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796 PROSPECT AVENUE
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Monday May 27.

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My dear President Lin

I am glad to be able to report
that you are invited to be present at
a Play Evening of the men of South Congre-
gational Church, Hartford at their Centing
at the Estate of Mr & Mrs Clarence Wickham
5 miles out of Hartford toward Manchester -
on Tuesday June 4 - and to speak to them.

While this is not a meeting arranged
especially for you, it is a group of about
150 men, they say, whom one couldn't
get at in any other way - It has some
disadvantages - chiefly not being able
to ask for money - and some advantages.

If Tuesday is stormy it will be Wednesday
June 5. I told them I could not promise
Wednesday would be free but we expect a
few Tues.

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There still may be something more
ever also.

May I hear from you when you
return to Hartford, please.

Best wishes to Mrs. Lin

Sincerely

Amy Ogden Welch

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October 10, 1934

Miss Amy Welcher
796 Prospect Avenue
Hartford, Connecticut

My dear Miss Welcher:

I should have written you before to report an action taken by the Board of Trustees of Fukien Christian University at a meeting held on September 28th.

Within the last year or two, Fukien Christian University has become a co-educational institution through the admission of women students. This department of our work is growing in a very gratifying way and the Board of Trustees has been increasingly anxious to secure one or more women members of the Board who would have a special interest in this field of women's education, as well as a general interest in the educational program of the University. At the meeting on September 28th, in connection with our annual election of officers, committees and coopted members, the Board voted to invite you to accept membership as a coopted member of the Board. We earnestly hope that you will be able to accept this invitation.

You are already familiar, in a general way at least, with the work the University is doing, and are acquainted with a number of members of the Board. Also we have this year an unusual opportunity to become more intimately acquainted with the University through the presence in this country of President C. J. Lin. I am not sure whether or not you have met him. He and Mrs. Lin, with their two children are at Hartford Seminary this year, living at 85 Sherman Street. I know that President Lin is anxious to get in touch with you if he has not already done so. From him you can get a much clearer picture than I can give you of the University, what it is doing and how you can best assist in serving it.

I enclose herewith a copy of the minutes of the September 28th meeting of our Fukien Trustees. We would be happy to send you such other information with regard to the University as we have available.

Very sincerely yours,

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Dr B. C. Parise

Fukien Christian University
150 Fifth Ave. New York.

My dear Dr Parise

I wish to acknowledge
your letter of October 10 and
to express my appreciation of
the action which you reported
of the Board of Trustees of the
Fukien Christian University
inviting me to serve as a
co opted member of the Board.

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I consider it an honor
and a great opportunity.

Perhaps because I have so
high a respect for the University,
~~as~~ I hesitate to accept the invi-
tation - knowing my own limitations.

Though I saw President and
Mrs. Lin on their arrival in Hartford
I have not seen them since your
letter came. May I delay my
definite reply still longer, until
I can talk with them and know
more clearly what the co-opted
membership would mean?

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If A may so delay still
longer, I shall hope to write
you definitely within a week

Very Sincerely

Amy Gordon Welch.

October 29.

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November 13, 1934

Miss Amy Welcher
796 Prospect Avenue
Hartford, Conn.

Dear Miss Welcher:

It was very good of you to call on us last Sunday. We are only sorry that due to the illness of our children we could not have much chance of a visit with you. We appreciate your thoughtfulness.

I was glad that I had a chance to visit you in your home the week before. I hope I have explained to you all the points about our work at Fukien Christian University which you had in mind. Under separate cover I am sending you an English edition of our catalogue, 1934-1936. It will give you further details about our institution.

The Christian college is occupying a very strategic position in the reconstruction of a new China. We are training leaders who will exert even greater influence than the Christian leaders at the present time. The work is certainly very challenging, and it is our sincere hope that you will cooperate with us in this task.

As I told you, we are in urgent need of women members on our Board of Trustees because of our becoming a co-educational institution. We need ladies who will enlighten the Board with sound educational policies for women. At the present time our Board of Trustees cannot elect women members from the Methodist Church as we are in rather delicate relationship with the Hwa Nan College, which is under the direct management of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church. We therefore depend a great deal on you to particularly look after our women's education at Fukien. I am sure you will join and help us in this work.

Yours very sincerely,

C. J. Lin

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November 13, 1934

Miss Amy Welcher
796 Prospect Avenue
Hartford, Connecticut

My dear Miss Welcher:

I should have acknowledged before this the letter you wrote me on October 29th.

I believe that President Lin has had an opportunity to see you at least briefly since the time that you wrote. We all earnestly hope that as you talk with him, with Dr. Fairfield and others who know the work of Fukien Christian University intimately that you will decide to serve as a coopted member of the Board of Trustees.

Very sincerely yours,

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December 4, 1934

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Dr. B.A. Garside
American Office
Fukien Christian University
150 Fifth Avenue
New York.

My dear Dr. Garside

I regret that too many things have crowded out my reply to you and to President Lin and I hope you know that it is not lack of interest in Fukien Christian University. Pres. Lin's explanation of the University's Boards and how they all work, and his presentation of its position and opportunities made it very challenging.

Perhaps it is because I took so seriously the invitation to serve as a co-opted member of the Board of Trustees of your University that I have not accepted more promptly. My hesitation was on two points: Could I be of sufficient use to the University; and Should I, in view of the Committees and Boards I already am on, attempt to serve on one more.

The answer to the latter is: I know I shouldn't but I can't resist this one. To the former, I still doubt my value to the University, but if interest and enthusiasm count, I shall be very glad to serve.

There is no question about the splendid work or the strategic position in China of Fukien and the other Christian Universities. I shall appreciate both the privilege and the opportunity of serving with your Board of Trustees.

