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MARY E. JOHNSTON
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January 7, 1936.

Dr. John Wood,
The Department of Missions,
National Council Protestant Episcopal Church,
Church Missions House,
281 Fourth Ave.,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Wood:

I am sending you herewith a check for \$5,000.00 U.S. Currency as a special gift to assist in strengthening the School of Arts in Hua Chung College, Wuchang, China, for the current year. This contribution is not intended as an aid in meeting the present commitments of The National Council to Hua Chung College, but is made to provide additional members of the staff in accordance with plans outlined by Dr. Wei in a letter to me dated November 26, 1935, set forth in general in the leaflet entitled "Central China College" and approved in principle by the Board of Trustees of Hua Chung College at their meeting on February 14, 1935.

When Dr. Wei learned I was willing to help in the development of the School of Arts, he wrote me:

"As to the gift of U.S. \$5,000.00 for the next three years to strengthen the School of Arts. We (i.e., the representatives of the missions cooperating in the College) have considered two alternatives, to use it to meet certain of our miscellaneous needs, or to apply it to the strengthening of three of the most important departments in Arts, viz., Chinese, English, and Economics-Commerce. The group meeting with me yesterday supported me in the latter policy, and we propose the following for your consideration:

Professor of Chinese Literature	\$4,080.	Chinese
Lecturer in Chinese Literature and History	1,500.	"
Lecturer in English Literature	2,400.	"
Professor of Economics	4,080.	"
Lecturer in Economics-Commerce	2,430.	"
Lecturer in Psychology	2,400	"

We are expecting \$2,400 Chinese a year from the Provincial Government as subsidy for our Chinese Department, and so at the present exchange rate of about 3:1, your gift of U.S. \$5,000 will just cover our proposed expenditure. If the exchange should be at a better rate for U.S. money so as to give us a balance at the end of the year, we propose to use half of this balance for the following year for books and scholarships, reserving the other half to meet fluctuations in exchange.

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If these proposals should meet with your approval, kindly let us know at once, if possible by cable, so that we may start to make the necessary arrangements."

My gift is to meet the cost of this program.

I realize that some of this money will be expended in China and that some of it will be paid into a salary or salaries paid from New York. Please send whatever portion of the sum needed in China whenever it is needed.

Should there be any question concerning the use of this money, please consult the Reverend A.M. Sherman and be guided accordingly.

I hope to continue this contribution for 1937 and 1938.

Very Truly Yours,

Mary E. Johnston

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February 24, 1936.

Miss Mary Johnston,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

My dear Miss Johnston:

I think you have never received the official receipt from us for your generous gift of \$5,000. Being asked to send it gives me the opportunity of expressing again our deep appreciation of this gift.

We have not yet heard from Dr. Wei in regard to our part in cooperating in the filling of these new posts. When we do so, we will assuredly do everything we can to assist in the very important work at Hua Chung College.

With kind regard,

Very sincerely yours,

A. B. Parson.

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June 11, 1936.

Miss Mary E. Johnston,
Glendale, Ohio.

My dear Miss Johnston:

I acknowledge with deep appreciation the remittance sent through Mr. Emerson of \$5,000 to apply on your pledge of \$50,000 for the improvement of the physical plant of Hua Chung College, Wuchang. I have sent to Mr. Emerson a formal receipt.

Before Bishop Perry sailed I consulted with him as to the possibility of approaching Mr. Anderson with regard to the position in St. Luke's. He feels very strongly that if a layman is to be appointed to this position he must be a man very much older than your friend, and I concur in his judgment. I can think of no more difficult job than this one. I have met many of the members of the Japan Council for St. Luke's and most of the Japanese and American doctors, and have spent hours in talking over this problem with those who know it best. Many of those most closely identified with St. Luke's have served its interests for many, many years, and I feel would resent the appointment of a young man in authority over these veterans. An exception might be made of a physician or surgeon in his forties, who had made a notable record, but I cannot conceive of a layman of this age serving without raising great difficulties.

I want you to know how much Bishop Perry and I appreciate your interest and helpful cooperation in this matter even though we cannot see eye to eye with you as to this particular suggestion.

With sincere regards, I am

Faithfully yours,

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Treasurer

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HUA CHUNG (CENTRAL CHINA) COLLEGE
Wuchang, China

June 22, 1936.

Miss Mary E. Johnston
Box 103
Glendale, Ohio
U. S. A.

My dear Miss Johnston:

I am enclosing herewith a letter from Professor I Hu, secretary of the Senate, which I ought to have sent to you long ago, but somehow it got snowed under on my desk. I must apologize for this delay.

I have been asked by Bishop Roots and Bishop Gilman to write to you and explain to you the action we have been taking here in connection with the purchase of land for the extension of the college campus.

You will remember that a year ago, after your visit here with Mrs. Procter, you generously promised to give us U.S. \$10,000. for the purchase of land, which sum you and Mrs. Procter sent to me, and we have acknowledged its receipt. Your gift, as well as the receipt of the money, has been reported to the Board of Directors and to the Board of Founders in New York.

Then Dr. Lewis Franklin visited us, and he got the idea that the land ought to be bought in the name of this mission rather than in that of the college. But not until May did we receive a cable from Dr. Wood saying that the Board of Trustees of Hua Chung College, known as Founders, had approved the site outside the old city wall for the new buildings as well as the purchase of the land, but that the title was to be held by the American Church Mission. This surprised us because we had already received the money from you and Mrs. Procter and had been going ahead with the negotiations for the purchase of the land in the name of the Board of Directors of the college.

This attitude on the part of Dr. Wood and Dr. Franklin is embarrassing to us, particularly for the fact that the Government is not very encouraging for foreign missions to buy large tracts of land in the interior such as in Wuchang. The local authorities in Hunan, according to the missionaries there, have made it ~~partium~~ practically impossible for foreign missions to buy land at all. We have not been able to complete our negotiations for the purchase of land, which we pointed out to you when you and Mrs. Procter were visiting us here, for the extension of the college outside the old city wall because of the suspicion on the part of some of the Government officials that we were buying land in the name of some foreign mission. While it is not according to the letter of the law that foreign missions are not allowed to buy land in this particular case, the officials can always make the matter difficult for us because of the graves which must be removed, and we cannot remove them without Government permission and assistance. Hence it would be very difficult for us to buy land in

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the name of the mission, and it is particularly so because we could not very well change our procedure all of a sudden and turn around by telling the government that we are going to make the purchase in the name of a foreign mission, i. e. The American Church Mission, instead of in the name of the Board of Directors of Hua Chung College as we had been intending to do. So after careful consideration of the matter the bishops gave me full authorization to go ahead and complete the negotiations for the purchase of the land outside the old city wall with the money you and Mrs. Procter have given us and which has been in the hands of our treasurer for many months. I have closed the deal with the land owners, having bought all the land that we pointed out to you a year ago, amounting to approximately $6\frac{1}{2}$ acres at the rate of approximately \$3,000. Chinese per acre. The governor of the province has been very cordial in helping us to buy this land in the name of the college and to get the graves removed. He has put out an official notice that all the graves ought to be removed as soon as possible, and our contract with the land owners who have sold the land is that the graves must be cleared inside of six months. We are taking steps to buy three more acres of cultivated land adjacent to the land that we have just bought and nearer to the old city wall which has been torn down towards our old campus. This would cost another \$15,000. Chinese, and then we have the city wall land and most to buy, and we would like very much to buy this because at present it intervenes between our new property outside the old city wall the the old Boone campus. This being government land, we have to approach the government again, particularly the departments concerned, in a very tactful manner before we can buy it, but the prospects of buying this at present are much better than ever before. If we should be able to get this, the amount of money that we would have to spend on land alone would be approximately \$17,000 U.S. money, which would be \$7,000 more than the money you and Mrs. Procter have given us for land. We would like to have your permission to take the balance of approximately \$7,000. from your U. S. \$100,000 gift. I should like very much to hear from you about this at your earliest convenience.

With regard to the title of the land that we have bought, as well as that which we are going to buy, Bishop Roots has written a long letter to Dr. Wood, and I am asking Bishop Roots to send a copy of his letter, so that I may enclose it for your information.

With regard to the U.S. \$100,000 given for buildings for the use of Hua Chung College, I have written to you about the desire of the sub-committee on Sites of the Buildings appointed by the Board of Directors, of which Bishop Roots and myself are members. It is really immaterial whether the college or the National Council of the Episcopal Church in the U.S. holds the title of the buildings erected with your gift. But the committee recommends that some provision be made that, if the gift of U.S. \$100,000 minus the amount that has to be taken for land, approximately U.S. \$7,000, be made to the National Council, it is made to the National Council in trust for Hua Chung College. I have ~~written~~ already sent you the exact wording of the recommendation in my last letter.

