrs. Hill.

We have certainly appreciated your kindness to us by inviting our whole family to have a visit with you at your home. We thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity of seeing you again before we leave for China. We still hope that some time you will come to see us at Pukien.

We are going to sail from New York on July 17th. We shall arrive in Hongkong on September 1st, and be on the campus three or five days later. We are looking forward with great courage to taking up the work again as we have been so much inspired by having met you and other members of our Board of Trustees. I hope you will remember us and our work in your prayers.

Enclosed herewith I am sending you a few snapshots of our family. I hope they will serve as a remembrance from us to you, even when we are away in China.

With warmest regards,

Yours very sincerely,

C. J. Lin

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Encs.

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VASSAR COLLEGE
POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y.
WM. BANCROFT HILL

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Dear Mr Evans

I voted today that you
had better borrow rather than
sell to relieve Futkin stress.
It was good advice, if the
market is rising, as it seems
now.

However, I am not sure
the rest of the Committee will
agree with me, any more than they
did about buying T.V.T. So the
best check against selling that I
can offer is here enclosed.

Sincerely yours,

Wm Bancroft Hill

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Fukien Christian University

January 15, 1936

Dr. William Bancroft Hill
Vassar College
Poughkeepsie, New York

Dear Dr. Hill:

Fukien Christian University may not possess the most beautiful campus and buildings in China, although it does occupy a perfectly entrancing sight on the Min River. It does, however, possess loyalty and devotion among faculty and students hard to match in any institution in the Orient. But that loyalty and devotion is not confined to the foreign field, as there is a deep sense of obligation and interest here in America among the Board of Trustees. This is shown in what has transpired during the past few days.

Since sending out the circular vote regarding the cash situation, we have received a check for \$250. from one member of the committee, and this morning comes a check from your good self for \$725. I am enclosing a receipt for same.

What a joy it would be to us if in financial stringencies of this sort in all of our universities, we could secure a like response. As a matter of fact, it sets a pace for other committees to follow.

Up to this minute the committee has split in three different directions, which means that no one of the propositions is acceptable, and it will be necessary to have a meeting of the committee to consider further what we are to do in the future. I will let you know later what time is decided upon.

I wish very deeply that I could translate into cold type the great depth of appreciation we have for this very real and tangible evidence of your interest in Fukien and Christian higher education in China.

Here in the office we get to the point sometimes where we are thoroughly discouraged, and frankly this morning found us in just about that mood. But upon opening your letter, we were

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Dr. William Brewster Hill

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completely lifted out of our doubtings and questionings, and established again a firm foundation of belief that there is interest and loyalty prevalent in and among our trustees.

To be just a little more intimate --- the future of Fukien has been weighing greatly upon my mind and heart, and more especially these last few days when the financial stringency became so great, I made it an occasion for prayer. Undoubtedly others are praying for the University, but this letter came addressed to me, and it seems like a direct answer to my petition.

In addition to this very grateful acknowledgment of your generosity, we want to express how much we do appreciate your own good self. It is always a joy to have you come in to see us. The only trouble is that we see too little of you.

In closing, I wish to state that I will pass on to the Finance Committee the fact that the present emergency has been covered by the generosity of two members of the committee. It might be an object lesson.

Most cordially yours,

C. A. Evans

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Fukien Christian University

May 5, 1936

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Dr. W. B. Hill
Vassar College
Poughkeepsie, New York

My dear Dr. Hill:

The Executive Committee at its meeting on April 24 recommended to the Board of Trustees approval of a proposed joint meeting with the Hwa Nan Board of Trustees to be held in Columbus, Ohio, May 15th and 16th, immediately after the Methodist Conference.

The Board at its Annual Meeting approved this plan, and made a canvass of the membership to ascertain how many could attend the meeting. We regret to say that at that time only four members representing the Board would be available definitely for this conference. Four others were undecided, and it was left to the Secretary to communicate with those not present and urge the importance of attending this conference if it is any way possible to do so.

A number of joint meetings have been held, some of which date back to the period when Miss Lucy Wang and President C.J. Lin were able to be present. Some progress seemed to be made then, but since both Presidents returned to the field, not much work on coordination has been done. It has been suggested that negotiations between the Boards be continued here in America.