Very sincerely

Ermy Ogden Welcher

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December 4, 1934

My dear President Lin

I have just written to Dr Garside and want also to write you and acknowledge your very kind letter of November 13 and tell you that I regret so many things have prevented my replying sooner.

I so appreciated your evening here and the explanation of the University and all its workings, connections and opportunities. I am grateful also for the further encouragement in your letter.

Perhaps it is because I was so impressed with the Fukien Christian University that I hesitated so long about serving as a coopted member of its Board of Trustees. I wondered and still do what value such a connection possibly could have to any except myself. I wondered also, because of all the committees I now attempt to serve on and fail to do adequately, if it were fair to them or to myself, to attempt to serve on one more Board.

But I can't resist! It will be both a privilege and an opportunity to serve on your Board of Trustees. If interest in it, belief in the strength of the position you have helped it to achieve, and enthusiasm for what the University and its graduates can mean to China, are of any value, they are at your service.

I was glad to see Mrs Lin on Sunday and hope to see her soon again. I have just talked with the Employment and Personal Service Secretaries of the Y.W.C.A. asking if they will be on the lookout for just the right person who could come in occasionally and be with the children and enable Mrs Lin to get out more. I hope they can find some one.

Very best wishes for all your meetings and your full days and weeks. It will surely mean much for the University and to all who meet you.

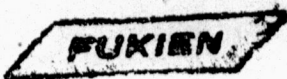
Once more my thanks for the opportunity to cooperate in such splendid service.

Very sincerely

Amy Ogden Welcher

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Fukien Christian University

December 5, 1934

Miss Amy Ogden Welcher
796 Prespect Avenue
Hartford, Conn.

My dear Miss Welcher:

In the absence of Mr. Garside who is doing promotional work in the middle west, I am answering your good letter of December 4th. President Lin is also with the promotional team, and I will convey to both Mr. Garside and President Lin the good news that you have accepted a co-opted membership on the Board of Trustees of Fukien Christian University.

Although you are modest enough to indicate that in your estimation your contribution will be limited to "interest and enthusiasm," which of themselves are very considerable items, yet from all that we have heard of you from the discussions at the meetings when your name was proposed, we are convinced that your "interest and enthusiasm" is the result of a very intelligent knowledge of the Orient, and therefore, your presence on the Board will be of infinitely greater assistance.

We are recording your acceptance, and hereafter minutes of the meetings of the various committees and Trustees will be forwarded to you, and at the same time we are looking forward with exceedingly pleasant anticipation to greeting you at a future meeting of the Board.

Very cordially yours,

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December 20, 1934

Miss Amy Ogden Welcher
796 Prospect Avenue
Hartford, Conn.

Dear Miss Welcher:

Your good letter dated December 4th was forwarded to me in Des Moines, Iowa. I was so glad that you decided to cooperate with the Fukien Board of Trustees for the cause of our University in Foochow. That certainly means an added incentive to our work. We have no doubt that the University work will go forward in a much better way than it has been. We shall always be ready to receive your advice.

I am coming back to Hartford very soon and plan to spend Christmas with my family there.

Our trip to the mid-west has been quite successful, as we were only trying to lay the foundation for the general cause of Christian higher education in China. Everywhere we met people with keen interest in China. We have every reason to believe that there will be an increasing number of friends who will be willing to cooperate with us in our service to the Christian Colleges in China. I shall try to see you again when I am at Hartford.

Under separate cover we are sending you some of our recent literature about Fukien.

Again thanking you for your willingness to cooperate,

Yours very sincerely,

C. J. Lin

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January 11, 1935

Miss Amy Ogden Welcher
796 Prospect Avenue
Hartford, Conn.

Dear Miss Welcher:

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 13 and 14; 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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March 20, 1935

Miss Amy O. Welcher
796 Prospect Avenue
Hartford, Conn.

Dear Miss Welcher:

I wish to report to you that I had a very good time at New Canaan. I was glad to have met Dr. and Mrs. Wood, and their daughter and her family. I spoke to the high school students at New Canaan before the women's service in the Congregational Church. I believe that the women who attended that service were quite interested in the Christian work in China, and in our University. Mrs. Wood gave me a check for \$10.00 to defray the travel expenses. I also had the opportunity of meeting the Pastor of the New Canaan Congregational Church. He and his wife gave a tea party after the prayer meeting, and I had a very delightful time with them before I left for New York that evening.

During the last week we had three meetings of our Trustees; the committees on promotion and on cooperation with Hwa Nan. With the loyal backing of our Trustees I hope that we may be able to secure adequate financial support for our work at F. C. U.

I just returned from a visit to Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pa. Both the student body and the faculty were very interested in our work at Fukien. They are considering, probably next Fall, to bring about Dickinson's part in our work at Foochow. I also had a few good contacts last weekend when I was preaching in Crestwood, N. Y.

I am going back to Hartford this afternoon and will stay there for a few days. During that time I hope I may have a chance to see you in person.

Yours very sincerely,

C. J. Lin

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May 28, 1935

Miss Amy Ogden Welcher
796 Prospect Avenue
Hartford, Connecticut

Dear Miss Welcher:

I have your letter of May 27th telling me that you have made definite arrangements for me to be present at the Play Evening of the Men of South Congregational Church, Hartford, on Tuesday, June 4th, or Wednesday, June 5th. I shall be glad to be there on either of those days. I am sure we will have a good opportunity of telling them about our work in China in general, and in Fukien in particular. I certainly appreciate your effort in making such an arrangement. I am informing Mr. Sherwood, by telegram, in Rochester.

