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2114 Adams Avenue,
Scranton, Penna.,
July 5, 1940.

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Dear Dr. Garside:

I am writing to you and Dr. Luce to ask for your kindly advice and help. We have just learned from the Canadian Pacific Steamship agent in New York that it will not be possible for Ruth, as an American, to land at Hongkong, and also that there are no boats going out of Hongkong except to Manila. Although it is possible for us to go to Manila and wait there for a boat to take us to Rangoon, it is beyond our means to do so. We are facing, therefore, the possibility of having to disembark at Shanghai and wait there for things to clear up.

We shall be glad to have your advice on this matter. In case we have to wait several months in Shanghai, we would like very much to find temporary work to do until it becomes possible for us to rejoin Hua Chung College at Hsichow. Can you give us letters of introduction to the people connected with the Christian Educational Association in Shanghai or other friends of yours so that we may make proper connections there?

The present situation is so uncertain that almost anything may happen. Our best wish, of course, is to get back to Hsichow, Yunnan, as soon as possible.

I am glad to tell you that through the kind cooperation of the Institution of Pacific Relations in New York and the Institute of Human Relations at Yale University, we have secured 55 books and several journals for Hua Chung College. Miss Joy Hume, daughter of Dr. Edward Hume, helped us in this project.

You may reach us by air-mail if you address as follows:

C. F. LO,
Cabin 358
S.S. "Empress of Russia",
Canadian Pacific Line,
Vancouver, B. C.

We expect to reach Vancouver on the 12. We will be in Chicago from July 7 to 9, staying at Brent House, 5540 Woodlawn Avenue.

With our warmest greetings and best regards.

Most sincerely yours,

Lo Chuanfang
(C. F. Lo)

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With warmest greetings and best regards from us both.

Most sincerely yours,

Lo Chiaufang

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2114 Adams Avenue,
Scranton, Penna.,
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Dr. B. A. Garside,
China Colleges,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Dr. Garside:

I am a member of the faculty of Hua Chung College, and I am returning to China this July to rejoin the college at Hsichow, Yunnan. It is my intention to equip myself with a Royal portable typewriter among other things. Could you tell me whether your office can secure one for me at a special discount?

I expect to be in New York the latter part of this month and hope that I can see you. Once I telephoned your office but you were out of town.

Cordially yours,

Lo Chuanfang
(c. r. Lo)

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June 13, 1940

Mr. Ch'uan fang Lo
2114 Adams Avenue
Scranton, Penna.

Dear Mr. Lo:

Your letter of June 5th came to hand and as you are returning to Hua Chung there seems to be no reason why we cannot secure a discount for you on a typewriter.

Please let us know by return mail whether you desire the size type you used in this letter, which is known as Elite, or a slightly larger size known as Pica.

The price on new Royal Typewriters, we believe, is \$34.00 — or at least it was two weeks ago when we purchased the last one.

If you will let us have the kind of type desired we will order it immediately and have same in hand when you come to New York later in the month.

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

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However, our luck held again, and we saw no sign of trouble in Haiphong aside from a few little creatures crawling about in the very dirty hotel to which we went on the advice of mis-guided friends. Having a hunch that it would not do to strain our luck too far, we ignored the report of a flood on the railroad between Haiphong and Hanoi, and proceeded with all speed to that city. The China Travel Service Hotel there is excellent, and the Service covered itself with glory in getting our bags through, and arranging for our travel thereafter. Incidentally, the customs inspection at Haiphong was done by French officers who very courteously ignored my typewriter and let us through without difficulty. Hanoi in August is not a nice place, and Hanoi in the August after the fall of France was especially not nice. There was a feeling in the air of uncertainty as to who was boss. Ricksha men would fight on the street and no policemen would interfere; the Anamite people seemed sullen and unfriendly, eager to take advantage, and generally unpleasant to deal with. The flood, we learned, was three hours up the line from Hanoi, and, we were solemnly told, it would take over an hour to cross it in sampans, and our baggage would probably be rifled in the process. Our hunch was strong, though, that there would be more trouble if we waited than if we went, so we innocently checked our eight suitcases from Hanoi to Laokay, the border town, and hopped on the train. CF told me later that our compartment was shared by two Japanese plain clothes men, but I never noticed them at all, I was so busy staring out of the window at the hot, green rice fields. When we arrived at the flood, no one ever told us what to do, but like a well trained dancing act, the two of us leaped from the train and slithered down a slimy embankment, clutching the typewriter, the lunch bag, and the umbrellas, and crawled into a sampan made chiefly of basketry and buffalo skins. Our sampanners got way ahead of the crowd which was still stunned by the sudden necessity to act, and in ten minutes we were safely ashore and on board the waiting train. We shocked our boatmen by tipping them fifty cents, and were left in peace to watch the struggle of our fellow passengers. It all happened so fast that we spent the rest of the hot, tiresome day congratulating ourselves that we were not waiting in Hanoi for more advice.

The rest of the trip was more or less routine. It is impossible to buy a through ticket to Kunming now - that technically closes the line to freight. You get off at the border and walk across, and then buy the rest of your ticket. Again the Travel Service helped us through the infinite inspections on both sides of the border and we proceeded on our way to Kunming. At the capital we heard the most pathetic stories of things that had happened to people on that railroad. Theoretically baggage is limited to 60 kilos a person. We had 30 kilos excess between us, but nobody seemed to care. Theoretically, typewriters simply cannot be brought through. Again, nobody seemed to care. Theoretically, any baggage you check through is bound to be slit open and rifled on the freight cars. We never thought of such a possibility and apparently nobody else did either. Theoretically, the inspectors take away from you anything they see in your baggage that they think they could use themselves. I guess our dime store things did not appeal.

Due to the difficulty of getting petrol, bus travel from Kunming to Hsiakwan, our stop, is somewhat spasmodic, and it is usual to have to wait for several weeks. But again we broke the rules and got on a bus two days after our arrival. At least it was called a bus, but it was really a truck with a lid on it. The baggage was piled down the middle and we spent two days bouncing up and down on narrow board benches pushing bedding rolls at each other. In spite of the extreme discomfort of the trip, the passengers were good natured as only

Chinese can be in the face of hardship. There were several soldiers, two other teachers going to Hsichow, three women and a tiny baby. The soldiers played with the baby, and everybody laughed and chattered and groaned in a most amiable and social way. The great Burma-Yunnan Road is tremendously improved since we came over it last year. Most of the dangerous curves have been well banked and marked, the narrow places are widened, and while it is still slightly more hair raising than the trip up Pikes Peak, it is now considerably safer. Although this is the rainy season, the rain obligingly held off while we rode in our ghastly machine. Our driver was good and drove slowly, which made for a long day, but I'd rather he made it a long one than my last one. Again, after our safe arrival at the Travel Service Hotel, in Hsiakwan, we heard terrible tales of hold-ups, wrecks, engine breakdowns, and what not, so we concluded that we were still lucky. The college had kindly sent a servant to meet us at Hsiakwan, so we turned over our baggage to him and enjoyed a much needed rest. In the morning we went forth to buy "pei-wo" pads, cotton batting pads very necessary to put under you when riding on a "hua-kan", or rope and bamboo sedan chair. Hsiakwan is almost beyond dispute the dirtiest place in all the world, but it is a useful shopping center; it has grown tremendously in the last year, and many evidences are to be seen that the closing of the Burma Road is not affecting life very seriously. I wish I could be more detailed in this regard but considering all the censors between thee and me will let it go at that.

Riding a "hua-kan" after riding a truck is a soothing experience, though ordinarily it is rather sickening. I positively enjoyed it, while swinging along to Tali, watching the afternoon lights on the distant hills and experiencing again the thrilling presence of the T'ien Chang mountain. The rice is high at this time of year, and the hedges that were a tangle of wild roses are now filled with the small purple flowers of harvest time. Tali, too, has grown a great deal, and it is so much cleaner than Hsiakwan that it seems positively glowing. We were put up for the night at the China Inland Mission Language School, where half a dozen very stalwart young men from Canada, the United States, Australia and England are preparing for inland missionary work. They were very pleasant and hospitable and sped us on our way in the morning with prayer and song.

It began to be exciting as we drew near to Hsichow, and I could recognize familiar places, the little water mill, the temples, the "Virtuous Widow" arches, and finally the big spreading tree by the Dog Market. Friends were waiting there to welcome us, and after a halt for rest and lunch, finally pushed on to our own little corner of the Tung Family court yard. I had not expected to be so touched by our home coming, but it was so warm a welcome that we felt all the fatigue of the journey was nothing. Our extraordinary luck the whole trip, and our joyous return, more than convinced us that we are in our right place.

This letter to you will go all the long way back - by carrier to Tali, by truck and bus to Kunming, by French railroad to Haiphong, by coasting steamer to Hongkong and then the long ride across the Pacific, back to the United States where fast trains will carry it to my intermediary who will send it to you. With it go our wishes for your Christmas time and for your prosperity in the coming year.

Sincerely yours,

RUTH EARNSHAW LO

(Received January 20, 1941, direct from China and transmitted to you under direction of Ruth Earnshaw Lo by Colonel A. C. Earnshaw, 2114 Adams Avenue, Scranton, Pennsylvania, U.S.A.)

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December 23, 1943.

Dean John C.F. Lo
Hua Chung College
Naichow via Tali, Yunnan, China

Dear John:

I have been much distressed to hear of the hip trouble of dear little Catherine. Mrs. Earnshaw has written to Mr. Lyford about it and he has passed the information all on to me. Both he and I and all others who know about it want to do everything we can to help.

In talking it over with Dr. Addison a few days ago, he suggested that I consult Dr. Hume about the possibility of having the hip treated in India. Dr. Addison pointed out the difficulty of coming the long distance to America in these troubled times and the possibility of a long wait in India until a Norwegian steamer could be found to bring Mrs. Lo and the baby to New York. In addition there is the heavy expense. Yesterday I got in touch with Dr. Hume and he suggested three procedures which if followed might give information which would be a great help in forming plans about the place where Catherine should be treated. He suggested you write to:

First, Dr. Wilfred Stephen Flowers. He is a former missionary of North China. He is now head of the British Red Cross Mission in Changsha. His address is:

British Red Cross Unit,
Bible Institute Building
Changsha.

Dr. Hume informs me that they are well equipped with XRAY machines, etc., and they may be able to give you a thorough diagnosis of the kind of hip dislocation which Catherine has.

Second, Dr. E.C. Wilford, professor of surgery at the West China Union University. His address is:

West China University Hospital
Chengtu.

They also have good equipment.

Third, Major Norman E. Freeman, M.C.

A.P.O. #689
c/o U.S. Army Headquarters
New Delhi.

Major Freeman is Dr. Hume's son-in-law, I believe. He could give you information about possibility of treatment in India.

Either of the first two above mentioned would give you the diagnosis. Of course Dr. Roots may already have all this equipment in the hospital he

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is serving. Nothing was said in Mrs. Karnshaw's letter about this so we are supplying you with the information in case you need to get where there is the best equipment for diagnosis and possibility for treatment. Then Major Freeman could let you know in the light of that diagnosis whether the case could be adequately treated in India.

My own Catherine, now strong, hearty, with two children had what was diagnosed as Congenital Dislocation of the Hip, when she was under 2 years of age in Hankow. When we brought her to America we found it was not a Congenital Dislocation and we had an expert operation and she was all right in 6 weeks.

We want your Catherine to have thorough and adequate treatment and if it is necessary to come home we will try to raise money from various personal sources. So we await your answer and the opinion of the doctors. This should come in the kind of form we can submit to Dr. Hume here for advice.

Will you tell Dr. Wei I tried to send a message of Christmas greetings to him from the sounders yesterday only to be told by the cable company that greetings could not be sent this year. I may send the message anyway and tell him when he gets it that he should add the Christmas greetings to it.

My affectionate regards.

Your friend,

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Hua Chung College
Hsichow, Yunnan, China
January 14, 1944.

Dear Col. and Mother Earnshaw
and Auntie:

Your cabled remittance of US\$200. to Ruth came yesterday. Ruth has deposited this to gether with June Work's gift of \$10 to Tootsie, with the college treasurer, making a total of NC\$4087.

Please do not send Ruth's traveling expenses through bank. If you have not succeeded in getting any positive response from the State Department about giving American currency to Ruth thru the Kunming Consulate, then please send money, or establish credit with Mr. James E. Whitney, Assistant Treasurer, Episcopal Church, 281 Fourth Avenue, New York city, N.Y., and ask Mr. Whitney to cable to Mr. A. J. Allen, Treasurer, American Church Mission, at Kunming.

If 281 will ask Mr. Allen to provide traveling money allowance to Ruth, then all Ruth needs to do is to go to Mr. Allen at Kunming and collect in ruppes, or greenbacks, etc. This is the advice given us by Mr. Coe, college treasurer. We know Mr. Allen very well and he will be glad to help if given authority to do so.

My sister Mei-hsin was married last October in Shanghai. My parents are pleased with the wedding which was held in a newly built church.

Tootsie's god-parents, the McLellans, sent her NC\$200 for Christmas. My brother in Chungking gave us NC\$1000, so we had a pretty good time during the holidays.

Please do not be anxious about us. In another six months Ruth and Cathy will be with you at 2114.

Kindly forward enclosed letters for me.

Affectionately,

C. F.

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VIA TALI, YUNNAN, CHINA

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January 21, 1944.

SPECIAL AND CONFIDENTIAL
to the Founders

Mr. Oliver S. Lyford,
Treasurer, Hua Chung, Board of Founders,
280 Park Avenue,
New York City, N.Y.,
U.S.A.