There is another matter with regard to your new gift of U.S. \$100,000 that the Board of Directors has asked me to write to you about. It is estimated by Mr. Bergamini that it will be at least two years from now before all the buildings will be completed, and your gift will be paid over in 1936-37 for the improvement of the physical plant of Hua Chung College. We do not want to change the money into

Chinese currency until we have to spend it. So far, we have kept the bulk of the money that you and Mrs. Procter have sent us in gold in the National City Bank of N. Y. in Hankow. The bank allows us only 1% interest in the Savings Department, and now they have sent us a notice that if the account should exceed \$5,000 no interest will be allowed for the balance. One alternative is to keep the money on fixed deposit, which the Directors do not want us to do because, first, we may have to draw upon the money as soon as Mr. Bergamini starts building, and second, because fixed deposits in a foreign bank in China are difficult to watch. I am therefore writing to ask whether you would feel like turning the money over to a Special Account kept in America in the most profitable manner, upon which we may draw in China. What we have in mind is that we do not want to have money lying idle in the bank without yielding interest either to you or the college.

We hope that our news sheets reach you safely every week to keep you informed of our doings here. The political situation is very obscure just at present. It looks as if after all the Central Government will have to fight Kwangsi. We feel ashamed of this kind of business, but politics is politics, and we plain citizens do not understand it all. One good thing is that there is a very little chance for the Wuhan center to be disturbed if civil war should come, and the rainfalls are such that another serious flood is not likely. We are having our Commencement on Saturday, the 27th, when we shall graduate twenty-six students, fourteen of whom happen to be women this year.

With kind regards,

Very sincerely,

(signed) Francis C.M. Wei
President.

August 5, 1936.

Miss Mary E. Johnston
Memorial Hospital
2 West 106 Street
New York City

My dear Miss Johnston:

I am sorry that this has not gone to you sooner,
but hope you are not inconvenienced by not having it.

As I read the correspondence from Bishop Roots
with Dr. Wood's reply I cannot but feel that this is a
matter that will have to have the attention of the National
Council at its meeting September 22 as well as the Board of
Trustees of H. C. C. as soon as we can get it before them.

With kind regard,

Sincerely yours,

A. B. Parson.

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*Dr. Wood's letter
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August 7, 1936.

Memo. for Mr. Wood:

Miss Mary Johnston came in to see Mr. Franklin, several days ago. He not being in the office, Mr. Whitney and I talked with her about the question of purchase of property for Hua Chung, particularly about the title. She allowed me to copy a letter from Dr. Wei to her and to read other correspondence, including a copy of a letter to you.

I told her in the hasty conference that it was my thought that too much was involved in the whole title question to make a quick judgment and that the National Council ought therefore to have this presented in full as well as the Board of Hua Chung. In reading over the correspondence later at leisure, I find that this was the same advice that you have given her and I have told her this in writing.

You may like to have a copy of the letter from Francis Wei to her which is enclosed.

A. B. Parson.

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Sept 1936

September 21, 1936.

To the National Council,
As Directors of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society:

Gentlemen:

Under date of February 8, 1936, it was my pleasure to write to you with regard to certain gifts for the benefit of Hua Chung College, China, made by Mrs. William Cooper Procter and by me.

In that letter I said, "We agree that title to all of the land and buildings should be vested in the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, provided the Society will execute a long term lease to the College upon terms mutually satisfactory".

Word has now come from China in the form of a letter from Bishop Roots addressed to Dr. Wood, under date of May 28, 1936, and a letter to me from Dr. Wei dated June 22, 1936, to the effect that the land outside the city wall of Wuchang has been purchased from money sent by Mrs. Procter and me direct to Dr. Wei, and title is being taken for this land in the name of the Directors of Hua Chung College. Bishop Roots points out that the Board of Directors of Hua Chung College has been incorporated under the Chinese law and is entitled to hold property. The letters both from Bishop Roots and Dr. Wei point out the difficulties in the way of taking title to this new land in the name of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society.

Our agreement that the title to all of the land and buildings to be purchased or erected through the gifts referred to in my letter of February 8, 1936, was based on recommendations of the Trustees of Hua Chung College (the American Board) and the recommendations of the

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To the National Council

As Directors of the Domestic & Foreign Missionary Society - 2 -

National Council. As far as Mrs. Procter and I are concerned we are quite willing that the money we have given for the purchase of land and the money which we have promised for the erection of buildings shall be used for the purchase of land, the title to which is in the "Directors of Hua Chung College" (the Chinese Board).

Upon receipt of a copy of the letter from Bishop Roots of May 28, 1936, sent to me by Dr. Wood under date of July 29, 1936, I wrote to him that the argument presented by Bishop Roots in favor of taking title in the name of the Board of Directors seemed to Mrs. Procter and to me to be convincing. In that letter I withdrew any restrictions as to the gift with regard to the matter of taking title to the land and buildings, preferring to leave the decision in this matter to Bishop Roots, Dr. Wei, and the Board of Directors of Hua Chung College. This withdrawal of such conditions I now beg to confirm.

It is my purpose to deposit with the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society from time to time, payments upon the pledge of \$100,000 for new buildings, to be transmitted to China upon orders from the directors or officers of Hua Chung College, approved by the Bishop of Hankow, or his official representative. The Treasurer of the National Council has stated that you would be willing to allow interest upon such deposits, provided permission were granted to you to use such money from time to time in the general conduct of the missionary work of the Church, and that the rate to be paid on such deposits at the present time would be 2%, subject to change as conditions may determine. This proposal as to interest and use of the money I am glad to accept.

Bishop Roots and Dr. Wei have reported the advisability of the purchase of additional land which would require the use of \$7,000 more than is now available and requests that \$7,000 be allotted out of the

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To the National Council
As Directors of the Domestic & Foreign Missionary Society - 3 -

\$100,000 pledged for new buildings.

I hereby give permission for the use of \$7,000 out of this gift for this purpose.

In view of our anxiety that the work at Hua Chung College proceed as rapidly as possible, it would bring to Mrs. Procter and to me much gratification to learn that the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society and the Trustees of Hua Chung College had taken action removing any restrictions as to the title to new land and buildings heretofore imposed, and had approved the procedure recommended by Bishop Roots and the Board of Directors in China.

Faithfully yours,

May E. Johnston

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When the question of purchasing additional building for Hua Chung College, Wuchang, China, by means of the gift of Miss Mary Johnston was before the trustees of Hua Chung, the trustees were unanimous in the opinion, though they adopted no formal resolution, that it would be desirable for the title of the property to be vested in the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, on the ground, as one of the trustees said, that there would be advantage in having all the property held by one body. Moreover, as we understood at that time, Miss Johnstone desired that the gift should be made to the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society rather than to the trustees of Hua Chung.

Writing on May 28, Bishop Roots stated that investigation showed that there might be difficulty in consummating the purchase unless the title were vested in some Chinese body. This fact was communicated to Miss Johnston, who agreed that the title should be vested in the Board of Directors of Hua Chung College rather than in the trustees of Hua Chung or the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society. This she has confirmed in a letter dated September 21.

The whole question of title to property in China has come to the fore in the last three months. A Conference of Mission Boards having work in China is being held in New York on September 23 to consider the whole question of property title, taxation, etc.

It would probably be well to defer definite action until the decisions which this Conference may reach are known.

It would seem advisable to leave the matter to the discretion of the President, the Vice-President, the Secretary of the Department, and one mem-

ber of the Department, possibly Bishop Tucker, who is familiar with the Oriental aspect of the question.

In the judgment of the Secretary it would be wise to provide that in the event the committee decide that title to the proposed purchase should be vested in some Chinese body, that one of two courses should be followed:

1. That the title should be vested in the Chung Hua Sheng Kung Hui.

2. That the title should be vested in the Directors of Hua Chung College, with the condition that in the event of Hua Chung College ceasing to exist for any reason, the property should revert to the Chung Hau Sheng Kung Hui.

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MARY E. JOHNSTON
CINCINNATI

Glendale, Ohio October 6, 1939.

Mr. O.S. Lyford,
230 Park Ave.,
New York City, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Lyford:

Miss Mary E. Johnston has asked me to forward to you a list of the pledges which she has made, either personally or jointly with Mrs. Procter, to Hua Chung College, Wuchang, China.

These pledges and the payments thereon are as follows:

1. \$30,000.00 (everything in U.S. Currency) was given for the Wm. Cooper Procter Memorial Bldg. 1/2 to be paid by Mrs. Procter and 1/2 by Mary E. Johnston. This was promised 2/4/35 through the Board of Trustees and the payments against it were made on the following dates:

9/17/35	J.E.P.	paid	\$5000.00-	N.Y.ck.	to	Dr. Wei.
11/26/35	M.E.J.	"	5000.00-	"	"	"
6/3/37	J.E.P.	"	10000.00-	"	"	L.B. Franklin
6/3/37	M.E.J.	"	<u>10000.00-</u>	"	"	"

\$30000.00. Pledge completed.