I just came back from a visit to Rochester. Miss Kent received us - Mr. Sherwood and myself - very cordially, and we had about three-quarters of an hour visit at her home, at 155 Gorsline Street, Rochester. She told us from the beginning that she could not do anything to help our worthy cause this year. It is quite possible that she will do something in the near future. She told us that she has to pay about \$20,000 for taxes, and she has so many other obligations that she must fulfill, that she is not able to do things for China at the present. She also told us that she now likes the Chinese arts, as well as the Chinese people, better than the Japanese. She spoke very kindly of her friendship with your Grandmother and your Mother. She knows very well yourself. She said that you have written her very fully about our work at Fukien, which she appreciated.

I am leaving this afternoon for Salem, Connecticut, to participate in the ordination service of Rev. and Mrs. Brewster Bingham. I hope to be back at Hartford the latter part of this week.

With kindest regards,

Yours very sincerely,

C. J. Lin

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June 25, 1935

Miss Amy O. Welcher
796 Prospect Avenue
Hartford, Conn.

My dear Miss Welcher:

We enclose herewith a copy of the notice we are sending out with reference to a meeting of our Fukien Executive Committee to be held on Friday, May 16th at 11:00 o'clock.

We would like very much to have you present, though I hardly feel justified in urging you to make a special trip from Hartford to attend this one meeting. So far as I can now see, the chief purpose of the meeting will be to complete the election of coopted trustees in line with the proposals made at the Annual Meeting on May 16th, and to take up any other matters President Lin may wish to discuss with us before he begins his journey back to Foochow.

If you have an opportunity to see President Lin in Hartford before Friday you will be able to learn whether he has any particularly important matters to bring before us.

We sincerely appreciate all the good things you are doing for Fukien and for our other Christian Colleges in China.

Very cordially yours,

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March 31, 1936

Dear Miss Welcher,

Attached in a notice of a meeting of our Fukien Executive Committee called for the afternoon of Friday, April 3rd.

We realize that this is far too little notice, particularly for out-of-town members. The excuse this time is that we have just had a wire from Dr. Fairfield asking if it would be possible to arrange this meeting on Friday, when he is to be in the city. Apparently there is a possibility of a further gift from Dr. Pierce which requires our early consideration.

We do hope that it may be possible for you to be present at this meeting, though we realize that we should not urge you to make a special trip down from Hartford for this meeting alone.

Very cordially yours,

BA Garside

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My dear Mr Garside

Thank you for your note on the letter about the meeting with Bishop Gowdy for the Fukien Board. I am leaving town on Tuesday for a month at least and probably for all summer and therefore I do not see how I can go to New York on Monday, taking practically the whole day out. I am sorry it happens this way and that I cannot stand by the Board better.

On Tuesday I am going to the General Council of our Congregational Churches, for a week, which is one more reason why I do not care to proceed a strenuous week with a strenuous day's trip to N.Y.

I must confess, however that I feel a little pessimistic about this meeting with Bishop Gowdy. Why, when their Trustees were meeting in Columbus, they couldn't arrange for us to meet with them, I still cannot see, IF they really want to cooperate. And all their votes ~~xxxx~~ passed there seem to me to preclude any real co-operation; so I do not honestly feel spontaneous about dashing off to hear Bishop Gowdy's "vitally significant message". President Lin's messages seem to me to have been vital enough for any one and they have been ignored by the Hwa Nan folks. Sorry.

Sincerely

Amy Ogden Welcher.

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June 13, 1936

Miss Amy Ogden Welcher
796 Prospect Avenue
Hartford, Connecticut

My dear Miss Welchers:

We were very sorry to learn from your letter of June 12th that it is not going to be possible for you to attend the meeting of our Fukien Board of Trustees on June 15th. Of course, we know how busy you are at this time of year and how impossible it is for you to attend all the meetings where we would like to have you present.

There is, however, one point in connection with the meeting which I am afraid I did not make clear in the letters I sent out:- It is not our intention to give any special consideration to the knotty problem of cooperation between Hwa Nan and Fukien. The purpose of the meeting is rather that of discussing with Bishop Gowdy the plans and problems of Fukien Christian University, and the responsibility of our Fukien Trustees in keeping the work of the University going forward. It is not likely that Hwa Nan will even be mentioned, except perhaps in a casual way. I think it would be unfortunate if the meeting should go off on a tangent on Monday by discussing at length the problems of cooperation between the two institutions. While this is probably a matter we will have to take up in a serious way next autumn just now our primary task is that of seeing how we can best provide the increased support for Fukien which it must have if it is to keep its work going forward.

Even if you cannot be with us on Monday, we know you are very deeply interested in all these problems. We are grateful for all the fine assistance you have given through stimulating the interest and support in Hartford this year.

Very cordially yours,

BA Gaudin

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WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY
MIDDLETOWN, CONN.
PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

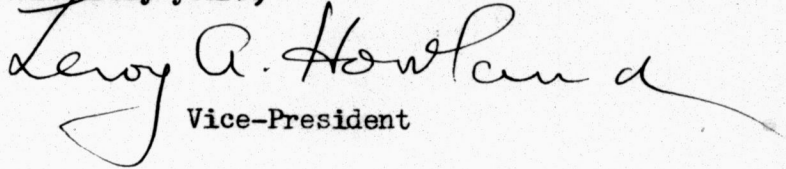
May 11, 1935.

My dear President Lin:

In President McConaughy's absence, it is my privilege, in behalf of the Board of Trustees of Wesleyan University, to invite you to receive the honorary degree of Doctor of Letters at the Commencement Exercises at six o'clock on Sunday evening, June 16.

By awarding you this proposed degree, Wesleyan feels that she will be honoring herself. We hope you can be present on that occasion and accept the degree.

Sincerely yours,


Vice-President

President Ching-Jun Lin,
Thompson Hall,
85 Sherman Street,
Hartford, Connecticut.