*Received March 3
with a letter to Mr. Addis
of same date*

Dear Mr. Lyford,

I am writing you this confidential letter to raise with the Founders a very special problem.

You referred in your letter of November 17, 1943, to the problem of Dr. John Lo's wife and baby desiring to go back to the States this coming summer for special treatment on the baby's hip bone which was born defective. Dr. Logan Roots has been taking care of the baby ever since her birth. As a matter of fact he helped her into the world after saving miraculously the mother's life five months before the confinement. The treatment cannot be done anywhere in China and so the baby has to be taken back to America to save her from being permanently deformed.

The plan is for Mrs. Lo to go to America this summer with the baby when the Roots go on furlough. The separation will be hard for John and his wife, and the traveling expenses and the expenses for operation and medication and hospitalization of the baby and the living of mother and child in America for at least six to eight months will be heavy. The Los with their salaries and subsidies in the College during these war years simply cannot bear them. Mrs. Lo's family in America do not seem to be able to help much.

John came to see me this morning and asked whether he could leave the College after the summer to accept a Government job which would bring him a larger income, partly paid in the national currency and partly in the American currency. This is a great attraction to him. But he is so important a man in the College now that he cannot be spared at all.

Will the Board advance him Three Thousand Dollars American Currency (US\$3,000.00) from the College funds when Mrs. Lo arrives in America and let this amount be settled with him ~~him~~ after the war? Should there be no satisfactory method to settle this amount I am willing to raise it myself privately for him. I am asking for this without even bringing the matter up with the Executive Committee pro tem but writing to you directly, for I see no other way to solve John's problem since he must stay, for people are now very sensitive and critical and even if the Committee members should get to know about it there would certainly be misunderstanding. Will you please cable me just "Lo yes" or "Lo No", and I hope earnestly that it will be a YES, for John is indispensable.

Yours sincerely,
Francis C. M. Wei
President

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Hua Chung College Hsichow, China
February 5, 1944.

Dearest mummy:

This is officially the first day of Spring in the Chinese calendar but it is still cold as Greenland. I thank the Lord and all kind friends that TT is so well outfitted with woolies and only wish her pa and I were as well fixed. I have just packed her off to college with CF all snuggled up in a knitted pixie suit and cap and wits, looking so cute you could hardly stand it.

Your November 21st letter came this week, with a lovely bird picture. TT was enchanted with them and really said, "Thank you, grandma, very much". She took them home and immediately requested paste and helped me to put them up in her private art gallery. I change the exhibit every few weeks and it is a very good educational device. The gem of the collection right now is that photo of you in the Red Cross uniform, flanked by a picture of a plane on one side and a Ford on the other. We also have a picture of a little girl who looks like PK, and one of a scene in "Induah". We are working up to the trip in the most approved fashion. Hardest thing is the point that daddy has to stay home to take care of Sissy B (the cat). We have dropped the idea from time to time so that it wont be a sudden blow, but it will be very hard for both of them. In these vacation days, CF hardly leaves her out of his sight.

I trust you will have had our joint letter before now, but will remind you again. We have had an offer from the radio of a job in Chungking for us both for immediate taking, travel paid and a huge salary compared with the present income. And we have had to decline with thanks because we cant break our word and leave the college short of two professors and a dean in the middle of the year. It was hard to do but it was necessary to play fair.

Mr. Lyfords letter sounds very friendly and helpful. It might do no harm when you write to him again to give him a brief and modest biography of your daughter, including how, when and where I met CF, the fact of our properly ecclesiastically wedding from the Lo home in Shanghai, with all due consent by all parents, my being a perfectly legal U S citizen, baby being the same. I know you hate to "explain" me but please dont look at it in that light. The fact is, he doesn't know us and how can he best find out?

Plans for travel have gone as far as getting passports started, pictures developed and registrations made for CNAC passage. I still hope to go with the Roots clan. There is no need to worry about our being on a doctorless freighter with Logan and Hamie Lou along. I would rather go on a Swedish freighter than anything else if there is a choice. We will stock what dietary additions we can in Bombay and just settle down to enjoy the ride. The air fare to Calcutta NC\$6000, this week. Maybe up by July. CF and I can finance by sale our travel to Kunming. It will be about NC\$10,000. Board in Kunming is now \$200 a day. We can stay with the Allens, Roots with the bishop. Planes take 30 passengers I am told, and we probably can all leave at once. Exact time of departure is not announced and all we can do is to go to Kunming as close to the registration date as we can make it and wait until we are told to come to the air field. We will report to CF's brother, Gershom, in Calcutta. I hear we must go by train to Bombay, but it is

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alleged to be not too bad. I dread the heat for TT because she has never experienced it but she is a very hardy person and quite adaptable, not squeamy at all, and loves new things, so probably she will be alright. Others can take it, so I guess we can. Better send the travel money as soon as you can, through Mr. Lyford. We may wait until July or we may get off in May. It all depends on factors I can't discuss- impersonal ones- not health or babies. Recently TT finds that her leg gets tired and has sudden twinges of discomfort. I have to carry her, not so much, as often, and the stooping and picking up is rather difficult.

I think my favorite plan for next fall is to just have a spot of home life until after Christmas, then take TT to Boston. From all reports the Boston Childrens Hospital is the best and nearest place for the operation. They have rather specialized in it for a long time and their method is a gentle, long term treatment, rather than anything drastic and in a childrens hospital they would have the best facilities for a baby, of course. My work or not depends entirely upon the medical program for TT. If she must be in the hospital for the whole term of treatment, I may find work in non-visiting hours, but if I can have her home, either in Scranton or in Cambridge, that would be best. I have no worry now about getting work.

Let me remind you again that TT is confidently expecting to be greeted in Scranton by a white teddy bear with a blue ribbon, a little red wagon with wheels, a book of Peter Rabbit, and a scrap book. Don't fail her! She talks about them all so much. She knows where we are going and mentions it every once in a while. "Tootsie and mammy go to America- get Toots little leg all fixed up nice, big doctor will put on some paste (this detail from wate 0 ing me mend toys) give me a big big dose of medicine, make it all better". Really her vocabulary and range of interest would do credit to a four year old. Sometimes I forget to make allowance for her being after all, still a baby. She can count up to six, repeat four or five little poems, and the things she recalls are alarming.

This week I spent cooking. I make bread once a week for some American kids here who have no oven, and wouldn't know how if they had, and in trade they give us coffee and candy for Toots. Then I had a gang of students in on Tuesday, which meant doughnuts and candy and oranges. Yesterday we went to a big Chinese wedding, the brother of one of my boys, a local family, all the old fashioned customs kept up. Very interesting but hard on the stomach.

Just heard of a man leaving Kunming on Christmas day and landing in New York city on February 1st. Nice going. No special pull either, just a common every day trip. So I feel more than ever encouraged. In signing off, once more, send the travel money through 281, New York as soon as you can. Once it is here I can begin to make dates for things that require advance payment. And once it is here I can get going. Doctor Roots wants to pull out early in June, so the sooner the better. A big hug all around.

Ruth.

Hua Chung College, Hsichow, Yunnan, China
February 21, 1944.

Dear mammy:

It is ever so long since any mail came through, but every one is in the same boat so we are not complaining, although I do feel worried about your all being well. I know you are all doing too much, and I hear of flu bugs around. Do be careful and get some rest. It is so unsatisfactory to just say such things! Wait til August, and I will see that something is done about it. Right now my idea of bliss is to keep house at 2144, and let you just sit around on a cushion and talk to me. Sweeping a floor will be a pleasure and the ~~first~~ cooking is my nightly dream. I have debated at length about the first menu I look forward to at home, and have about decided on (subject to ration points); baked ham and potatoe salad, with lots of raw things in it; white bread and strawberry jam; cranberry jelly (in slices with parsley stuffed in); bread and butter pickles and dills on cauliflower; oceans of black coffee, hot, in a white cup with a gold band; maple walnut ice cream; devils food with mocha frosting. Having laid that down for a foundation, I will then waddle to the davenport and stretch out and listen to sweet music. When we have recovered, we will TALK. At 11 p.m. we will have cheese and crackers and ginger ale, then sleep, if we can. Toots agrees with all this, even though her part consists in being put to bed just before it all happens. She listens gravely as I tell about this, and says, "Oh yes, very nice, delicious!" I have promised her apples and prunes and an ice cream cone. She has never tasted any of them. I cant let you feel too sorry for her though, because she is rosy as an apple herself, and if you could see her tucking away her soy bean sprouts and rice you would know she was not missing anything. Bread pudding is a treat to her, lucky innocent! She is enjoying the chocolate milkshake so much, and the cod liver oil. Every morning she chants, "Grandma sent Tootsie a nice little pill, make her grow all fat. Tootsie open mouth, pop pill in, go galulap, all down in tummy." SO Nice, now, where's my army porridge?" The last is some whole wheat cereal, issued to local friends, who swap it for my bread. It is handy, taking only 10 minutes to prepare as opposed to two hours for the local stuff.

We had 30 people for tea on Sunday. CF made the cakes and I the cookies. Why do we waste time teaching? We had guests on Thursday, some invited, and some others just arrived and were added to the group. They were very nice. ~~###~~

CF and I are busily sorting out things to sell. It is queer work, as we are about the most uncommercial creatures in the world.

Now February 26th.

Just heard from Bill Lockwood of a job needing me in Kunming. Dear me, when you cant do it, how many things turn up!

Still no mail, but received a cable from Mr. Lyford asking what steps are being taken to return us to the U.S. We are cabling that he is to forward travel funds to me at Calcutta just as "281" does for all returning missionaries. That way, we do not lose on

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exchange as we would if it were sent to me in Kunming. We can finance ourselves to Calcutta all right.

February 29th-----

It seems impossible either to get mail from you or to write a letter without interruption. As usual, repeating in case of blanks-- both boxes have arrived and were more welcome than I can ever say. The sox are marvelous and we are both wearing them. Toots takes the books to bed with her and can already recognize more than half of the poems and pictures. You would adore her rendition of Wee Willie Winkie.

All the pills and tonics are in good condition and we are both feeling better for the vitamins.

A check for \$200 US came in early in January. Was that for the Harpers article? First we heard of that was via Jack Carr, Rogers Park boy here. His mother whom I met when lecturing there I guess, wrote to ask if he had ever met us. She of course doesn't know where he is. She said that she had read an article by CP Lo in December Harpers. Goodie for our side and was I thrilled!

Latest dope on travel is that Gertrude Allen is also going home and probably we will split into two parties, CP taking Gertrude and TT and me to Kunming, and the Roots clan following, to be set up with in India. It will be simpler that way, going in two lots than making a huge party of 12, taxing all hospitality enroute. Toots adores Auntie G, and said G reciprocates, and in addition has hopes of her own. Also her father in law is transport manager at this end for the ACM.

We are getting absurd prices for our old things. The bed room curtains which have been the chief stay of my morale for the past four years will net us \$5000 for the pair. A zipper bag is going at \$250, a real hand bag at \$1000, it makes me dizzy. Other people would get even more but this is enough to cover my conscience. For goodness sakes, vote against inflation. It is just horrible! Enough now, I must go stir up a sp t of pudding for Miss T. Our dearest love to all,

Rusie.

C O P Y

A. C. Earnshaw
2114 Adams Avenue
Scranton, Pa.

February 28, 1944.

Mr. Charles B. Fahs,
Office of Strategic Services
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Fahs:

Enclosed herewith is a letter from our daughter Ruth (Ruth Earnshaw Lo), from Hua Chung College, Yunnan, China, dated December 19, 1943, in reply to a letter from you last fall, forwarded to her in China.

Ruth's two year old daughter is suffering from a congenital dislocation of the left hip and must be brought to this country for an operation (the Lorenz operation) some time this summer. CF intends to stay in China for another year and then come to this country for a vacation and further study in psychiatry.

Mrs. Earnshaw and I have been trying to find some means of arranging passage for her - a private citizen - from China to this country. Official persons have little difficulty in travel in the war areas, but a private citizen is very helpless - especially when her Chinese funds are practically useless the moment she leaves China.

As I see the situation from this distance, it will be necessary for her to get some sort of official authority to fly by Armt plane from Tali or Kunming to Calcutta. From Calcutta, I am assuming that she must have authority to travel via Army or Navy transport around Africa to this country. If she had some sort of official status there seems to be no reason why the trip cannot be accomplished. We are sending all sorts of missions to all sorts of places - see Willkie, Mrs. Roosevelt, Mme Cure, not to mention innumerable lesser lights.

Ruth is peculiarly close to Chinese life. She has traveled throughout China - Hankow, Kweilin, Hanoi, Hongkong, and has lived and associated with the leaders of Chinese thought for several years. She certainly could be of great value in interpreting China to persons who are interested. Atlantic Monthly for January published an article "Education in the Chinese Hills" by CF and Ruth, and Mr. Edward Weeks, the publisher, says he wants more material from them.

From what I know of your service and particularly your chief to accomplish things, it seems to me that it should be possible to arrange a job for Ruth in China, have her gather all desired data and then come to Washington on official business. If the operation for the baby can be had at Johns Hopkins, she could work in Washington for the year

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that will be necessary after the operation.

Ruth is ready to leave Hsichow at any time that passage can be arranged and is simply waiting now to hear from us in America.

Will you give this letter your thoughtful attention and see if something cannot be worked out to the mutual advantage of this country, China and for your service. If you have access to speedy communication with China, I suggest that you communicate with her directly as our letters in civilian airmail take about 8 weeks in transit.

Will you keep me informed of any action you can take.

Sincerely yours,

A. C. Earnshaw

Colonel, Army of the United States
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C O P Y

THE WHITEHOUSE
Washington

March 4, 1944.