2. \$10,000.00 Promised directly to Dr. Francis C.M. Wei for the purchase of New Land. 1/2 by Mrs. Procter and 1/2 by Mary E. Johnston. This pledge was made on June 22, 1935 and payments against it were made as follows:

9/17/35	J.E.P.	paid	\$5000.00-	N.Y.ck.	to	Dr. Wei.
11/26/35	M.E.J.	"	<u>5000.00-</u>	"	"	"

\$10000.00 Pledge completed.

3. \$ 5,000.00 11/26/35 Promised to pay \$5000.00 a year for three years to strengthen the Liberal Arts College. This contribution was not made or intended to be an aid in meeting the present commitments of The National Council to Hua Chung College, but is made to provide additional members of the staff in accordance with plans outlined by Dr. Wei in a letter to Miss Johnston dated November 26, 1935, set forth in general in the leaflet entitled "Central China College" and approved in principle by the Board of Trustees of Hua Chung College at their meeting of February 14, 1935. These pledges were paid as follows:

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1/7/36 - M.E.J. paid \$5,000.00 - N.Y.Ck. to L.B. Franklin.
2/8/37 - " " 5,000.00 - " " " "
- 1/20/38- " " 5,000.00 - " " " "
2/20/39- " " 5,000.00 - " " " "

PLEDGE COMPLETED.

4. \$100,000.00 Promised by M.E.J. payable in two years (1936 and 1937) to improve the physical plant of Hua Chung College, the channel through which this shall be given to be decided after consulting with Dr. Sherman, Dr. Wood, and Mr. Franklin. Payments against this pledge to date have been as follows:

6/9/36	M.E.J.	paid	\$ 5,000.00	to	Mr. Franklin.	for	1936.
10/6/36	"	"	10,000.00	"	"	"	"
11/27/36	"	"	20,000.00	"	"	"	"
6/3/37	"	"	15,000.00	"	"	"	"
12/29/38	"	"	<u>5,000.00</u>	"	"	"	1937.

TOTAL PAID - \$55,000.00 to date.

BALANCE DUE 1937 - 45,000.00.
PLEDGE

If there is any further information you desire, please let us know.

Yours very truly,

MARY E. JOHNSTON,

Mildred M. Koch.

BY:

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Oliver S. Lyford
230 Park Avenue
New York, N.Y.

December 15, 1939

Miss Mary E. Johnston
Cincinnati, Ohio

My dear Miss Johnston:

I have just received from the Treasurer of the Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China a check for \$1,100 covering the \$100 which the Associated Boards received from you on August 19th and \$1,000 which they received from you through Bishop Hobson November 27, 1939. The Associated Boards have sent this money to me as Treasurer of the Hua Chung Board of Trustees with the explanation that, although there is no specific designation by the donor, the money is sent to us because you are listed as a supporter of Hua Chung.

I thought you would like to know how these things are done. Your payment will help to insure that we shall receive from the Associated Boards the total of \$7,000 which we expect to need for emergency purposes during the year 1939-40.

I have had in mind your remarks to me when last we met, that is, if we should need more money in order to increase the payments to the Chinese members of the faculty, to correspond with the increased cost of living, you would like to hear from me. I sent to Dr. Sherman a long report covering my analysis of the requirements for the year 1939-40 and have recently written him that you might be interested to read this report. Possibly, this will be a nuisance for you and the substance of it is that we expect the budget to be balanced if we can receive \$7,000 U.S. from the Associated Boards and if the exchange from U.S. to Chinese currency should be at the same rate as 1938-39, namely, 6.3 to 1. Furthermore, with the present rate of exchange of about 11 to 1, there will be enough Chinese money to raise the pay of the Chinese faculty members 40%. Francis Wei has not requested such an increase and evidently is disturbed because his Chinese faculty are not satisfied with the same salaries as they had before the Japanese invasion, but I think we are

Dec. 15, 1939

^{been} putting in position to make this increase should he so desire, without any further contributions by you.

I am wondering whether you have ever had any reports from Francis Wei as to the use made of your contributions for the Liberal Arts College in the years 1936, 1937 and 1938. I have asked Dr. Wei for this information but he may not be able to provide it as the records are probably in Hankow. One thing which I am watching is the way the special grants are used by the College and the extent to which balances are available somewhere in China, in these various grants.

The information sent to me in your letter of October 6th was of material help in enabling me to grasp this financial problem.

Yours very sincerely,

Oliver S. Lyford

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March 11, 1940

Miss Mary E. Johnston
Glendale
Ohio

My dear Miss Johnston:

From time to time, since 1936, you have been sending us substantial deposits applying on a Pledge which was made on behalf of Hua Chung College. I do not believe that we have ever submitted a statement. We have prepared and enclose herewith a statement showing the deposits according to the designations which accompanied them. We shall be glad if you would check this with your records and see if it is in keeping.

(received Feb 14)

With the last check of \$5,000 the Finance Department received a memorandum that it was to be held subject to call from Mr. Oliver S. Lyford, Treasurer of the Board of Trustees. "This is in accordance with the opinion expressed at the meeting of the Trustees on February 15th".

Our department seems to have no direct information as to the administration of these funds. If this is not entirely in accordance with your understanding will you please advise us? You will note that interest in the amount of \$1,523.33 has been added to the principal of the account.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) J.E. Whitney
Assistant Treasurer

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This statement accompanied letter of
March 11, 1940 from Mrs. J. E. Whelan
to Miss Johnston

STATEMENT

* = Check with report of H. M. & F. M. Inc
received - Feb 10, 1938

From Land
* 10,000.00 paid
donated to Mrs. Proctor

HUA CHUNG COLLEGE, WUCHANG, HANKOW

DATE	RECEIPTS CONTRIBUTOR	SCHOOL OF ARTS	PHYSICAL PLANT	MEMORIAL BUILDING WM. COOPER PROCTOR	TOTAL
1936 Jan. 13	Miss Mary E. Johnston 1936 installment of 3 year pledge	5,000.00*			5,000.00
June 11	Miss Mary E. Johnston		5,000.00*†		5,000.00
Oct. 8	" " " "		10,000.00*†		10,000.00
Nov. 30	" " " "		20,000.00*†		20,000.00
1937 Feb. 13	" " " "	5,000.00*†			5,000.00
June 7	Mrs. Wm. Cooper Proctor			10,000.00*	10,000.00
7	Miss Mary E. Johnston			10,000.00*	10,000.00
7	" " " "		15,000.00*		15,000.00
1938 Jan. 24	" " " "	5,000.00			5,000.00
1939 Jan. 3	" " " "		5,000.00		5,000.00
Feb. 23	" " " "	5,000.00			5,000.00
1940 Feb. 14	" " " "	5,000.00			5,000.00
Total		\$ 25,000.00	\$ 55,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 100,000.00
PAYMENTS					
1936 Sept 22	Pd: M.P. Walker Item rec'd 1/3/36 for Salaries	5,000.00*			5,000.00
Oct. 9	" M.P. Walker Item rec'd 10/8/36		10,000.00*†		10,000.00
1937 Jan. 22	" M.P. Walker Item rec'd 6/11/36		5,000.00*†		5,000.00
Feb. 16	" M.P. Walker Item rec'd 2/13/37	5,000.00*†			5,000.00
July 2	" P.C. Gilmore Item rec'd 11/30/36 (Part)		5,000.00*†		5,000.00
2	" P.C. Gilmore Item rec'd 11/30/36 (Part)		5,000.00*†		5,000.00
Total		\$ 10,000.00	\$ 25,000.00		\$ 35,000.00
BALANCE		\$ 15,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 65,000.00
Interest					1,523.33
					\$ 66,523.33

+ \$10,000 paid to Mrs. Proctor

+ \$30,000 paid 3/20/40
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MARY E. JOHNSTON
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March 21, 1940.

Mr. Oliver S. Lyford, Treas.,
Hua Chung College,
C/o Dr. John Wood,
281 Fourth Ave.,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Lyford:

It is Miss Johnston's understanding
that \$25,000.00 of her pledge to Hua Chung College of \$100,000. has
been turned over to them and she has asked me to inquire
of you if that money is being held for the building fund.

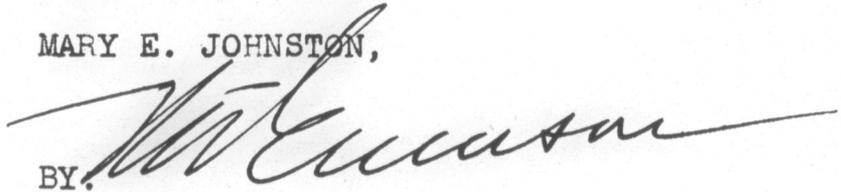
Would you be kind enough to let us
have this information at your earliest convenience, ad-
dressing your reply to:

Miss Mary E. Johnston,
C/o H.T. Emerson,
C/o The Procter & Gamble Co.,
Gwynne Bldg., 6th & Main Sts.,
Cincinnati, O.

Yours very truly,

MARY E. JOHNSTON,

BY:



John L. Coe - presumably at H. T. Emerson now

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*281 Fourth Ave
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Room 5-3012*

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CC: Mr. Oliver S. Lyford, Treas.,
Hua Chung College.

March 21, 1940.

Mr. James E. Whitney, Asst. Treas.,
National Council Protestant Episcopal Church,
Church Missions House,
281 Fourth Ave.,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Whitney:

Miss Mary E. Johnston has forwarded to me for a reply, your letter of March 11 in regard to her pledges to Hua Chung College.

I find that the payments covering the pledges to the School of Arts and To Improve the Physical Plant of Hua Chung College are correct as shown by you.

However, the joint pledge made by Mrs. Procter and Miss Johnston to the Wm. Cooper Procter Memorial Building was for \$30,000.00, and while you only show a total of \$20,000.00 for this purpose, the other \$10,000.00 was paid direct to Dr. Francis C.M. Wei; \$5000.00 by Mrs. Procter on September 17, 1935 and \$5000.00 by Miss Johnston on November 26, 1935.

In addition to the above, \$10,000.00 was also pledged jointly by Mrs. Procter and Miss Johnston to Hua Chung College for New Land. Payments completing this pledge were made direct to Dr. Francis C.M. Wei; \$5000.00 by Mrs. Procter on September 17, 1935, and \$5,000.00 by Miss Johnston on November 26, 1935.

I believe we are in agreement that the only unpaid balance on our pledges to Hua Chung College is \$45,000.00 due from Miss Johnston on her pledge of \$100,000.00 to Improve The Physical Plant of Hua Chung College, and I am enclosing her check for \$50,000.00 to the order of Lewis B. Franklin, Treasurer, to apply on account, leaving a balance due of \$15,000.00.

I note from your letter that your Department seems to have no direct information as to the administration of these Funds for Hua Chung College and in this connection, I draw your attention to Miss Johnston's letter of September 21, 1936 to The National Council, As Directors of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, copy of which is attached hereto.

Briefly, the gifts which Mrs. Procter and Miss Johnston have made to Hua Chung are as follows:

A pledge of \$5,000.00 a year for six years from 1936 to 1941 inclusive to the Liberal Arts College for salaries to strengthen the School of Arts. This pledge was made by Miss Johnston and the 1940 and 1941 commitments are still unpaid.

Payment received Feb 14 - apparently not entered in M. Emerson's books

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A \$30,000.00 joint pledge of Mrs. Procter and Miss Johnston was made to Dr. Francis C.M. Wei for the erection of an Administration Building at Central China College in memory of William Cooper Procter, the use of the building to be in accordance with the plan explained by Mrs. Procter and Miss Johnston to Dr. Wei. They asked that the building shall bear Mr. Procter's name and that at least once each year there shall be an assembly of the students and faculty of the College, and such other persons as may care to attend, at which an address shall be given which shall express the ideals of Christian principle and character exemplified in the life of Mr. Procter. This pledge has been completed, \$10,000.00 being sent direct to Dr. Wei and \$20,000.00 to Lewis B. Franklin, Treas.

A \$10,000.00 joint pledge of Mrs. Procter and Miss Johnston for the purchase of New Land in order that they might have a fit location for the Memorial. This pledge has been completed, \$10,000.00 being paid direct to Dr. Francis C.M. Wei.

A \$100,000.00 pledge made by Miss Johnston to improve the Physical Plant of Hua Chung College, the balance due being \$15,000.00.

Miss Johnston states that none of the new buildings have been erected, so that the money should be held in trust for Hua Chung so that when things in China settle somewhat, and they can consider permanent buildings, it will be on hand for them.

Miss Johnston is pleased to note from your letter that interest in the amount of \$1523.33 has accrued and has been added to the principal of the account.

Yours very truly,

MARY E. JOHNSTON,

BY:

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P.S.--I also believe Mrs. Procter promised to Dr. Wei an amount of money to build a "Stork Tower" as a memorial to Mr. Procter. We are writing Mr. J.V. W. Bergamini today inquiring as to the amount of this pledge.

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September 21, 1936.

To The National Council,
As Directors of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society:

Gentlemen:

Under date of February 8, 1936, it was my pleasure to write to you with regard to certain gifts for the benefit of Hua Chung College, China, made by Mrs. William Cooper Procter and by me.

In that letter I said, "We agree that title to all of the land and buildings should be vested in the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, provided the Society will execute a long term lease to the College upon terms mutually satisfactory."

Word has now come from China in the form of a letter from Bishop Roots addressed to Dr. Wood, under date of May 28, 1936, and a letter to me from Dr. Wei dated June 22, 1936, to the effect that the land outside the city wall of Wuchang has been purchased from money sent by Mrs. Procter and me direct to Dr. Wei, and title is being taken for this land in the name of the Directors of Hua Chung College. Bishop Roots points out that the Board of Directors of Hua Chung College has been incorporated under the Chinese law and is entitled to hold property. The letters both from Bishop Roots and Dr. Wei point out the difficulties in the way of taking title to this new land in the name of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society.

Our agreement that the title to all of the land and buildings to be purchased or erected through the gifts referred to in my letter of February 8, 1936, was based on recommendations of the Trustees of Hua Chung (the American Board) and the recommendations of the National Council. As far as Mrs. Procter and I are concerned we are quite willing that the money we have given for the purchase of land and the money which we have promised for the erection of buildings shall be used for the purchase of land, the title to which is in the "Directors of Hua Chung College" (the Chinese Board).

Upon receipt of a copy of the letter from Bishop Roots of May 28, 1936, sent to me by Dr. Wood under date of July 29, 1936, I wrote to him that the argument presented by Bishop Roots in favor of taking title in the name of the Board of Directors seemed to Mrs. Procter and to me to be convincing. In that letter I withdrew any restrictions as to the gift with regard to the matter of taking title to the land and buildings, preferring to leave the decision in this matter to Bishop Roots, Dr. Wei, and the Board of Directors of Hua Chung College. This withdrawal of such conditions I now beg to confirm.

It is my purpose to deposit with the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society from time to time, payments upon the pledge of \$100,000.00 for new buildings, to be transmitted to China upon orders from the directors or officers of Hua Chung College, approved by the Bishop of Hankow, or his official representative. The Treasurer of the National Council has stated that you would be willing to

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allow interest upon such deposits, provided permission were granted to you to use such money from time to time in the general conduct of the missionary work of the Church, and that the rate of interest to be paid on such deposits at the present time would be 2%, subject to change as conditions may determine. This proposal as to interest and use of the money I am glad to accept.

Bishop Roots and Dr. Wei have reported the advisability of the purchase of additional land which would require the use of \$7,000 more than is now available and requests that \$7,000.00 be allotted out of the \$100,000.00 pledged for new buildings.

I hereby give permission for the use of \$7,000.00 out of this gift for this purpose.

In view of our anxiety that the work at Hua Chung College proceed as rapidly as possible, it would bring to Mrs. Procter and to me much gratification to learn that the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society and the Trustees of Hua Chung College had taken action removing any restrictions as to the title to new land and buildings heretofore imposed, and had approved the procedure recommended by Bishop Roots and the Board of Directors in China.

Faithfully yours,

(Signed) Mary E. Johnston.

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JOHN WILSON WOOD, D.C.L.
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DRAW CHECKS TO ORDER OF
L. B. FRANKLIN, TREASURER

IN REPLY TO THIS LETTER,
PLEASE REFER TO ITS DATE

March 30, 1940.

Mr. Oliver J. Lyford
230 Park Avenue
New York, N.Y.

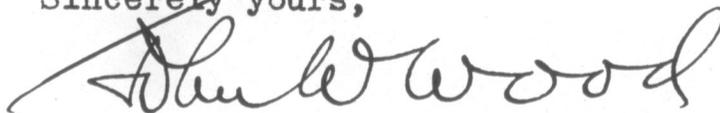
My dear Mr. Lyford:

The Bureau of Internal Revenue is asking Miss Mary Johnston's Cincinnati office for certain information with regard to Hua Chung College. Among other items they desire "a financial statement of the last year of operation, showing assets and liabilities, and a classified list of receipts and disbursements".

Can you supply this at an early date? I suggest that you send it either to me, to be transmitted to our resident counsel, or directly to Mr. Andrew J. Field, 281 Fourth Avenue, New York.

The Johnston's office has written the office of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society with regard to the matter.

Sincerely yours,



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April 1, 1940

Miss Mary E. Johnston
c/o H. T. Emerson
c/o The Procter & Gamble Co.
Gwynne Bldg., 6th & Main Sts.,
Cincinnati, Ohio

Dear Miss Johnston:

I have your letter of March 21st, by Mr. Emerson, relative to the sum of \$25,000 of your pledge to Hua Chung College of \$100,000.

I also received a copy of your letter of March 21st to Mr. Whitney, Assistant Treasurer of the National Council of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

Owing to the fact that Mr. John L. Coe, Treasurer of Central China College, was obliged to remain at Wuchang and the financial operations at the College had to be carried on without him, our records are far from complete. Therefore, I am unable to answer you with the exactness which would be possible under ordinary circumstances. I hope it will not delay you seriously if I take a few days to compare notes with Dr. Wood and Mr. Whitney at the Church Mission House, and see if between us we cannot answer your question in sufficient detail for your immediate purposes.

Dr. Lobenstine, who has recently returned from China, met Mr. Coe in Shanghai just as he, Lobenstine, was leaving for the United States. Mr. Coe was then on the way to Hsichow, the present location of the College, and I am hopeful that we shall soon receive a report which will include the information which you desire regarding the amount of money which has been spent from the funds furnished by Miss Johnston and the location of the balance.

I shall hope to write you again within a week.

Yours very truly,

Oliver S. Lyford

HUA CHUNG EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

April 5, 1940

Friday, April 5 - 2:00 P.M.

PLEDGES BY MRS. PROCTOR AND MISS JOHNSTON

I have checked up with Mr. Whitney's office and have reviewed my files and find that Mr. Whitney is in agreement with Miss Johnston. However, Dr. Wei on February 10, 1938 reported that Mrs. Proctor had pledged U. S. \$25,000 for the building of the Stork Tower. This does not appear either in Mr. Whitney's report or that of Miss Johnston. The payments made to March 21, 1940 are as follows:

By Mrs. Proctor:

To Dom. and For. Miss. Soc. for Proctor Memorial	\$10,000.00
Direct to Dr. Wei for Proctor Mem.	5,000.00
" " " " " More Land	<u>5,000.00</u>
	\$20,000.00

By Miss Johnston:

To Dom. and For. Miss. Soc. for Proctor Memorial	\$10,000.00
Direct to Dr. Wei for Proctor Mem.	5,000.00
" " " " " More Land	5,000.00
To Dom. & For. Miss. Soc. on account of Pledge of \$100,000 for Physical Plant	85,000.00
To Dom. & For. Miss. Soc. to strengthen the School of Arts	<u>25,000.00</u>
	\$130,000.00

Total paid by both Ladies \$150,000.00

Interest Accrued on Balance 1,523.33
\$151,523.33

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Of the above amount, the payments which have been made in China, and the balance held in New York are as follows:

Payments made by the Treasurer of Dom & Foreign Miss. Soc. to the Treasurer of the American Church Mission at Shanghai:	
For Salaries in the School of Arts	\$ 10,000.00
For Physical Plant	<u>25,000.00</u>
	\$ 35,000.00
Payments made direct to Dr. Wei by the Two Ladies	<u>20,000.00</u>
Total payments made in China	\$ 55,000.00
Balance in Hand in New York	96,523.33
	<u><u>\$151,523.33</u></u>

The balances due on the pledges of these ladies are as follows:

Mrs. Proctor for Yellow Stork Tower	\$ 25,000.00
Miss Johnston for Physical Plant	15,000.00
Miss Johnston for Salaries in School of Arts	5,000.00
	<u><u>\$ 45,000.00</u></u>

O. S. LYFORD,
Treasurer

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New York, April 8, 1940

Miss Mary E. Johnston
c/o H. T. Emerson
c/o The Procter & Gamble Co.
Gwynne Bldg., 6th & Main Sts.
Cincinnati, Ohio

Dear Miss Johnston:

Since my letter of April 1st I have conferred with Dr. Wood and Mr. Whitney and find that all the information in my records agrees with the statement which accompanied Mr. Whitney's letter of March 11th ^{to you} as supplemented by the information in your letter to him of March 21st, -- with one exception as follows:

On February 10, 1938 Dr. Wei reported to our Board by letter that Mrs. Procter had pledged U. S. \$25,000 for the building of the Yellow Stork Tower. This does not appear either in your letter or that of Mr. Whitney.

I cannot say how much of the \$25,000 of your pledge which has been received in China has been spent. Mr. Bergamini, the architect, was at the meeting of the Trustees last Friday. He said that about \$17,500 Chinese Currency had been spent in an addition to the girls' hostel on the old Boone Campus and some building material had been delivered at the new campus, but no building started. He is under the impression that a large part of the U.S. \$25,000 is on deposit in Hongkong, but he does not have exact information.

I do not have a statement of assets and liabilities, but Mr. Coe, treasurer of the College, will be here in a few weeks and I hope he will bring such a statement. I enclose a statement of operating receipts and disbursements for the College year ending July 31, 1939. Please note that the total of receipts and disbursements is the sum of the U.S. and N.C. (National Currency) columns. Exchange for this period averaged 6.3 dollars for 1 U. S. dollar.

Yours very truly,

Oliver S. Lyford
Treasurer

Enclosure
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Copy to Mr. Whitney

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HUA CHUNG COLLEGE

Income and Expenses
Year Ending July 31, 1939

INCOME USED IN OPERATION

*mailed to ...
April 6, 1940*

	1938-'39 Approximate	
	Exchange 6.3 to 1	
	<u>U. S.</u>	<u>N. C.</u>
<u>Contributing Missions:</u>		
London Missionary Society	\$ 4,500	\$ 750
Methodist Missionary Society	-	1,200
American Church Mission	6,000	3,638
" " " - Miss Johnston	-	6,441
Reformed Church Mission	4,000	5,700
Yale-in-China	-	43,939
Scholarships	-	-
Source not Stated	2,500	-
Total Regular from Contributing Missions	\$17,000	\$ 61,668
Harvard-Yenging Fund	-	3,428
Total Regular from Western Sources	\$17,000	\$ 65,096
<u>Local Sources:</u>		
Student Fees	\$ -	\$ 27,546
Interest	-	636
Scholarships	-	400
National Government Subsidy	-	10,149
Provincial " "	-	-
China Foundation Grant	-	831
Ret. British Boxer Grant	-	7,802
Reserves	-	-
Remitted by J. L. Coe, Treas	-	9,596
Total from Local Sources	\$ -	\$ 56,950
Total Regular from All Sources	\$17,000	\$122,046
Associated Boards through Board of Founders for Extraordinary Expenses	-	104,236
Total Income	\$17,000	\$226,282

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Operating Expenses - 1958-'59

	<u>1958-'59 Approximate</u>	
	<u>U. S.</u>	<u>H. C.</u>
Administration	\$6,000	\$ 11,725
Operation and Maintenance	-	4,287
School of Arts	5,000	23,925
School of Education	5,000	13,985
School of Science	1,000	50,133
Physical Education	-	2,170
Military Training	-	-
Summer School	-	-
Scholarships	-	3,750
Student Aids	-	-
Books	-	-
Hostels	-	12,071
Methodist Mission Cut	-	-
Sabbatical Reserve	-	-
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Total for Regular Operations	\$17,000	\$122,046
Extraordinary Expense related to Regular Operations	-	-
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Other Extraordinary Expenses:	\$17,000	\$122,046
Moving and Temp. Operations	-	104,836
Temporary Facilities	-	-
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Total Expense of Year	<u>\$17,000</u>	<u>\$226,282</u>

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REGULAR AND SPECIAL GRANTS
Year Ending July 31, 1939

The following statement was prepared in New York from incomplete data sent from the College. The statement has been sent to the College for verification.

	National Currency		
	Grants During 1938-'39	Spent 1938-'39	
Western Sources:			
London Missionary Society	\$ 750	\$ 750	112 ✓ \$ -
Methodist " "	1,200	1,200	140 ✓ -
American Church Mission	3,638	3,638	578 ✓ -
Reformed Church Mission	5,700	5,700	910 ✓ -
Yale-in-China - General Fund (U.S. \$3,000)	18,862	7,678	1220 ✓ 11,184
Total of General Funds	\$ 30,150	\$ 18,966	3010 ✓ \$ 11,184
Yale-in-China - Science Fund (U.S. \$11,000)	70,311	36,261	5700 ✓ 34,050
Johnston Fund	30,432	6,441	1020 ✓ 23,991
Harvard-Yenging Fund (U.S. \$4,000)	24,664	3,428	540 ✓ 21,236
Associated Boards (U.S. \$16,500)	103,950	104,236	16,500 ✓ 286
Scholarships	400	400	64 ✓ -
Total from Western Sources	\$259,907	\$169,732	26834 ✓ \$ 90,175
Local Sources:			
Student and Miscellaneous Fees	28,182	28,182	4,490 ✓ -
Ministry of Education Grant	12,600	10,149	1,600 ✓ 2,451
China Foundation	12,000	821	100 ✓ 11,179
British Boxer Indemnity	20,480	7,802	1234 ✓ 12,678
Remitted by John L. Coe, Treas.	9,596	9,596	1560 ✓ -
	\$342,765	\$226,282	4018 ✓ N.C. \$116,483
U.S. Equivalent of N. C. \$116,483 at 6.3 to 1			
			U.S. \$ 18,490
Other withdrawals, Purposes not stated:			
Accounts paid by Mrs. Kemp while representing Mr. Coe at Hongkong	U.S. \$ 2,014		
President's Discretionary Fund	187		2,201
			\$ 16,199
Actual Cash in Bank, July 31, 1939:			
U.S. Currency	U.S. \$ 16,865		
Hongkong "	\$16,486	5,420	\$ 16,285

Attached to Lyford's Letter of Mar 22, 1942

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HUA CHUNG (CENTRAL CHINA) COLLEGE

WUCHANG, CHINA

TEMPORARILY IN HSICHOW

VIA TALI, YUNNAN, CHINA

室 長 校

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

March 18, 1942

CO-OPERATING UNITS
BOONE COLLEGE
GRIFFITH JOHN COLLEGE
HUPING COLLEGE
WESLEY COLLEGE
YALE-IN-CHINA COLLEGE

Miss Mary E. Johnston
Glendale, Ohio
U. S. A.,

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Dear Miss Johnston:

I have not written to you for a long time because I assumed that all the communications and reports I send to the Board of Founders of the College will be duplicated and copies sent to you and Mrs. Procter, which ought to keep you well informed of developments here. I just wish to add that up-to-date the enrollment in the college for this second term is one more than the number of students who completed the term examinations at the end of the last term. Of this number one is a student who dropped out shortly after the beginning of the last term, and three are new students. It means, therefore, only three of those students who completed their examinations at the end of the last term have failed to come back, which is really a record in the college considering the unusual circumstances. The drop from the first term to the second term is exactly 10%, which is also remarkable. It used to be higher in the peaceful years. It shows that people are beginning to have more confidence in the college and to realize that we are in the safest place perhaps in the whole country at the present time.

I am writing particularly about the annual gift of U.S.\$5,000, which you have been making to the college for the support of the School of Arts. The gift was renewed while I was in America in the winter of 1937-38. The renewal was for three years, and you said to me at that time that you would prefer to make it for three years at a time without any idea of stopping it at the end of any period. You have been very generous in taking such a keen interest in the college and helping it to develop. It is with the assistance of such gifts as yours that the college has been able to go through its hardships of the last four years and a half after the outbreak of war in China and with the prices rising everyday. It is not only the financial assistance that we have been receiving from you, but also the spiritual fellowship and moral backing which means so much to us. I have been, however, hesitating to write to you about this gift for the School of Arts, because the money has been accumulating during the last three years owing to the high rate of exchange in favor of the American dollar, and also owing to the fact that we have not been able to fill all the vacancies in the School of Arts which has been depending largely upon your gift for support outside of the missionary salaries. I do not want to give the impression that we are grasping in wanting to get more and more while we have not spent all that is in our savings. But as I have written to Mr. Lyford and through him to the Board of Founders, ever since I returned from America in the summer of 1938 after a year's absence broad, and after a year of war in China, and particularly after the moving of the college from Kweilin in Kwangsi to our present site in Hsichow in the early spring of 1939, I have been wanting to save up as much from our current budget as possible without being unfair to the college and its staff and faculty, so that we may be able to tide over a difficult situation, which we are beginning to experience now that the war has broken out on the Pacific involving literally the whole world.

No one knows the future. One thing is certain, however, and that is that every country will become poorer each year as the war goes on, and certainly poorer when the war is over. I have just written a letter to Mr. Lyford, presenting to him some of our worries about the international financial situation, which is entirely beyond our comprehension and which if it should change to affect us seriously would not be known to us until it is too late. One of the things that we have in mind is inflation in China, and another is the almost certain cutting off of our income in the form of appropriations from the cooperating missions. It has been really wonderful how the two British missions have not cut our appropriation so far, but

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March 10, 1942

aside from the missionary salaries, for which they are responsible, their support for the college is comparatively small. Yale-in-China certainly is to be seriously affected. We may have to draw upon whatever savings there are from the Yale-in-China appropriations in the past years. Then we have to consider the problem of moving the college back to Wuchang when the war is over and what the cost will be then is an entirely unknown factor. Whether we shall find our buildings and equipment intact in Wuchang by that time we have no way of telling whatever. Rehabilitation will be certainly very expensive.

Unless we are going to help the college and continue to develop it after the war, all our efforts and suffering in moving it out and keeping it alive all these years will be entirely in vain. As the administrative head of the college I feel my responsibility to all the people, both missionaries and Chinese, whom we have been keeping for the work here and who in spite of all difficulties and unpleasantness are investing their lives in this sacrificial piece of Christian work. I feel it is my responsibility to think of every possible way and means to keep alive the hope of Hua Chung in Wuchang after the war. I cannot honestly encourage my colleagues with this kind of hope unless I feel reasonably sure, humanly speaking, that we are prepared for crises which may be confronting us in an even more serious way than those we have already passed through. I have been saying to my colleagues that even if the worst should come to the worst, that is to say, if the income from the cooperating missions should be seriously cut down, our Board of Founders would still have sufficient savings to tide over the situation for two to three years and to move the college back to Wuchang when moving back is possible. I hope I may be permitted to continue to say this to our people here.

It is in a spirit like this that I am writing to ask whether you would be generous enough to continue your gift to the School of Arts in spite of the fact that during the last three years we have not spent all that you have given us. You may know from the Board and from contacts with members of our faculty who have been to America that we always budget the money most carefully and spend it with a keen sense of trusteeship. We are paying our faculty and staff members as much as we feel the situation warrants. We have in mind the salaries and subsidies of our colleagues in the national universities, and we have at the same time in mind the actual cost of living in a place like Hsichow. All of us have to suffer because war means suffering everywhere and at any time. We have to bear the burden of the nation and of the world with as little murmuring as possible, and so whatever savings we have I feel that we have been able to make them more-or-less by careful budgeting and by unexpected circumstances. It is now, however, the feeling of all members of the Executive Committee Pro-tem of the Board in Hsichow and the Senate members in the college that our policy has been wise in the past and that we ought to keep it up. So if you are willing to continue your gift, it may add to our accumulation, but every cent of it will go to meet a very urgent need at a time when every cent will go a long distance. How I wish I could talk things over with you and other friends in America face-to-face, and I hope this letter, inadequate as it is in conveying my feelings, will help you to understand what kind of problems I have had in mind.

Personally I feel very much encouraged during the last year in spite of the recent adversities in the war for the allies. The spirit in the college both among the faculty and students is very much better. The work seems to be going on, and everybody is keeping his or her eyes on the future. Sometimes I still think of advance programs for the college, and one of them is the building up of a department of Theological Training to supply the church in the future with better-educated clergymen and lay leaders. I know somehow the money will come for this work in Theological Training because the call is so strong to me all these last two or three years to start and build up this piece of work, and I am sure it has come from Above. I see the need, and I feel that Hua Chung ought to meet it. It may seem a little bit strange that I should dream such dreams when the future is so uncertain, but it is dreams of this kind that keep my spirit alive.

I hope you will remember me to Mrs. Procter and other members of your family and give my remembrances to friends in Glendale who may still remember my visit.

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Miss Mary E. Johnston — 3.

March 10, 1942

I hope this letter will reach you in good time. I am sending it by air all the way to America. Ever since December 7 I have not had any letter from abroad, but I am sure some are on the way. The war is getting nearer to our back door of China where we are, but we feel confident that it will never get into this part of the country.

With the best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Francis C. McWaters

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May 22, 1942.

Miss Mary E. Johnston,
Glendale,
Ohio.

Dear Miss Johnston:

I enclose a letter of March 10th from Dr. Francis C. H. Wei to you. This was enclosed with a letter of March 11th from him to me.

Dr. Wei had some hesitancy in writing such a letter to you at this time and asked for my judgment. I know you will understand the motive behind it and therefore do not hesitate to send it. However, you will undoubtedly wish to know how matters stand with the grants which you have made.

The Treasurer of the National Council is holding for the account of the College a balance of U.S. \$20,000 received from you for the special operating account of the School of Arts. This includes the payments made by you on January 24, 1938, February 23, 1939, February 14, 1940 and July 11, 1941. I understand that I, as Treasurer of Central China College Foundation, have the right to draw on this balance for transfer into the operating account of the College in the National City Bank in New York. I have not done so for there was a sufficient balance in that operating account to meet probable demands from China and, for security against withdrawals by unauthorized persons, I have maintained this drawing account at a low figure and have kept the remaining funds in other accounts, subject to call when needed.

We shall not know how the balances stand in your grants and the various other grants until the annual report shall be received. The college year closes July 31; we cannot expect a report before November 1st and shall be fortunate if we get any report. I am not disturbed about this for Dr. Wei and Mr. Coo work close to the approved budget and keep such records that proper distributions eventually are made to the various grants, so that we may safely assume that the budget is being followed as closely as possible, with such additions as have been necessary to meet the increased cost of living and which have been approved by us. Therefore, I expect to find eventually that the budget, as adopted and supplemented, is a fair indication of what

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the actual report will be like. I believe you have a copy of my Treasurer's Report of October 17, 1941 in which this budget is summarized. This means that the expenses properly chargeable to your grants, under the conditions which you specified, will be substantially as estimated.

This also means that some of the \$20,000 now credited to your grants will be reduced by costs which have been paid for the present with moneys received from other contributors. However, we shall probably find that the balance of your grants which will be carried forward into the next college year will be not less than U.S. \$15,000.

I am in full sympathy with Dr. Wei's desire to retain as much as possible of the unexpected balances of each year for uses under the unknown conditions of the future and I am sure that the present method of safe-keeping of these balances is adequate.

It is the policy of the National Council not to invest these funds. Therefore they are not earning anything but are immediately available should their use become necessary.

I trust the above information will be of use to you in deciding how to reply to Dr. Wei. You will of course reply direct to him if you so prefer, but if you desire to send your reply through my office, I will send it by clipper mail with my next letter. In any event, I will be glad to know the nature of your reply.

Japan is producing a very critical condition for China, but I have faith that the courage and steadiness of the Chinese people will hold and eventually the U.S. and China will join in an aggressive campaign for victory. I get a great deal of satisfaction from working with Dr. Wei on what seems to me one of the very best preparations for this victory. Whatever happens to Hua Chung, we cannot do better than hope and pray for his continued health.

Yours very sincerely,

Oliver Lyford

MARY E. JOHNSTON
GLENDALE
HAMILTON COUNTY
OHIO

June 4th
1942

Dear Mr. Lyford.

I am sorry to be so slow
in replying to your letter of
May 22nd regarding the continuation
of my pledge to Hua Chung
Ailo's Department. I am very
much in sympathy with the
way the funds are being saved
in as far as possible for future
times and I have great confidence
in Dr. Wei. I hesitate to make
a definite pledge, as things
are so uncertain, but my intention
is to continue this grant of \$5000
a year as heretofore.

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Will you please convey this
information to Dr. Wei with my
deep appreciation of what he is
doing - I am looking forward
to the time when I can go out
to China to see the new Hua Chung!

With kindest regards.

Sincerely yours -
Mary E. Johnston.

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November 10, 1942.

Miss Mary E. Johnston,
Glendale, (Hamilton County)
Ohio.

My dear Miss Johnston:

I quote a paragraph from a letter of August 28th
from Dr. Wei, as follows:

"It is certainly encouraging to know from your letter that Miss Johnston has already replied to my letter of March 10 to her, assuring us of her intention to continue her grant of U.S. \$5,000 a year to the School of Arts in the College as heretofore. I am going to write to her very soon to thank her for this message as conveyed through your letter, but in the meantime please inform her of our deep appreciation. Let us hope that the time will soon come when she will be able to come out to China to see the new Hua Chung built largely with her generous gift."

No doubt you will receive his letter soon if you have not done so already.

In order that we may be ready for emergencies, may I suggest that you write a letter to Dr. Franklin confirming your conversation with Mr. Whitney and with me in which you expressed the willingness, if emergencies should so require, that more or less of the balance in the funds held by the Treasurer of the National Council may be used for such emergencies. This is the balance of your grant to the college for the School of Arts.

Such written confirmation is simply a matter of record.

Yours very truly,

*Enclosed was a copy of the quotations from
letter of Wei and Coe*

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June 15, 1943

Miss Mary E. Johnston,
Glendale, Hamilton County,
Ohio.

Dear Miss Johnston:

I am writing to ask whether we may depend upon your annual grant of five thousand dollars for the College year beginning August 1, 1943, which you have usually sent in December.

At the meeting of the Executive Committee of Hua Chung on April 30th, we gave extended consideration to the financial problems of the College and the requirements for the new College year. The minutes of the meeting have been balled up between Dr. Hume, acting as Secretary of the meeting, and myself, with the result that they have not been circulated as yet but I am hoping that I will be able to send them out next week. The conclusion was that the best we could do was to assume that the supporting missions and their friends will contribute the same amounts as for the current year and that the Associated Boards would contribute U.S. \$19,000. as against \$21,000. for the current year. This made a total of U.S. \$44,000. including the assumption that your five thousand dollars would be available. Since the meeting, preliminary information which we had at that time has been confirmed to the effect that the Chinese Government will contribute fifty cents for each one dollar provided from Western sources. This means the equivalent of H.C. \$50.00 for each U.S. \$1.00. With this help U.S. \$44,000. will more than cover Dr. Wei's budget of H.C. \$1,225,000. We therefore voted to approve the budget, although it does not include any emergency item to cover additional deterioration of the Chinese dollar.

Since the meeting there is indication that the contribution from the Associated Board may be considerably larger than we had first assumed and there probably will be special grants such as the \$1,000 which came to us from the British War Relief. I, therefore, feel that there is good possibilities that Hua Chung may get through the College year 1943-44 without

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Miss Mary E. Johnston

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drawing on the reserve funds to any considerable extent. It is of course Dr. Wei's strong hope, his purpose being to have sufficient funds on hand to move the College back to Wuchang if that may be possible. We realize that before that time comes the whole picture of Christian education in Central China may change but we want to be in a position to meet the situation as effectively as possible.

Yours very sincerely,

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P.S. I presume you have received a copy of Mr. Whitney's report showing the status of the Proctor-Johnston account in the treasury of the National Council. Including your contribution of \$5,000. on December 10th and the interest which accumulated in 1942, the balance which on March 16th, 1942 was \$129,007.19 is now \$135,500.43. It has seemed to me wise to hold all your funds in this account for the National Council and pay for the extra expense in the Art School, from other funds which do not bear any interest.

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July 2, 1943.

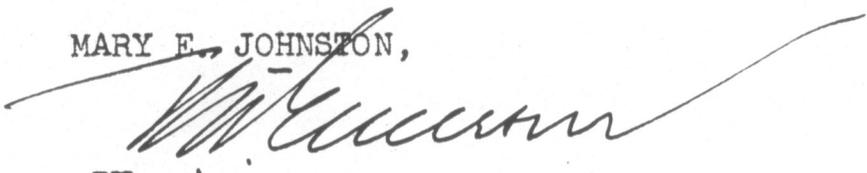
Dr. Oliver S. Lyford, Treas.,
Hua Chung College,
54 Dana Place,
Englewood, N.J.

Dear Dr. Lyford:

Your valued favor of the 15th inst. addressed to Miss Mary E. Johnston at Glendale, has been received, and she has asked that I inform you that she will make a gift of \$5,000.00 for Hua Chung College School of Arts payable before the end of this year.

Yours very truly,

MARY E. JOHNSTON,

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July 8, 1943

Miss Mary E. Johnston,
Glendale, Hamilton County,
Ohio.

Dear Miss Johnston:

I have received Mr. Emerson's letter of July 2nd and am greatly pleased to know that you will make a gift of five thousand dollars to Hua Chung College, School of Arts, payable before the end of this year. This will be appreciated by all the trustees as well as by the people in Hsichow.

Referring to my letter of June 15 regarding the operating expenses of Hua Chung College, I am enclosing herewith the minutes of the two meetings held on April 30th and the treasurer's reports which were made at those meetings. No doubt it would bore you to read all this, but the information may interest Mr. Emerson.

I call your attention particularly to the supplementary paragraph on the last page of the treasurer's report attached to the minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting. On May 24 we announced the approval of Dr. Wei's budget for the year beginning August 1, 1943. This was based on the assumption that the grants from the regular supporters would be the same as for the current year.

Subsequently we received from Dr. Wei the details of the budget for the new year with a summary sheet of which I enclose a copy herewith. The figures on this sheet are given in Chinese National Currency. The interesting features are as follows:

- a. The subsidies for living cost far exceed the total of regular salaries and expenses;
- b. There is no provision in this budget for further inflation beyond that already in effect in April 1943. Such further inflation during the next college year undoubtedly will occur.
- c. The budget contemplates a total personnel of 55 although the number on the present staff is about 38. We have cautioned Dr. Wei about so great an increase.

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- d. Based on normal exchange of 20 to 1, there would be large deficits, as shown at the bottom of the summary sheet. However, this has been remedied by the promise of the Chinese Government to provide 50 cents for each dollar provided from western sources.
- e. The Associated Boards have now approved of askings of Hua Chung which total U.S. \$32,000. Half of this is positively assured and the remainder will probably be received. This will add \$13,000. to our prospects of \$44,000 for 1943-44 and thus help to meet further inflation in China.

Yours very sincerely,

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December 22, 1943.

Miss Mary Johnston
Glendale
Ohio

Dear Miss Johnston:

I am leaving New York for a period of a couple of weeks and am anxious to have the notice for the Hua Chung College meeting sent out before my return.

At a meeting with representatives of the Yale-in-China Association in New Haven on Saturday last, the desire was expressed for a change in the dates of our meetings so they would not come on the afternoon of the last day of the meetings of National Council. The Yale representatives regret the fact that the Presiding Bishop and Dr. Addison can only attend our meetings for a short time because of immediate pressure of the Council meetings and the attended fatigue. Dr. Addison who was present in New Haven agreed to this and thought it would be well in the interest of the College to make a change.

I fear you would be inconvenienced by any radical change, necessitating two trips to New York in one month. It would suit us all here and the Yale-in-China people if we fixed the time of our meeting the day after National Council adjourns, namely, Friday, February 11th. Could you possibly arrange to stay over for that day? If so I will issue the call for the meeting for the latter date.

We had a good meeting with the Yale-in-China people. They are ready to assume responsibility for Christian higher education in China on a larger scale and I see a stronger Christian College in the future with their large participation in this great endeavor.

I am sending a Christmas cable to Dr. Wei and faculty in the name of the Founders.

With warm regards.

Sincerely yours,

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March 10, 1944

Miss Mary E. Johnston,
Glendale, Hamilton County,
Ohio

*Answered to the
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Dear Miss Johnston:

We are enclosing herewith, in addition to a circulated letter of the same date, a carbon copy of a confidential letter recently received from Dr. Francis Wei relative to Mrs. C. F. John Lo and her baby.

Mrs. Lo is the head of the Foreign Language Department of Hua Chung College. She is co-author with her husband of the very fine article which appeared in the January number of the Atlantic Monthly.

Professor Lo is one of the most promising of the younger men of our faculty. He is professor of Psychology and Religion and you will see by Dr. Wei's letter how highly he values him.

Mrs. Lo was Ruth Earnshaw before her marriage, her parents being Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Earnshaw of Scranton, Penn. We have been in correspondence with Mr. and Mrs. Earnshaw about this matter since last November and its appeal has been very strong. Dr. Sherman is especially sympathetic because he and his wife had a similar experience with their baby daughter years ago when they were living in China and they had to come home for an operation. Mr. and Mrs. Lyford are greatly interested. Mrs. Lyford has conferred at the State Department in Washington, with Dr. Hornbeck and others regarding transportation, etc. These men, like us all, are keenly interested in that baby.

The cost of the trip and the expense while in the United States will be very high. Dr. and Mrs. Lo are good Episcopalians, but are not missionaries; therefore they have no right to mission funds. They recognize this and she proposes to do all she can to earn money while she is here. You will note that Dr. Wei asks for an "advance" of \$3,000 to be available for Mrs. Lo on her arrival. We estimate that the cost of the trip to New York for mother and baby will be about \$1,500. We therefore must know where \$4,500 will come from. Mr. and Mrs. Earnshaw will provide \$1,000 of this.

Dr. Wei has asked Dr. Addison for assistance for Mrs. Lo in securing a job at or near Cambridge. She is expecting to lecture or other-

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wise use her experience in remunerative activities.

We are sure that you will be interested in this problem of the mother and baby as well as in the earnest desire of Dr. Wei. We therefore take the liberty of asking whether you would be willing to have us use, for this purpose, from the balance in the Johnston Fund, \$5,000. or whatever portion of this may be necessary to supplement what Mrs. Le or other board members may raise. You will note in the letter which accompanies this that the balance in this fund on August 1, 1943 was \$21,306.86. We presume that with the additional payment which you have made since that date, the balance is about the same today.

Will you kindly think this matter over and advise Dr. Sherman of your decision. We of course shall be very glad to supply any additional information which you may desire.

Yours very sincerely,

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JAN 25 1945

J. EARL FOWLER

MARY E. JOHNSTON
405 ALBION AVENUE
GLENDALE, OHIO

311 Magnolia Drive
Clearwater, Fla.
Jan 19.

Dear Dr. Sherman.

I regret that I will not be
at the annual meeting of the
during this February in
Florida. It will be almost impossible
for me to get to New York at this
time. I am sorry not to be there
particularly if the question of the
United Board comes up. I am in
favor of joining in, & without too
many reservations. I shall be most
interested to know what the action
our Board will take -

With kindest regards to your household.

Sincerely yours
Mary E. Johnston

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Dear Mr. Fowler -

I am so very sorry
not to be able to attend the
Hua Chung College Board of
Trustees meeting. Nov 2nd.

I am wondering as most
of the members are from
New York if it would be
possible to have it Friday
26th. I will be in New
York that day. but I am
afraid it will be impossible to

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get on again the following
week. I realize how difficult it
is to change a meeting once
the notices are out, so
unless I hear from you I
will understand that it is
not possible -

Thanking you -

Sincerely yours
Mary E. Johnston

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June 7th, 1945.

My dear Miss Johnson:

Yesterday Mr. Lyford and I had a conference about Mrs. John Lo, (Ruth Earnshaw) the American wife of the Dean of the School of Arts in Hua Chung. We are in deep perplexity about her situation and the method of relief. I think you know something of the circumstances. Her little girl, about three years old, has congenital dislocation of the hip. They found nothing could be done for the child in China. There was no alternative but for Mrs. Lo to bring her to America for treatment. Mrs. Lo had planned to use her ability as a writer and speaker in America for the purpose of paying the expense of the trip and the treatment of the little girl. Unfortunately she is unable to do this as a little son was born after her arrival home a few months ago. In the meantime it was discovered that she imperatively needed an operation. This has not only cut out her ability to raise the money for expenses but is incurring considerable extra expense.

There are two possible ways of helping them tide over this serious period. One is for Dean Lo to accept a much more lucrative position in Chungking where part of his income would be in gold currency. Dr. Wei was very loath to have him do this when it was first proposed and I presume still is. He is one of our best men and both he and his wife are valuable assets in the development of the college.

The other possibility is for the Trustees to find some way of helping her for the next six months or so. Mr. Lyford wrote and asked her for a budget and in reply she says "I have tried to work out a budget for the next six months, but it is practically impossible to be very exact, as prices are increasing all the time. Although all the medical accounts to date are paid up from the funds you have already advanced me, there will be some more bills yet when T'ien-t'ung has her cast changed again, and there are monthly medical bills at the drug store that appall me. As well as I can figure it, it costs the three of us about \$150. a month; this covers food, our share in the general overhead expenses of the house (laundry, water, light, heat, gas) and incidentals. The incidentals in this case are mostly China postage and cable charges, no small item, but essential."

Both Mr. Lyford and I feel that we should certainly try to advance some further funds to Mrs. Lo. There is a difficulty in having the treasurer in China do it in response to our cable as it might create an unfavorable reaction on the part of Chinese members of the staff because of preferential treatment. In view of the fact of the value of Mrs. Lo and her splendid work in the college as well as our need of her husband, especially with Dr. Wei coming to America this year, we feel we ought to make a provision for her. Both Mr. Lyford and I agree the best way to do this is to ask you to designate one thousand dollars of your annual gift to the college for this purpose. We feel it would be one of the best uses for which we could expend the money at this time to preserve and strengthen the college. If you are willing to do this Mr. Lyford asks that you write a special check for one thousand dollars (\$1000.) designating it for this purpose, namely, the expenses of Mrs. Lo. Mr. Lyford further suggests that you deduct this one thousand dollars from your next payment to the treasury. Do you think this a good plan and would it be agreeable to you?

With warmest regards and best wishes, I am,

Miss Mary E. Johnston
Glendale, Ohio

Sincerely yours,
Signed Arthur M. Shermn.

Hua Chung

October 8, 1945

Miss Mary E. Johnston
405 Albion Avenue
Glendale, Ohio

My dear Miss Johnston:

After receiving your letter this morning I talked with Dr. Sherman and we both regret very much that it is impossible for you to attend the meeting on November 2nd. We are very anxious to have has near one hundred per cent attendance as possible.

We are very sorry to say that we do not think it advisable to try and change the meeting to Friday, the twenty-sixth, at this time. There are quite a few people from out of town that we have received replies from and November 2nd is favorable to them. We are afraid if we change now a great many of them will not be able to make arrangements to attend at an earlier date. It has been very hard this autumn to find days that will accomodate so many people. I am, personally, very, very sorry that it is impossible to make it Friday, the twenty-sixth.

With very best wishes and kind regards.

Very sincerely yours,

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J. Earl Fowler

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10th. February 1949.

Miss Mary E. Johnston,
Glandale,
Ohio.

Dear Miss Johnston,

The Board of Directors of the University at its meeting the other day heard with much appreciation that you had kindly given your approval to the proposal to use US\$125,000 of available building and operation funds for the construction of the Proctor Memorial Building, and for the related architectural planning of the Proctor Memorial Building and the Rank Memorial Library when major constructional work can again be undertaken.

The Directors asked me to convey to you their sincere gratitude for your making it possible for them to proceed with this plan which will form the central feature of the whole re-planning of the University and contribute much to its success. The Directors are deeply appreciative of your help and co-operation, and I have much pleasure in thanking you on their behalf.

Yours sincerely,

C. Stuart Craig

C. Stuart Craig,
Secretary to the Board
of Directors.