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but it would seem that the price first mentioned, \$120,000 to \$150,000 Chinese currency, might be reduced materially.

The Yale-in-China Trustees are so much in earnest about this that they have authorized their representatives to offer to furnish one-third of the purchase price, provided the other Boards will furnish the remainder and provided the entire cost will not exceed approximately \$45,000 Gold.

A recent letter from Dr. Sherman states that he is much impressed with the necessity of securing this Provincial Middle School property.

It is hoped that there will be a full meeting of the Board of Trustees on February 18th.

OLIVER S. LYFORD.

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412 Sycamore Street
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February 21st, 1939

Dear Dr. Wei:

I am writing to you rather hurriedly in order to get the Clipper mail which leaves today. I have just returned to my office this morning from the meetings of the College Board of Trustees in New York. I would like to be able to go more into detail but you will have the Minutes of the meeting shortly.

In the first place, I want to express my thanks for your fine letter of January 21st which reached me in just about three weeks. I was able to have copies of it made and sent to the members of the Executive Committee before our meeting. It did much to help us understand the situation and your needs. At our annual meeting on the afternoon of February 16th, I read your letter in toto to the trustees in the place of my usual summary of the College situation. The report to the Board of Founders which you said you would be sending the week following your letter has not reached us, but I presume it will not require any immediate action beyond that which we have already taken.

At our meeting I was requested to go to Washington and interview the State Department regarding the wisdom of moving to Yunnan. The men ~~whom~~ I have consulted in the Far East division were not able to throw any light on the situation. Their conclusions confirmed our own impression that some ^{location} ~~situation~~ in Yunnan, near to the open lines of communication to the south and yet sufficiently removed from them to be out of the way of bombing possibilities, would be the best move.

At the meeting of the Executive Committee in New York the following day, February 18th, we drew up the cablegram which we sent you. This announced to you the fact that we were sending \$5,500. and that we expected to be able to send you another \$1500. We did not have in our treasury the \$6,000. you requested. We have reasonable hope, however, that this will come in before June from the Emergency Fund for Christian Colleges. Beyond this, we cannot see our way clear at the present time. As we said in the telegram, this fund, and most relief funds, are coming in very slowly, disappointingly slowly. I feel sure, however, that there will be something coming in, for the Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China continues actively at work. You will, of course, have to use every possible economy in view of the uncertainty of just how much we will receive in the future.

Thanks to your frequent and full letters to members of the Board since your return, we have been kept well in touch with the College situation. This means much to us all. We felt, however, that we were laying upon you a heavy burden in the fact that you had written long letters to different officers and members. In order to relieve you of unnecessary duplication in the matter of correspondence, we decided to ask you to address all letters in the matter of public business to either me as president, or to any of the other officers, at the Yale-in-China Association address

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at New Haven. Mr. Smith, who succeeded Weigle as Secretary of Yale-in-China, is also Associate Secretary for the Board of Trustees. He will attend to the duplication of the letters and sending them out to the members of the Board of Trustees. I was requested to write to you about this in order that you might understand the meaning of the motion passed in the meeting. I want especially to emphasize that it is not less information we are after, but less work for you. This does not mean, of course, that you are not to write to anyone you please in matters which may be more or less of a personal nature.

We realize something of the difficulties through which you are now passing in the move, and are glad to know about the trucks. Some of us are deeply concerned about the situation at the Hankow Diocesan Schools. The same reasons which influence the College to move must apply equally to them, especially the danger of being cut off. I understand they have already moved to a country situation near Chuan Hsien. This, however, cannot be permanent in view of the situation in the province you give as your reason for moving. It is a comfort to know that Bishop Gilman designated Mr. Higgins to look after the foreign ladies at the Diocesan School and told him that that was his first responsibility. You and the other members of the Sheng Kung Hwei will have the schools, and especially the ladies and the girls, on your mind and will give them every facility. They will need one of the trucks, perhaps all three of them, in whatever move they make. I understand that Mr. Shipman's generous gift of a truck was primarily for mission use, although later he was led to designate it especially for the College. However, both institutions are part of our responsibility, and as you work together you will find a solution to any difficulties which may arise.