My dear Mr. Earnshaw:

Mrs. Roosevelt asked the War Department about the possibility of transportation from China to the United States for your daughter and your grand-daughter.

Mrs. Roosevelt understands that transportation could be arranged from Kunming to Calcutta by Air Transport Command, and from Calcutta to Bombay by rail. The trip to the United States could be completed by water transportation.

Normally, the State Department makes the decision whether or not a civilian will be returned to the United States and Mrs. Roosevelt has asked the War Department to clear this with the State Department.

Mrs. Roosevelt sincerely hopes this will work out well.

Very sincerely yours,

Malvina C. Thompson

Secretary to Mrs. Roosevelt.

Mr. A. C. Earnshaw
2114 Adams Avenue
Scranton, Pennsylvania.

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A. C. EARNSHAW
2114 ADAMS AVENUE
SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA

March 7, 1944.

My dear Mr. Lyford:

We have your letter of the 6th enclosing a letter from Dr. Wei in Hsichow dated January 29th, 1944. We have also received a letter from CF dated January 14th, a copy of which we are enclosing herewith.

In the light of your letter and the understanding of the matter by CF as expressed in his letter, may we ask that you authorize the proper person in China (We assume this will be Mr. John Cow at Hua Chung or Mr. A. J. Allen at Kunming) to advance to Ruth the funds necessary for transportation from Hsichow to New York. Mrs. Earnshaw and I will reimburse the college in the sum of one thousand dollars, to be paid by us to the college as rapidly as we can raise the money. We expect to have this money in your hands within the next two months, or as soon as we can dispose of some bonds and other negotiables.

With reference to the \$3000 loan which Dr. Wei recommends be made to CF and paid to Ruth for maintenance and medical expenses while in this country, I feel sure that your board will be amply protected in the loan. Ruth fully expects to teach, write and lecture while in this country and with our help at Scranton she very probably will not take up any large amount of the loan. I feel that CF merely wants to be sure that Ruth will not be stranded in this country.

Mrs. Earnshaw and I are very anxious that both CF and Ruth feel at ease about passage money being made available to Ruth in China. We will more than appreciate it if you can cable Dr. Wei LO YES as he suggests.

For your information, I am enclosing copies of letters sent and received from various persons in my endeavor to expedite Ruth's passage to this country. I shall continue my endeavors along these lines and keep you informed as to any progress.

With most cordial good wishes to Mrs. Lyford from us both,

Sincerely yours,

A. C. Earnshaw

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OF NORTH AMERICA

March 7, 1944.

Dear John,

The child of Professor Lo, of Hua Chung College, near Tali, has congenital dislocation of the left hip. The father is a Chinese professor of philosophy in the college, and the mother is an American woman, Ruth Earnshaw. It is proposed that the mother and child, age about two, shall come by air to the United States in June, unless some other arrangement can be made for treatment. I was about to write to you when Marshall Balfour telephoned and confirmed my plan, and suggested that I should write to you about an orthopedic surgeon, either in India or in China.

So far as India is concerned, there was formerly an experienced orthopedic surgeon at Vizagapatam, at the University Medical College there. We have no immediate knowledge as to whether he is still at that college, nor do we remember his name.

So far as China is concerned, I put it up to you as to whether Doctor James Ch'en, at the National Central College in Chengtu, could handle such a case skillfully; or whether there is some other capable man in orthopedic surgery elsewhere in Szechwan.

Whatever your counsel, please be good enough to send a copy of your letter to me to Mrs. Ruth Earnshaw Lo, Hua Chung College, Hsichow, via Tali, Yunnan.

Obviously it would save considerable expense if treatment could be cared for in China or in India. Another element in the picture is that Mrs. Lo and the child are proposing to make their journey, if they come to America, together with Doctor Logan Roots, who is at the College now and is due a furlough. We shall be grateful if you will kindly think over the case and the possibilities for treatment, and advise both the parents and me.

Let me enclose a carbon copy of the letter I wrote you over a week ago. C.L.Huang has already gone to Washington, and will be in Baltimore presently.

With thanks and cordial greetings,
Sincerely yours,

E.H.H.
Edward H. Hume, M.D.
Secretary.

Doctor John B. Grant,
All India Institute of Hygiene & Public Health
110 Chittaranjan Ave.,
Calcutta, India.

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March 7, 1944.

copy FOR Mr. G.S. Lyford

Dear Doctor Cheer,

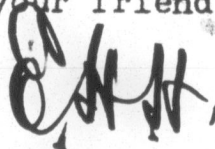
It is too bad that I have communicated with you so little during the past few months. You may be sure that everything that concerns you, your medical school, and the field of medical education in China is of deep concern to me. If only I had not such a compelling job here in New York where I am in touch with doctors and nurses all over the world, I should be more faithful in my correspondence. You know how much you are in my mind.

Let me get your help and counsel in regard to the child of Professor and Mrs. Lo, of Hua Chung College. A full statement of the case is written in the enclosed copy of a letter to Doctor John Grant in Calcutta. If he has gone over to China lately, do confer with him there. In any case, please let me have your counsel, and be sure to send a copy of your letter to Professor and Mrs. Lo, at Hua Chung College.

It would be a great help if expenses could be saved in making an extremely long journey. Those of us who know your colleague, Doctor James Ch'en, have every reason to believe that his skill and experience will be entirely sufficient to deal with such a case.

Looking forward to more frequent letters to you and from you,

Sincerely your friend,



Edward H. Hume, M.D.
Secretary.

Doctor S. N. Cheer,
National Central College of Medicine,
Chengtou, Szechwan,
China.

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March 7, 1944.

COPY FOR Mr. O.S. Lyford

Dear Mrs. Lo,

It is scarcely necessary to tell you how eager we all are to help you and the youngster. The enclosed copies of letters to Doctor John B. Grant, in Calcutta, and to Doctor S. N. Cheer, in Chengtu, will tell you what inquiries we have launched.

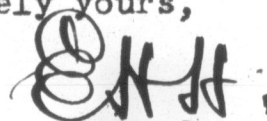
It is quite possible that you and Doctor Logan Roots may have reached the decision to come to America any how, and of course you are the ones who will have to weigh the various factors involved. I presume, if you bring the child to America, you may get Doctor Roots to introduce you to our good friend at the Harvard Medical School, Doctor George W. VanGorder, who was formerly at the P.U.M.C.

Copies of these letters are going to Doctor Addison, at Episcopal headquarters, and to Mr. O. S. Lyford, Treasurer in New York of the Hua Chung Board of Founders.

We have read your writing in the ATLANTIC MONTHLY with delight, and hope you will keep on providing that magazine with more Chinese material.

With good wishes to you both, and to my dear friend Francis Wei,

Sincerely yours,


Edward H. Hume, M.D.
Secretary.

Mrs. Ruth Earnshaw Lo,
Hua Chung College,
Hsichow, via Tali,
Yunnan, China.

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A. C. EARNSHAW
2114 ADAMS AVENUE
SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA

April 6, 1944.

My dear Mr. Lyford:

Herewith are copies of two letters just received from Ruth. They are filled with gossipy items about life at the college and their current problems. I am sure you will enjoy reading them. I note with interest that both Dr. Lo and Ruth have been offered substantial jobs at Chungking with many attractive features but that their sense of loyalty to the college induced them to reject the offer. In view of the hardships they have been suffering their action seems a very great sacrifice for the honor of their profession.

Particularly interesting is the sale of their clothing and personal belongings to raise money for their passage to Calcutta. We know Ruth's reluctance to enter into commercial transactions. The inflation has made all prices simply fantastic. Ruth states that the trip from Tali to Kunming will cost about \$10,000NC and that board in Kunming is \$200 per day.

The exchange situation is apparently very uncertain and in the letter of February 21st Ruth states that CF is cabling you to forward travel funds to her at Calcutta just the same as "281" does for all returning missionaries. I am assuming that "281" means the New York office of the college or of the Associated Boards.

We are enclosing herewith our check for \$250.00 to apply on our reimbursement to the college, as stated in my letter of March 7th. I find that I must negotiate a loan on a life insurance policy and cash in our stock of War Bonds if the college wants "cash in hand" before authorizing Mr. Allen or your representative in Calcutta to advance whatever funds Ruth needs at those points. Will you advise me on this point, as it is essential that Ruth's mind be set at ease.

I have a recent letter from the White House saying that the State Department has been requested to have their people in Kunming and Calcutta contact Ruth and expedite her movement where possible.

With very best wishes to both you and Mrs. Lyford,

Very sincerely yours,

A. C. Earnshaw

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A. C. EARNSHAW
2114 ADAMS AVENUE
SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA

Scranton 3-2577

April 16, 1944.

My dear Mr. Lyford:

Enclosed is a copy of the latest letter received from CF at Hua Chung. In very logical sequence he has set forth all the steps taken or to be taken by all of us in getting Ruth and the baby started to this country. I understand that Dr. Roots and family are also coming at the same time, so the medical attention enroute will be cared for.

I have just received a letter from Warren C. Smith, a Scranton man, now a Red Cross Field Director located in Kunming, saying that he will do everything he can to help in the matter. I have also heard indirectly from William Night, Procurement Officer, American Red Cross, at Calcutta, also saying that he will stand by in case of need.

I have written both Smith and Night asking them to be ready to stake Ruth to money if she calls on them. CF's brother, Gershom Lowe (Ch'uan-hua Lowe) lives in Calcutta and Ruth will undoubtedly contact him on arrival in Calcutta. Gershom was formerly connected with the Chinese government in some financial department in Hongkong. I understand that he is connected with the Chinese government- I assume in their State Department- at Calcutta. Gershom is an economist- I believe a graduate of a London University- and has written a number of books on Chinese economy. During the past few years we have had several very interesting letters from him.

In my letters to Smith at Kunming I have asked him to contact your Mr. Allen and cooperate with him. I have asked Night at Calcutta to contact Gershom Lowe and to keep in touch with Smith at Kunming. Mail addressed to these Red Cross people goes "military" all the way and gets thru in about 10 to 15 days. I trust that by this time all the factors interested in getting Ruth and the baby to a hospital will be known to each other and that between them all, her trip will be made easier.

With best wishes to you both,

Sincerely yours,

A. C. Earnshaw

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HUA CHUNG (CENTRAL CHINA) COLLEGE

WUCHANG, CHINA

TEMPORARILY IN HSICHOW

VIA TALI, YUNNAN, CHINA

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

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April 20, 1942.

Mr. Oliv F. S. Lyford, Treasurer,
Griffith College, 2000 15th Street,
S.W. Washington, D.C., U.S.A.

Received July 15 from
Mrs. Lo

Dear Mr. Lyford,

On January 27, 1942, I wrote you a letter and
confidentially asked you to advance from
Griffith College funds in the States the sum of
three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00) in U.S. currency
to Mrs. John C. F. Lo (with Mr. Lyford) who
is being sent to Hsichow for a temporary operation
under my wife's supervision. The terms and conditions
for the advance are set out clearly in the let-
ter. I have since received a reply from you
giving your permission to this arrangement.

Upon the presentation of this letter will you
please pay to Mrs. Lo up to the amount of \$3,000.00
in any way that may be of the greatest convenience
to her.

Yours sincerely,
Francis C. Wu
President.

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June 15, 1944

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Earnshaw,
Scranton,
Pennsylvania.

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Earnshaw:

Our latest word from China with reference to your daughter and granddaughter is that they left Kunming on April 21st.

I received your letter of June 1st stating that they were at that time on the water. I have written your son asking that, if possible, he arrange for Mrs. Lyford and me to meet your daughter should she pass through New York but realize that, as he says, she would be anxious to go right through to Scranton as soon as possible and this may not be practicable.

I am very sorry to learn from Mrs. Earnshaw's letter of June 1st that she has been ill and sincerely trust that she is much better by this time.

It is evident from our information that the Red Cross have advanced funds to Mrs. Lo and with the twelve hundred dollars which we sent to Calcutta she must be very well provided with funds and will have no cause to worry in this particular.

In connection with the request for authority to use funds up to \$3,000 as an advance on account of expenses while in the United States, I reported that it would be possible for you to provide one thousand dollars towards the cost of transportation etc. You have provided \$250, and another friend has provided \$100, also, there is available \$25, provided by Mrs. Lo's college friends. This leaves \$825 to balance the \$1200 which we cabled to Calcutta. We shall, therefore, need the balance of your subscription and I trust it will be convenient for you to let me have this sum in the near future. There will still be \$75 but I think I can secure this elsewhere.

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Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Earnshaw

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June 15, 1944

Kindly keep me advised of any further information
which you receive regarding Mrs. Le's progress homeward.

Very sincerely yours,

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A. C. EARNSHAW
2114 ADAMS AVENUE
SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA

July 13, 1944.

Ans 17

My dear Mr. Lyford:

Mrs. Earnshaw and I are overjoyed to be able to tell you both that Ruth and the baby arrived safely on the 5th. The journey was terrific. The trip from Hsichow to Calcutta was negotiated with little delay, with the great help of Mr. Allen and the many Red Cross and Army friends. The trip by train across India was very difficult, about 48 hours without food enroute. At Bombay Ruth had to go into hospital for recuperation, but luckily was not delayed in sailing. The trip across the Pacific took about 5 weeks and she landed at Los Angeles on July 3rd. Through some good friends we were able to negotiate a plane priority to LaGuardia Field and she made the last few thousand miles very rapidly.

After a night in New York, we brought her to Scranton and put her to bed where, says the doctor, she must remain for a few weeks. I fear that we in America do not realize what our people in China are suffering- lack of food, lack of hot water and lights and clothing. Ruth herself apparently does not realize what she and the other members of Hua Chung have gone through.

The baby is a joy. As cute as a little doll- happy and full of life. She says, "Mammy, is this really America?" She is drinking plenty of milk and eating ice cream. Raw vegetables, lettuce and carrots and apples are new to her, but she takes them in stride. She has completely won our hearts and she will win you too when she sees you both. She walks- and runs- with a slight limp, but her legs are almost uniform and I am sure that the operation will be successful.

While Ruth is too sick to talk much and much too sick to make plans for anything but from day to day, she is very anxious to see you. She says she will try to write you possibly later today.

Ruth did not get your draft as she had left Calcutta by the time it reached there. She advised the Bank of India to return it to you. I assume that the bank will return it or will do so upon your request.

Luckily the arrangements we made with the Red Cross to stake Ruth along the way worked perfectly and she did not suffer from lack of funds at any time.

I know that you both will rejoice with us at the happy outcome of what looked like an impossibility a few months ago.

Mrs. Earnshaw joins me in very best wishes to you both.

Cordially yours,

A. C. Earnshaw

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A. C. EARNSHAW
2114 ADAMS AVENUE
SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA

July 13, 1944,

Ans 17 to Mrs. E.

Dear Mr. Lyford:

v It is a real pleasure to be able to write you a few lines today to tell you that baby and I have safely arrived. We have felt all along that you were helping us and thinking of us, and we look forward very much to meeting you and Mrs. Lyford.

There are, of course, innumerable matters I want to discuss with you, both personal and college affairs, but I can only sit up for a short time each day, so must make this first letter just a brief sketch.

When we first planned this great trip from Hsichow, our one concern was for Catherine and her hip. Since we first undertook the plan, though, a stowaway has joined our party; we are happily looking forward to the arrival of Catherine's little brother (or sister!) around Christmas time. It was, of course, a considerable risk to take, travelling with him along, but everything else seemed so propitious that I did it - and it worked out all right. However, in Bombay, I had a rather serious time when complications developed which threatened an operation. I was in hospital for about ten days and went right into sick bay on the transport, and stayed in bed the entire voyage. It was rather dull but the treatment was effective and it appears now that the operation can be postponed indefinitely. I am feeling quite well now, except for being very weak. That will soon improve though with rest and mother's cooking!

I know that John will want me to straighten up our financial arrangements right away. We do so appreciate all that the Board is doing for us, - not only because it helps us in this matter of Cathy's hip, but because the advanced funds will enable us to stay with Hua Chung, where we both feel we belong.

As we in Hsichow understand it the arrangement is this: the Board is advancing us up to \$3000 to help us with getting the hip cured. When I heard in Calcutta about the \$1200 I assumed that was part of the \$3000. As it worked out, I never did get that sum, because I moved too fast. The actual money I used for travel, (aside from NC of our own) was advanced by friends in Kunming and by the Red Cross. This of course will have to be repaid. It was not until this morning that I heard from my father that the \$1200 was in addition to the \$3000. I would suggest that it might make the whole financial picture clearer and less complicated, if we went back to the original understanding at Hsichow and just cancel the whole \$1200 arrangement and return to the \$3000 grant. Let me

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repay the Red Cross from the \$3000 as I had originally expected to do.

I am enclosing a letter from Dr. Wei that has just arrived, which seemed to me to suggest that the above arrangement would be in harmony with what the people in Hsichow expect. My husband is particularly anxious to make it clear that he does not want my parents to undertake expenses for which he feels responsible, and asks that all financial arrangements be finally settled with him.

As I look back at this letter I am not entirely sure I make it all clear, but it will have to do! My hour up is up and I must stop. I will be hearing from you I know, and we can discuss the matter again at our leisure.

With all thanks to you from all the Lo's and Earnshaws, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Ruth Earnshaw Lo
Ruth Earnshaw Lo
(Mrs. C.F.Lo)

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2114 Adams Avenue,
Scranton, Penna.
October 4, 1944.

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Dear Mr. Lyford:

I hope that you had a very pleasant vacation in the mountains and that this will be a good time for me to trouble you with my affairs once more.

First, I am happy to report that the improvement in health continues for both Catherine and me. The young lady has been soaking up codliver oil ever since cooler weather began and shows a morbid fondness for the ghastly stuff. Her cheeks are now as pink as roses and she is the picture of health. Please make allowances for a frankly dotting parent when I say I do wish you could know her! She is a quaint and original little soul, full of humor and poetry and unpredictable comments on a world that is perfectly delightful to her. The first big medical examination is scheduled for October 13, when Dr. Jepson of Philadelphia will be in Scranton for a special session with orthopaedic people here. I am anxious for his opinion on the case, especially in regard to the advisability of delaying operation until spring, when I will be better able to cope with things. My own doctor objects rather strongly to my undertaking anything until the new baby comes; I learn now that when I arrived I was teetering on the edge of serious anemia, among other things. That is pretty well overcome now, and I am feeling pretty fine again. If the truth were known I guess many of my colleagues in Hsichow would get the same diagnosis, - I do wish they could be getting the treatment and care I have enjoyed this summer.

Next as to the family finances: I understood from Dr. Wei that the Board of Founders had undertaken to provide the sum of \$3000 to make it possible for me to bring Catherine to America and provide her with medical care. This money was to come from some special fund, as I am not under appointment as a missionary and am not entitled to travel allowances, medical fees, etc. any more than my husband is. At the time this arrangement was made, we had no idea that I was going to be a more urgent medical problem than the baby, and we had no idea of any other source of income or support for me aside from the \$3000, unless it should be possible for me to do some part time work without neglecting the baby.

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Proceeding on the basis of the agreement between Dr. Wei and the Board of Founders, I have used the \$1000 you advanced to pay for my travel and necessary expenses here up to date. Of course, if it is possible to make any other arrangement for paying for my travel and medical fees, so much the better, but I did not expect it. As I believe I mentioned, when you and my father discussed raising a special fund, he did not know of Dr. Wei's arrangements for us. Since that time, too, family affairs have altered considerably, and I do not like to look to my father for a thousand dollars for my travel expenses. He is no longer employed in the defense plant, and both he and my mother have been quite ill since I have been home, so there is very little likelihood of his being able to help with a substantial sum in cash without mortgaging the house or borrowing himself. I would not trouble you with these details of family affairs, except that I think it only fair to all to be perfectly frank. I would not want you to think that my parents were unwilling to do everything possible for us or that they were "backing down" - but the situation has changed very much here since the spring. They can and are giving a lovely home to the baby and me, and all the thoughtful care that no money could buy, but I would feel it an imposition to ask them to pay for my travel here as things stand now.

Following is a sort of account of my expenses and use of the funds advanced so far: I can break it down check by check if it will be of any help in making further arrangements.

Paid out by check or money order to reimburse for travel expenses advanced while en route - ~~to A.J. Allen~~ 720
 To A.J. Allen - \$205.00
 To C.H. Lowe 50.00
 American Red Cross 317.19

For telephones & telegrams 33.54
 \$605.73

Still owing for travel expenses
 To C.H. Lowe \$150.00
 To A.J. Allen 240.00
 \$995.73 total travel expenses
 Usichow to Scranton
 (including Bombay medical expenses)

Paid out for Catherine's use here:
 X-rays \$10.00
 Medicines 33.00
 Equipment 50.00
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As you will note, I have not yet actually paid out all the travel reimbursements, so I still have some money in hand. I am waiting to hear from Mr. Allen in Kunming assuring me that he has received the first installment, before sending the rest; and I am holding the remaining money for C.H. Lowe, because he may come to America this winter and wants U.S. money on hand. (C.H. Lowe is my brother-in-law in Calcutta.)

On the whole I think that \$995.00 is a pretty economical budget to carry three passengers (one being a stowaway) all the way from Hsichow to Scranton, Pa. This includes ten days' hospitalization in Bombay, and medical fees there, as well as hotel bills, etc.

As to future medical needs, I can tell better for Catherine after consulting Dr. Jerson. My own hospitalization and doctor's fees will be about \$300.00 according to present reckoning. We should know definitely by December first.

So much for business. I should apologize for writing at such length, but instead I am going to make it longer yet by recounting briefly the latest news of the college, as today was made glad by my receipt of two fat letters from my husband. I shall quote a few bits.

"Everyone here is glad that Miss Burr from Fukien is going to help out in the English department. I have loaned her your lecture notes on the poetry course. She is living with the Coes, that is, eating there... Mary Coe gave another big tea last Friday for some of the Chinese faculty members and wives and asked me to help in conversation. Miss Burr made a frosted cake which was very good. None of our new teachers has arrived yet. I don't expect the Biens until September." (Dr. Richard Bien's brother, and his wife, who is a doctor - they and their children will occupy the Constantine's house in the Yen Temple, where my husband is now living - they are grand people, and we're lucky to get them both. We were all friends in student days in Chicago, and we went through Kweilin together.) Continuing, "My days are mostly spent in reading now. I have several topics in mind which may be developed into lectures or articles. I may spend the coming year composing them and see if I can put them all into the form of a book..... You ask me about my coming over next year. Apart from financial and professional complications, one difficulty is getting a passport, as the Ministry of Education has refused to issue passports to students or teachers going abroad. Of course the policy may be changed in a year. Two Lien-Ta professors who recently applied for passports were told to wait. I understand Francis Hsu (taught sociology at

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Hua Chung for a year, and eloped with a very charming student, now Mrs. Hsu - now teaching at Kunming)..has got a job at Columbia, lecturing or a fellowship, and he has gone personally to Chungking to see if he can get permission to leave. But it is already too late for him to get to New York by September." August 27 "This is another dreary Sunday, raining all day and nothing happening. This morning I led the church service and preached on Emerson. I hope I did that good man justice..... F.L.T'ang (formerly prof. of economics at Hua Chung, who left because of the financial problem, plus impossible living conditions.) wrote to me from Chengtu that Mrs. T'ang is still working, teaching interpreters English. He said Yenching has financial problems too, and will not be able to expand this year. (The T'angs were a great loss to our college when they left, but they had two tiny babies, and no domestic help, and couldn't buy enough food and clothing unless Mrs. T'ang worked which was about impossible on account of the children.) The present rate of exchange is a out 80 to 1, i.e. 80 NC for \$1.00 US. I am unable to say whether I can manage to transfer any money to you at this rate or not; I am waiting for Donald Wang's return to see if he was successful in selling your old clothes in Kunming. Anyway I shall continue to try all possibilities. The rate of exchange is not stabilized and may go up or down in the next few months... I shall try my best to write more and send you the ms. See if you can sell any of my work to help cover your expenses..... Thoebe Li has joined the Ta Hsia University at Kweiyang as instructor in English. She will also help look after the girl students. (This is the daughter of Mark Li, the head of the Diocesan Middle School, and formerly pastor of the Church of the Nativity in Wuchang/ Phoebe was my student in English for the last four years, and is a darling. She used to help me with the baby a lot.) "I think Catherine Wei (Wei Pao-fang) has joined Lien-Ta as a graduate fellow in English... Han Cheng-yi finally got married in Kunming. His bride was the same girl he fell in love with in Hsichow. (Cheng-yi was another of my boys who distinguished himself by getting thrown into Tali Jail for the heinous crime of dating a daughter of a local family against the father's wishes. We had a rare time getting him out and soothing local feelings!) ... "The Weather Squad boys are busier now and Carr (a lad who came from my old neighborhood in Chicago and whose mother knows mine - dept. of coincidences!) Carr has been transferred." "I will be mighty glad when college opens and I will be busier, because I do miss you both so much..."

I can easily imagine to myself the deserted college of summer vacation time, everything drenched in the rainy season's torrents, most of the students absent, and the faculty members isolated in their makeshift quarters by the weather. If one had a radio or a new magazine to bring in some refreshment it would help but I well recall how we used to look forward to the return of the students because they had been "outside", and would bring back something new.

This letter must stop now. As it is it will baffle any secretary to know how to file it, ranging over so many topics as it does.

Sincerely yours,

Arthur Samuelson Lo

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October 27, 1944
2114 Adams Ave.,
Scranton, Penna.

My dear Mrs. Mills:

I would be very glad to send you news of Hua Chung college for the use of the Associated Boards' bulletin. I am not able right now to write you the kind of report I would like to, because I am on a very restricted schedule of activities until after the arrival of my baby. When I am allowed to sit up more I will try to send you something you can use.

Meanwhile I am enclosing some "round robin" letters that I had sent to personal friends in the course of the past year. They may give you some odds and ends of information that will be of interest.

Latest news from my husband, Dr. Lo Ch'uan-fang, who is Dean of the School of Arts at Hua Chung, (as of Sept. 29), is that 160 new and old students are in residence at Hsichow now. Thirty or forty more are expected, and the college accommodations will be taxed to the utmost to take them all in. Transportation between Kunming and Hsichow is extremely difficult because all privately owned trucks and buses have been commandeered. The only way the students can get around is by thumbing rides with the military. Expenses continue to rise to astronomical heights, as the exchange is now \$120 CN to \$1.00 U.S. For example at the end of September charcoal cost \$1000 a load. If you plan to eat three times a day, you need three loads a month; this is for kitchen use only, and makes no allowance for heating inside the house. With the increased number of students, the teachers will have a heavier load than usual, and they are glad that several new men have been recruited, one for the Chinese department, and two new foreigners for the Department of Western Languages. The death of Professor Pao of the Chinese Department is a very severe loss, as he was not only the senior professor of that department, but a dearly loved member of the college community for many years. The newcomers to the Dept. of Western Languages include Miss Leona Burr, formerly head of the English Department at Fukien Christian College, and Dr. Liebenthal, a most distinguished refugee from Vienna, who will continue his research in the archeology of the region, as well as teach German and advanced French.