It is hoped that this conference in Columbus will be fruitful of some constructive results, and we sincerely trust that all who can possibly attend will do so. It is quite probable that the meeting will begin on the afternoon of the 15th and continue through until a very thorough canvass has been made of the entire situation.

We hope it will be possible for you to be present at that time, and that you will be good enough to write our office and indicate your ability to attend. For your convenience we are enclosing a stamped envelope.

Awaiting your reply with interest, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. Evans

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VASSAR COLLEGE
POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y.
WM. BANCROFT HILL

May 6/36

Dear Galside & Evans.

FUKIEN

Tomorrow at 1:30 I must
be at a special meeting of the
Japanese Committee of our Board
of Foreign Missions. This cuts
out attendance on Com. of Promotion
at 2:00.

As for Columbus, I lack the
Western urge of the gentleman for
whom the place was named, and
my queen does not endorse the
trip.

Yours in his declining years,
Wm Bancroft Hill.

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150 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK

November 25, 1936

Fukien

Dr. William Bancroft Hill
Vassar College
Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

FUKIEN

Dear Dr. Hill:

We are preparing a bit of publicity material about Dr. Chen Wen-yuan.

You had a major share in making Dr. Chen's education in America possible and I am sure you have kept in touch with him in the seven years since he returned to China, so I hope you may have a picture of him which we can borrow for use in the publicity. If so, we would be grateful if you would lend it to us. We will try to see that it is returned promptly without being injured.

With best wishes to you and Mrs. Hill for a very pleasant Thanksgiving, I am

Cordially yours,

B. A. Garside

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*Sorry, but I haven't any of the sort:
not even a letter from him.*

W.B.H.

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VASSAR COLLEGE
POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y.
WM. BANCROFT HILL

Jan 16/37
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Dear Mr McBain.

The enclosed check may be used for
Fukien in any way deemed most helpful.

Best wishes to yourself and Garnde: hope
you have been more fortunate than Mrs Hill and I
in dodging the current colds.

Most sincerely yours

Wm Bancroft Hill.

FUKIEN

January 18, 1937

Dr. William Bancroft Hill
Vassar College
Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Hill:

Mr. McBrier is away from the city just now so I am claiming the privilege of thanking you for that generous contribution of \$1000 which arrived this morning.

Needless to say, this gift brings a generous measure both of assistance and encouragement to our Fukien situation. During recent weeks we have made a fair beginning toward securing the increased funds which we must find this year if we are to take care of the current budget and to reduce our outstanding deficits. But we have still a long way to go - and your gift carries us over a substantial part of the distance.

During the next few weeks we will have a meeting of our Fukien Committee on Promotion to lay plans for stimulating our other Fukien Christian University friends to emulate your excellent example of generosity.

Very cordially yours,

B. A. Harside

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VASSAR COLLEGE
POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y.
WM. BANCROFT HILL

Feb 6/37

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Dear Mr Wang,

I confess with shame that yours
of Jan 28th has just turned up unopened, having
been buried in a mass of less important letters.

The four mortgages seem all to be good, and I will
vote for taking them. I hope you have not been
waiting for me, but have gone ahead under the
guidance of the rest of the Committee.

Cordially yours.

Wm Bancroft Hill

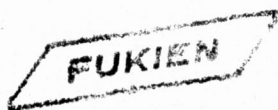
P.S. In my rush to get my response
off I forgot to enclose this note which was to
go with it. Evidently I'm getting old!

VASSAR COLLEGE
POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y.
WM. BANCROFT HILL

Feb 6/37.

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Dear Mr Garfield,



Don't gasp with surprise at this second
check for Fukien. It is a fine little college, and merits
aid. My gift^{is} without stipulations, and can be
used in whatever way seems best. Our endowments
I agree with Julius Rosenwald; but never mind.

Best regards to you all.

Faithfully,

Wm Bancroft Hill.

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February 8, 1937

Dear Dr. Hill,

Your fine gift of two thousand dollars leaves us without words adequate to express our appreciation. Once more we find that whenever we are a bit weighed down by what appear to be difficult problems of policy or finance, somebody always comes along and does something particularly nice. But, even so, such opportune generosity as this is rare indeed, and so is all the more appreciated.