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May 15, 1935

Dr. Leroy A. Howland
Vice-President, Wesleyan University
Middletown, Conn.

My dear Doctor Howland:

I wish to acknowledge the receipt of your gracious letter of May 11th, informing me of the invitation of the Board of Trustees of Wesleyan University to be present at the Commencement Exercises at six o'clock on Sunday evening, June 16th, to receive an honorary degree.

I certainly appreciate the honor which the Trustees of Wesleyan are conferring on me, and Fukien Christian University. I shall look forward to being there and to meeting all of you at that time.

Wesleyan University has contributed so much toward the development of Fukien Christian University, in Foochow, China. Both of our first two Presidents of Fukien, Edwin C. Jones, and John Gowdy, graduated from Wesleyan. I am very proud to have the honor of joining that noble tradition of Wesleyan.

Yours very sincerely,

C. J. Liu

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WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY
MIDDLETOWN, CONN.
PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

May 17, 1935.

My dear President Lin:

We are delighted that you will be able to attend our Commencement Exercises and receive the honorary degree. We hope that Mrs. Lin will come with you.

The procession forms at the President's house, on the corner of High and Wyllys Streets at about 5:30; we hope you can be there by 5:15, daylight saving time.

Immediately after the exercises there will be an informal supper in honor of the recipients of honorary degrees, at the President's house; we hope you and Mrs. Lin will be our guests for that occasion.

The University presents to you the hood which is placed upon you when the degree is conferred. If you do not have a cap and gown, the University will secure one for you if you will send us your height, weight, and head-size.

If you would like tickets for the Commencement Exercises for anyone besides Mrs. Lin, please let us know.

Sincerely yours,

Leroy A. Howland
Vice-President

President C. J. Lin,
Thompson Hall,
85 Sherman Street,
Hartford, Conn.

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June 16

May 23, 1935

Dr. Leroy A. Howland
Vice-President, Wesleyan University
Middletown, Conn.

Dear Doctor Howland:

Many thanks for your letter of May 17th. It is my hope that Mrs. Lin will come with me to attend the Commencement Exercises on June 16th. We will be there at the designated time. It will be a great pleasure to both of us to attend your supper after the exercises.

It was good of you to offer your services in securing a cap and gown for me for that occasion. I am 5' 4" in height, weigh around 115 lbs., and my head-size is 6 $\frac{3}{4}$.

If it is convenient, I would like to have two extra tickets for Dr. and Mrs. Lewis Hodous of Hartford Seminary; one ticket for Dr. T. T. Chen of the Biology Department of Yale University; and another one for Miss Amy O. Welcher at Hartford. If you can let me have those tickets I can send them direct.

Looking forward to meeting you,

Yours very sincerely,

C. J. Lin

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WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY
MIDDLETOWN, CONN.
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES

May 24, 1935.

My dear President Lin:

We are very glad that you and Mrs. Lin can come to the supper after the Commencement Exercises.

The cap and gown will be ordered and will be at the President's house when you arrive.

Five tickets, for Mrs. Lin and your other guests, will be mailed you at your Hartford address at least a week before Commencement.

Sincerely yours,

LeRoy A. Howland
Vice-President

President Ching-Jun Lin,
35 Sherman Street,
Hartford, Conn.

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June 21, 1935

Dr. Leroy A. Howland
Vice-President, Wesleyan University
Middletown, Conn.

Dear Doctor Howland:

Allow me to express my appreciation to you again for your honor to our institution - Fukien Christian University, and to myself, last Sunday. We are very proud of this further connection with Wesleyan University, through the admission of myself to be one of the adopted sons of your distinguished University. It was a beautiful commencement. Mrs. Lin, and all of my friends who were present, greatly enjoyed the occasion.

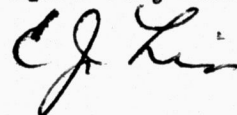
Would you please kindly remember us to Mrs. Howland, who was such a charming hostess to us at the dinner.

We hope that before long you will come to China and to visit us in Foochow.

Under separate cover I am sending you a picture of our campus, and a folder about our rural service program.

Again with appreciation,

Yours very sincerely,

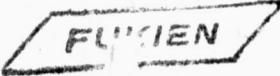


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(By Mr. Paul P. Wiant)

Foochow
December 26, 1933

The events of the past few days have given us all some concern and even though we were not directly affected, that is, we were not actually hit by the bombs, still we cannot help but be tremendously sympathetic with the poor people in Foochow city who have been so seriously upset. It seems that Foochow, up to date, has been bombed on four successive days. The first day was last Friday when one or two bombs, possibly three were dropped, of which probably only one exploded. This was kept very quiet and was hushed up. The next day, last Saturday, December 23, some three or four bombs were dropped by a single plane together with warnings that they were going to bomb again the following day.

Now comes the story of the big bombings. On Sunday a little after one o'clock a fleet of eight airplanes, not all of them being present at one time but being definitely identified as eight separate planes by folks who recorded the numbers, came in force to Foochow city and dropped twenty odd bombs. These were mostly small ones, although the damage done was considerable. They were aiming at three places apparently; the government headquarters in Admiral Sah's old yamen in the city, the military headquarters near Deng-hu and the airplane landing field. After the bombing was over on Sunday afternoon I made a run over into the city to look around but could not take the time to visit all the places. However, Mr. Maloney of the Seventh Adventist Mission visited practically all of the places where bombs dropped. One bomb fell into the central hall of the Provincial Government Yamen, but did not hurt anybody. Another one fell near the intersection of Back Street with West Gate Street, damaging two or three shops and killing one person. Four bombs fell close together in a region of shops and temples near the Nang-ga-diu, the big parade ground just south of the city. Two people were killed at this place.