If news notes of this sort will be of any

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use, I will gladly forward what I get each week in my
China mail.

Sincerely yours,

Ruth Earnshaw Lo

Ruth Earnshaw Lo
(Mrs. C.F.Lo)

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November 1, 1944

Mrs. C. F. Lo
2114 Adams Avenue
Scranton, Pa.

Dear Mrs. Lo,

Thank you for your letter of October 27th and the most interesting enclosures that you sent me. I greatly appreciate your willingness to send us news as you receive it from China, and also the promise to write something for us a little later. You may be sure that anything you care to write will be most gratefully received. Our little bulletin, "China Colleges", is published four times a year, so that almost any time you cared to send me something it would be useful.

I am sending some of the information in your letter to the friends of Hua Chung in America, and I shall be glad to have any extra bits from you as you receive them.

With all best wishes to you as you plan for the coming of your baby, I am

Cordially yours,

Mrs. W. Plumer Mills

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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

February 12, 1945

PERSONAL

Mr. Cliver S. Lyford
54 Dana Place
Englewood, New Jersey, U. S. A.

Dear Mr. Lyford:

As I have indicated in my letter, N.Y.-100, of today's date, I have received your personal letter to me, dated November 6, which was opened by Mr. Coe.

I am very happy to know about the conditions in which you find Mrs. John C.F. Lo and her young daughter Catherine. Since the receipt of your letter, Dr. Lo has had the cabled news that the second child, a son, was born towards the end of December, which news has been a cause for rejoicing to all of us in Hsichow.

I do not quite understand why Mrs. Lo should render accounts to you for her travel and her expenses for herself and child in the States. In asking you to advance to her U.S. \$3,000 from college funds, I had no understanding whatever that the college as such, or I as president, should be responsible for her travel or her expenses in the United States. By referring to my letter of January 29, 1944 to you, as well as my letter of April 26, 1944, you will see that the obligation of the college to Mrs. Lo and her child would be finished when you have advanced her the amount of U.S.\$3,000. Of course, if you and other members of the Board of Founders in America should undertake to raise funds for her or to give her assistance in any other way, it would be an entirely different matter, about which the administration of the college here would ask no questions.

I am writing this in order to make the matter quite clear that I have had no understanding with Mr. Lo or with Dr. Lo that any more money from college funds should be advanced or given to her towards her travel or expenses in the United States beyond the U.S.\$3,000. If you could find any help for her, I should appreciate it, but I would not consider it a part of the obligation incurred by the college.

Sincerely yours,

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Hua Chung College,
HSICHOW?,
Feb. 13, 1945.

Mr. Oliver S. Lyford,
54 Dana Place,
Englewood, N. J.

Dear Mr. Lyford,

In my letter of Dec. 26, 1944 (L-19) I said that I would let you know later about the US\$500 advanced to Mrs. Lo in May of 1944. Within the past few days Dr. Lo has returned this money to the college. I am crediting it to the Lo account and there is nothing further you need to do in regard to it. Also Dr. Lo has handed me further funds to be sent to Mrs. Lo. Will you please send US\$67. to Mrs. Lo and charge it to me here. I am crediting it to the Board of Founders account.

The term is little more than over and I am starting to finish off the accounts for the term. As soon as I have completed them, probably some time next week I will let you know the result and also what the financial ~~prospects~~ prospects look like for next term. With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

John L. Lee.

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RUTH EARNSHAW LO
2114 Adams Avenue
Scranton 9, Pennsylvania

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February 17, 1945

Dear Mr. Lyford:

Thank you very much for forwarding
the \$200 for Ch'uan-fang.

This has been a very busy month for
us and on the whole quite satisfactory. Our T(ien-
t'ung had her operation last Saturday, and is now
back here at home, with her cast on, recuperating
quite wonderfully. The adjustment was made very
easily, and her experience was not too painful.
I was more alarmed by a brief illness she had
the day I first took her to the hospital than I
was over the manipulation of her leg. She ran up
a fever and we couldn't find out why until Grand-
ma suggested six year molars, which turned out to
be the cause! I had her down with everything from
polio to pneumonia in the three days of her af-
fliction though. We have been very lucky as usual
in getting the services of a fine trained nurse
for the next few weeks. She comes to us in the
morning and attends to the children until five
in the afternoon. It is a great help and comfort
to us all, as both of them need a lot of care
right now, with bed-baths, washing, feeding, etc.
One person just hasn't enough hands. It is
especially good that we can have such help right
now, too, because I am going to have to return to
the hospital myself in a week for my operation.
I had hoped to postpone it, hoping that Ch'uan-
fang could be here, but the doctor says it must
be done very quickly, so I am scheduled for it
about the 28th.

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v So I would be much obliged if you would send me the remaining \$1000, so that I can cover the doctor's bills by check before I go. That sounds as if I didn't expect to return, but I do - like General MacArthur!

One of the brightest things in life right now is our little Ming-teh. He is a most adorable and loving little man, and a great comfort to us all. My mother is so happy with him, her one and only grandson, and he seems to know it very well indeed for a person only 7 weeks old.

Another bright spot was the visit last week of Logan Roots. He stopped in especially to get a look at T'ien-T'ung so he could report to her Daddy just how she was taking things. And the week before that, Ch'uan-fang's older brother was here, and also stayed long enough to get acquainted with the children, so he can carry back a good report.

When next I write there should be somewhat less of me, but I should be twice the woman I am now!

Sincerely,

Ruth Eamshaw Lo

P.S. Will you please tell Mrs. Lyford that Ming-teh is enjoying his little jackets very much. I find the flannel squares especially useful at bath times.

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Dr. Frances C. M. Wei, President, Hua Chung -

March 21, 1945

Copy of letter

Dear Dr. Wei:

I would like to have your views as to how we should proceed with financial help for Mrs. Lo.

I talked with her father, Mr. Earnshaw, on the telephone last Monday night and learned that Ruth has had the operation which was necessary after the new baby was born and which will relieve her from the pain which she has had for many months. She is back in her father's home again and is recovering very rapidly. Both children are very well and full of life. The little girl's leg is apparently very much benefitted by her operation. Mrs. Earnshaw, who also has had to be in the hospital, is at home again and her health is improved. Ruth had not heard from her husband since early in February.

Before her operation Ruth asked me for the last thousand of the money which you arranged for us to loan to her, which I did. Now, therefore, she has received the loan of \$3,000 and altogether, including \$500. advanced to her by Mr. Allen, we have disbursed \$3,511.08 of college funds for her. Also we have paid to her a total of \$375.00 which consists of \$250.00 which Mr. Earnshaw paid to me last winter plus \$125. from other friends. I presume that practically all of this has gone by now and as the finances of the Earnshaw family appear to be very meager, I anticipate that she will soon want more. I have not asked how soon she expects to begin on the writing or teaching which she expected to do.

Before starting on any plan to secure help for her, I would like to know what you think we should do. I think there is every reason to believe that Ruth will again become a very valued member of your faculty.

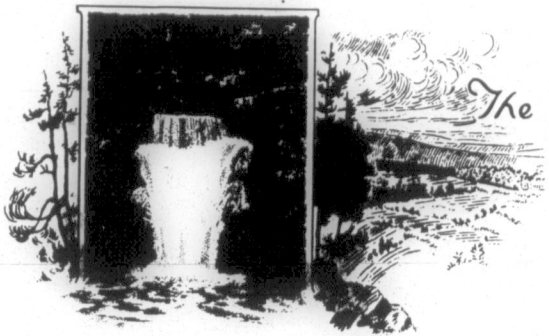
Yours very sincerely,

Oliver S. Lyford

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The INN at BUCK HILL FALLS

In the Pocono Mountains

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April 9, 1945

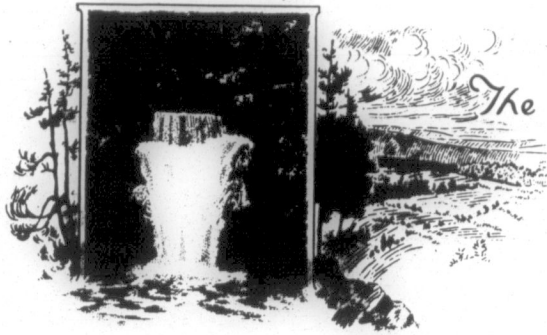
Dear Mr. Byford:

You have been so kind about inquiring about me and the children that I am really ashamed at being so slow in writing. The worst of our health problems must be over now, though, and I ought to be able to catch up a bit from now on.

I had not realized how serious my own condition was until just after Tien-Tung's

operation, when the doctor announced^[2]
that I had to be "down" right
away. And even he didn't know
until afterwards that even a
short delay would have been
"revisirly fatal." I was certainly
very lucky to have been in a
position to be so well-cared for
just when I needed it. Now
all I have to do is to cultivate
patience and recover my
strength.

In order to help in this
last, I am spending a couple
of days up here at the Inn
with my old college room-
mate as general care-taker. It
is delightful here and I am
getting the first real rest for a



The INN at BUCK HILL FALLS

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long long time.

The babies are fine — or I
wouldn't be here. Tien-Trung is
making excellent progress and
we expect to change her cart
to a lesser degree early in May.
She is growing rapidly and
such a joy to us all. And
our little man, Ming-tek, is
a complete satisfaction — he is
so fat and comfortable and
just generally adorable.

On Sunday the baby was
baptized at St. Luke's, and it was

a great occasion. We were happy
that Ch'uan-jung's brother, ^[47]
Lowe Ch'uan-hua, could be with
us. He returns to India in a
couple of weeks.

I am sending you a copy
of our University of Chicago
magazine, which published
an article of C.F.'s. It will help
you to become better acquainted
with him. How I wish he were
here and you could meet him.

Again, my best thanks
to you and Mrs. Syford for
your concern about us.

Sincerely,

Ruth Carnahan L.

RUTH EARNSHAW LO
2114 Adams Avenue
Scranton 9, Pennsylvania

May 3, 1945

Ans May 10

Dear Mr. Lyford:

I am happy to be able to write you this morning to say that T'ien-t'ung had her cast changed yesterday and that the doctor is very pleased with her progress. The exrays showed that the bone is developing very well and is in the best position. The young lady is now practicing walking by herself, singing "Round and round the mulberry bush", as she hobbles around the living room. She is so pleased and proud to be able to walk without help. I was delighted that she could have the change of cast without an anaesthetic. It didn't hurt and she was perfectly calm and confident about it all.

Our little man continues to delight us, as he grows every day and is so full of pep and chuckles.

And every day I am stranger, and can do a bit more than the day before, although there are occasional setbacks and minor discomforts. Our nurse has to leave us at the end of next week, and then I shall take over. We have tried to find household help but I guess we exhausted our luck in getting such a fine nurse just at the moment when we absolutely had to have one. I think I can manage anyway, since T'ien-t'ung is making such good progress.

Anyway, I have used up practically all my money, and a nurse is very expensive, - \$49.00 a week for the care of the two babies.

Ch'uan-fang writes on March 21 that he is sending me \$67.00 through you, and that will keep us in groceries for a while, but then I shall have to confer with you as to where the next is coming from. It is most annoying to have had several very good offers of work that I can't take up because of the children. I have had three offers from publishers about doing a book on the history of Hua Chung's refugee experiences - and I can't take time off to write it. It is a sort of vicious circle. If I had the money to afford a nurse, if I could get a nurse, I could write the book. And if I could write the book I'd be able to earn the money to pay for the nurse! I don't like to hire someone else to raise my children, as a matter of principle, but right now in my rather wobbly state physically, I can't be much of a companion anyway.

I'm so glad you saw our Second Brother in New York. In many ways he is a lot like Ch'uan-fang, but Ch'uan-fang is more the scholar. I hope it won't be too long before you know him too.

Sincerely,

Ruth Sarnshaw J

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RUTH EARNSHAW LO

2114 Adams Avenue

Scranton 9, Pennsylvania

May 23, 1945

Dear Mr. Lyford: Your letter and the check for \$67. arrived some days ago, but I have been indulging in a slight setback and didn't get to the typing as promptly as I should have done. I was invited to speak before a local church group and in my enthusiasm for the cause I agreed to do so. And I found out that I wasn't as strong as I had thought, and have been flat on my back for a week as a result. It was a considerable shock to me to find that I couldn't get away with it, and also a disappointment, because I had counted on talking quite a bit this spring in order to nourish the bank account. However, the doctor says no more such efforts or I will undo all his good work. Just yesterday I heard from John as of April 21st, and he sounded much distressed over the lack of letters. And today I had a cable from him begging for news. I cabled a reply and hope it goes through all right. It is hard on him to be so isolated and getting only odds and ends of news, usually of hospitalizations and operations. I couldn't help feeling very depressed by his letter because he said that Dr. Wei was coming to America this summer to teach at Union. That is nice for Dr. Wei, but I guess it puts an end to any hope for the Lo family reunion this year. If that is the case, I will have to do something about financing us as long as John

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is being paid in Chinese currency. It simply evaporates in transit.

"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. I have no idea whether or not the Board of Founders will be interested in advancing any funds to us. If they are not, then no doubt the best thing will be for me to cable John to go on to Chungking where he can command a better salary and arrange for less devastating exchange in sending us money. You will be glad I know, to hear that our girl is doing very well indeed with her new cast. She is very active and perfectly happy; at no time has she felt or acted like an invalid, and she says she is very lucky to have a nice plaster leg! The baby is simply bouncing - he weighed 18 lbs. at 18 weeks, and you should see him gobble his spinach and cod liver oil. He is a very placid cherub and such a comfort. Incidentally, I have just been reading a booklet sent out by the American Church Mission asking for funds for reconstruction of buildings destroyed by the war. Have they any budget for reconstructing men?

With all good wishes and thanks,

Ruth

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 money at this time to preserve and strengthen the college. If you are willing to do this

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Miss Mary E. Johnston -2-

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,

Sincerely yours,

Arthur M. Sherman.

Miss Mary E. Johnston
Glendale, Ohio

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2114-Adams Ave.,
Scranton, Pa.
June 13, 1945.

Dear Mr. Lyford:

I was greatly encouraged to hear that you are hopeful of working out something for the Lo family. I certainly am on the spot at the moment, with the responsibility of caring for the two babies, and the handicap of my poor health. There is plenty of opportunity to earn a good living, and I am willing enough, goodness knows, but I have combed the town in vain for a helper to take part of the children's work off my hands. And I just haven't the strength to accomplish anything in the evenings, once they are bedded down for the night.

Did I tell you our good news - that Asia has taken Ch'uan-fang's latest article? I don't know when it will be published, but when it does come out, it will bring in about \$50 and that will help. I am particularly pleased that the editors liked it so much and said that it was the best thing that they had seen for many months.

Ming-teh is fine and fat, but T'ien-t'ung has had a little sick spell this past week - nothing serious, but a little upsetting. She gets thin so quickly if anything goes wrong with her even for a day.

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No news from China for a couple of weeks, but brother-in-law Lowe Ch'uan-hau writes from England that he will be back at Calcutta this month.

Tell Mrs. Lyford that the nice hand-embroidered bath squares have now been converted into a set of little bibs - just to show how time marches on and little babies turn into big ones!

I was greatly encouraged to hear that you are holding out as a shining example to the world. I am taking on the responsibility of caring for the two babies, and the prospect of a poor rise of opportunity to earn a good living, and I am willing enough, however, but I have looked the town in vain for a father to take part of the children's work off my hands. And I just haven't the strength to accomplish anything in the evening, once they are tucked down for the night.

Sincerely,

Ruth

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I have had a little sick since last week - nothing serious, but a little settling. She was thin and really in anything, was found with her eye for a day.

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GRACE CHURCH IN NEW YORK

PARISH OFFICE
802 BROADWAY

June 15th, 1945.

Dear Oliver:

On my return to the office this morning I found a letter from Miss Johnston, dated June 11th. In this she says:

"I am perfectly willing to have one thousand dollars, of the five thousand that I contribute to the School of Arts, go to Mrs. Lo, provided you think that is all right. So my contribution this year will be \$1000 for a Special Fund, and only \$4000 for the School of Arts. I have asked Mr. Emerson to send you the \$1000 shortly. He is away at present but it will be sent to Mr. Franklin as usual marked "special for Hua Chung, within a few days."

Sincerely yours,

Arthur M. Sherman.

Mr. Oliver S. Lyford
54 Dana Place
Englewood, N. J.

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2114 Adams Ave.,
Scranton, Pa.
July 2, 1945

Dear Mr. Lyford:

Your letter and check came today, just in the nick of time, and I am more grateful than I can tell you for the way you are looking out for us. I don't know exactly to whom I am indebted for this help, but I hope that you will express my very deep appreciation in the proper quarters. Ch'uan-fang will be greatly relieved to know that we are being taken care of financially, and, if possible, even more grateful than I.

I have two pieces of good news to pass on tonight. T'ien-t'ung has her new cast and after some minor adjustments is much more comfortable than before. She can walk very nicely in it, and the doctor is delighted with the progress the xray shows. In September she can be taken out of her "shell" and should be able to run about quite normally. The other news is that Columbia University Press writes me that they "are definitely interested in publishing a book by Dr. Lo along the lines of the material they have seen." This is the article that is to appear in Asia. I have cabled Ch'uan-fang to prepare outlines and chapter headings this summer, and I hope that during the vacation he will be able to get the bulk of the work done.

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There has been no China mail for some time but today brought V mail from Walter Allen, with news of the college people. It is strange that I can get a letter from Walter in 15 days, but have to wait six weeks to hear from Ch'uan-fang! Walter has been relaying news to CF for me and it takes as long for him to send from Kunming to Hsichow as it does from Kunming to Scranton.

Mother is somewhat better tonight, as it has turned cooler, but this past month she has had a very bad time. The heat is hard on her and she cannot eat as she must to keep the disease in check. Usually it is nice here in the summer, but all seasons ran amok this past year.

It is just a year today that T'ien-t'ung and I landed in Los Angeles. What a year! And what a lot we have to be thankful for. Especially that fat rascal Ming-teh!

What is Paul Kwei doing in Washington? And is Mrs. Kwei in this country too? I would love to see them both again; they are grand people. Will you let me have their address some time, as I would like to get in touch with them.

Again, our thanks for all your goodness to us.

Sincerely,

Ruth

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2114 Adams Ave.,
Scranton, Pa.
July 10, 1945

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Dear Mr. Lyford:

Yesterday I had a letter from John dated May 17, in which he said that he had not had any mail from me for three weeks. I know that he is terribly worried about us all, and especially about my finances. Would it be possible for you to include some message to him in the cable to the college next time, assuring him that I am solvent, well and the children fine?

I have sent him three cables recently, May 26, June 3, and June 20; one in reply to a cable from asking for news of us, one telling him that Asia had taken his article, and the third telling him that Columbia University Press was asking him to write a book for them. This latter requested a cable in reply which has not come through, and I am wondering if any of the others ever got to him. The Western Union office here has traced them as far as San Francisco, and they got that far all right, but after that is a blank.

What is the correct cable address for the college? I thought it might be possible that I am addressing them wrongly.

Apparently the mail is not going through to Hsichow at all well for anyone these days. It may all be due to the war, of course, and by now they may be overwhelmed with letters - let's hope so.

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The children are well and blooming and
aside from wishing I could feel in touch with
John, I am more easy in my mind that I have been
for some time, thanks to your arrangements for us.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

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July 28, 1945
2114 Adams Ave.,
Scranton, Pa.

Dear Mr. Lyford:

Thank you so much for your good letter. It was a comfort to me to hear that other people had difficulty in communicating with Hsichow too. The most recent news I have is a letter received yesterday, mailed on June 12th. In it, John said that he had no mail from me more recent than April 9. Apparently none of my March letters, all of which enclosed pictures of the baby, have ever reached him. However, by June 12th he had received my cables, and felt a lot better about his family.

John reports that the Andersons have left for Chungking, and that Miss Bleakley and Dr. Wei expected to take off at the end of term. He said that he was about to sign up for the coming year at Hua Chung, and hoped that his sabbatical would come next summer. I am very firmly told to stay put and not to think of coming to China until the war is over and things settle down. He is anxious for the children to go right to Wuchang and not wander about over Asia. I was glad to hear that Lorna Chang (now Mrs. Yin) one of my best girls is recovering from TB and that her husband has a fellowship at Brown, if he can manage transportation. We had sent codliver oil and vitamins to Lorna last fall, via a G.I. friend, and she says that they really helped a lot. I do wish we could send a lot more such things in to Hsichow. If ever you hear of a way to send in things, do let me know, because I know what is needed.

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I send packages via Walter Allen every so often, and am getting up things now. I thought I'd make it mostly socks this time, all sizes and kinds, and let the folks take their pick.

I am enclosing a copy of The Chinese Christian Student, which has an article of John's in it. Do you recognize the reference to Mary Coe?

The children are fine and always a joy. Right now T'ien-t'ung is "reading" her Goose Book to Dee-dee, who is lying rather helplessly on his round stomach wondering how to get back to normal. She is such a little mother. I am really feeling fine these days, and can do ever so much more than I had expected. If only it would stop raining so we could get some sunshine, I think I would forget I had ever been ill at all. My mother finds the lack of sunshine hard on her, but says the children make up for it.

With best wishes to you all,

Sincerely yours,

Ruth

Aug 28 - Sent her check for 150⁰⁰ dated Aug 31.
Orrin reporting Mr. & Mrs. Peck's arrival last 1-7, and told her we probably will remain here until end of Sept. but I may have to take trips to New York before that.

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September 8, 1945
2114 Adams Ave.,
Scranton, Pa.

Ans Sept 15

Dear Mr. Lyford:

I delayed answering your letter and thanking you for the check because I was anxious to tell you what I hoped would be good news. And it is. This week we had T'ien-t'ung's cast removed and the big job of fixing her little hip is now successfully completed. The exray shows that the bones have set perfectly and as soon as a little muscular stiffness wears off she will walk normally. I am so happy and so thankful that it is done and that in the doing she did not have to suffer too much. She has been such a good patient little thing throughout this long seige. She has never complained about wearing her "shell" as we called it; instead she would joke about it and say how handy it was to keep her hanky tucked into it, and how convenient for writing, etc. Just the same she was mighty glad to see it come off for good. The thing that pleased her most was being able to soak in the bath tub again. Part of her care now includes several hot soaks a day to improve the muscle tone and she is most enthusiastic about that. That and the prescription of ice cream to fatten her!

Since the end of the war and the end of my private war came together, I have felt somewhat confused in mind. It has seemed that so much is going on and I am in ignorance of many decisions that will make a lot of difference to me. I suppose that is always the case but we are not always so keenly aware of it.

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I certainly will be glad to hear what the college decides to do under these new conditions. Probably I won't hear from John much before October first on that subject. My latest is dated July 18 and came early this week. In it, John enclosed the tentative outline for his book on "The Chinese Mentality". It sounds simply splendid, very good material and, as I would expect, a very original slant on it all.

I am planning on October 8 to go to New York, to see the Columbia Press people and visit with all my friends there. I do hope that during the week I am there I will be able to have the pleasure of taking you and Mrs. Lyford to lunch. I am following the Chinese fashion in my travels, taking the whole family with me, and staying at my brother's apartment. It seemed easier in the end to have them with me than to make arrangements for leaving them without me. So probably the lunch will be homemade at my brother's place, but it will give you a chance to see the baby (which is my idea of real treat) and to see for yourself how T'ient'ung has grown and profited by her stay here.

Now I must stop and feed the young lady her lunch. Life is just one meal after another around here but the results are wonderful.

Sincerely,

R. Pitt

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October 25, 1945
2114 Adams Ave.
Scranton, Pa.

Dear Mrs. Lyford:

T'ien-t'ung and I did so enjoy our visit at your home when we were in New York. She has talked about it ever so much, until you would imagine that the expedition was a greater event than travelling from China to America! I was so happy to have the opportunity to meet you and to thank you, inadequately, for your kindness and interest.

It has taken me ever since our return to get reorganized here for the winter, unpacked and repacked and caught up with the housekeeping. Our plans for going south are still just plans, but I am determined that my mother must go whether we can follow or not. I don't mind the winter up here for myself and the babies, but it will never do for her. The difficulty is to persuade her that we will be all right.

I am enclosing a picture of the children taken this September; it doesn't do my little man justice because he should be represented with color and sound effects! He is such an old sweetheart now, just learning to stand up and say Mama, and show off his two front teeth, - a very satisfactory baby he is, and our pride and joy.

May I ask you to tell Mr. Lyford that Mr. Greiner sent me the check all right? It is too late to write any more tonight and I did want to let him know.

As soon as I hear from my sisters in Shanghai I will tell you, and we'll see what we can do about your silk.

Sincerely yours,

Ruth E. Eason

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December 6, 1945
2114 Adams Ave.,
Scranton, Pa.

Dear Dr. Sherman:

I have just received an exciting article from John, which I want to see published as soon as may be. He wanted me to send it on the rounds, and it is now on the way to the editor of the "International Review of Missions". I hope they can publish it, because certainly everyone responsible for the future of the China Colleges ought to think over the ideas that John has expressed. He wanted me to send you a copy of the ms and it is enclosed herewith. I have also sent one to Dr. Wei.

All news from Hsichow sounds cheerful these days, everyone keen to get back to the old stand, but a few, like John, have things on their minds about the future of the whole educational movement. I'll be most interested in your opinion of his suggestions.

Sincerely yours,

Ruth Emerson Lo

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Letter from Mrs Lo

December 9, 1945
2114 Adams Ave.
Scranton, Pa.

Dear Mr. Lyford:

Last week I had a letter from John enclosing a ms of an article about the report on China Colleges. As he asked, I copied it at once and sent it to Dr. Wei. Dr. Wei tells me he is going to have it mimeographed and distributed among the board members. However, I want you to see it sooner than that so I am sending you my last copy. As you will eventually get another, will you return this to me when you are through with it please? I just haven't time to type out another within the next ten days or so, and I don't want you to have to wait.

I also sent one copy to the International Review of Missions, which I hope will publish it, because the ideas certainly should be generally known and discussed before any policy for the Colleges is settled.

Since the first of November I have been alone here with the babies, as the folks left for the south a bit early. Unfortunately they have not arrived yet, as my aunt met with an accident, and they are all held up until she is released from the hospital. They are in South Carolina where the climate is an improvement on this one, but it is not my idea of a rest by any means to be spending the winter in hospital this way.

We are getting along very nicely here, though, and the children and I are feeling very well, and not planning to go south at all. I have been lucky enough to get the help of a maid every other day, and that relieves me of the heavy work, and I can enjoy the children and have some extra strength built up.

You will be glad to know that I have been doing some talking for China and even have sold a short article on China to the Bookhouse Journal - a children's publication. After Christmas I hope to do more in the line of writing.

John asks me in every letter about the chances for his sabbatical and I can only tell him that he is on the list and that if anyone gets it he will. I do hope that arrangements are being made and that he can be notified officially very soon, because it will take months for him to get his passport and transportation fixed up - you know how long Dr. Wei had to wait, and with only a short furlough it is a pity to spend part of it in Chungking waiting for papers.