Those of us here in the office have been studying to-day our whole Fukien financial situation in an effort to see just where this gift will accomplish the greatest results. Noting that you agree with Julius Rosenwald's disapproval of endowment funds we have passed over that section of the picture and turned to the current and plant sections.

As you know, our Fukien Trustees have focussed their attention this year on trying to secure, with the assistance of the Associated Boards, a total of \$14,000 for the purpose of carrying this year's work, clearing off deficits which accrued during the depression, and providing the balance of funds required to erect the library building. Within this inclusive total there are a number of specific objectives of varying amounts.

One suggestion which has occurred to us is that you might like to designate this gift again to the support of Dr. W. Y. Chen and his department, as you did some years ago. Of course Dr. Chen is giving most of his time this year to preparations for the Hangchow Conference next year, but Fukien is particularly anxious to keep its connection with him, and to be sure of getting him back again when the Conference is over. Since his department is being supported this year from general university funds, this allocation of your \$2,000 would serve to release that same amount of general funds which could then be applied to some of the other urgent needs of the University. By the time the resulting readjustments had been completed, several departments would be benefitted, and funds would be released for the Library building.

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VASSAR COLLEGE
POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y.

WM. BANCROFT HILL
Feb 9, 1937

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My dear Mr Garside,

As I wrote you, I make no designation or stipulation in connection with the \$2.000, except that it be used for current needs.

I certainly hope and expect that Dr W.Y. Chen will come back to Fukien when the Hangchow Conference is ended; and if the return wd be secured by making my gift a special for his salary, I have no objection except that it might be taken as the beginning of a regular gift for that salary.

The College is doing such good work in so many fields that I am sure any use of the money will be a profitable one.

Most sincerely yours,

Wm Bancroft Hill.

P.S. The 11th is the date for our own Bd of Foreign Missions, and for special reasons I must attend it. So don't think me unmindful if I fail to appear at 150.

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FUKIEN

February 11, 1957

Dr. William Bancroft Hill
Vassar College
Poughkeepsie, New York

Dear Dr. Hill:

Your letter of the 6th came to hand but occasioned no delay in handling the mortgage transaction as the majority of the committee had registered their votes.

Mr. MacRossie had taken exception to our loaning money on properties which we "would not buy ourselves". If that prevailed generally, the handling of real estate mortgages would be surrounded with all sorts of limitations. My estimates upon real estate have always been based upon value, plus the character of the owner, and plus locality. Under these circumstances I had no hesitation in recommending to the Fukien Board the list of mortgages which have been accepted.

I have not seen you in such a long time that I am afraid we will have to be introduced the next time you call. Remember the elevators are running at 150 except on legal holidays and Sundays, and that ordinarily we are here during that period. We shall be very glad to see you at any time.

Most sincerely,

C. A. Evans

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FUKIEN

February 16, 1937

Dr. William Bancroft Hill
Vassar College
Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Hill:

Thank you for your letter of February 9th. We are grateful that you are willing that your last gift of \$2,000 be used for whatever current purposes may be most helpful to the work of the University. I will take up with President Lin the question of whether this \$2,000 might be used in some way which will help to insure the continuation of Dr. Y. G. Chen's connection with the University. I believe this could be done in such a way as to make this same amount of current funds available for other purposes, but it is a matter we will leave to the decision of the field.

At the meeting of our Associated Boards Committee on Promotion on the afternoon of February 11th, Dr. Warnshuis told us that he had just come from a luncheon your Board of Foreign Missions had given to honor you on the occasion of your eightieth birthday. The Committee all insisted he must be wrong in his figures and that he had gratuitously added some ten or fifteen years to your score, but he insisted that he was correct. The Committee unanimously requested me to transmit to you the warmest greetings and good wishes of every member of the Committee, and of the other members of the Associated Boards. Some of the members privately asked me to obtain from you your prescription for the elixir of eternal youth. I would like to administer a generous dose to some of our faithful members who are much older at fifty or sixty than you are as you round out your four score years.

With all good wishes for the next score or two, I am

Very sincerely yours,

BA. Garbide

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VASSAR COLLEGE
POUGHKEEPSIE · NEW YORK

Feb 20, 1937

My dear Casside,

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My thanks in full measure
for your greetings and those of the
Associated Boards on my eightieth
birthday. It is pleasant to receive
them.