But the worst concentration of bombing was at the airplane landing field. A number of the bombs were dropped around there, none of which did any damage to the air force or their equipment, but the village of Siong-nuong which is the first village on the plain after you leave the old horse road corner on the old road to Kuliang, the village which the old-timers used to call the half way village. Two bombs fell in the court yard of a certain house in this village and completely wiped out the family of eight persons and killed also three others; and in addition killed three dogs and two pigs. Mr. Maloney saw the place before it was disturbed in any way. We understand that in addition to the eleven killed, two of the wounded have since died. This brings the total known dead, that is known to us, from the raid on Sunday up to 16 persons and we have heard of several others, so it is quite likely that the total was up in the twenties some place. In addition to the bombs which were dropped on Sunday a number of leaflets were let loose saying they would be back the next day and drop bigger bombs and also that they would drop incendiary ones.

From the time of the bombing on Sunday, all Sunday afternoon, Sunday evening continuing all through the night and all Monday morning there was a constant stream of folks moving out to south side. I have never seen anything like it in Foochow before, not even in the troubled times of other years. Mr. and Mrs. Maloney came to our house after eleven o'clock Sunday night, bringing cots and bedding with them and we kept them for the night.

On Monday morning I thought I would like to go over into the city and see how they were getting on and invite others to come out and stay in

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our compound, particularly during the time of day when the bombs might be expected. I got on my motor-cycle and went as far as the little bridge thinking at first that I would be able to make my way across, but by the time I got as far as Dong-ceu, it became quite evident that it would take an hour or more to cross the bridge. I have never seen in Foochow such a traffic jam, so I turned around and came on back home but was roundly cursed in the process of getting my motorcycle headed back home.

The American Board folks had most of them gone to Wenshan for the day. The Culver's came out to our house on Monday morning. We heard that Topping's with the Shepherd family went for a picnic for the day out on Kushan road. Since there had been the definite statement in the leaflets of the day before that there would be bombing on Monday we were all on the look out for it and sure enough just before one o'clock when our family and the Culver's (15 in all) had just finished the Turkey in our Christmas dinner and were having the plates changed for dessert, we heard the droning sound of airplanes. We all ran out into the big yard to see what was going on. The first squadron of three immediately began to drop their pills. There had been twenty odd bombs on Sunday, the number not being exactly ascertained, so we had decided that all of us together would count the number of explosions if the planes came back again. Pretty soon the first squadron of three left in the direction of Pagoda, then another squadron of three came and later one of those from Pagoda came back. They dropped in all 26 bombs; this time much bigger than the day before. They made a tremendous noise and kicked up a column of dirt and smoke bigger than the day before. Again they seemed to be after the three places named previously, although not so much after the Provincial headquarters as before.

When these bombs dropped and exploded we could see the effect of the explosions and the column of smoke and dust for something like ten seconds before we heard the sound. You know that sound travels something over 1100 feet per second and we were approximately ten to twelve thousand feet from the scene of action. The explosions sounded like a long woo-oo-ff-ff-ff, a most peculiar and sickening sound.

As soon as they had all gone away and we had finished our dessert, Mr. Culver and I took a run over into the city to have a look. I will not try to mention all the places in detail which we saw but will just give you a general idea. The first place that we saw was right in the middle of the road just beyond the bridge directly east of Nang-gung-huong just before you get to the corner where we used to cross the horse road for Kuliang; the whole road was torn up. We had to run our motorcycles off on the so-called walk at the side to get around. Then just beyond the corner where the road turns directly north and off to the left of the road in some rice field there was two other big craters where big babies had dropped. These holes were from twelve to fifteen feet in diameter and a full six feet deep. We were told that other bombs had hit a number of villages nearby and destroyed a number of houses but everybody was out of the way and there were no casualties. We went on into the city and saw the place right on front of the old Tuchen's yamen on East Street where two bombs had hit close together. One of these had destroyed several houses and had killed one soldier. His corpse was lying there untouched. One leg had been blown off, the base of the skull had been cracked open and he was other mangled. These sights are not so gruesome as one might think since the dust and dirt thrown into the air settled over the whole place and makes a thick covering. Other bombs fell around in different parts of the city. One particular place we saw there were at least eight houses destroyed. We did not hear of any casualties other than the one soldier which we saw dead.

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We are not at all sure whether or not the airplanes will come back again today. We did not hear of any leaflets being dropped yesterday and so have no data on which to make a guess.

Since Foochow has been bombed, we assume that Yenping has also. Bishop Wang and Frederick Bankhardt have decided that it is not possible to hold the Yenping Conference. The Consul called a meeting of some ten or twelve Americans together with the commander of the S.S. "Fulton" now in port yesterday morning at ten o'clock. He discussed with us the plan of evacuation if such becomes necessary. However, we all agreed, and the commander of the Fulton is included in this all, that there is hardly the remotest possibility that such will be necessary. The plans for evacuation will be sent out later if the remotest possibility become a probability.

According to the best information available which may or may not be reliable, and if reliable may not be carried out by the Chinese Military forces, the Central Government is planning an active campaign both in Yenping and Kutien. One can never be sure how far an army can get in enemy territory. It is also announced quite definitely that the Fukien National Government is going to attack the Central Government from Yenping and from Kutien. It is because of these definite announcements of military tactics that both the British and American Consuls have urged their folks at Kutien to withdraw to Foochow. It seems to me the best thing to do but I have done all the urging I am going to. If the folks in Kutien wish to stay, I shall do nothing more than write letters telling as much as I know about the situation and some of the things I hear. There was no thought of any danger to the folks south of Foochow, though we all know that there is a constant menace from bandits and irregulars all through the Province.