It was good to have all the cables before us when we met. In addition, we had the following message to Dr. Wood from an amateur radio operator dated February 9th from Kweilin:

"All safe in Kweilin and Chuanhsien stop planning move to Yunnan (signed) Wei"

On February 14th, Dr. Wood sent the following cable to Bishop Gilman, Hankow:

"Owing recent Kweilin experiences Wei considering moving to Yunnan Is return Wuhan practicable"

The following reply was received from Bishop Gilman on February 16th:

"Wuhan impossible"

I want to assure you of our deep personal concern and our sympathy with you and the others in the College, because of the harrowing experiences through which you have gone. We sympathize with you, also, in the heavy responsibilities which are yours in the administration of a College under such difficulties.

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Dr. Wei - 3.

I understand that there are two universities in Kunming, namely, the National Southwestern Union University and the National Yunnan University, and that the National Chung Chen Medical College of Nanching is moving there. We think you are wise not to attempt to settle in Kunming (Yunnan Fu) itself, but someplace where you will not be likely to be troubled by air-raids.

Cordially yours,

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Hua Chung College
Hsichow, via Tali
Yunnan, China
Mar. 24th, 1939

Rev. A. M. Sherman, D.D.
412 Sycamore Street
Cincinnati, Ohio, U.S.A.

Dear Dr. Sherman:

First of all I want to thank you and your family for the Christmas card which I received a few days before I left Kweilin on Feb. 20th.

Your kind letter of Feb. 21st was forwarded to me from Kweilin and then from Kunning, and was received here in Hsichow day before yesterday.

Following your instruction I am not repeating what I have already written to Robert A. Smith in New Haven, concerning our requests for the emergency funds in reply to a letter from Mr. Smith. I have also gone into the details of the moving of the college from Kweilin to Hsichow in Smith's letter which I am sure he would duplicate and send a copy to you. Taking all into consideration Hsichow is about the best place we could find for the college under the circumstances, although it is a country town with few of the things we need available, but we can bring them in from Kunning. In the whole province of Yunnan outside of Kunning there is no institution of higher learning and so we have Western Yunnan all to ourselves. One question is the source of new students, if we should be compelled to stay here more than a year and a half which is our present expectation. But in the summer we plan to hold entrance examinations in Kunning, Chungching, and Hongkong and bring the new students in by truck from Kunning. For this purpose I may have to go to Hongkong myself some time in June after the next session of the People's Political Council in Chungching, probably in May, which I shall have to attend as a member. Owing to the moving of the college I had to miss the last session in Feb. as well as the third National Educational Conference held in the first week in March in Chungching.

I have noted that besides the \$5500 U.S. currency which Dr. Wood is sending to Hongkong for us and other \$1500 which you expect to send us soon we should not expect any more from the Associated Boards. Emergency Fund this year. This is also according to the radiogram by an amateur station which I received in Kunning the day after I arrived there on February 28th. We shall make our budget to accord with this.

The situation of the Hankow Diocesan Schools in Chuan Hsien is rather complicated. Mark Li and Benjamin Yen came to see me in Kweilin a number of times concerning the question of their remaining in the country place to which they have moved, or to Yunnan with the college. I did all I could to share with them our information and experience. I went as far as even to get the college senate to take action to agree to their use of Mr. Shipman's trucks and in case of an emergency to loan them one of the college trucks. But it is always difficult to define an emergency and,

of course, the problems of a college are not exactly those of a school. After the senate had taken action, both Mr. Shipman and Mr. Higgins did not feel that the Diocesan Schools ought to move at that particular time under the circumstances they found themselves. So when I was leaving Kweilin the question of their moving or not was still in the air and I have not heard from them since. Miss Cox, I understand, is going on furlough and she would give you all the detailed information necessary.

I have heard that Bishop Hobson and his wife came to India to attend the Madras Conference in December. I wish they had come to China and visited the college. I am also sorry that I could not accept the appointment to go to Madras myself. It would not have been fair for me to return to China after a year of absence and leave the college again so soon as November, especially when I knew that I would have to run about so much all over the country.

With the kindest regards for Mrs. Sherman and yourself and remembrances to all my friends in Cincinnati and Glendale,

Yours as ever,

(signed) Francis C. M. Wei

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April 1, 1939

Dr. Francis Wei
Kunming
Province of Yunnan
China

My dear Doctor Wei:

We have been very fortunate in receiving your various letters and cablegrams during recent weeks, which have acquainted us with the great difficulties and hardships of the College. Your letters and weekly bulletins have given us a very clear picture of the calm way in which the College has carried on in the face of these very distressing circumstances. We rejoice that God has blessed you all with such courage and fortitude. Our prayers have been for you continually.

At the annual meeting of the Trustees I was elected Treasurer to succeed Dr. Lobenstein, who took the position temporarily when it became necessary for Dr. Warnshuis to leave for Madras last summer. I am somewhat handicapped at present by not having a secretary but I trust that I shall be able to perform the functions of the Treasurer without too much inconvenience to others. I am leaving next week with Mrs. Lyford to be gone for about a month, but except for that time shall be available practically continuously. Robert Smith has been elected Assistant Treasurer and Dr. Sherman and Dr. Wood can sign checks as well as myself.

On February 21st we sent \$5,500 gold to Bishop Hall, subject to your order, and we now understand that on your instructions Bishop Hall transferred this money from the Chase National Bank to the National City Bank of Hongkong. We assume that you have secured the funds through the National City Bank.

The emergency campaign of the Associated Boards is not progressing as satisfactorily as last year. So we cannot say how much of the total allotment for Hua Chung will be available. I hope we can send you \$2,000 gold additional within a few days but have no means of knowing how soon we can increase this amount.

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April 1, 1939

I have a copy of your radiogram of March 20th sent from Kunming to Robert Smith, giving a list of your emergency requirements. If the Associated Boards secure the total amount which they are after, our quota would be sufficient to cover your needs; but at present we can only hope that this will be brought about speedily.

I believe you have been advised that all communications from you hereafter should be sent to Yale-in-China at New Haven, where they will be distributed to all parties who should receive them. With this arrangement it will not be necessary to write to a number of us individually, as you have been doing. We appreciate these personal letters but we desire to conserve your time and strength.

All goes well with the members of our Board and with my family, all of whom watch for information from you and pray for the health and safety of yourself, your family and all your associates.

Very Sincerely yours,

Oliver S. Lyford

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May 1st, 1939

Francis C. M. Wei, Ph.D.
Hua Chung College
Hsichow, via Tali
Yunnan, China

Dear Dr. Wei:

Your letter of March 24th was an historical document being the first communication from Hsichow. We know know that our fugitive college has reached another stage in its journeyings, which we hope will be the last until its happy return to Wuchang.

You speak of already having written to Mr. Robert A. Smith, New Haven, telling the details of the moving of the college. A letter received from him dated April 29th said he had not yet received the letter. I am awaiting it with much interest. In the meantime he sent me extracts from a letter from Dr. Paul Kwei to Professor Latourette. This was written in Kweilin on his return from Talifu where he had escorted the first batch of 41 girl students. Pretty rough traveling!

We are going to miss Dr. Kwei very much, but China will always be the better for his contribution to Hua Chung and we have a deep feeling of gratitude to him. The Trustees have never been officially informed, as far as I know, of his change, but I will bring it to their attention in the Fall. In fact, I have only been able to guess from inferences here and there that he was leaving us. Now I will send him some expression of our deep appreciation of what he has meant to the college and our best wishes for his new work.

In addition to the \$7500. which the Trustees have now sent you for Hua Chung, we have received word of two English contributions, namely, Lbs.250 from the London Missionary Society and Lbs.100 from the United Committee for Christian Universities of China. Dr. Wood has asked our English friends to send this through the Trustees, in accordance with the request of the Trustees at their last meeting.

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Office Copy

June 1, 1939

Dr. Francis C. M. Wei
President, Hua Chung College
Care Methodist Church
Kunming, Yunnan, China

My dear Dr. Wei:

We all feel entirely out of touch with you and with the College. In fact we are a good deal disturbed because correspondence by mail has been discontinued for a long time. We hope that no news is good news and that all goes fairly well.

I understand from our New York Post Office that mail is now reaching Kunming from here via Hanoi, French Indo-China and I am sending one copy of the letter by regular mail through that route and another via Air Mail and China Clipper to Kunming without other routing. Shall be glad to know which arrives and on what date.

We have received no mail from you since your semi-annual report dated February 14, 1939. Our only communications since then have been your cablegram of March 20 listing your emergency requirements and your cablegram of May 17th giving partial answer to our cablegram of May 4th. The latter exchange of cablegrams was as follows:

May 4, 1939

Methodist Church
Kunming, Yunnan, China

FRANCIS WEI HAVE YOU RECEIVED FIFTYFIVE HUNDRED CABLED
BISHOP HALL FEBRUARY TWO THOUSAND APRIL CABLE DETAILED
ESTIMATE EMERGENCY REQUIREMENTS YEAR BEGINNING
OCTOBER FIRST.

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To this we received your answer on May 17th reading as follows:

\$5,500 RECEIVED \$2,000. NOTICE ONEY.

We assume from this that you had received advice from Bishop Hall that he had received for your account the \$2,000 which we cabled to him on April 3rd via National City Bank, but that you had been unable to secure delivery of this amount at Kunming or Tali. We also assume that our cablegram of May 4th took about two weeks time to reach you.

Your answer did not cover the last half of our cablegram of May 4th. We therefore are still waiting for this estimate which we greatly need. We have been hoping for a written report covering this.

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Our greatest concern is about the welfare of yourself, your family and all the friends in the college. This letter, however, must relate primarily to financial matters.

I wrote you on April 1st (addressed to Kunming) a letter advising you that at the annual meeting of the Trustees I was elected Treasurer to succeed Dr. Lobenstine who took the position temporarily when Dr. Warnshuis had to leave for Madras last summer. As a member of the Executive Committee of the Associated Boards I am, of course, in close touch with the campaign for funds by the emergency Committee. Thus far, the total of emergency funds received for the year 1938-39 is only 70% of the total needed by the 13 colleges. There will be some more during the summer but we have no idea how much. Of the total Hua Chung has received thus far \$9,700. We have sent you since January 1st \$7,500 and expect to forward the balance as soon as we have sufficient funds in hand. In fact we can probably forward \$3,000.

As we read the figures which accompanied your semi-annual report, you had on February 14, 1939 a balance of U.S. \$ 2,160 remaining from the \$6,000 which we sent to Hong Kong for your account on September 10, 1938. Including this and the above amounts the total of emergency funds available for the year are as follows:

February 14, 1939 - Balance on Hand	U.S. \$ 2,160.
" 21 - Cabled to you	5,500. ✓
April 3 - " " "	2,000. ✓
Soon to be Cabled to you	3,000. ✓ <i>June 26</i>
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Therefore, if our understanding is correct, your entire estimate as listed in your cablegram of March 20th will be covered.

The above all pertains to emergency funds for the year 1938-39 including the summer months ending September 30th.

Now you will realize that all the friends who are contributing to the emergency funds of the China Colleges want to be sure that these funds reach their destinations and are used for emergencies outside the operations for which regular funds are sent from the constituent missions.

Therefore we have been rather badly handicapped in presenting the case for Hua Chung to the Associated Boards, because we have such meagre information from you and we have had none from Mr. Coe since a letter dated March 2 and the information in that letter was meagre and was not in entire agreement with your few figures.

Please be sure that everybody in our Board and in the Executive Committee of the Associated Boards realizes fully that your handicaps have been colossal and that you have probably written us many letters which have never reached us. However it now becomes very important that we secure from you as definite a report as you can make of your

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total receipts from all sources and your total disbursements of all kinds since October 1, 1938. Please be assured that we do not want an itemized report, but simply such a classified report as you are able to make without the assistance of Mr. Coe or his office. We wonder how you are getting anything done and we want only what is reasonably possible and which will separate as clearly as is practicable the costs covered by funds received from regular sources in China, the United States, Canada and Great Britain and, separately, the uses of the emergency funds received from the Associated Boards or elsewhere.

We understand, for instance, that the London Missionary Society in March 1939 made a special grant of £250, but as the money was not passed through our hands we do not know whether this sum was sent and received and we should know what it was used for, if received.

We have just received through the Associated Board the sum of U.S. \$4,000 specially designated to Hua Chung by the Rockefeller Foundation for emergency purposes. As in the previous year, we must report to the Foundation before October 1, 1939 how this money was used. Obviously we can include only payments which will have been made between May 23 and the date of your report or amounts transferred to regular operating accounts to reimburse these accounts for emergency payments previously made therefrom. Also you may include your estimate of emergency expenses to be incurred between the date of your report and October 1, 1939.

Next, we need the estimate requested in our cablegram of May 4th, viz., a detailed estimate of the emergency requirements for the year beginning October 1, 1939. We sincerely hope that these emergency requirements will be much lower than for the current year. The sources of these emergency contributions are slowly drying up, because if an emergency continues for more than a year it ceases to be an emergency in the minds of many of our friends, and because of the continuing uncertainty about the economic future of this country. The friendship for China is as warm as ever and in fact it is growing apace, but it does not take the form of financial support as much as we could wish.

The annual meeting of the Associated Boards will be held tomorrow and the next day. We shall have up-to-date reports from Dr. Hume, Dr. Decker, Mr. Cressy and others who have arrived recently from China and shall have many important matters to discuss. I presume the principal subjects will relate to the future of the Christian Colleges in China.

We shall hope to report to you on these matters shortly.

As it may take nearly two months for a letter to reach us from you, I hope you will get some letter off to us as soon as you receive this and forward a fuller report as soon as possible. In the first letter, tell us how you all are and how the work is going on. If you could send a copy out by some person this would help to secure certain delivery.

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Dr. Francis C. M. Wei

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June 1, 1939

Please let us know how much contact you have with Mr. Coe,
if any.

Sincere greetings and good wishes to you all.

May you have a definite consciousness that God is near at
hand and is sustaining you.

Very cordially yours,

Oliver B. Lyford

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- LETTER FROM DR. WEI -

Central China College
Hsichow via Talifu, Yunnan
June 8, 1939

Mr. Robert A. Smith, Assistant Secretary
Hua Chung Board of Founders
905AYale Station
New Haven, Conn. U. S. A.

Dear Mr. Smith,

I must apologize that for more than a month I have not been able to write to you, because after the opening of the term my daughter was not able to serve as my secretary, and Miss Johnston, the librarian, has been busy setting up the library. Also it has really been a hectic month with me to get the College ready for the opening of the term, which means some kind of order out of chaos, and a college out of nothing. Buildings had to be repaired and furniture made, students and families properly housed. It is only now that we are beginning to feel like a College, although it will take at least another six weeks before we can get all the necessary things done, but classes actually started May 8th and have been going on for some time.

I am sending you herewith a copy of the article, Hua Chung Goes West written by Mrs. Anderson, lecturer in the English Department, and I sent you also under separate cover twenty copies of a rough plan of the buildings here,* indicating the use of each part of the campus.

All the faculty members have reported for duty in Hsichow with the exception of Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Miller Jr., who have gone home on furlough and who may be useful to the Board of Founders if you should want them to appear before any meeting of the Board or to speak with arrangements with the American Church Mission. You can reach them through Dr. John Wood. They are landing in America today and they are supposed to have six months at home. As they went through all the hardships both in Wuchang and in Kweilin and know what a time we had in trying to plan our move to Hsichow, the Founders may want to get the news personally.

Our enrollment in Hsichow is 108, thirty-five women, seventy-three men. I am enclosing a copy of the report of the Registrar's Office.

By the action of the Senate the Canton Union Theological College was invited to come to Hsichow and cooperate with the College here. The invitation was sent at the suggestion of the Rt. Rev. R. O. Hall, Bishop of Hongkong, and the Theological College has now come with a faculty consisting at present of the Rev. J. S. Kunkle, D.D., Mrs. Kunkle (Presbyterian Mission) the Rev. and Mrs. Jeoffrey Allen (Church Missionary Society) and four Chinese instructors, ten women students, and fourteen men students, all of college grade. I am enclosing a copy of the terms on which the Theological College is cooperating with us, which I hope will be satisfactory to the Founders. I am sure their coming here will be of mutual benefit, both spiritually and academically. It has been a desire for a number of years that there should be candidates of the ministry among our students and some interested in the religious work in the different churches even as lay people. Of the four main Missions cooperating in the Union Theological College, namely, Presbyterian, Church Missionary Society, London Mission, and Methodist Missionary Society, two are cooperating in our college, and one is interested in our work through the Sheng Kung Hui. The College is now situated, of course, in Bishop Hall's Diocese, and all Missions in Yunnan, including the C. I. M. have been very

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cordial to us during the process of moving to Hsichow. Dr. Harverson of the C. I. M. of Tali, fifteen miles from here, is kind enough to visit us every week, making no professional charge. This is a very valuable service to the College as there is no college physician when we are here in such a place as Hsichow. There is a hospital in town, but the lady doctor in charge is a specialist in mid-wifery. We have been looking for a qualified college doctor to come to us as a resident physician, but so far we have not succeeded and there are diseases in this part of the country to which we are not accustomed.

Your letter of November 9th and Miss Dowd's of Dec. 13th reached me only in May. The original copy of Miss Dowd's letter has apparently miscarried. It may have been lost in Kweilin when the post office had a terrible congestion about Christmas time. I have also received a letter without date, but the post mark is January 26th, and recently your letter of March 7th came to hand.

My previous letter has covered all the business in your letter of November 9th and Miss Dowd's of December 13th, and your letter of March 7th indicates that I have covered also the matter you brought up in your letter of January 26th. Dr. Hwang Pu arrived at Hongkong on June 2nd and is planning on coming to the College first from Kunming before he goes to Szechuan to get his family.

I have received the cable from Dr. Wood inquiring about the emergency fund sent to me for the moving of the College, and I sent a cable in reply at once. The last report from the National City Bank of New York in Hongkong indicates that all the money has been received by the bank and we would like to express our appreciation both to the Associated Boards and to the Founders for sending us this sum.

During the period of our moving, it was impossible for us to get out our weekly bulletin, but since we are settled down here we have started to issue again and we have just sent you the third number. I will see to it that your office will get twenty copies every time for the Founders and the Missions.

With the best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Francis C. M. Wei

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July 17, 1939

METHODIST MISSIONARY SOCIETY SUPPORT OF
CENTRAL CHINA COLLEGE

Information from Mr. Rattenbury

- (a) Two married missionaries.
(A round sum is estimated, \$5,000 gold each).
- (b) Annual Grant of \$2,160 (Mex) which has been applied to Chinese teacher's salary but is at absolute disposal of C.C.C.
- (c) I think item 1 on enclosed list was special for one year.

In the emergency it was not possible in 1938 to continue two married teachers. A lady missionary was offered by us but that also proved impracticable from C.C.C. standpoint. All funds have reached their destination. Up to this point our Central China Chairman and Treasurer has acted. Probably our South West China Treasurer will now act.

Rev. H.B. Rattenbury is just off to China and will hope to arrange any difficulties of this nature.

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COPY TO E. C. LOBENSTINE
" " ROBERT A. SMITH
✓ " " ARTHUR SHERMAN
" " JOHN W. WOOD

July 28, 1939

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Oliver S. Lyford,
230 Park Ave., New York City

Dr. Francis C. M. Wei
President, HuaChung College
Hsichow via Talifu
Yunnan, China.

My dear Dr. Wei:

At last we begin to feel we are in touch with you again. Recently we have received the following communications:

Date of Communication:

May 20 -- College Bulletin No. 1.
May 27 -- " " No. 2.
June 1 -- Letter, Paul V. Taylor to Dr. Castleman describing Hsichow and his experiences as a bus driver.
" 3 -- College Bulletin No. 3.
" 8 -- Letter, Francis Wei to Robert Smith.
" 8 -- Statistics on Hua Chung.
" 8 -- Article by Mrs. Anderson - "Hua Chung Goes West."
" 19 -- