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January 3, 1945

Mr. Earle Ballou
Associated Board for Christian Colleges
156 Fifth Avenue
New York, 10, New York

My dear Mr. Ballou:

Letters received from Central China College at Hsichow have mentioned pictures taken by Dr. Fenn, when he visited the college about a year ago. They thought he had planned to send us copies of these pictures but they have never been received. I thought it was possible that he sent them to your office and forgot all about the National Council. If you have received such pictures from Dr. Fenn, would it be possible for us to have copies of them?

Thank you for your kindness.

Very sincerely yours,

J. Earl Fowler

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January 3, 1945

Dr. Claude M. Lee
205 East High Street
Charlottesville, Virginia

My dear Dr. Lee:

Many thanks for your letter and you have my sympathy. I do not blame you at all for not considering going back to China at the present time, to do relief work. In fact, I have my doubts whether the suggestion works out satisfactorily so that anybody will get back.

In regard to your remark about retiring, I feel that I ought to tell you that our present rules read sixty-eight and not sixty-five. We spent considerable time in 1941 and 1942 revising and standardizing all of the mission rules. The rule on retirement was changed to agree with all of the mission fields and the Clergy Pension Fund retirement.

Very best wishes and kind regards.

Sincerely yours,

J. Earl Fowler

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Hua Chung

January 3, 1945

Mr. E. T. Colton
347 Madison Avenue
New York, New York

My dear Mr. Colton:

A letter received from Central China College yesterday mentioned Miss Burr. It said that she was living with Mr. and Mrs. John L. Coe. I number the Coes among my very best friends and she could not be living with more agreeable and charming people. Mrs. Coe comes from an old New England family. Mr. Coe is a mid-westerner, I think from Michigan. He is a typical scholar and never knows just what his appearance is going to be as he is not interested in such things but he has the keenest intellect of anybody I know.

From November 1st to 5th the College celebrated the twentieth anniversary of its founding. Miss Burr put on a one act play in English, "The Dear Departed", and from reports she did a splendid job.

Very sincerely yours,

J. Earl Fowler

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WAR PRISONERS AID of the YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATIONS
under the auspices of the
WORLD'S COMMITTEE of the YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATIONS
GENEVA, SWITZERLAND

January 5, 1945

Mr. J. Earl Fowler
Church Missions House
281 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, New York

JAN 8 1945
J. EARL FOWLER

Dear Mr. Fowler:

For myself and Leona Burr's family, I am writing to thank you both for the note of January 3, reporting on one of her activities, and the little booklet that was so informative about the college where she is teaching. The report on her living with the Coe family will cheer us all.

I am passing along all of this to one of her sisters who in turn will be the distributing center for the brothers and sisters of whom she has a total of five.

Yours sincerely,

E. T. Colton

E. T. Colton
Executive for Services
in the United States

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May 9, 1945

Mr. Earle Ballou, Executive Secretary
Associated Boards of Christian Colleges in China
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York 11

My dear Mr. Ballou:

In case you have not already been advised
this is to let you know that the Very Reverend
Arthur C. Lichtenberger, 24 Rector Street,
Newark, New Jersey, has been elected a member-
at-large of the Board of Directors of Hua Chung
College.

Very sincerely yours,

J. Earl Fowler

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54 Dana Place

Englewood, N. J.

May 21, 1945

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My dear Mr Fowler,

J. EARL FOWLER

The enclosed letter came to
our house this morning. Father
left word with me, and probably,
with you, too, that, if letters from
China came in his absence, I
should forward them on to you
and ask that you open and at-
tend to such business as is nec-
essary, showing the letter to Dr
Sherman, if action is indicated.

Sincerely,

(Mrs) Margaret Lyford Sheldon

Nice China

May 25, 1945

Mrs. Margaret Lyford Sheldon
54 Dana Place
Englewood, New Jersey

My dear Mrs. Sheldon:

Thanks very much for forwarding to me the letter from China addressed to your father. I have been frightfully busy this week. I glanced over the letter and then turned it over to Dr. Sherman. Should there be anything that requires special attention I have promised Dr. Sherman to take care of it the first of next week.

Thank you for your kindness.

Sincerely yours,

J. Earl Fowler

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Signed for
Mr. Fowler

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Rusch

June 19, 1945

Major Paul Rusch
M. I. S. Language School
Fort Snelling, Minnesota

My dear Paul:

It was just grand having you hear for a few hours. I hope that now you have found how to get to New York you will plan to get around more frequently!

I had a brain storm after you left yesterday and found the correspondence with Mrs. Toriyama. I had it in your folder right here in my office all the time! I had a feeling that I didn't throw away this correspondence. At the time we wrote to Mrs. Toriyama in September 1942 she was at the Tanforan Assembly Center but expected to be transferred within a week or two to a relocation center in Utah. The address of the relocation camp is: Central Utah W. R. A. Center, Topaz, Utah. Her address on the coast before evacuation was: R. F. D., Box 745A, Alhambra Valley, Martinez, California.

Please give my regards to the three Master Sergeants that were here with you and any other friends I may have at Snelling. I hope you got back safely and had fair flying.

Our best from all,

As ever yours,

J. Earl Fowler

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J. EARL TUNNEY

4509 Regent St., Phila. 43.

November 20th, 1945.

Dear Earl:

I'd like to ask you a couple of questions.

- 1) Did the Hua Chung Board take any definite action with regard to joining the union project, and what did they do?
- 2) If they did take any action, do you want it kept quiet, or is it OK to talk about it?
- 3) The Convocation of North Philadelphia will meet at old Christ Church, 2nd & Market Sts., on the second Tuesday in May, May 14th, 1946. Could we get Dr. Francis Wei to speak to us then, either at 6 P.M. or 8 P.M.? Hope so.

Thanks for the check you sent me. Good luck.

Sincerely,

John Shryock

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November 26, 1945

Arthur Allen
Kunming (China)

Request Gilman secure and cable contractors estimate cost minimum repairs College property for April occupancy.

J. T. Addison

Chg: Huachung College

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H. Fowler

November 26, 1945

The Rev. John K. Shryock, Ph.D.
4509 Regent Street
Philadelphia 43, Pennsylvania

My dear John:

The minutes of the Board of Founders for Hua-
chung have been mailed out. After reading them
you will have the answer to your questions regard-
ing the action taken. As far as I know there is
nothing secret about it.

I am very sorry but it will be impossible
for Dr. Wei to accept your kind invitation to
meet with the Convocation of North Philadelphia
on May 14, 1946 as he is completely booked up.

With very best wishes and kind regards.

Very sincerely yours,

J. Earl Fowler

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December 11, 1945

To: Dr. Addison

On December 6th I wrote to Dr. John W. Wood regarding the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society's representatives on the Board of Founders of Huachung College. I made quite a thorough investigation and find no records in the minutes of the National Council of any representatives having been elected since you were elected in 1941.

Of the present members, Bishop Tucker, Dr. Wood, Mrs. Harper Sibley, and Dr. Sherman have been on the Board since their election in April 1932. The Reverend John Shryock was elected in February 1935. Miss Johnston was elected at the February meeting in 1937.

The Constitution and By-Laws state that members are elected in classes for three year periods. I wrote to Dr. Wood thinking he might be able to throw some light on this.

We might talk this over sometime when you have the opportunity.

J. Earl Fowler

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December 6, 1945

Dr. John W. Wood
402 W. 20th Street
New York, New York

My dear Dr. Wood:

I have been doing considerable research from time to time trying to find out the status of the members of the Huachung Board of Founders representing the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society. There seems to be nothing in the minutes of the Board of Founders.

I have been through the records of the minutes of the National Council with Mrs. Lally and I find that Dr. Addison was elected a member of the Board of Founders at the February meeting of the National Council in 1941; Miss Mary Johnston at the February meeting 1937; Bishop Stewart at the December meeting in 1936; The Reverend John Shryock at the February meeting 1935.

At the April meeting in 1931 the following members were elected: Bishop Francis, Bishop Tucker, W. G. Peterkin, Dr. John W. Wood, Mrs. Harper Sibley, John Newbold, and Dr. Arthur M. Sherman. In April 1932 Dr. Sherman and the Hon. Philip S. Parker were elected for a period of three years. This is the only case where the term of service has been mentioned in the minutes.

In Article V in the Constitution of the Board of Trustees known as the Board of Founders of Huachung College, I find:

"The members of the Board of Founders, when completed, shall be divided into three groups, equal in number; the members of Group One shall hold office for one year; the members of Group Two shall hold office for two years; the members of Group Three shall hold office for three years. All subsequent appointments shall be for periods of three years each save in the case of the filling of a vacancy, when the appointment shall be for the remainder of the unexpired term."

It seems that legally the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society is without membership on the Board of Founders because none of them have been re-appointed by the National Council at the expiration of their term of service. In view of the fact that we are about to take

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Dr. John W. Wood

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December 6, 1955

very important action regarding the agreement to join the United Board something should be done to legalize the status of the representatives of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society.

With very best wishes and kind regards.

Very sincerely yours,

J. Earl Fowler

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January 21, 1946

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Dr. Addison

Jan. 24, '46

OVERSEAS DEPARTMENT

CHINA

Subject: Membership in the United Board for Christian
Colleges in China.

RECOMMENDATION

RESOLVED: That the National Council, acting as the Board of Founders of St. John's University, Shanghai, accepts membership in the United Board for Christian Colleges in China, in accordance with the Draft of Agreement, dated January 21, 1946, and presented at this meeting of the National Council, and that the President and Secretary of the National Council be authorized and requested to execute the same on half of the National Council.

RESOLVED: That the National Council approves the proposal that the Central China College Foundation shall accept membership in the United Board for Christian Colleges in China in accordance with the "Agreement" submitted by the United Board for Christian Colleges under date of October 24, 1945, and revised at a meeting of the Hua Chung Board of Founders held on November 2, 1945.

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March 22, 1946

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AMCHUMISS
HANKOW (CHINA)

TAYLOR REPORTS SPENDING OWN MONEY HUACHUNG REPAIRS. YOU ARE AUTHORIZED USE RECONSTRUCTION FUNDS THIS PURPOSE SUBJECT TERMS MY LETTER DECEMBER TWELVE STOP PICKENS HAS AUTHORITY PAY COE OR YOU SIXTY THOUSAND AMERICAN FROM COLLEGE RESERVES ON DEMAND FOR MOVING AND REPAIRS.

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April 2, 1946

BISHOP GILMAN
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April 18, 1946

Dr. John W. Wood.
402 West 20th Street
New York, New York

Dear Dr. Wood:

Dr. Sherman, President of the Huachung Board of Trustees, is calling an enlarged meeting of the Executive Committee for April 24th at 2:30 p.m. at Calvary House, 61 Gramercy Park, North, New York City.

This is really a meeting of the Executive Committee but Dr. Sherman wanted as many members of the Board as possible. In your notice that was sent out on April 8th there was an enclosure concerning a report of the Planning Committee of the Associated Board. The meeting on the 24th has to do with this report.

Very sincerely yours,

J. Earl Fowler

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The Rt. Rev. H. St. George Tucker, D.D.
Presiding Bishop and President

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May 21, 1946

Mr. C. A. Evans
Associated Boards for Christian
Colleges in China
New York City

My dear Mr. Evans:

I am glad to advise you that the National Council of the Protestant Episcopal Church has made the following special appropriations to our colleges in China since January 1, 1946, all being in addition to the pre-war normal budget appropriations.

Feb. 12, 1946	Hua Chung College	\$5,000
	Restoration of library books from Reconstruction & Advance Fund	
	2 Scholarships for study in U.S.A. from income on Bawn Fund	3,000
Apr. 30, 1946	For aid in moving college and emergency rehabilitation from Reconstruction & Advance Fund.	100,000

General Appropriations

St. John's University and Hua Chung College will share in two emergency appropriations, one of \$500,000 for the purchase of material for reconstruction purposes from Army and Navy sources.

They will also share in an appropriation of \$300,000 to cover normal repairs to cover replacement of equipment of all institutions in the Orient.

From time to time we expect to send you statements as to the amounts spent from these two appropriations for St. John's and Hua Chung College.

We now have under consideration an appropriation of an additional \$40,000 to St. John's University to meet an immediate emergency in their operating budget.

Faithfully yours

s/s Lewis B. Franklin
Treasurer

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May 16, 1946

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Rev. James Thayer Addison, D.D.
281 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Dr. Addison:

The following letter is being sent today to each of the other missions which support Hua Chung College.

Enclosed herewith is a copy of the minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Hua Chung Trustees held on April 24, 1946. Included therewith is a copy of a report by the Treasurer relating to the problem of financing.

I wish to call your attention particularly to the immediate needs for funds to cover the cost of moving the college back from Hsichow to Wuchang and rehabilitating the college, its faculty and staff on the old Boone Campus.

The Treasurer's report also discusses briefly the plan for expanding the Wuchang Campus with new buildings and equipment at an estimated cost of U.S. \$1,720,000.00. We realize that such a development cannot be started for at least a year. Therefore, the money for this plan is not being solicited at present. However, this plan is placed before us as a reminder that the money which is needed immediately is only a beginning if the College is to meet the needs of the important Wuhan Area.

Referring to the immediate needs which are estimated to cost a total of U.S. \$275,000.00, please note that \$95,000.00 is expected from the United China Relief and the Chinese Government. Also I am glad to report that the National Council of the Protestant Episcopal Church has contributed \$100,000.00. This leaves \$80,000.00 to be obtained from the other supporting missions and from the Associated Boards.

May I ask that your Board take this matter under consideration as soon as possible and advise me as to what we may expect from you.

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Dr. J. T. Addison

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May 21, 1946

A cable received yesterday from John Coe announced the following: FIRST HUACHUNG GROUP ARRIVED CHANGSHA SIXTEENTH SECOND EXPECTED NINETEENTH. The repair work is now being pushed to completion. The property must be ready for the College to start operations not later than September first, with an adequate faculty housed reasonably well in the old buildings, and with a student body of at least 300.

Yours faithfully,

Board of Trustees
President

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9 Viewforth Gardens,
Kirkcaldy,
Scotland.

August 13th, 1946.

Mr. Earl Fowler,
281 Fourth Avenue,
New York, U.S.A.

AUG 19 1946

J. EARL FOWLER

Dear Mr. Fowler,

A short time ago we managed to secure a copy of the film that Dr. Taylor took of Hua Chung in Hsichow. The film needs some editing, cutting and titling and I am getting our film expert at the London Mission headquarters in London to undertake this. What we need, however, to bring the story of Hua Chung up-to-date is a film of Hua Chung back in Wuchang. I discussed this with Dr. Wei recently, and he told me that Dr. Perry of the Friends Ambulance Unit, who has been in Hankow, took some film of Hua Chung in Wuchang since the end of the war. Dr. Wei suggested that I might write and ask you to send me a copy of this film, or at least the parts of Dr. Perry's film which relate to Hua Chung and Wuchang. The cost can be charged to Hua Chung publicity account. Would you also be so kind as to give me a statement making over the full rights to the this film in the British Isles to the London Missionary Society, so that there will be no difficulty about exhibition and editing rights? I hope in this way to produce a decent film of Hua Chung during and after the war, and we shall make copies of it available for the China Christian Universities Association in this country and the Methodist Mission and any other organisation which may be interested in Hua Chung. If you happen to have any pre-war films of the Wuchang campus, it would be very helpful if you could lend us a copy of them as well.

It seems a very long time since we used to work together in Wuchang, but both Mrs. Anderson and I have very happy memories of those days. Please remember us to Mrs. Fowler. I expect that you have forgotten that you sold us your stove before you left, but I can assure you that it gave us excellent service for a number of years after that, and probably to Jap or Chinese looters since!

With kind regards from us both,

Yours sincerely,

David F. Anderson.

David F. Anderson.

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August 21, 1946

Dr. John W. Perry
McLean Hospital
Waverly, Massachusetts

My dear Dr. Perry:

Mr. David F. Anderson, Professor at Huachung University, Wuchang, who is now on furlough in Scotland, is making up a film about Huachung. He has films taken in Hsi Chow where they refugeed during the war in China.

Mr. Anderson has heard that you visited Huachung in Wuchang shortly after the war was over and took some pictures. If this is the case we would like very much to purchase a copy of these films and pictures you took in Wuchang.

Will you please let me know whether you have such films and whether it will be possible for you to let me have a copy of them.

Thank you for your kindness and I hope to hear from you soon.

Very sincerely yours,

J. Earl Fowler

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8 Appleton Road
Cambridge, Mass
August 22, '48

Mr. J. Earl Fowler
281 Fourth Ave.
New York

Dear Mr. Fowler,

In answer to your letter of the 2nd about photos from Hua Chung in Wu Chang, I'm awfully sorry to have to disappoint you and Mr. Anderson. I just didn't happen to take many pictures over there in Wu Chang, and not many in Hankow altogether. My film had already pretty well disintegrated there after a couple of rainy summers, and I was just throwing up the sponge at that point.

However, one of our boys over there I'm quite sure has taken several, because he's a real camera fan. Perhaps the distance and mailing time are too long for you to do business with him, but in case you can his name is this:

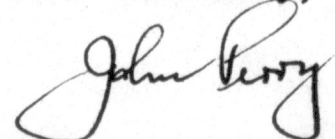
Mr. Lindsey Crozier
c/o Friends Ambulance Unit
Hua Mei Hospital
Chengchou, Honan, China

He would expect no money from you for them as I would not have, and might prefer to send you glossy prints rather than the negatives unless you felt strongly enough about that. You can get very good copies from glossies, apparently, for further reduplication by film or by print.

I've been trying to find out from Mr. Franklin and Mr. Swift if those Hua Chung photos of Mrs. Coe's ever reached Dr. Wei there at 281; I sent them in the mail to that address in May. I feel a bit anxious about them.

Sorry I can't accommodate; I would if I could.