I hope you and Mrs. Lyford are both well and that you will

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be very happy this Christmas. Certainly you have done so much to make the Lo's happy that you should both be warmed in the reflected warmth of your own kindness.

Sincerely,

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December 17, 1945

Dear Fellow Member of the Board of Founders:

I have received the enclosed well reasoned and strong statement from Prof. Lo Chuan-fang of the Huachung Faculty. I commend it to your careful examination. I am sure it will help in the planning for the future of Christian Higher Education in China and especially in considering Huachung's contribution to this.

Dr. Lo sent this statement to his wife, now in the United States, with the request that copies be sent to Dr. Wei and to me. We want to share it with you.

Sincerely yours,

Arthur M. Sherman

Arthur M. Sherman
President of the Board of Founders

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SOME CRITICISMS OF THE NEW PLAN FOR CHRISTIAN
HIGHER EDUCATION IN CHINA

By Lo Ch'uan-fang

Long before the end of the war in the Far East, the Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China had anticipated the need for changes in the functions, structures and relationships of the thirteen Christian institutions of higher learning. The Associated Boards were wise to begin early discussion of post-war plans, and were fortunate to secure the generous services of a Planning Committee under the chairmanship of Dr. Henry P. Van Dusen. This Planning Committee worked in close cooperation with the China Christian Universities Association in Great Britain, under the chairmanship of Dr. H. R. Williamson, and with the Council of Christian Higher Education in China. After two years' "labor of love", the final report of the Planning Committee was presented to the Associated Boards in May, 1945. It now awaits decision and action by the Associated Boards and their collaborators in China.

The unexpected early surrender of Japan in August of this year must have caught the Christian Colleges in China more or less unprepared for action. There has hardly been time for careful study of the new plan, and it would be unwise, indeed, to rush any decision or action on the total plan. To do it full justice, it must be carefully scrutinized and widely discussed. It is good to know that the Planning Committee made no "snap judgments". Now the Associated Boards and their collaborators must not err in making any snap decisions. The adoption, rejection or modification of the plan will affect not only Christian Higher Education in China, but also the whole Christian Movement in the Orient.

In recording my own reactions to the plan, I have not the slightest intention of hurting the feelings of any member of the Planning Committee, or of courting the favor of any particular lobbying group. The interests of the Christian Movement as a whole are higher than any personal or group interests. My humble criticisms of the plan are here offered that they may in turn be subjected to criticism, in the hope that out of the freedom of discussion may emerge tested wisdom and clearer vision.

The Planning Committee is to be congratulated for its successful completion of a task during a period of time when the strain of war was still upon us all. The proposed plan was arrived at in the spirit of Christian affection, and in full faith in the future of Christian Higher Education in China. No one can say that the Committee has not done its very best, and no one can fail to admire the Committee for its openmindedness and its readiness to give hearing to different views and opinions.

The most significant part of the Report is Part One, which defines in no uncertain terms the educational aims of Christian Colleges in China. Here we find the much needed emphasis on liberal education, the development of the total personality, the "achievement of historical, cultural and philosophical perspective", "international cooperation", and "citizenship in a free society". We only wish that every Chinese college president would drill these words into his administrative mind! We only wish that every Chinese faculty member would remember these words while engrossed in his departmental specializations. For unless we have a far-visioned, broad-minded and cooperative faculty in every Christian College, we cannot hope to realize the lofty

aims of Christian education. No doubt, every catalogue of every Christian College in China reiterates these aims, only in slightly different terms; but they are too easily forgotten in the midst of minute administrative and academic problems.

The Planning Committee gave unstinted praise to the Christian Colleges for their fine record in the past. As counselors, perhaps, they did not feel quite free to point out the defects in the Christian higher educational system and the failures in living up to the high aims. Yet it is to be regretted that no careful analysis of the defects of Christian higher education in China was undertaken. For such an analysis would lead to some necessary readjustments in the Christian educational program. The proposed new plan is disappointingly silent on the important matter of remodelling the educational policies of the Christian Colleges so as to bring about a better fulfillment of their Christian functions.

Of the thirteen Christian Colleges in China, not a single one can boast of a first-rate department of philosophy; and yet we hope to turn out men and women of vision and perspective. Chinese educators, as a whole, are shy of philosophy, and the spirit of philosophical thinking is still painfully lacking in the Christian Colleges. But without a sound philosophy, or a sound interest in its pursuit, the whole frame of the Christian College will degenerate into a pile of disintegrative schools and sciences. Yet Christian educators and their advisers are more worried about the show value of a particular discipline than about the incompetency of Christian philosophical teaching. Dr. Joseph Needham told the British Planning Committee of

the China Christian Universities Association that the scientific side of Christian university work should be strengthened and that advanced research work should be carried on. All this is plainly desirable. But Dr. Needham spoke as a scientist, less as a social scientist, and still less as a Christian philosopher. The opinion of a specialist on any subject outside his field should be entertained with guarded interest, and should be balanced by very careful consideration of the Christian philosophy of education as a whole. Any specialist can urge an educational institution to develop itself more along his particular line of interest. But it is dangerous for a Christian College, whose department of philosophy is still infantile, to load itself with more disciplines and sciences than it can digest.

Closely related to philosophy is religion, which supplies the motivating power of any Christian enterprise. The British Memorandum on post-war planning for China Christian Universities mentions specifically the importance of academic studies in religion. It is natural that Christian Colleges should give primary attention to such studies, especially in the fields of comparative religion and philosophy of religion. But this specific recommendation, which should have the support of any far-sighted Christian, was unfortunately not incorporated in the final report of the New York Planning Committee.

Another failing of Christian Higher Education in China is its lack emphasis on the aesthetic values. Courses in music, to be sure, are offered in some institutions, mostly for the benefit of girls. But the whole field of aesthetics is largely uncultivated in Christian Colleges in China. There may be some who think of the arts as luxuries

in life, and therefore not needed by the practically-minded Chinese. But this argument is about as sound as to speak of religion as an opiate. If Christian educators in China had a wholesome philosophy of education, they would not have overlooked the supreme value of the arts ~~in~~ in the development of total personalities. It is not so much the professionalization of any art as the cultivation of the sense of beauty and the democratization of refined tastes that will make a definite contribution to a balanced educational diet for the human soul. Many years ago, Professor Whitehead proclaimed the importance of the aesthetic values in education, and made the significant remark that the "fertilization of the soul is the reason for the necessity of art". The aesthetic field is a world of values waiting to be cultivated in Chinese Christian Colleges, and it happens also to be an unexplored field in many Chinese Government Universities. Here is an opportunity for Christian pioneering. A part of Christian educational effort may be very profitably directed toward the founding and maintenance of a School of Music, a School of Fine Arts and a School of Speech and Drama. But this whole question of aesthetic education as a part of Christian Higher Education in China was sadly ignored by the Planning Committee.

The proposals concerning specialized and professional education are largely conservative in so far as the Planning Committee only recommends the continuation and possible expansion of traditional professional schools in the Christian Colleges. Only such disciplines as medicine, dentistry, agriculture, law, commerce, engineering and education are specifically mentioned. Many of these professional

schools will be duplications of Chinese government enterprises, though at the present time they may be necessary duplications. But specific Christian contributions may be made by giving different emphases. In medicine, for example, some emphasis should be laid on psychiatry and psychiatric nursing. In education, special attention may be given to training teachers for exceptional and handicapped children.

In one respect, the plan for professional education is inadequate. While the Planning Committee firmly believes in the importance of Christian philanthropy and social service, no recommendation is made about the training of social workers, whereas law and engineering are mentioned at least twice in the final report. Christian Colleges in China can make a distinctive Christian contribution to the scientific study and care of China's many social problems by establishing one first-rate School of Social Service Administration. At the present time, the churches in China, the Y.M.C.A.'s and Y.W.C.A.'s have to depend on liberal arts college graduates for their social work. But social work is fast becoming a profession. Some kind of cooperative project can be easily formed by which the Christian Colleges can help the churches and the Y.M.C.A.'s and Y.W.C.A.'s to secure the professional workers they so urgently need. This line of professional education is the more imperative since no Chinese Government University is offering it. It does seem, from the Christian point of view, that one School of Social Service Administration is worth more than a School of Law or a School of Engineering. Yet Law and Engineering according to the proposed Plan enjoy high priority, while the training

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of social workers is not even indicated.

The most questionable part of the final report deals with "Consolidation and Cooperation". The fundamental point of view of the Planning Committee was directed toward the needed changes in "structures and relationships" of Christian Colleges. Over-concentration on "structures and relationships" without constant regard for the functional requirements of Christian Higher Education must have been responsible for some of the unbalanced judgments. There is not the least doubt that Christian Colleges should welcome greater cooperation and consolidation. But the concrete proposals and their order of priorities, while conducive to structural consolidation actually form a menace to the fullest realization of the Christian aims so expertly defined in the first part of the report. The issue here is so important that some elaboration of my criticism is necessary.

The Planning Committee considers that the need for five major centers of Christian Higher Education is unquestioned, and ranks Peiping, Nanking and Canton as a first priority, with Shanghai as a close second. According to this plan, all the first-rate Christian universities will be located in metropolitan areas and on the circumference of China. This geographical distribution has some advantages, and is perhaps largely influenced by the number of Christian Colleges already established in these regions. But if "far-visioned statesmanlike" planning is the thing desired, the effect of the present arrangement on the future should be carefully explored to counter-balance "the realities of human nature" which always prefer to cling to familiar grounds instead of venturing into new territories.

✓ The concentration of all first-rate Christian universities in the metropolitan areas is debatable for several good reasons. Firstly, a truly great university is not necessarily a big university located in a big city. Neither Washington, nor London nor New York can claim to be first-rate educational centers. It is a matter of common knowledge that geographical location is of secondary importance. What should be given first priority in any educational plan is not location but a scale of values. The "minimum requirements" suggested by the Planning Committee are not based on any scale of values but are motivated largely by the desire to consolidate and expand, as if consolidation and expansion were ends in themselves rather than means to Christian ends.

Secondly, the location of the best Christian institutions of higher learning in the metropolitan areas will only widen the gap between Christian intellectuals and the Chinese land and people, ninety percent of whom are farmers and village laborers. Unless Chinese Christian educators imbibe something of the spirit of the China Inland Missionaries, they will find themselves gradually detached from the land and the people, forming a new intellectual class. In less than five decades, the now inarticulate Chinese peasants will rise in protest against the Christian intellectuals who have "escaped" to the coastal and metropolitan areas to enjoy the greater material comforts of city life. First-rate learning, then, will only be treated with suspicion or resentment; and it will not be easy to convince China's rural population that these Christian intellectuals living and working in big cities, are laboring to bring them an^y "Glad Tidings".

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Thirdly, the concentration of first-rate Christian universities in metropolitan areas will expose these institutions of higher learning to all the prosaic, secular and disintegrative influences that characterize modern urban civilization. It is an open secret, that while Christian colleges in China have produced many good men and women for the Christian cause, they have also turned out, especially in places like Shanghai and Nanking, numberless sophisticated young men and women, smartly-dressed and English-speaking, proud of their little learning, but without the slightest intention of making themselves useful to their less-privileged rural brothers and sisters. Many are the sons and daughters of wealthy merchants, city officials, bankers and politicians, who congregate in large cities. It is not easy, in any metropolis, for a Christian campus to combat the influences that are bound to lead to greater secularization.

Fourthly, any western friend of China who contributes anything to the support of Christian universities in China has a right to know that the money goes to the really poor and needy. Christian universities of the highest standing should be made physically accessible to the rural population, instead of lending themselves to the service of the wealthy few in urban areas. The wealthy can always find opportunities for advanced learning. But the poor and backward in China's inland provinces are often neglected and denied opportunities for self-improvement.

Lastly, since Chinese Government Universities may be found in most metropolitan areas, the maintenance of Christian Universities of the highest standing in the same localities will mean some unnecessary

duplication and unwise competition.

In view of these criticisms, it is worth suggesting whether the "first priority" recommended by the Planning Committee should not be modified in some such way as follows: For every first-rate Christian University located in a metropolis, there should be established in the heart of rural China a Christian University of equal standing and enjoying equal priority.

The Planning Committee was right in holding the view that Christian Universities in China should maintain the highest academic standards. But eagerness to see this intellectual goal achieved overshadowed their concern for the training of leadership for the Christian Movement as a whole. So much weight was assigned to the intellectual task that special provision for the training of Christian workers was relegated to Priority No. 7! If the New York Planning Committee had read with care the British Memorandum of March, 1945, it would have noticed that in defining the functions of Christian Universities, the maintenance of high university standards was not allowed to take precedence over the essential Christian aims of education. The Planning Committee classified Christian Universities into two types, and only Type II universities, secondary in rank and priority are given the special task of training workers for the Christian Community. Apparently the Planning Committee was under the influence of Christian educators who were more interested in academic prestige than in the development of Christian personalities.

The proposed order of priorities is therefore questionable, in so far as it is determined with reference to size and location, and without reference to any scale of values. If a scale of values were

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the basis for judgment, geographical considerations would not have been given so much weight. To illustrate, we may compare the Planning Committee's order of priorities with an entirely different order of priorities, based on the relative importance of the various disciplines in a Christian philosophy of education.

PRIORITIES

determined largely by geographical considerations.
Proposed by the Planning Committee.

1. Peiping, Nanking, Canton.

2. Shanghai

3. Chengtu - West China Union University

PRIORITIES

determined largely by the relative importance of the disciplines. Proposed by the present writer.