The new British Consul, Mr. Turner, takes a very different attitude from that of his predecessor. Mr. Martin's attitude was that if the missionaries want to make martyrs of themselves, let them do it. He should worry!! Mr. Turner takes the position that foreigners should keep themselves outside the danger zones. I confess that my own personal feelings in the matter follow those of Mr. Turner rather than those of Mr. Martin. We foreigners should not put ourselves in positions where we will be an embarrassment to the forces of government, such as they may be.

We had our usual Christmas party yesterday afternoon at the Jarvis home. I think everybody had a good time. The party was held at four o'clock while the raid had been finished before 1:30, so we had had time to more or less compose ourselves. Everyone got a gift and everybody gave one, just as in former years. Since I was Santa Claus, I will pull a curtain over that part of the program. The children's songs and recitations, Edith Simester's story, Grace Davis' solo, Miss Savage at the piano and Eugene Ward's reading, all were up to the usual Foochow standards which means fairly high.

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West Alexandria, Ohio, Aug. 1, 1934.

Dear C. J.:

We had thought to have a letter in California waiting for you; but you are here earlier than we had anticipated. I hope you have had a good voyage, not too rough, and with pleasant traveling companions. In a steamer such as the one you came on unpleasant traveling company would make a difference.

When will you be coming east? We will be living at Ada, Ohio, from Aug. 29th on. We will have a guest room, which we are hoping you will occupy as often and as long as you want. Ada is on the main line of the Pennsylvania R. R. from Chicago to N. Y.

I have been very glad to receive your weekly bulletin right along, and appreciate being on the mailing list. The folks up in Foochow mostly do not write about happenings at the University. I have been wondering if the road to the Anchorage has been surfaced yet.

Our whole family together with Hallie's mother and sister took a motoring trip to see the worlds fair, and then on out to Mt. Vernon, Iowa to visit a day or two with the Eyestone's; and to Kansas City to visit a while with the Havighurst's. For this trip we hit the longest and hottest heat wave that the USA has ever had; and it was good and hot, too. A person usually figures in keeping cool when riding in a car; but on this trip it was so hot during the sunlight period of the day that the air off the road seemed to sort of burn one's face. But we had a good time anyway. At the Havighurst's we men folks and the boys slept out in the yard on the ground or on cots. Mrs. Havighurst seems to be all well again, and we all most sincerely hope they will be able to return to China next year.

We still do not have settlement on our insurance for the loss by the M. V. "SVALE". However, the last exchange of letters was more hopeful of an early cheque. We are beginning to need the money as we get closer to the time when we must begin keeping house. For the summer we have been living with Hallie's mother.

By the way, Hallie's mother and sister are thinking very strongly of going to China with us next year. The sister, Orpha, is an experienced teacher as well as a graduate in business courses; she is of course a college graduate. If she comes to Foochow she would be glad to have work in a school for a modest honorarium. You might want her for either English teaching or for secretarial work. She is a very capable sort.

When do you plan to return? My family will be planning their return in August of 1935; You will remember that I think of starting back in January next. Maybe I can wish my family on you for the return trip!!

I hope your stay in the USA will bring a maximum of both pleasure and profit to both you and Mrs. Lin.

Sincerely,

Paul P. Wiant

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

Mr. Paul P. Wiant
Ada, Ohio

Dear Paul:

Your letter of August 1 written from West Alexandria was awaiting me in Los Angeles when I landed August 10th. We have had a very fine trip. We took our ship from Hong Kong on July 13. The ship was very steady all the way. It carried about thirty passengers. Most of our fellow passengers were returned missionaries from the Philippine Islands and from Canton, so we were in quite a congenial crowd. Our stateroom was quite large for our family as well as conveniently furnished. There was plenty of deck space for us to walk around and our children had pleasant playmates. We only wished the journey was not so long for we had to stop at San Francisco on a sudden call by the shippers to discharge some cargo, and then we went up to Stockton before we came down to Los Angeles. We were met by several of our friends and after passing thru the regular routine and red tape of the customs we went to our small cottage which Miss Bosworth had engaged for us beforehand at 318-A Mission Road, Glendale. We shall stay there until we leave for the East in the middle part of September. Please address further communications to me at that place.

We are planning to make a few stops on the way East. We hope that we may have the pleasure of accepting your invitation to have a visit with you and your family if we visit Chicago. Mr. Havighurst also asked us to stop at his place. We hope that we may be able to do so.

We are very sorry to learn about the loss of your baggage but we all agreed in a general way that we wouldn't write you while you were enjoying your travel in Europe. I do hope that your insurance settlement will be satisfactory to you and that the loss to your family may not prove too much for you to bear.

I am quite interested in your mention of your sister-in-law, Orpha. You probably have heard that Miss Imogene Card had left A.C.C. this summer and James Ding may need an additional English teacher to take her place. I shall write to James about this. I think it will be an advantage to all of our work there. I do not know what will be the need at F.C.U. a year from now. You can be sure that when I get home I will try every way to take advantage of her presence in Foochow. I shall write to W. Y. Chen about this so he can be thinking about it. We are planning to return to China sometime next summer, but as yet we have not made our detailed arrangements. We shall be glad to do what we can to help your family. It will be a great pleasure for us to travel with Hallie and your children.

Yours very sincerely,

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METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
FOOCHOW, FUKIEN, CHINA

ARCHITECT AND ENGINEER
PAUL P. WIAINT

ON HOME LEAVE
219 UNION STREET
ADA, OHIO

Sept. 10, 1934.

Pres. C. J. Lin,
Glendale, Cal.,
My dear C. J.:-

I shall be replying by telegraph today to your telegram which reached us last night. I'm awfully sorry that I haven't a thing to send on to you. The Board in New York will have the blue prints of the present tentative floor plans of the hospital. I should think there might be a photograph of the Women's Dormitory available in your New York office; though of course there might not be.

Every thing of this nature was in our freight shipment, which is of course no longer available. My own private file of pictures of buildings I have had a hand in putting up was also lost, something which will be very difficult to replace.

We most sincerely hope you will stop off with us for a visit on your way east. We can take care of the whole family very nicely. Let us know ahead of time when you will arrive, if you find it convenient. If not convenient to do so, why just come anyway.

I ~~am~~ shall be attending the Ohio Annual conference sessions at Zanesville, Ohio from tomorrow until Sept. 17th, but am planning to be at home for a while after that.

We have had no late news from Foochow except about the engagement of Mr. Beach and Miss Lowe; which was of course a very great surprise. We also recently learned that Miss Dang Hie-pek was coming to America; and Lucy Wang was expected later.

I've had six speaking engagements in the past eight days, three in churches and three before service clubs. I'm finding it very interesting to talk about the Orient and trying to give folks some background for understanding what they read in the papers.

Sincerely yours,

Paul P. Waint.

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Foochow Christian Union Hospital,
Foochow, China

January 25th, 1934

Dear Friends:

You who support "free beds" in our hospital (formerly Magaw Memorial) should have had a letter before now. You may be sure this year has had demands for free hospital care here as in every part of the world. Financial depression struck Foochow, with cost of war added. We will cite only a few of the many cases.

The little slave girl in a fairly wealthy family needed an operation. The family could have paid, and did pay for two weeks care in the ward, but not being Christians the little life wasn't worth much to them. We operated and she lingered a few weeks then her little life went out. Where to? I believe that the God of Love took her to a better world, whether she knew Him or not.

In November there were three little children with virulent malaria and not a penny to buy the life-saving quinine. When nurses attempted to undress them they clutched their skimp clothes and screamed with fear lest they lose even these. They had come from the interior with hundreds of others, fleeing from communists, held up many times, each time being relieved of things until they had not enough left to cover themselves. Foochow friends had given them the few clothes they ~~had~~ were dressed in. It took days to win any confidence from them for, young as they were, they had lost more than things for they had no faith in humanity. After two weeks they returned to their family in the home of our hospital dietitian whose mother has made her meagre home a very haven of refuge for people who fled from their old home area, with everything gone - even morale; for communists surely take that along with other things.

Miss Ding after graduating from our School of Nursing, went way interior with a doctor of another mission and made an enviable record in service and devotion. After a few years she married a young man who trained as a doctor under a mission doctor, and together they went further interior where they were the best qualified medical workers in a vast, thickly populated area. Itinerating missionaries and preachers say people of that whole area call them blessed for the good work they have done. Their little self-supporting hospital where they healed the sick and preached the Gospel and led lives of devoted service was a wonderful illustration of the Master's life.

In Dec. 1932 she, with their little son and hundreds of other Christians, fled from communists. At Yenping, on a little boat with scores of people boarding it to escape down river (including our Yenping missionaries), their daughter was born. In Feb. they returned, having lost nearly everything. Again they

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opened a little hospital and were doing well when in Nov. 1933 they again had to flee. She and the two children and mother-in-law tried to bring some of their most necessary medical equipment but soon were relieved of it. Later they were forced from the little boat and the mother-in-law, too ill to walk, had to remain and await her fate. Mrs. (Ding) Ea and the children reached Yenping where people were fleeing to Foochow. This side of Yenping their boat was fired on by bandits and two days later three wounded women were brought to us from the boat, one being Mrs. Ea with a bullet in her ankle. Fortunately no bones were broken. Nerves were shattered but her courage never failed. She was glad indeed to be in her own "home hospital."

Her husband had fled to the mountains and it was months before he reached Foochow. Her mother-in-law also finally arrived, having been fairly well treated. Yesterday Mr. and Mrs. Ea called. They are now doing community public health work in a village where two young men graduates of Foochow Christian Union Agricultural School have undertaken an agricultural project and are really building a Christian community.

Now let us turn to Christmas Festivities. Thursday evening before Christmas, Hwa Nan College and Fukien Christian Union University Glee Clubs gave an evening of beautiful Christmas caroling which was a rare treat to all of us.

Sunday afternoon was our Christmas with the lepers outside East Gate where we have a little chapel and school. One pound of noodles, one pound of pork, two hard boiled duck eggs dyed red, were wrapped in red paper, a package for each of the 80 church members and probationers, and a little gift for each school child. Carts took the supplies out and several of us planned to go when the buzz of airplanes and sound of bursting bombs in the City so frightened the driver that he would not go. Later we heard from the Bible Women that the lepers, frightened, scattered, and she gave them their gifts as they returned.

Our household had our own Christmas dinner and gifts around the tree in quiet and leisure Sunday evening.

Christmas day brought more bombing and people poured out of the City to the island where we are, where were not many soldiers so no danger of bombing. Many maternity cases entered the hospital and we had two weeks of rushing baby business. Milling masses thronged the hospital until it was a bedlum instead of a place of quiet. That was the last day of bombing in Foochow City. The only mission property damaged was a Church of Christ in China church and it can be repaired.

At six o'clock the hospital work people had their Christmas feast and gift of \$1.00 each, wrapped in red paper, symbol that it is a gift.

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At the same time there was the lighted candle service for the patients. Little cardboard baskets covered with bright colored papers (linings of envelopes) containing a tangerine, candy, cookies, egg, and two used Christmas picture cards were given each patient. Students and staff gathered in the front hall with lighted candles and sang carols, then divided, a group going to each ward where the Christmas message was given by a member of the staff after which they returned still bearing the lighted candles and caroling. A peaceful close to a turbulent day.

The graduate staff - doctors, nurses, technicians and office men came to our home and around the lighted tree sang carols, listened to the Christmas message from Luke - old, yet ever new - had tea and cakes and a red package (towel, soap, mottoe - something for each), and the evening was spent.