Yours sincerely,



John W. Perry, MD

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September 18, 1946

Dr. John W. Perry
8 Appleton Road
Cambridge, Massachusetts

My dear Dr. Perry:

Many thanks for your letter of August twenty-second. Please pardon the long delay in acknowledging it. I sent your suggestion to Dr. Anderson of the possibility of getting some pictures from Mr. Crozier.

Before Dr. Wei left for England he left two small boxes on my desk. They probably contained pictures or films that you have been trying to trace. Dr. Wei gave me no instructions about them and I turned them over to our Promotion Department the middle of July. Since I returned from my vacation about the first of September I have been trying to get some information regarding these films but have not succeeded. As soon as I get something out of the Promotion Department, I will let you know.

Thank you for your kindness.

Very sincerely yours,

J. Earl Fowler

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September 18, 1946

Dr. David F. Anderson
9 Viewforth Gardens
Kirkcaldy, Scotland

My dear Dr. Anderson:

I am mighty sorry for the long delay in replying to your letter. There have been several reasons for this. First, it took me some time to locate Dr. John W. Perry. Then, I have been trying to locate pictures here in our files. I am very sorry that my investigations have given no concrete results.

Dr. Perry did not take any pictures in the Wuchang area. He suggests that if time permits he is quite sure you could get some pictures from:

Mr. Lindsey Crozier
c/o Friends Ambulance Unit
Hua Mei Hospital
Chengchou, Honan, China

Dr. Perry says he would expect no money for any pictures that he could supply. He thinks it quite probable that he would not be able to give you the films but could supply you with glossy prints which would make good copies.

I have assumed you were interested in movie film and not in ordinary picture negatives. If I am mistaken in this matter I might make further investigation and see what ordinary negatives we could find.

It sure does seem a very long time since we worked together in Wuchang. I have no recollection of having sold you my stove. I hope it gave you satisfactory service. No doubt it was shipped back to Japan after the Japanese army arrived and was used as some kind of gun material after that.

Dr. Paul Ward a new History man for Central China has been doing a splendid job in purchasing books and equipment for the College. He will be leaving here the latter part of October to join the staff. Transportation is still very difficult and even though he would like to leave sooner it is almost impossible to

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Dr. David F. Anderson

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get reservations. Two members of the staff, a Chemistry professor and an English teacher, have been marooned on the west coast at San Francisco for the past week waiting for the shipping strike to be over. Four hundred missionaries scheduled to leave on one ship the eleventh of this month are all waiting impatiently. I hope you will have no difficulty getting transportation when you are ready to return.

With very best wishes and kind regards.

Very sincerely yours,

J. Earl Fowler

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October 14, 1946

Dr. Francis C. M. Wei
Huachung University
Wuchang, China

My dear Francis:

The enclosed is a copy of a letter I have just received from Dr. Beaver. After receiving your cable I wrote him giving him a copy of the cable and told him I assumed from it that you wanted him to teach Church History and Liturgics as that was understood when he was originally appointed to the faculty of Huachung by the Mission Board.

The Board of Founders is meeting on October thirty-first. I hope we have a good turn-out for this meeting. Frank Fulton and the new Executive Secretary of the Yale-in-China Association, Mr. Kenneth Morland, and Dr. John Lo expect to be present.

I am still frightfully busy but hope that things will let up in the near future. There has been a complete shipping tie-up since the fifth of September. No passengers or freight are moving at the present time.

With very best wishes and kind regards.

Affectionately yours,

J. Earl Fowler

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November 14, 1946
Educational Bureau's Office

MEMO

To: Bishop Tucker
From: Mr. Fowler

At the Board of Trustees meeting of HuaChung College on October 31st, you requested that I let you know what members of the Board should be re-appointed at the next National Council meeting.

On page 19 of the minutes of the National Council meeting for February, 1946, the representatives of the Board of Founders of HuaChung College were appointed as follows:

To hold office for one year, dating from January 1, 1946:

Rt. Rev. H. St. George Tucker, D. D.
Dr. John W. Wood

Sherrill

To hold office for two years:

Rev. Arthur M. Sherman, S.T.D.
Rev. John K. Shyrock, Ph.D.

To hold office for three years:

Rev. James T. Addison, D. D.
Miss Mary Johnston
J. Earl Fowler

I understand that you are planning to resign from the Board of Founders at the expiration of this year. In all probability, Dr. Wood will not think to resign, although he probably will never be able to attend meetings in the future.

I have talked over the membership of the Board with Dr. Addison several times and think that we have a

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complete understanding on this matter. It was Dr. Addison's intention, as soon as there was an opening on the Board of Founders, to elect The Very Rev. Arthur C. Lichtenberger. If there were to be two openings, the second choice would be the election of The Rev. Luther Tucker. Both of these gentlemen have had experience in China and they are outstanding clergymen of the Church. There is a double motive in appointing Mr. Tucker. He is a Yale man and a chaplain at Yale, and by making him a member of the Board of Founders, it will probably have some influence in tying up Yale-in-China Association with Hua Chung.

If you would like, I would be very glad to talk with you on this matter.

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November 15, 1946

To: Bishop Tucker

Inasmuch as Dr. Addison is not here, I am turning over to you this business that would ordinarily be sent to Thayer.

For one important reason after another, the completion of this merger has been deferred until the present time. Now, when we are ready to execute the agreement we are advised by our attorneys that letters reporting consent are not sufficient, and to avoid possible legal complications later, it is important that a formal vote be taken by each of the five supporting missions which vote shall be certified in a formal manner by the proper official of each board.

I attach herewith a form of certification which includes the desired form of a vote to be passed by your Board. I hope that procedure in this formal manner will be agreeable to our Society and that a meeting with a quorum present, will be possible at an early date. Please return to me the certificate in duplicate.

The representatives of the other colleges which have united seem to be well satisfied with the way the United Board is functioning. A united organization of this kind, to supplement the active interest by the mission boards, seems to be very necessary to meet the grave conditions in China and the rest of the world.

J. Earl Fowler
Associate Secretary

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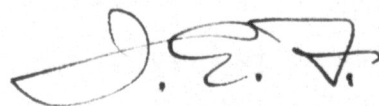
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J. Earl Fowler
Associate Secretary

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I, _____, President (or Secretary)
of the National Council, Directors of The Domestic and Foreign
Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the
United States of America, hereby certify that, at a meeting of
the said National Council, Directors of The Domestic and Foreign
Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the
United States of America, a voluntary association with its
principal office at 281 Fourth Avenue, New York 10, New York,
duly called and held on _____, at which a quorum
was presented, on motion duly seconded, the Board voted unani-
mously as follows, to wit:

That the National Council, Directors of The Domestic
and Foreign Missionary Society of the Protestant
Episcopal Church in the United States of America,
approves the execution by Central College Foundation
of an agreement known and described as "Agreement
between United Board for Christian Colleges in China
and Central China College Foundation".

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed this certi-
ficate as President (or Secretary) of the National Council,
Directors of The Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of
the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America
(and affixed the seal of the said Mission Society) this
day of _____, 1946.

(Seal if there is one)

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THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

HOWARD L. BEVIS, President

COLUMBUS 10

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J. EARL FOWLER
Date

DEPARTMENT OF MECHANICS

P. W. OTT
JAMES E. BOYD
S. B. FOLK
R. W. POWELL
E. C. CLARK
LEROY TUCKER

December 11, 1946

Mr. J. Earl Fowler
Church Missions House
281 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Mr. Fowler:

Mr. John Kenneth Morland, Executive Secretary of the Yale-In-China Association, Incorporated, tells me you would be glad to have my back numbers of "Science" for Hua Chung. I mailed you today by parcel post a package weighing about 58 pounds which contains the file from the beginning of 1940 to the middle of 1946. Within the next few weeks I ~~would~~ have completed my file for 1946 and could send you those numbers or would it be better if I mailed them directly to Hua Chung? If so, what is the proper address to use?

From 1916 to 1927 I was on the faculty of the College of Yale-In-China first as Acting Head of the Physics Department and later as Professor of Applied Mathematics. I am, therefore, personally interested in seeing that the Hua Chung library has scientific material.

Sincerely,

Ralph W. Powell
Professor of Mechanics

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Many thanks for your kindness and generosity in saving your volumes of "Science" for Hua Chung. With very best wishes and kind regards, and New Year's Greetings.

Very sincerely yours,

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January 2, 1947

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Ralph W. Powell
Professor of Mechanics
Ohio State University
Columbus, Ohio

My dear Mr. Powell:

I have delayed acknowledging your letter of December 11th waiting for the package of "Science" magazines for Huachung University to arrive. I am very sorry to say that I have not received them as yet. I presume that it may be due to the holiday mail congestion. As soon as they are received, I will let you know.

In regard to your 1946 volume, when it is completed, if it is not too heavy, it would be just as well to mail them direct to Huachung University, Wuchang, Hupeh, China. It is my impression that they will only take parcels up to 11 pounds. In case it goes over this amount, it may be split up and sent in two packages.

I wouldn't be at all surprised if we are acquainted. You say that you were at Yale-in-China from 1916 to 1927. I was at Boone University, which later became Huachung University, from 1921 to 1932. I visited Yale-in-China, in Changsha, many times during the period that you were there. My memory of names is not the best, so I cannot be certain, but your name has a very familiar ring. I have been trying to think of the name for a long time of the young chap who was in charge of athletics at Yale for two years. He is a rather heavily built gentleman who coached the basketball team and, I believe, also football and track. I was there from about 1923 to 1925.

Many thanks for your kindness and generosity in saving your volumes of "Science" for Huachung. With very best wishes and kind regards, and New Year's Greetings.

Very sincerely yours,

J. Earl Fowler.

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January 13, 1947

MEMORANDUM:

To: Mr. Whitney

From: J. Earl Fowler

Can you tell me whether we have any funds on deposit here for a new chapel at Boone University in Wuchang, or now Huachung University. When I was in China back in 1924 we were told that there was \$25,000 available for a new chapel. Due to the disturbed conditions, this has never been built. A new chapel at the present time is imperative.

Would you please also let me know how much balance there is in the \$300,000 appropriated from the R & A Fund for emergency repairs in the Philippine Islands and China?

J. Earl Fowler

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THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

HOWARD L. BEVIS, President

COLUMBUS 10

DEPARTMENT OF MECHANICS

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January 29, 1947

Mr. J. Earl Fowler
Church Missions House
281 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, New York

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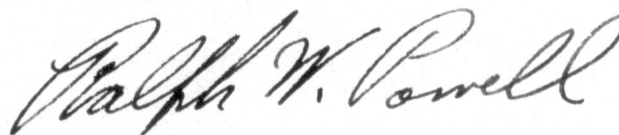
Dear Mr. Fowler:

Today I mailed the copies of Science magazine for the last half of 1946 to Huachung University.

I hope the large package of older issues of Science ^{has} ~~have~~ reached you by now. If they have not, I do not know if anything can be done about it because I did not insure them.

My memory of events twenty years or more ago is not very clear, but you are probably right that we met when you visited Changsha. I taught Physics until I went home on furlough in 1922 and then after I returned in 1923, I taught elementary engineering. The "heavily built gentleman" that you mentioned was probably Charles R. Keller. I have forgotten about his coaching activities, but he was very active in student affairs and I do not remember that any of the "bachelors" at that time were of that build. The last I knew, Charlie Keller was Dean of Men at Williams College in Massachusetts.

Sincerely yours,



Ralph W. Powell
Professor of Mechanics

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Memo:

February 4, 1947

To: Mr. Fowler

From: Fr. Swift

Would you please write a statement for me which will help me appeal to the Reconstruction Committee for funds for Huachung? I am thinking especially of the situation which would result in the United Board appeal if we made no allocation.

Ernie

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February 5, 1947

Mr. Ralph W. Powell
Professor of Mechanics
Ohio State University
Columbia, Ohio

My dear Mr. Powell:

Many thanks for your letter of January twenty-ninth. I will be looking forward to receiving a copy of the Science magazines for the last half of 1946 for Huachung University.

I am very sorry to advise you that the large package of older issues of Science have not arrived and inasmuch as it was mailed early in December I am afraid it probably will not show up. I am afraid as long as they were not insured and you do not have a postal receipt there is no way to trace them. I will advise you just as soon as I receive the parcel containing the last half of the 1946 volume.

Should you ever happen to be in New York I hope you will take the opportunity of stopping in to see me.

Many thanks for your kindness.

Very sincerely yours,

J. Earl Fowler

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February 5, 1947

MEMORANDUM:

To: Father Swift
From: J. Earl Fowler

Re: Appropriation for Huachung
University from the Reconstruction
and Advance Fund

I hope that the Reconstruction and Advance Fund Committee will give very serious consideration to a substantial appropriation for Huachung University.

The Associated Board for Christian Colleges in China have plans for launching a campaign for \$15,000,000.00 to aid the reconstruction of the Christian universities in China. All the plans and thinking of the Associated Board has been based on the expectation that the first \$5,000,000.00 or \$6,000,000.00 of their \$15,000,000.00 fund would come from the various mission boards that are supporting the Christian universities in China. With this in mind they had anticipated on approximately \$500,000.00 from the Episcopal Board. It is anticipated that Huachung and St. John's University will be entitled to very substantial sums from the Associated Board's campaign. Unless we can make a substantial appropriation to Huachung, they stand to lose a great deal of what they would ordinarily have received from the Associated Board.

J. Earl Fowler

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Date filed

THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

HOWARD L. BEVIS, *President*

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J. EARL FOWLER

DEPARTMENT OF MECHANICS

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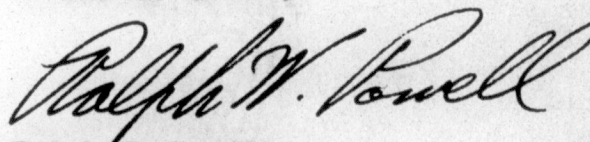
February 11, 1947

Mr. J. Earl Fowler
The National Council
Protestant Episcopal Church
Church Missions House,
281 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Mr. Fowler:

In regard to your letter of February 5, you misunderstood about the Science magazines for the last half of 1946. I mailed them directly to Heachung University and not to you. I inquired yesterday at the Post Office regarding the package mailed you in December and filled one of their "tracer blanks". It is possible that the package may still be found.

Sincerely yours,



Ralph W. Powell
Professor of Mechanics

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Memo:

February 13, 1947

To: Mr. Fowler
From: Fr. Swift

Will you please notify Dr. Wood and Dean Lichtenberger that they have been elected by the National Council to serve as its representatives on the Board of Trustees of Huachung University for 1947, 1948 and 1949?

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Memo:

February 13, 1947

To: Mr. Fowler

From: Fr. Swift

As you know, on February 11th the National Council approved a grant of \$2,000. from the Brunsman Legacy as scholarship aid for Dr. Richard Bien. I assume that you will notify Dr. Bien and make whatever plans are necessary.

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LIBRARY OF THE YALE UNIVERSITY DIVINITY SCHOOL
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RAYMOND P. MORRIS, *Librarian*

FEB 19 1947

J. EARL FOWLER

February 17, 1947

Mr. Earl Fowler
Associate Secretary of the Board of Trustees
Hua Chung University
Department of the National Council
Protestant Episcopal Church
281 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Fowler:

A few days ago we sent to you by prepaid
express two cartons of books addressed to the
Hua Chung bookroom in care of General
Theological Seminary, 175 Ninth Avenue,
New York. The contents of these cartons
are intended for the restoration of Chinese
libraries and you may feel free to use any
or all of the material in any way you wish.

I am

Very truly yours,

Raymond P. Morris

Raymond P. Morris
Librarian

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February 21, 1947

Mr. Raymond P. Morris, Librarian
Yale University Divinity School
409 Prospect Street
New Haven 11, Connecticut

My dear Mr. Morris:

Many thanks for your kindness in shipping the two cartons of books addressed to Huachung to the bookroom at the General Theological Seminary, 175 Ninth Avenue, New York.

In the future if you have any books for Huachung University, please send them to this address. The books we accumulated at the General Theological Seminary during the war were crated and shipped to China about eight months ago. We are not using the book room at the Seminary anymore. I will have the two cartons you have sent there picked up and sent on to China.

Again, thank you for your kindness.

Very sincerely yours,

J. Earl Fowler

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February 27, 1947

Mr. Ralph W. Powell
Professor of Mechanics
Ohio State University
Columbia, Ohio

My dear Mr. Powell:

You will be surprised and glad to know that the package of Science magazines mailed to me in December for Huachung University has been discovered! While in the midst of making various changes and moves in the Department the carton was found in another office. It had been included in error with cartons of books for another University.

I am sorry you were put to all the trouble of putting a tracer on this but am certainly glad it has been unearthed. Please accept our apologies for your inconvenience.

With all good wishes to you.

Very sincerely yours,

J. Earl Fowler

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March 18, 1947

Chaplain Titus

J. Earl Fowler

New appointees to Huachung University faculty

The following is an excerpt from the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Trustees of Huachung University of February 14, 1947:

It was

VOTED that the Board of Founders of Huachung University wishes to bring to the attention of the various boards sending personnel to the College, the importance of cooperating with the United Board's Personnel Committee in discovering and determining the qualifications of needed Western personnel.

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THE COLLEGES

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SOOCHOW UNIVERSITY
WEST CHINA UNION UNIVERSITY
YENCHING UNIVERSITY

TEL. WATKINS 9-5703
CABLE: ASCHNICOL

Associated Boards
for
Christian Colleges in China

中國基督教大學
聯合董事會

150 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK 11, N. Y.

May 2, 1947

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Mr. Earl Fowler
Church Missions House
281 Fourth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

MAY 5 1947

J. EARL FOWLER

Dear Mr. Fowler:

Albright College in Reading, Pa. has expressed an interest in aiding one of our Christian Colleges, and we should like to suggest that Hua Chung be the recipient of any aid they may give.

Can you send me at your earliest convenience all the latest news of Hua Chung that you may have received of late, together with the name of the person at Hua Chung who can send us additional information.

I shall appreciate hearing from you soon so that we can get this information to Albright College and "strike while the iron is hot!"

Sincerely yours,

Marguerite Mallory Dixon

(Mrs.) Marguerite Mallory Dixon
Associate in charge of Publicity

MMD:KW

*Hold until letter
from Dr. Sherman
are rec'd.*

COOPERATING WITH UNITED SERVICE TO CHINA

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May 9, 1947

Mrs. Marguerite Mallory Dixon
Associated Board for Christian Colleges in China
150 Fifth Avenue
New York 11, N. Y.

My dear Mrs. Dixon:

In answer to your letter of May 2nd, I am enclosing two booklets about Hua Chung College. I am sorry that these are all we have. They were published in 1943. However, Dr. Sherman is calling at the Associated Board's office this morning and is leaving some mimeographed material. I hope that anything your office may have about Hua Chung can be added to these to pass on to Albright College.

We are extremely grateful to you for suggesting Hua Chung as the recipient of any help that Albright may be interested in giving. After they have decided the nature of the help they are interested in giving, naturally, we shall appreciate hearing from you.

Very sincerely yours,

J. Earl Fowler

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J. EARL FOWLER

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June 10, 1947

Mr. J. Earl Fowler
National Council of the
Protestant Episcopal Church
281 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Earl:

I am enclosing a copy of the letter which I wrote on Saturday to Rev. R. K. Orchard of the London Missionary Society, expressing my willingness to serve them in whatever capacity they want! As you will see from my letter, I am not quite clear just which thing they want me to do, that is, whether they want me to serve as their representative on the Board of Trustees of the United Board for Christian Colleges in China, or whether they want me to serve on the Huachung Committee. I shall have to leave it to you and them to decide just which it is that they want. In any case, I should think that the final official notification should come directly from them to the officers of the United Board at 150 Fifth Avenue.

Cordially yours,

Wynn C. Fairfield

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For copy of Fairfield's letter to Orchard see London Missionary Society .

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June 19, 1947

Dr. Wynn C. Fairfield
Foreign Missions Conference
156 Fifth Avenue
New York 10, New York

My dear Wynn:

Thanks for your letter to the Reverend R. K. Orchard a copy of which you enclosed in your letter to me of June tenth. I am afraid you might have confused this dear gentleman by suggesting various alternatives in which you might represent the London Missionary Society. To tell the truth, I am not too clear in my own mind what the status is with the United Board.

It is my understanding that the Board of Trustees and Founders of Huachung University goes out of existence now that we are members of the United Board. Your representation will have to be on the Huachung Committee and I think you will have to retain your present membership on the United Board as a member-at-large. Regardless of how this works out, I greatly appreciate your kindness and generosity in taking on this additional responsibility. It seems to me that the Huachung Committee in the United Board has got to carry on all functions and duties that the former Board of Trustees used to have without the actual responsibility. I suppose we will have to gradually work in to the process and know just what our duties and responsibilities will be.

With very best wishes and kind regards.

Very cordially yours,

J. Earl Fowler

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UNITED BOARD FOR CHRISTIAN COLLEGES IN CHINA

150 Fifth Avenue, New York 11, N. Y.

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September 29, 1947

To the Members of the
United Board for Christian Colleges in China.

Dear Friends:

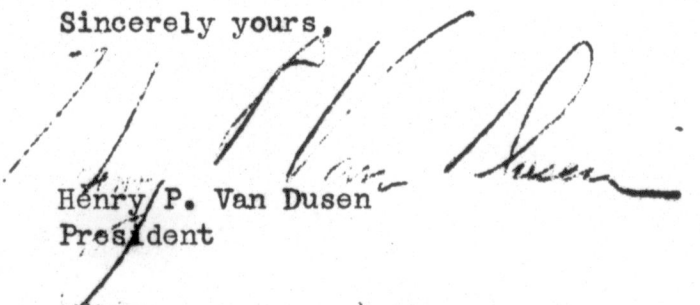
The China Colleges face now a situation of the utmost gravity. For the last three or four months the extra resources which have meant so much to the Colleges in these urgent war years have suddenly tapered off. There will be an inevitable and dangerous gap between the present moment and the time when the new American Overseas Aid, Inc. can begin to produce income for its constituent agencies, which include United Service to China and thus the Christian Colleges.

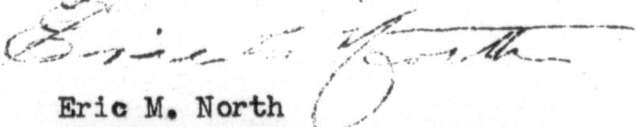
In that interval the receipts from student fees will be insufficient and an actual collapse may occur that would cause irremediable damage. For want of a few months' current support the Colleges may have to close and dismiss teachers whom they cannot pay. Such a debacle would have disturbing consequences in every area of America's Far Eastern relationships and in Christianity's position as the hope of struggling mankind in Asia.

The entire United Board for Christian Colleges in China is therefore called to meet in special meeting at 2:30 P.M. Tuesday, October 14 in the Chapel, Second Floor, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York, for consideration of the situation. Members of the College Boards not included in the United Board will be heartily welcomed.

Your presence is urgently requested.

Sincerely yours,


Henry P. Van Dusen
President


Eric M. North
Chairman, Board of Trustees

Write N.C. member
in N.Y.

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October 7, 1947

Mr. J. Taylor Foster
Lee Higginson Corp.
40 Wall Street
New York 5, N. Y.

Also sent to: Mr. Dykman
Mr. Look
Mr. Ringe
Mrs. Hill
Dr. Donegan

My dear Mr. Foster:

You have probably already received a copy of Dr. Van Dusen's urgent invitation to the meeting of the United Board for Christian Colleges in China on Tuesday, October 14, at 2:30 p.m. in the chapel on the second floor of the Methodist Building, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York City. I am writing to you especially because you live in or near New York to urge you to attend if it is at all possible.

You are a member of the United Board in your capacity as a member of the National Council, representing particularly St. John's University, Shanghai. Oftentimes, however, members of the Council are not able to attend United Board meetings whereas in this case the condition of Christian education in China has reached such an impasse that adequate representation is imperative. I know how busy you are, but I hope very much that you will try to be present.

Faithfully yours,

A. Ervine Swift

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UNITED BOARD FOR CHRISTIAN COLLEGES IN CHINA

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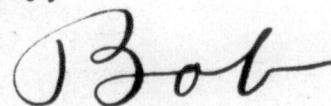
My dear Earl:

UNPRECEDENTED EMERGENCY. This is exactly what was meant when Dr. Van Dusen and Dr. North called the first emergency meeting ever held by the United Board or any of its predecessors.

After their most amazing experiences as refugee institutions and their wonderful comeback in spite of tremendous obstacles, the China Colleges now face their greatest emergency. They earnestly seek your assistance. You are urged to respond even though it requires changing your schedule.

This emergency meeting will be held in the Chapel on the second floor of 150 Fifth Avenue at 2:30 P.M. on Tuesday, October 14, 1947. Your presence is greatly needed. Please notify us on the enclosed card if you will attend.

Yours cordially,



Robert J. McMullen
Executive Secretary

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Oct. 23, 1947

Memo. for Mr. Fowler:

Herewith is the information you wanted for the Associated Boards regarding Mr. Wang:

His full name is Gung-Hsing Wang. He is Chinese Consul General in New Orleans and is at present Secretary to the Chinese delegation to the United Nations Assembly. He graduated from the University of Shanghai and served in the Foreign Ministry of the Chinese Government in Nanking, 1928-1930. Since that time he has been in the Chinese Consular Service in this country, first in Chicago and now in New Orleans. He is the author of "The Chinese Mind" published by John Day, New York. He comes from St. Paul's Church, Shanghai, and is now a communicant of Christ Church Cathedral, New Orleans. He will be in the city until November 15. His address in New York is the Hotel Astor, Broadway and 44th St.

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October 28, 1947

Dr. Robert J. McMullen
United Board for Christian College
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York .

My dear Bob:

I had lunch last Wednesday with Mr. Gung-Hsing Wong, the Chinese Consul General in New Orleans who is also Secretary to the China delegation to the United Nations Assembly. Mr. Wong graduated from the University of Shanghai and is very active as a member of the Episcopal Church. He has served in the Foreign Ministry of the Chinese Government of Nanking and has been in the China Consulate serving in this country for many years. He served in Chicago before going to New Orleans. He is a member of St. Paul's Church in Shanghai and is now a communicant of Christ Church Cathedral in New Orleans. He will be in New York City until about November fifteenth. His address is the Hotel Astor, Broadway and 44th Street.

Mr. Wong is greatly interested in Church work and has offered his services whenever he has any leisure time to speak for the Church. He is also greatly interested in Christian Education and feels the salvation of China is in the work of Christian universities. He is generally available for speaking Sunday evenings. He will be very glad to accept any engagements to speak for the universities. I would suggest you get in touch with Mr. Wong.

Very sincerely yours,

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J. Earl Fowler

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November 17, 1947

To: Fr. Swift

We should have the National Council elect a representative on the Huachung Committee of the United Board of Christian Colleges in China to take the place of the late John W. Wood.

I had talked with Thayer about future representatives on the Huachung Board before he left here and it was our intention to elect The Rev. Luther Tucker, Chaplain at Yale University when either Dr. Wood or Dr. Sherman retired. Mr. Tucker is a clergyman and has also had experience in the Far East as a student secretary. He is also a Yale man which would make him a very desirable representative on the Huachung Committee.

J. Earl Fowler

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Memo:

December 5, 1947

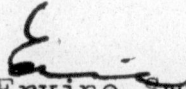
To: Mr. Fowler

This is to tell you that on December 3 the Council adopted the following resolution with regard to a successor for Dr. Wood on the Huachung Committee:

"RESOLVED: That the Rev. Luther Tucker be elected in the place of Dr. John W. Wood, deceased, as a representative of the National Council of the Huachung Committee of the United Board of Christian Colleges in China."

Will you please inform Mr. Tucker? *the Hua Chung Com.*

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YALE UNIVERSITY CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION
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December 16, 1947

Mrs. Robert E. Holloway, Secretary
Mr. J. Earl Fowler
281 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, N. Y.

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J. EARL FOWLER

Dear Mrs. Holloway:

I have been entirely clear that I should not accept membership on any additional boards or committees.

Nevertheless, because of my keen interest in Huachung College, and my genuine appreciation of the election to serve as a representative of the National Council, against my better judgment, I accept with real gratification.

Sincerely yours,

Arthur Tinker

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January 21, 1948

The Rev. Luther Tucker
Dwight Hall
New Haven, Connecticut

My dear Mr. Tucker:

In reply to your inquiry regarding the length of the meeting of the Huachung Committee:

As this is our annual meeting and there are many important matters to discuss I should say we should count on having it run into the afternoon.

With every good wish and looking forward to seeing you on the fifth, I am

Cordially yours,

J. Earl Fowler

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January 27, 1948

Mr. C. A. Evans
United Board for Christian Colleges
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

My dear Mr. Evans:

Mr. Lyford has mentioned that Dr. McMullen may be out of town and unable to attend the Huachung Committee meeting on Thursday, February fifth. Whether Dr. McMullen is able to be present or not, we will be greatly honored if you can spare the time to attend our meeting.

I am enclosing a copy of a recent letter received from Dr. Wei, President of Huachung University and also a copy of the minutes of the Executive Committee of the Provisional Board of Directors held on January third in Wuchang, China. This will give you some background of some of the things that will be discussed at the meeting. We will be looking forward with pleasure to having you with us.

With very best wishes and kind regards.

Very cordially yours,

J. Earl Fowler

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MEMORANDUM

Date March 30, 1948

To: BISHOP BENTLEY
MR. FOWLER

From: Dr. Franklin

Subject: Hua-Chung College - R & A Appropriation

Request that \$100,000 be released.

I have a letter from Bishop Gilman dated March 23rd in which he says:

"Conditions here are very much better than they have been and I believe that there will be no reason for me to change my letter of February 2nd urging that the requested \$100,000 be released for the building operations of Hua Chung. This money is very precious to the workers in the field and you may be sure that they would not undertake any building operations unless they were fairly sure that the money would not be wasted. The great necessity is that we should not miss our great opportunity for the building up of the college. Dr. Wei will have written you of the generous grant of £45,000 for the building of the Library from the British movie magnate who is a member of the English Methodist Church."

I am taking no action as to presenting this matter to the National Council and will rely on the Overseas Department to do whatever is necessary.

L.B. Franklin
L.B.F.

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April 1, 1948

Dr. Robert J. McMullen
United Board for Christian Colleges in China
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

My dear Bob:

I am enclosing herewith copies of a letter received from Dr. Wei and a letter that he had received from the Reverend Noel Slater of the Christian Universities Association of Great Britain.

Please note that both Dr. Wei and Mr. Slater urgently request that no publicity be given this great gift to Huachung University from the Joseph Rank Benevolent Trust until permission and instructions are received from Mr. Slater.

I have received more recent letters from Dr. Wei and they are still very optimistic regarding the political situation in Central China and letters have also been received from the Right Reverend Alfred A. Gilman approving the request of the Executive Committee of the Provisional Board of Directors for the use of \$100,000. appropriated by the National Council. The National Council meets April 27th to 29th. I would not dare to predict what action they will take. My recommendation is that the National Council give the power of approval to use this money to a small committee of the Executive Officers, including the Presiding Bishop.

With the rapidly changing exchange rate subsistences to faculty and staff have been more than doubled. You will be interested to know that the faculty and staff are receiving about forty per cent of the pre-war purchasing power of their income. The Huachung staff is now receiving about twice as much as the government's Wuhan University but, as you know, the faculty at Huachung gives their full time to the University whereas the faculty of Wuhan University are permitted to take outside remunerative jobs and do not carry half the load that the faculty of Huachung carries.

Four hundred and sixty-nine students have been enrolled for the present term. One hundred and seventy-three are women and two hundred and ninety-six are men. There are two hundred and eleven Christian students, making exactly forty-five percent of the total enrollment. Thirty-two students are being prepared for Baptism which will bring the percentage of Christian students above fifty per cent.

Dr. Robert J. McMullen

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April 1, 1948

I am sure that you rejoice with us in the very fine report regarding Huachung and especially for the magnificent gift of \$45,000 or over \$180,000 for a new library building from the Joseph Hank Benevolent Trust.

With very best wishes and kind regards.

Very cordially yours,

J. Earl Fowler

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HUACHUNG UNIVERSITY

(Central China College)

WUCHANG, CHINA

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281 Fourth Ave., New York 10, N. Y.

April 1, 1948

The Rt. Rev. John B. Bentley
281 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, New York

My dear Bishop Bentley:

A letter from Dr. Wei dated March ninth advises us that on March eighth he received a letter from the Reverend Noel B. Slater of the Christian Universities Association of Great Britain dated February twenty-fifth. Mr. Slater told Dr. Wei that the Trustees of the Joseph Rank Benevolent Trust had agreed to give £45,000 (a little over \$180,000) to Huachung University for the new library building provided that the name of Mr. Joseph Rank is associated with the building.

Both Dr. Wei and Mr. Slater urgently request that no publicity be given this great gift until permission and instructions are received from Mr. Slater.

Another letter dated March twenty-third from Dr. Wei mentions that the Executive Committee of the Provisional Board of Directors met on March eighteenth. The following is an excerpt from that letter:

"As preliminary information I wish to say that the Executive Committee accepted the recommendation of the Senate to recommend to the Huachung Committee the acceptance of the donation of £45,000. Sterling from the Joseph Rank Benevolent Trusts in London for the new Library Building in Huachung with the condition attached, which is that the name Joseph Rank should be associated with the building when it is erected."

Dr. Wei also advised us that the Executive Committee took action to double the subsidies for all members of the faculty and staff for the month of March. When the subsidy scale was adopted on January third the exchange was 82,000 National Currency for one American dollar. When his letter was written on March twenty-third the exchange had increased to 435,000 to 1. As you will see, this is more than five times the former rate. This greatly increased exchange rate made possible a special bonus equivalent to the March subsidy. A sub-committee consisting of members of the Executive

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April 1, 1948

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Committee resident in the Wuhan area, was appointed to revise the subsidy scales from time to time, so as to keep up with the prices, as long as the increases remained within the limits of the salary items in the budget already approved. Even with these increases we are still not paying as much as forty per cent of the pre-war purchasing power. The scales being paid now are more than the government University faculty and staff receive.

The statistics regarding enrollment are also very gratifying. For the new term 469 students enrolled; 173 women and 296 men. Of this amount 211 are Christian students, or exactly forty-five per cent of the total enrollment. Thirty-two students are being prepared for baptism which will bring the percentage of Christian students above fifty per cent.

I know that you will all rejoice with me in this very fine report from Dr. Wei and, especially, for the very generous gift that has been received from the Joseph Rank Benevolent Trusts.

Very sincerely yours,

J. Earl Fowler

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Carbon and file on this action given to Bp. Bentley's office.

May 3, 1948

The Rev. John K. Shryock, Ph.D.
4509 Regent Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

My dear John:

This is to advise you that the National Council, at its recent meeting, re-elected you as one of its representatives on the Huachung Committee of the United Board for Christian Colleges in China, to serve for three years, 1948-49-50.

With very best wishes and kind regards.

Very cordially yours,

J. Earl Fowler

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May 20, 1948

The Rev. Harold S. Rattenbury
Methodist Missionary Society
25 Marylebone Road
London N. W., England

My dear Mr. Rattenbury:

I am very sorry to have to advise you that Dr. J. G. Vaughan died on May 18th. As Dr. Vaughan is the alternate for Miss Hilda Porter, representative of the Methodist Missionary Society on the Huachung Committee of the United Board for Christian Colleges in China, it will be necessary for you to appoint another alternate.

If it is your desire, I will be very glad to consult with Dr. F. T. Cartwright, your other alternate, and have him suggest names from which you can choose.

I hope to send you a copy of the Minutes of the Meeting of the Huachung Committee meeting held on May 5th, in the very near future.

Very best wishes and kind regards.