In return I send a copy of the
lines I read at the luncheon, and
later had printed and given as a
souvenir to the many guests who came
to my home on the 17th. They tell
how life looks, - or ought to look, -

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to a man who has reached the
four-score.

I hope you will enjoy them; but
I strongly advise that they be not
inflicted upon the defenceless Boards

Most cordially yours,
Wm Bancroft Hill.

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When in His image God created man
He gave him power, in part, like to His own
To hold the past and future plain in view,
Through recollection and through faith and hope,
That by this vision he might live aright.

At first his past is but a little span,
Filled with the joys and pangs of childhood days;
The future, too, has limits quickly reached,—
Hopes near at hand and misty dreams beyond.

Then, as the years are added, one by one,
The past gains length and meaning, more and more,—
If he is willing now to look and learn;
And what still lies before him, guessed or known,
Has greater force to shape his present course.
Yet most the hour in hand now fills his thoughts,
Its joys and sorrows, duties and demands
Absorbing all his time from morn till night.

But when he reaches three-score years or more,
There comes a pause from present, pressing tasks:
The work of life is lessened with one's strength;
Its burdens younger shoulders now must bear;
The inner voice no longer bids to toil
But rather to remember and to hope.

Then, having gained the eminence of age,
He backward looks and thoughtfully surveys
The path his steps have followed through the years,—
The pleasant fields in which he gladly walked,
The deep, dark woods that filled his heart with fear,
The threatening waters of the swollen stream,
The steep ascent which taxed his utmost strength,
The point where once he strayed and lost his way,
The dangers clear and greater ones concealed,—
All this stands out. And now, as ne'er before
He knows the course was not his choice alone,
But mapped and guided by a Friend unseen
Whose love, though sorely tested, never failed.

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Grateful to God, yet penitent for much
 This vision of the past has brought to mind,
 He turns to view the future now in sight
 No longer bounded by the bounds of time
 But stretching far into the timeless years.
 He sees the little space of earthly days,
 Too few and feeble to cause much concern;
 And then the line twixt this world and the next,
 Which sometimes seems a brook, not hard to cross,
 Sometimes a veil of mist, not dense nor dark;—
 Whate'er it be, it cannot waken dread
 Since He, the Guide, stays with us to the end.

And then what is it we may see beyond,
 Partly revealed and partly known by faith?
 A future life, not greatly unlike this
 Except its setting will be wholly new;
 I shall be I there, even as now here,
 Not largely changed in all that matters most,
 But with the power to grow unceasingly
 Into the likeness of our Lord and God.
 Some place I humbly hope and trust to find
 Among the servants who His bidding do;
 And in His name and for His sake may seek
 Those who need help that such as I can bring.
 Where they may be, and how I may them reach
 I cannot guess, but this I surely know
 That wheresoe'er the love of God extends
 His messengers may haste with eager hearts
 To show that love to those who know it not,
 And in the name of Christ call them to Him.

Service and growth,—what greater bliss can be?
 To know and love and serve with growing power
 Through endless years in company with those
 Who share the same most blessed ministry,
 And, best of all, with Him whom yet unseen
 We love, but then shall see Him face to face
 And know Him even as He knows us now.

Wm. Bancroft Hill

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March 15, 1937

Dr. William Benaroff Hill
Vassar College
Poughkeepsie, New York

Dear Dr. Hill:

The sad state into which my correspondence has fallen is demonstrated by my delay in acknowledging the letter you sent us sometime ago, enclosing a copy of the lines you read at the luncheon in honor of your eightieth birthday.

Those with whom I have shared these lines find them very beautiful indeed. We scarcely dare hope either that we will ever attain the eminence of four score years or, if we do, that we will be able to look out upon life with so clear and discerning a gaze.

We trust you will find your march through your fifth score of years as pleasant as the first four score must have been.

Very cordially yours,

BA. Garide

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VASSAR COLLEGE
POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y.
WM. BANCROFT HILL

April 10/37

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Dear Mr. Garside,

Part of the enclosed check
is to set a good example to
Trustees who stay away from
meetings despite your exhortations, -
as I do.

And the remainder of it is
to suppress any further laudatory
remarks, written or printed, by
you and Evans. Otherwise I
shall soon have to buy a hat
of a larger size; and I can't
afford it. Remonstratingly yours,
Wm. Bancroft Hill.