Tuesday eve was staff and student feast which we ate together, after which we went to our little chapel where the students gave a Christmas play with a practical lesson. Patients who were able, and their friends, and our work people greatly enjoyed it. On the chapel platform was a lighted tree and the students lingered after others had gone and received their red packages. Not all contained the same but there were handkerchiefs, comb, tooth-brushes, wash cloths, toilet soap and the like and each was happy with her gift - and Christmas 1933 was history.

Last Sunday ten wounded soldiers of the 19th Route army were transferred from the so-called Red Cross Hospital to ours for better care - And they needed it. People are contributing to the hospital toward their support and we are glad to have a little part in ministering to their physical needs - even though we do not believe in war - and hope they will learn somewhat of a Gospel of Love while here.

This fall we secured a better qualified evangelistic worker for the women and she has taught the message of Jesus and his love so beautifully and forcefully that "four or five tens of women have become learners in the Jesus way" and upon their return home have linked themselves with some church. She herself has a deep Christian experience so that although little more than twenty years old she has a real message to give. We only covet such a worker among the men. The associate pastor of The Church of Heavenly Peace, comes every Sunday and sometimes through the week and does what he can but his time is too limited. He, too, is a deeply spiritual man with a real message.

So we try to do the work that you expect of us as your representatives, and thank you for making it possible.

Sincerely,

Alice A. Wilcox.

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Dear President & Mrs. Liu:

Your letter, together with suggestion for information came to me. - I enclose ^{copy of} the only letter of information I have with me which isn't much. I would like to ad that evangelistic work has been more outstanding the past year. Many patients have come to know Jesus while in the hospital & gone home & linked up with some church — Especially women. This is, after all, one big reason why we are here. We hope to get more such work done among men.

Our most urgent need is a woman doctor - foreign or foreign trained. We also greatly need another foreign nurse in order - that Miss Jacobo may enter & supervise Public Health & Rural Nursing for which she is so well qualified.

(We have heard a nurse is coming this fall, but are not sure.)

We hope the time will not be too long

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before real union is consummated with
the A. B. F. M. for we so need the staff
united

I hope you have a delightful & restful
trip & a happy time renewing old friendships
& making new. Also that you all keep
well & the children grow strong.

Bon Voyage!

Sincerely,

Alice Allilox

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Mrs. Lydia A. Wilkinson
500 Buxton Street
Indianola, Iowa

Dear Mother Wilkinson:

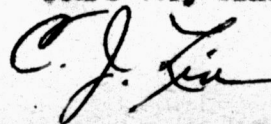
Hui Ching and I appreciate very much your two letters which reached us some time ago. We have been thinking of you and Dorothy quite often, but some how we did not get a chance to write. I still travel a great deal, and Hui Ching is quite busy with the two little children. You will be glad to know that all of us have been very well. Before we realize it we shall have to plan more specifically as to when and how we shall go back to Foochow some time this summer.

I just heard from Mr. John L. Harsley telling me of the plan with the student body at Simpson College is trying to carry through in tying up Simpson College with Fukien Christian University. I am very much pleased with this movement because I believe it will bring so much benefit to both the college students here and our students in Foochow. It will create a friendly feeling between these two groups of young people in a more concrete way, which will contribute in turn to better understanding between America and China, and increase the goodwill of our two peoples. I am sure you and Dorothy will do everything possible to help realize the plan of the students there. I have sent literature and pictures of Fukien to Mr. Harsley. I also wrote to Mr. Christie Swain, the editor of the "Simpsonian," telling him that you would be able to give them further information about our work and the personnel of our faculty.

I have been trying to interest more people in our Christian higher educational work in Foochow. The result has been quite gratifying, although not much money has as yet been received. We really are in urgent need of meeting our present year budget which has a deficit of \$12,500, so you will see I must be getting more busy during the next two or three months while I am still in America; but as I remember what you said - we have to live on faith, and probably we will come out in the end all right. We will do our best.

With warmest regards,

Yours very sincerely,



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Indiana, Iowa
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Dear Mr. & Mrs. Lee,

Were we not happy to get your June letter saying you were arriving in U.S.A. the 20th of July? The letter only got to us this last week. It came to Indiana Aug. 31 and followed us to Chicago and back here. Now I am answering to say "Welcome!" and do keep us informed of your traveling trip and if you get any where near to us so we can see you. If you are scheduled to or through Anitaha or Des Moines you may be able to call on us. We are just 15 miles south of Des Moines on Highway 65 coming up from Osceola. Highway No. 2 goes through here from East to West. Also. We do so want to see all of you. And how I do hope you will succeed on your mission for the P. C. U. I am thankful you had such capable hands to put your school into as the hands of Bro. Ding Wanguang Ling. Our Hua name President Lucy Wanglands in San Francisco Sept. 25 and I presume will come on direct to our U. P. M. S. General executive meeting. We saw and heard Pelana Wang of Foo chow two weeks ago today in Chicago. You should have seen how he and his wife Ada were surprised when we appeared in their meeting in Chicago. Then I

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visited with them the following Tuesday forenoon.
They left Chicago at 1030 last Sat. night one
week ago and are now in the North West.
They will spend the most of Sept. in Los An-
geles and sail from S. P. in Oct. You may
meet them before you leave L. A. Do let us know
of your plans. Did you know Dang Hie Pak is
in Wells College Berkeley Calif.? Dorothy's Col-
lege opens this week. We both are well and
hope to see you -

With love to you all and to
Miss Bonwith too. Sadie, Emma Ely spent
three weeks with us in July. We had a good
time even though the heat was simmering
all the time. Write soon.

Always yours very Sincerely
Lydia A. Wilkinson

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