1. Minimum requirements of any Christian University, irrespective of size or location:

First-rate department of Philosophy

First-rate department of Religion with emphasis on Comparative Religion and Philosophy of Religion

First-rate department of History, with emphasis on World-History and the histories of foreign nations.

First-rate department of foreign languages, with emphasis on English, American, Russian, French, German and Spanish.

First-rate department of sociology, with emphasis on the comparative study of cultures.

2. New fields to be developed. At least one college in each of the following fields to be established in connection with one Christian University:

School of Music

School of Fine Arts

School of Speech and Drama

3. The Natural Sciences. Emphasis on the spirit of "the enduring quest" for Truth,

4. Manchuria, etc.

4. Professional education
School of Social Service Administration.
Medicine
Education
Agriculture
Commerce
Law
Engineering

5. Nanking - University of Nanking,
and Ginling College

5. Exchange of professors and
students

6. Fukien

6. Special lecturers from abroad

7. Central China

The fundamental argument of the present paper is that the real value of a Christian University in China will be determined not by its size or its geographical location, but by its capacity for developing "total personalities" by means of cultivating in the students a philosophical and historical perspective, a religious sense of moral values, an enduring interest in and appreciation for beauty and refinement, and professional efficiency in a particular field. These things constitute a Christian philosophy of education.

AIR MAIL

July 3, 1946

Dr. John C. F. Lo
St. Francis Hotel
San Francisco, California

My dear John:

Enclosed you will find a check for two hundred dollars, (\$200.00), to be accounted for, for your transportation across the continent.

I have just had a telephone call from your wife and as Mr. Lyford is out of town it is impossible for me to contact him on short notice. Unfortunately, I am familiar with the details of how your expenses are to be met. I have drawn this money from the Mission funds which will have to be refunded either by the Huachung Treasurer or by you. This business will work out all right, I am sure. As soon as I have time to take it up with Mr. Lyford and Mr. Greiner I will do so.

It is a real pleasure to welcome you to the United States and I will be looking forward with greater pleasure to seeing you in person.

With very best wishes and kind regards.

Very sincerely yours,

J. Earl Fowler

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October 2, 1946

Dr. John Lo
2114 Adams Avenue
Scranton, Pennsylvania

My dear Dr. Lo:

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees of Huachung University will be held at 10:00 a.m. on October thirty-first at Calvary House, 61 Gramercy Park. This is just around the corner on Twenty-first Street from "281".

I understand that Dr. Sherman has invited you to attend the next meeting so I am giving you this information. I will be looking forward to seeing you.

With very best wishes and kind regards.

Very sincerely yours,

J. Earl Fowler

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1118 $\frac{1}{2}$ W. New Street,
Lancaster, Pa.,
Oct. 5, 1966.

Dear Mr. Fowler:

Thank you for your letter of October 2.
I shall try my best to be present at
the Huchings Board meeting on
Oct. 31.

I started teaching at Franklin
& Marshall on Sept 27. I am giving
three courses, two in psychology and
one course on Chinese Thought.

We are staying in a small
apartment which belongs to the
Reformed Church. Lancaster is
quite a nice place, and we
like it.

With warmest greetings and
best wishes.

Sincerely yours,
James D. Lo.

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December 5, 1946

Emergency Expenses of Mrs. John Lo
May 1, 1944 to October 15, 1946

Mrs. Lo is a highly valued teacher at Hua Chung College, where her husband, Dr. John C. F. Lo, is professor of Psychology and Religion and Dean of the School of Arts.

In the spring of 1944 it became imperative for Mrs. Lo to return to the United States because of the need for an operation on her little daughter and because of Mrs. Lo's sudden and serious illness which also involved serious operations. Since her arrival in the United States a fine boy has been born.

Funds for travel, living and medical expense of Mrs. Lo and her children during two and one-half years (April 21, 1944 to October 15, 1946), amounting to U. S. \$5,786.08, were advanced to Mrs. Lo from month to month by the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of Hua Chung College on recommendation of President Wei and with the approval of the Board of Trustees. Of this total, friends of Mrs. Lo and of the College have provided \$1,923.00, leaving a balance of \$3,863.08 to be provided.

The Treasurer has kept in touch with the Lo family and knows that the expenses were kept as low as possible under the circumstances.

Dr. John C. F. Lo is having his sabbatical leave from Hua Chung and is spending most of it as a visiting professor at Franklin and Marshall College at Lancaster, Pa. This position was secured for him through the efforts of President Wei and Rev. R. Pierce Beaver, one of the Trustees of Hua Chung. Dr. Lo is teaching philosophy and psychology. His salary for this service is sufficient to pay the expenses of his family now that they have joined him in Lancaster where they are living very modestly in a two room apartment.

All of the family now are in good health and Professor and Mrs. Lo now plan to return to Hua Chung College during the next summer so as to be ready for the opening of the college year 1947-48, when it is expected that both will resume their regular educational work.

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Dr. Lo's travel expenses on the return trip will be paid by the College under the terms of sabbatical leave. The travel expenses of Mrs. Lo and the two children, probably amounting to the equivalent of two passengers, will have to be covered by special provision. They expect to travel in tourist class.

The Treasurer has conferred at length with Dr. Lo about the financial problem. He and Mrs. Lo accept the responsibility of paying as much of this obligation as possible and he suggested that a certain percentage of his salary and subsidy after his sabbatical year be deducted for this purpose. This proposition is being referred to President Wei for consideration.

O. S. Lyford,
Treasurer.

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1118 1/2 W. New St.,
Lancaster, Pa.,
Dec. 30, 1946.

Dear Mr. Lyford:

Will you please let me know
how you have found Dr. Wai?

I enclose a newspaper clipping
which may be of some interest to you.
The report is based on an Assembly
talk that I gave at the college here.
It is not an accurate report,
though interesting.

We wish you and Miss Lyford
a most happy New Year.

Very sincerely,

John C. Ho.

Write Francis W. Lee 5-

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LANCASTER, PA., SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29, 1946

*Chinese Professor's Long Life Plan Forecasts**150 Happy New Years Per Citizen*

Supposing present trends continue, some of us who will be greeting 1947 come Tuesday midnight may be around to celebrate the year 2047, according to Dr. John C. F. Lo, visiting professor of psychology at Franklin and Marshall College.

Dr. Lo, dipping generously into Asiatic customs dangles the possibility of a 150-year life span before our eyes at just the moment when we are heralding one modest new year with more gusto than a Buddhist monk might hail fifty.

Shaw May Be Wrong

Offering comparisons and studies which directly challenge 90-year-old George Bernard Shaw's dictum: "Do not try to live forever. You will not succeed," Dr. Lo inspires a certain optimism that it may be possible after all.



Naturally the possibility of any of us tooting a red horn in the year 2047 is more than a bit remote, but Dr. Lo has a formula for increasing the life span which should be taken as more than a pleasant contemplation.

It is largely, Dr. Lo says, a matter of choosing between the life of a monk or that of an emperor.

Studied The Ancients

Dr. Lo, who was Dean of Liberal Arts at Hua Chung Christian College in Wuchang, China, before he came to F. and M. on sabbatical leave, has made an extensive study of the life-spans of several hundred ancient Chinese emperors and a large number of Buddhist monks. The results of his study reveal some rather startling facts.

Of the emperors, only 16 percent passed the age of 60, while

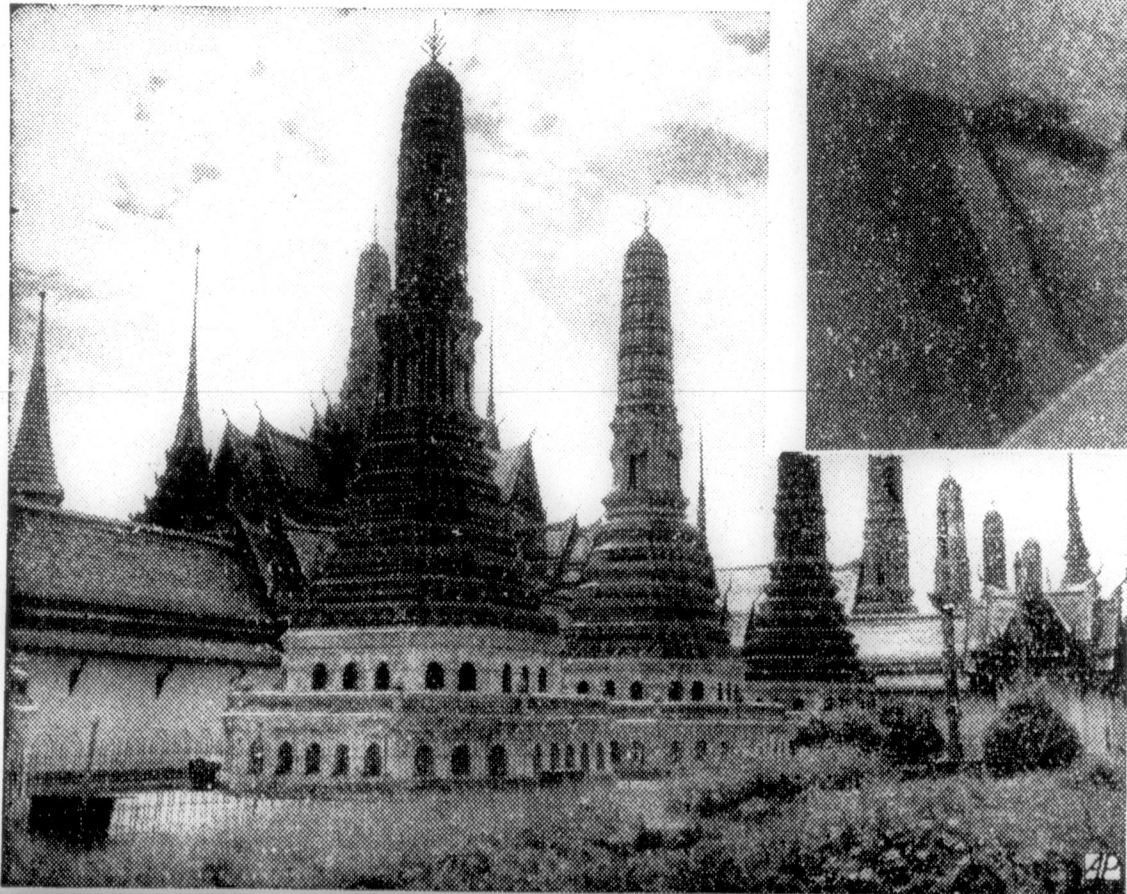
Co. Centenarians May Prove Theory

If experimenters in the science of long life are looking for a good place to try out their theories, Lancaster County is hereby nominated as the ideal location. We've about two-score men and women who are in their 90s and 100s. For practical demonstrations of longevity, our nonagenarians and centenarians could give the psychologists and physiologists something to work backward from, in addition to all the young folks who will have to wait another eight or nine decades to see whether they're actually going to get into the upper age brackets.

Worthy of special note is the service of veteran employes of the Holtwood power plant which added up to 500 years. Of still more significance were the three county women who passed away in November totaling ages of 300 years. One of them was 102 years old. This year will see more local residents reaching into the nineties and a few to the century mark.



LONGER LIFE AS A POSSIBILITY for more people is seen by Dr. John C. F. Lo, visiting professor of psychology at F. and M., without benefit of rejuvenation. His program adds up to careful living, but is based on studies of ancient Asiatics who have attained incredible ages.



among the monks, 85 percent lived past 60, and a good percentage achieved the age of 100—in the days when the average life span was approximately one-third of what it is today. How did they do it? Dr. Lo can't be certain of the secret, of course, but he has studied their habits rather closely and has reached the conclusion that following their mode of life would probably add years to almost anyone's span of existence.

Contrary to the emperors indulged in what are known as the better things of life, the monks lived very simple, Dr. Lo points out.

Followed Plain Diet

Their diet was extraordinarily plain. They ate eggs, milk, and a few vegetables and let it go at that. They probably ate very moderately, as well as simply. They were celibates. They never allowed themselves to become excited, and the "world was never much with them." They were mentally active, but physically—well, the monks didn't believe in too much exercise of a bodily variety.

Dr. Lo won't guarantee

TIME TO ENJOY grandeur may be one of the elements of ancient Buddhist philosophy judged by their temples. Not all are as grand as this 70-million-dollar temple at Bangkok, but Dr. Lo has been impressed more by the age of some of the Asiatic monks than by their temples.

imitation of the life of a monk will make a centenarian of anyone, but it might. However, if that sort of life seems to stringent for the tastes of the average man, the chance for his achieving a ripe old age still looks brighter than it has ever looked before, the psychologist says.

A great deal of scientific study is being devoted to the question of longevity at the moment, he points out, and a large number of scientists have become rather optimistic over man's future, as far as the number of years he will live is concerned. Metchinkoff, a Russian, estimates that the maximum age for man will soon be 180 years, Dr. Lo says. Lasareff, a French scientist,

agrees with that, an German, Gumpert, less fully says 150 will be tops. All the scientists are speculating, Dr. Lo states, but they are seriously working on the matters at hand.

Rejects Rejuvenation

Then there's rejuvenation. Dr. Lo doesn't take this process very seriously at the moment. Even if it works, he says, few of us would be able to afford it.

But aside from all the speculation and experimentation, it is an actual fact that the life span is increasing at an amazing rate, Dr. Lo says. In the 16th century man could expect to reach the average age of 21 years. By 1900, average life expectancy was 48 years, and in the 44 years that followed, man's life span has jumped unbelievably to 63. If that rate were to continue, man could expect to live to be 90 years old, on the average, by the turn of the century.

Five Major

A monk's life a rejuvenation aside, there are five major factors to be considered in the extension of life, Dr. Lo states.