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April 12, 1937

Dear Dr. Hill,

We find ourselves in an unaccustomed state of speechlessness! Even without your stern admonition to suppress any further laudatory remarks, we would have been quite incapable of putting into words our deep appreciation of your latest generosity to Fukien.

But at least we may comment on the fact that your gift has accomplished two things already, and we count upon it to accomplish a third. First, it helps tremendously to get our Fukien finances into a satisfactory form so the University can go ahead with the fine work it is doing. Second, it gives all of us here in the office new cheer, courage and optimism, so we will dig into the job with more pep, vim, and vigor. And we hope that it may serve still another purpose, that of setting a good example to other Trustees, in our Fukien board particularly, but in other boards as well.

You will note on the enclosed receipt that we are designating your gift for the general work of the University. If you desire something more specific, please let us know.

I have had quite a struggle trying to carry out your admonition as to the suppression of certain laudatory sentiments. Evans, Miss Grist, Mr. Hedrick, and several others each said they'd like to tell you what they really think, even if they do have to buy you a new hat.

Sincerely yours,

B.A. Garside

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August 30, 1937

Dr. William Bancroft Hill
Vassar College
Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Hill:

We are so anxious to have you with us at our China Colleges conference on September 10th and 11th that we are planning to hold it in your fair city of Poughkeepsie. A preliminary announcement of plans for the gathering is enclosed herewith. We certainly hope you can be present.

We trust that you and Mrs. Hill have had a very pleasant summer.

Very sincerely yours,

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November 4, 1937

Dr. William Bancroft Hill
Vassar College
Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Hill:

The organizing group appointed by the Associated Boards to plan for the China Colleges Emergency Campaign is now engaged in setting up a National Emergency Committee to consist of approximately one hundred prominent men and women throughout the United States who are friends of China and of the China Colleges. This group requests me to invite you to become a member of this National Emergency Committee.

Since you are already so actively engaged in serving the interests of the Colleges, your acceptance of membership on the National Committee would not involve any additional responsibilities but would give us the advantage of this wider recognition of the service you are rendering.

We sincerely hope that you can accept this invitation.

Very truly yours,

Paul D. Gravath
National Chairman

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VASSAR COLLEGE
POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y.
WM. BANCROFT HILL

Nov. 5/37

Dear Mr. Cravath,

I doubt if I can do more
for the Christian College of China
than I am now doing. But
if my name is of any value
on the proposed National Emergency
Committee, you are at liberty
to use it.

Very sincerely yours
Wm Bancroft Hill.

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November 13, 1937

Dr. William Bancroft Hill
Vassar College
Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Hill:

We are delighted at your acceptance of membership on the National Emergency Committee for the China Colleges.

Activities on behalf of the emergency needs of the Colleges are now being organized in each of the three regional divisions of the United States, and local committees are being set up in a number of cities across the country. An appeal by letter will go out in a few days to many friends who cannot be seen individually, and personal approaches are now being made wherever that is feasible. The dates and details of our efforts in different localities will vary in accordance with local conditions and plans.

About once each week we will send a brief news bulletin to each member of the National Emergency Committee, to keep you informed of the progress being made.

We are grateful for your interest and cooperation, and will at all times welcome your assistance.

Very truly yours,

Paul D. Cravath
National Chairman

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December 17, 1937

Dr. William Bancroft Hill
Vassar College
Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Hill:

The enclosed number of our weekly bulletin shows that we have now secured approximately one-third of the emergency fund of \$300,000 which we must obtain in order to keep the Colleges going ahead with their work in the present crisis.

To secure the remaining two-thirds of this fund, we will need the fullest support of all members of the National Emergency Committee, both through personal gifts and through enlisting the interest of others. Just at this stage in the campaign the personal gifts of Committee members are of the greatest possible value, not only through helping to complete the fund but also through stimulating others to give.

We appreciate your constant and generous interest in the Colleges as a group, and in Fukien more particularly. You do not need any reminder of their problems, or any invitation to contribute as generously as possible to their support.

Any gift or pledge you may ^{plan} ~~make~~ to make at this time in connection with the emergency campaign can be designated in any way you choose. While the emergency makes cash contributions particularly desirable, gifts may be made partly or wholly as pledges payable at any specified date before June 30, 1938.