Cordially yours,

J. Earl Fowler

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General*

July 20, 1948

OFFICE MEMORANDUM:

Result of a telephone conversation with Dean Chase,
St. Paul's Chapel, Columbia University, July 16th.

Dean Chase is going to designate \$75.00 for the
Sunday offering for the next three Sundays to

- Huachung University for books
- Cuttington College Library for books
- St. Andrew's Theological Seminary, Manila

\$75.00 each, - for books.

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July 21, 1948

Dr. A. Morris Paty
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

My dear Dr. Paty:

Dr. J. G. Vaughan, formerly was appointed to represent the Methodist Missionary Society, 25 Marylebone Road, N.W.1, London, England, on the Huachung University Committee of the United Board for Christian Colleges in China. After Dr. Vaughan's death, I wrote to the Rev. H. B. Rattenbury, submitting to him your name and the name of Miss Louise Robinson, to succeed Dr. Vaughan as their representative on the Huachung Committee of the United Board for Christian Colleges in China. I have just had a letter from Dr. Rattenbury dated July 17th which requests me to invite you to be their representative. I hope that it will be possible for you to accept this responsibility and advise me at your convenience.

With very best wishes and kind regards.

Very cordially yours,

J. Earl Fowler
Associate Secretary

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August 3, 1948

The Very Rev. William J. Chase
St. Paul's Chapel
Columbia University
New York, N. Y.

My dear Dean Chase:

This will acknowledge receipt of your check for \$75.00 contributed from St. Paul's Chapel offering on July 24th, for books for Huachung University, Wuchang, China. This is to be used as a special for books for Huachung, and I am notifying the president, Dr. Francis C. M. Wei. Many, many thanks for your kindness and consideration in designating these projects for our mission institutions.

Faithfully yours,

Jno. B. Bentley

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September 7, 1948

Rev. Bartlett Lang, Hon. Secretary
Joseph Rank Benevolent Trusts
Wrayfield
Wray Common Road
Reigate, Surrey, England

My dear Mr. Lang:

I must offer you my sincere apologies for the long delay in writing this letter. The pressure of work and the summer vacations of the Executive Officers of the National Council has made it impossible for me to keep up with my correspondence.

On May fifth the Huachung Committee of the United Boards for Christian Colleges in China passed the following resolution:

"It was voted that the Huachung Committee accept with deep gratitude the magnificent gift of £45,000 for erection of a new Library building from the Trustees of the Joseph Rank Benevolent Trusts."

It is a great honor and a pleasure to extend to you the deep appreciation and gratitude of the Huachung Committee for this most generous gift of £45,000 for the new Library building at Huachung University, Wuchang, China. There is nothing that the University more greatly needs and I hope that conditions will make it possible to proceed with the erection of the new building in the near future. I am sure Dr. Francis C. M. Wei, President of the University, will keep you and Mr. Slater informed regarding this matter.

With very best wishes and kind regards.

Very cordially yours,

J. Earl Fowler

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October 13, 1948

To the Members of the
Committee on Investment and Banking
United Board for Christian Colleges
in China

OCT 14 1948

J. EARL FOWLER

Dear Friends:

Several items on banking require action at the meeting of the Trustees on Friday, October 15th. The recommendations are set forth herewith.

As Articles of Agreement were signed on March 10, 1947 whereby assets and liabilities of Hua Chung College were transferred to the United Board for Christian Colleges in China and as negotiations are now pending for the transfer of the accounts from the Episcopal Board to the United Board for Christian Colleges in China, it is

RECOMMENDED that such officers of the United Board for Christian Colleges in China as stipulated by the By-Laws be authorized to sign checks on such bank accounts carried in the name of Hua Chung College as are now in operation.

A letter dated September 28, 1948 from President Wu Ke'Ming of Shantung Christian University announced the appointment of Mr. A. E. Clayton as Treasurer of the Cheeloo account carried with the Bankers Trust Company, in place of H. P. Lair who resigned. It is

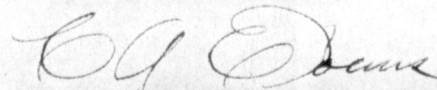
RECOMMENDED to confirm the change of signatures with the Bankers Trust Company account from the name of H. P. Lair to that of A. E. Clayton.

As President Wu requested a checking account in the name of the Cheeloo Medical College to be drawn on by Dr. A. F. Bryson, it is

RECOMMENDED that the officers of the United Board for Christian Colleges in China be authorized to open a checking account with the Irving Trust Company, Twenty-first Street Branch in the name of the Cheeloo Medical College (or as designated from China) signatures to conform with the recommendations from China complying with the By-Laws plus such signatures as are required by the By-Laws as related to officers of the United Board.

Please voice any objections to the foregoing, prior to the Trustees meeting on Friday. Otherwise, it will be considered as having your approval.

Sincerely yours,



C. A. EVANS, Associate Treasurer

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October 21, 1948

To The Members of the Huachung University Committee
of the United Board of Christian Colleges in China:

Dear Friends:

On October 8, 1948 a notice was sent from the office of the United Board to each member of the Huachung Committee, calling for a meeting of that Committee to be held in Room 903 at 150 Fifth Avenue on Thursday, October 26, 1948 at 10:30 a.m.. The object of this early notice was to conform to legal requirements and to insure that a quorum will be present.

We have been expecting daily to receive from the University the annual report for the school year ending July 31, 1948. The minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors have been received; also the Annual Report of the President. These have been mimeographed and copies are enclosed herewith. The Treasurer in China has been badly crowded for time because of financial complications and we have received only a brief report which gives actual figures only for the year 1946-47. The full report for 1947-48 is promised soon and it will be circulated as soon as it is received. In the meantime, we can get some preliminary idea of the operating costs (exclusive of western salaries and allowances) from the following statement:

The actual expenditures for operations, made by the Treasurer in China for the year 1946-47 totaled the equivalent of U.S.\$59,882. This cost exceeded the income for operations, during that year, by U.S.\$3,447. The Budget for 1947-48 amounts to the equivalent of U.S.\$55,200. It seems probable that the actual expenditures will be somewhat greater than for the previous year and the overrun correspondingly greater.

Matters requiring discussion and action at the meeting on October 26th include the following:

The Minutes of the Board of Directors, enclosed herewith, are evidence that that Board is organized and has resumed its responsibilities. Therefore, the temporary assumption that the Board of Founders had the power of directors should be discontinued. A motion to this effect

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should be passed. If any comments on these minutes occur to any member of the Huachung Committee, this will be the time to make them.

The Central China College Foundation is the body which carries on all financial operations for Huachung University. The Foundation was instructed in May to turn over to the United Board all the funds in its control. After discussion by Mr. Evans and Mr. Lyford, it was decided to proceed on the old basis for the time being. It is now time to set a date for this step. Most of these funds are held in trust for Huachung University.

The expenses of the Board of Founders and of the Central China College Foundation have been carried mostly by annual contributions by the supporting Missions in the United States. Inasmuch as the office operations necessary for Huachung hereafter will take place in the office of the United Board, there does not appear to be further necessity for an office budget for the Huachung Committee. This is another matter which should be acted upon at the meeting on October 28th.

Very sincerely yours,

J. Earl Fowler

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J. EARL FOWLER
November 2, 1948

Mr. J. Earl Fowler
281 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Fowler:

RE: Minutes of Huachung Committee

Herewith a draft of the minutes of the Huachung Committee for October 28th. Please insert the appropriate numbers of the actions taken, and such dates as may be necessary in the action turning back the responsibilities of the Board of Directors. Please feel free to make any other changes you think desirable. I have tried to follow the general style used in former minutes of Huachung, but do not know how well I have succeeded.

I shall be glad if by writing up these minutes I have lightened in any degree the heavy load you are carrying. May I take this opportunity of assuring you of the high regard which all the members of the United Board staff feel toward you, both for the efficient way you handle your affairs and the fine spirit of cooperation you invariably show.

Sincerely yours,

Charles H. Corbett
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Mr. Charles H. Corbett
150 Fifth Avenue
New York 11, New York

My dear Mr. Corbett:

I am returning herewith the draft of the minutes of the Huachung Committee for October twenty-eighth. You will note that I have made some additions and have inserted the Vote numbers.

With every good wish.

Very cordially yours,

J. Earl Fowler

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March 24, 1949

Mr. John Greiner
85-20 Elmhurst Avenue
Elmhurst, New York

Dear John:

I am enclosing herewith a letter I have just received from John Coe with a statement of the financial position of Huachung University. After you have looked this over, please let me have it back as soon as possible with any comments you have to make.

If you plan to come in Tuesday or Wednesday of next week to see Mr. Evans, please let me know as soon as possible so that I will not make any other engagements. You can bring the letter back at that time. I will be looking forward to seeing you.

With very best wishes and kind regards.

Cordially yours,

J. Earl Fowler

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Mr. Fowler

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Board - sent

April 4, 1949

Mr. C. A. Evans
United Board for Christian Colleges in China
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

My dear Mr. Evans:

I am very happy to have found a copy of the Huachung University Budget for 1948-49. I think that a copy of this went to Dr. McMullen last summer. However, I am sending you a copy of the letter received with the Budget also. Please note that on the income they have \$12,000.00 from the American Church Mission. I am very sorry but as I informed you the other day, our appropriation for this year is only \$11,000.00. This will mean an additional thousand will have to be added to that to be found by the United Board. This amount ought to be covered adequately by the \$20,000.00 that was received from the Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief.