With every good wish for the holiday season, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Paul D. Cravath
National Chairman

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December 18, 1937

Dr. William Bancroft Hill
Vassar College
Poughkeepsie, New York

Dear Dr. Hill:

The enclosed number of our weekly bulletin shows that we have now secured approximately one-third of the emergency fund of \$300,000 which we must obtain in order to keep the Colleges going ahead with their work in the present crisis.

To secure the remaining two-thirds of this fund, we will need the fullest support of all members of the National Emergency Committee, both through personal gifts and through enlisting the interest of others. Just as this stage in the campaign the personal gifts of Committee members are of the greatest possible value, not only through helping to complete the fund but also through stimulating others to give.

We appreciate your constant and generous interest in the Colleges as a group, and in fact more particularly. You do not need any reminder of their problems, or any invitation to contribute as generously as possible to their support.

Any gift or pledge you may plan to make in connection with the emergency campaign can be designated as you may choose. While the emergency makes cash contributions particularly desirable, gifts may be made partly or wholly as pledges payable at any specified date before June 30, 1938.

With every good wish for the holiday season, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Paul D. Gravath,
National Chairman

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December 24, 1937

Dear Dr. Hill:

After many skeptical years I am about to regain my belief that after all there is a Santa Claus. At least the generosity with which American friends are responding to the emergency needs of the China Colleges is doing much to revive my faith in the native kindness of the genus homo.

You will note from the enclosed copy of this week's bulletin of progress that by Tuesday morning we had a little more than \$99,000 in hand. A few more gifts that day brought us within about four hundred dollars of a total of \$100,000. Then your fine gift of \$500, and a remittance of the same amount from Carl R. Gray arrived in a dead heat, so we will let you two distinguished gentlemen share the honor of boosting the fund over the first hundred thousand and starting us on the second.

Even under the inspiration of the Christmas spirit I can't find words to express our appreciation of your constant interest in the work of the China Colleges - so I'll spare you the pain of reading my futile efforts to put our gratitude into adequate language.

We trust that you and Mrs. Hill will enjoy a most pleasant holiday season.

Sincerely,

B. H. Garside

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A formal receipt is enclosed.

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EMERGENCY FUND
Christian Colleges in China
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

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My contribution toward meeting the emergency needs of the Christian Colleges in China
is Five Hundred Dollars (\$ 500.00), as follows:—

\$ 500.00 transmitted herewith.
\$ payable before January 1, 1938.
\$ payable at my convenience on or before _____ 1938

Any specific designation of this gift I may wish to make is indicated on the reverse side.

Name Wm. Bennett Hill
Dec 22 1937 Address Yantai College
Brighton N.Y.

Checks payable to GEORGE W. DAVISON, National Treasurer
Room 903, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y.

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I desire to designate my gift as follows:—

☐ For allocation by the Associated Boards as the emergency needs of the several Colleges may require.

☒ For meeting the emergency needs of the institution checked below:—

Cheeloo University (Shantung)

☒ Fukien Christian University

Ginling College

Hangchow Christian College

Hua Chung College (Central China)

Hwa Nan College

Lingnan University

University of Nanking

University of Shanghai

Soochow University

West China Union University

Yenching University

Council of Higher Education

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VASSAR COLLEGE
POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y.
WM. BANCROFT HILL

June 7/38

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My dear Garfield,

I think Futien needs
a little counter-irritant when
afflicted with an obstinate
(but, I trust, not-fatal) attack
of Japanese bombs.

You can use the enclosed
poultice as needed.

Most cordially,

W. B. H.

June 8th, 1938

Dear Dr. Hill:

You have an amazing genius for doing delightful things just when they will count for the most.

When I came into the office this morning I was feeling quite low in spirits because our gifts for the China Colleges had been quite small during the past fortnight, and with only three weeks until the close of the fiscal year our chances of meeting the balance of the emergency needs of the Colleges looked pretty slender.

So it was a particularly kindly providence that placed your letter at the top of this morning's pile of mail. A poultice indeed it was for depressed spirits on this side of the Pacific, as well as for a valiant University carrying on despite all the bombs the delightful little brown brothers can drop out of the skies! This evening there is a confidence pervading our China Colleges office that this fund which means so much to all our Colleges will be completed by June 30th. How could it fail with such friends abroad in the land?

We are getting off a special letter of cheer to President Lin and his colleagues. Your gift will insure that they will have enough emergency funds to complete this fiscal year, and to begin the new year. Indeed, I hope that our Fukien Trustees can find some way in which to make this splendid gift exert its influence over an even longer period. It is a point which we will ask the Finance or the Executive Committee to study at their first opportunity.

Our affectionate gratitude to you and to Mrs. Hill for your unfailing generosity and your constant thoughtfulness for this work on behalf of the Kingdom.

Sincerely,

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June 20, 1938

Dr. William Bancroft Hill
Vassar College
Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Hill:

Good deeds are contagious! Within a few days after we received your latest gift, the Rockefeller Foundation came forward with a grant of \$35,000 toward our China Colleges emergency fund.

So, as you will see from the enclosed bulletin, we are now in sight of our goal of \$300,000. We hope that a large number of the friends of the Colleges will catch this inspiration, and will come forward with their gifts during the next ten days, so that we can come down to June 30th with the needs of all the Colleges provided for.

With all good wishes, I am

Very cordially yours,

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December 9, 1938

Dear Dr. Hill:

Enclosed is a copy of the third issue this autumn of the Progress Bulletin of our National Emergency Committee.

I have this week checked over the replies we have received in response to Mr. Cravath's invitation to all members of the National Emergency Committee that they continue to serve on the Committee during the coming year. This is in preparation for printing a new supply of the letterhead. We find that nearly all of the members have now written in saying that they will be glad to continue on the Committee. A few, however are still to be heard from.

While I believe we have not had a formal reply from you, we are of course counting upon your continuing on the Committee this year and would, in fact, put up quite a scrap if you tried to retire. Since you are always interested in the China Colleges and active on their behalf, your membership on the Committee does not involve anything beyond what you would do in any event and it is very much worth while to have your name in this group of distinguished American friends of the Colleges.

With all good wishes for the holiday season, I am

Very sincerely yours,

B. A. Garside

Dr. William Bancroft Hill
Vassar College
Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

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March 20, 1939

Dear Dr. Hill:

we have not been keeping you and the other Fukien Trustees very well supplied with news from Fukien these days, because our friends both in Foochow and Shaowu are too busy to send us very many letters and reports. But from occasional informational paragraphs in letters from President Lin and Miss Asher, we know that the work is going along as smoothly as possible under the circumstances. The enrollment is almost up to normal, and regular Chinese and American faculty are on the ground in either Shaowu or in Foochow.

One of the two major problems of the University is that of carrying on under the present disturbed conditions in the province. While the Japanese have been too busy thus far to pay very much attention to the city of Foochow, conditions are so uncertain that no one knows what week the Japanese sailors and soldiers may come swarming into the city. During recent months there have been occasional bombings from the air and these at any time may be intensified. So, while the facilities for carrying on the work of the University in Shaowu are not very satisfactory, it seems the part of wisdom to keep the students there for the present.

Of course the second major problem of the University is that of finance. Last year the University needed in emergency funds \$15,022 — this year it must have \$17,078. The second emergency campaign of the Associated Boards — this time for a total amount of \$330,000 — has been progressing at about the same rate as we moved last year. But since our goal this year is for \$30,000 more than in 1937-38, we must move faster during the next three months if we are to attain all the funds needed to keep the Colleges going ahead with their work. We are hoping that the Rockefeller Foundation will again make a substantial grant to the fund — but their action is dependent upon a number of factors — one of the most important of them being that of the response which the other friends of the Colleges make to this emergency need.

Thus far in the present year's efforts, we have been helped tremendously by the interest and support of new friends and recently acquired friends. Several leaders of the National Emergency Committee who have not been active in China Colleges affairs more than a few years have not only made personal gifts with the utmost generosity, but have personally solicited large numbers of their friends to give in very substantial amounts. On the

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Dr. Hill

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March 20, 1939

other hand, there has been a very disappointing lack of responsiveness from many of the long-time members of the various Boards of Trustees and from other friends of long standing. Just at this time there is a very grave danger that some of our leaders who have been carrying the major part of the burden may feel that they are doing far more than their share, and that others who should be even more interested than they themselves, are hanging back and letting them carry the full load. Of course we must not let this happen. So we hope that during the weeks just ahead we may have a generous response from all the members of our various Boards of Trustees, both because their own personal gifts are needed, and also because the example of their interest and support is required just now if we are to keep the leaders in our emergency committee active and interested.

We know that you and Mrs. Hill are deeply interested in what is happening in Fukien and the other Colleges, and that you do not need any reminder from us in order to share in meeting these financial problems as you have done so generously for so many years.

Bishop Gowdy has just arrived in America and will be around New York City from time to time during the next few months. We are trying to arrange a luncheon meeting of the Fukien Trustees in his honor during the next fortnight. Mr. Parker will be writing you the details. We hope you can come down.

You will be interested in the attached letter from Dr. Kung. It is a rather striking demonstration of the importance which the Chinese government and people are placing upon the work of our Christian Colleges in this time of crisis and of their appreciation for our efforts to keep this work going forward.

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With greetings and good wishes for Mrs. Hill and yourself,

Very sincerely yours,

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Dr. William Bancroft Hill
Vassar College
Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

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VASSAR COLLEGE
POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y.
WM. BANCROFT HILL

Mar 21/39
Mar 3/22/37

My dear Garside,

I am sorry I cannot hear
Bishop Goudy. Mar 29th; but the
doctors are keeping me at home, and
telling me to do as little work as
possible, - which abstinence is itself
decidedly hard work.

Please give the Bishop my very
kindest regards. Also, accept the
enclosed check for Fabian.

Most cordially yours,

Wm Bancroft Hill.

March 22, 1939

Dr. William Bancroft Hill
Vassar College
Poughkeepsie, New York

Dear Dr. Hill:

We are more grateful than we can express for your latest good deed in sending your contribution of \$2,000 for the emergency needs of Fuxien Christian University. This will go a long way toward meeting the critical financial problems which F.C.U. faces this year, and will help to cheer and encourage the staff and student body. Last, but not least, it heartens and stimulates all of us at this end who are working at the task of getting the emergency fund which Fuxien and the other Colleges must have to keep going ahead. If the Colleges only had a few more friends as loyal and generous as you and Mrs. Hill have always been, the task would be greatly lightened.

Bishop Gowdy and all of us are sorry that it will not be possible for you to be present at the luncheon meeting of the trustees on March 29th. We regret even more that the doctors are keeping you at home and cause you to lighten up on your strenuous labors. You have always been successful in out-springing your doctors, but they do insist on exercising their tyranny whenever they get an opportunity.

Bishop Gowdy is anxious to see you while he is in this country, and since his schedule is very crowded, the opportunities are likely to be rather few. He did, however, say that he would be happy to come up to Poughkeepsie visit with you if that is entirely convenient for you and within the scope of your doctors' approval. He does not have a very full schedule on March 28th, and could come up to Poughkeepsie that afternoon, if you and Mrs. Hill would like to have him spend the night in your home, and then return to New York the next morning for the luncheon meeting. If such an arrangement at this time is not entirely convenient for you however, we will hope that some meeting can be arranged a little later.

With all good wishes, I am

Very cordially yours

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VASSAR COLLEGE
POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y.
WM. BANCROFT HILL

July 7/39

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Dear Garinole Evans,

Here is something to help along in
this drought season.

Hope you both will have a pleasant
vacation.

Most cordially.

Wm. Bancroft Hill.

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July 10, 1939

Dear Dr. Hills

Your letter of July 7th with its drouth-breaker was certainly as welcome as showers of blessings in a desert land.

This generous gift will just about round out the amount that Fukien needs in order to complete the emergency fund we have been seeking for it this year. We will hurry off the good news to President Lin and his colleagues, for it will help to give them a more cheerful summer, and to encourage them as they make their plans for the coming year.

I can assure you that both Evans and I will have a more pleasant vacation because of your thoughtfulness, for it helps us to clear up some of the serious financial problems with which we have been struggling. I get away at the end of this week and will be at Silver Bay for two weeks. Evans is to start his vacation about the first of August.

In the hope that you and Mrs. Hill will have a most enjoyable summer, I am

Very sincerely yours,

B. J. Lavender

Dr. William Bancroft Hill
Vassar College
Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

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