One question that I meant to ask you during our interview on Wednesday was whether there are any additional funds available from the United Board for either St. John's or Huachung above the special appropriation I negotiated from the Presiding Bishop's Fund. I am especially interested in this for St. John's.

With very best wishes and kind regards.

Very cordially yours,

J. Earl Fowler

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July 1, 1949

To: Mr. Crow

From: J. Earl Fowler

The President of Huachung University requested the Huachung Committee of the United Board for Christian Colleges in China to have \$10,000.00 transferred from the Johnston Operating Account to the Proctor-Johnston Building Fund.

There is only \$113,814.11 in the Proctor-Johnston Building Fund and it will take at least \$125,000.00 to construct an adequate memorial building for which this fund was given. The Huachung Committee of the United Board voted in their meeting on April twenty-ninth to approve the transfer of \$10,000 from the Johnston Operating Account to the Proctor-Johnston Building Fund.

Inasmuch as these funds are held by the National Council, will you please transfer \$10,000.00 from the Johnston Operating Account of Huachung University to the Proctor-Johnston Building Fund.

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December 27, 1948

My dear Henry:

Some days ago I had a cable from our bishops in China asking me to go to Shanghai for a conference at my earliest opportunity. I flew down from Tokyo on the morning of Tuesday, December 21, reaching Shanghai about noon after a flight of approximately six hours. I was met at the airport by Bishop Roberts, who took me to his home, where I was a guest during my stay in Shanghai. That afternoon I had the privilege of meeting with several of the bishops and lay members of the standing committee of the Church in China. Bishop Roberts, Bishop Craighill, Bishop Curtis, Bishop Chen, Bishop Mao and Bishop Hsu were among those present. We discussed the situation in China, the advance of the Red armies in the north, and policies and plans for the future. Later on I met with the senior members of the staff of St. Luke's Hospital, the deans of St. John's University, the administrative council of St. John's University, the directors of St. Mary's School, the clergy and several prominent laymen of Shanghai, the clergy of St. Peter's Church, the entire American staff in Shanghai, and had a long conference with Gilson and Budd. I called on the Rev. George K. T. Wu of the National Christian Council of China, Dr. Alice H. Gregg; Mr. Cabot, the American Consul in Shanghai; Mayor Wu of Shanghai; Dr. W. W. Yen, a distinguished Chinese diplomat and a member of the board of St. John's University; Mrs. Pott, widow of the late Dr. Pott; and Miss Lamberton, who is recovering from her accident. I attended a baptismal service on Christmas Eve in the chapel of St. John's University, went to a carol sing on the lawn of St. John's, attended another such gathering at St. Mary's School, and was present at a Christmas pageant in the chapel of St. Mary's School. I had dinner with Dr. and Mrs. Tucker, with the Pott family, and with the Gilsens. I returned to Tokyo on Christmas Day, arriving here about nine o'clock in the evening. It was a very interesting trip, and I think a very worthwhile one from every point of view.

I am not bold enough to try to give an estimate of the China situation after having spent a few days in Shanghai, but out of my conversations with our staff there, I can report to you the feeling and sentiment of veteran members of the staff as well as of Chinese Churchmen. Most of those with whom I talked are convinced that the Nationalist Government must fall and that its days are numbered. They hope and believe that the next step will be the resignation of Chiang Kai Shek and the formation of a coalition government including both the Nationalist and Communist parties. The next step will be a coup d'etat by the Communists; later on they expect the Communists to quarrel amongst themselves. One group is of the opinion that the great mass of Chinese people, who are ruggedly individualistic and not given to regimentation, will temper the Communist policies so that it will be far different and milder than the Russian brand. Another group feels that once the Communists come into control, they will impose a discipline upon the whole country that will be quite as severe as anything the Russians have experienced. This is the view expressed by Mayor Wu, who might be expected to voice the official Nationalist attitude.

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All parties agree that it is simply a matter of time until the Communists will cross the Yangtze and come into control of the whole area in which our Church is now at work. No one knows just what policy and plan the Communists will follow. People reaching Shanghai from the north bring conflicting reports in regard to the Communist attitude. Some say that the Red commanders permit mission schools and hospitals to continue their work unmolested for a time, but that as soon as the Red position has become consolidated, the teachers are told what they may teach and what they may not teach and the hospitals are informed that they may continue their services but are not free to make any charge for such services. In other areas the Red commanders have told missionaries that they would be more comfortable in Shanghai and have escorted them to the border. In some places the Red commanders have been severe in their treatment of missionaries; however, most people agree that the political administrators following the armies are far more severe in their handling of the missionaries than are the commanders themselves. Our bishops have had to agree on a policy and a plan to meet any eventualities. They have withdrawn most of our workers who have wives and small children, and have sent most of these home or plan to send them in the immediate future. People who are not well have been included in this group. In each district a skeleton staff of a few veteran workers has been left to hold the line and to see what may happen with the coming of the Red Army. Our people in Hankow can effect an escape towards the south and the coast without coming down the Yangtze Valley to Shanghai. The bishops will be the last to leave. American naval and military authorities in Shanghai have provided transportation for all who are leaving now, and have plans for the protection of those who are to remain to the last. The thing that gives greatest concern is the situation in Shanghai itself. If the municipal authorities should leave, abandoning the city before the arrival of the Red forces, the city would be left without any discipline or authority, and it is possible that rioting might take place. During my stay in Shanghai, great crowds gathered in the financial district, besieging the government banks in an effort to purchase gold. In spite of the police, which had been greatly reinforced, the situation got entirely out of hand, and it is reported that nine people were trampled to death and nearly one hundred others sent to the hospital with injuries. Bishop Roberts said that in all his experience in China, he had never seen such a jam of people in the streets of Shanghai. If such a situation can arise while the authorities are present and the police under orders, no one can foretell what might happen in the interval between the leaving of the city government and arrival of the Red Army.

The enclosed memoranda will show that the board of directors of St. John's University is planning to elect a Chinese president for the University at a meeting to be held today, and to turn over the entire administration of the University to the Chinese. The University will reopen for the spring term immediately following current examinations and will carry on as long as it is permitted to do so and to carry out the policy and program established by the founders. If need be, the American staff will leave.

Much the same plan is to be followed by St. Luke's Hospital. It is likely that St. Mary's School will be closed immediately upon the arrival of the Red forces or prior to that time in order that the girls may reach their homes in safety before the coming of the Red Army.

Henry Budd should not remain in Shanghai with his wife and two small children. He does not want to return to the States, but is most eager to come to Tokyo as the assistant to Father Viall, where he could be of inestimable help. Father Viall thinks that he can find quarters for the Budd family, so I shall ask Henry to come to Tokyo.

The Gilsons will remain in Shanghai as long as possible. If they have to leave, Mr. Gilson will turn over the office to our Chinese staff and he and Mrs. Gilson will probably go to Hongking and set up an office there, where Bishop Hall says he can find living quarters for them. We assume that Hongkong will not be cut off from communication with New York, and that funds sent to Mr. Gilson in Hongkong can be gotten to our Chinese staff in the three districts. We have the assurance of an officer of one of the Chinese banks that such an arrangement can be made. These plans are all tentative, of course, and are likely to be revised every day to meet the changing situation.

I am enclosing a memorandum handed me by Jim Pott, concerning the attitude of St. John's University in regard to the plans for the East China Union University. I think this memorandum is clear and that I need not add to it except to say that I agree with Jim Pott in his desire to maintain the identity of St. John's, which has a long and splendid tradition, while being willing to cooperate on a graduate school level. Nothing can be done at the present time and it is likely that nothing can be done for years to come, but we should arrive at a decision in this matter as soon as possible.

Bishop Roberts tells me that he cabled New York asking authority to use one-half of the 1949 appropriation at once as an emergency fund, but that the National Council refused his request. He appreciates the fact that he did not give you the necessary information on which you could have based a decision favorable to him, and he agrees now that if he is permitted to use the appropriation for the first three months of 1949, it will meet their immediate needs. Their plan is to purchase rice and other supplies and have them distributed to the Chinese staff throughout the field, so that these supplies will be available when the Red Army comes, and until he can make contact with our missions following the setting up of the Communist regime.

Bishop Roberts tells me also that he has had word from you that Earl Fowler is in the hospital again. I am distressed over this news, the more so because of my absence from the office and the fact that Earl has had to carry such a heavy load. I hope that I may not have to return to the office until I have completed my visit here in the Far East, but I must depend upon you to keep me informed and to advise me if you feel it necessary or wise for me to return there.

I expect to be here in Tokyo until Sunday, the second of January, when we shall begin our tour of the five southern dioceses.

I trust that you and your household have had a blessed Christmas and that the new year may bring you all every joy. Wira would wish to join me in our love and our warmest good wishes for you and Mrs. Sherrill and your household.

I am ever and faithfully yours,

Jno. B. Bentley

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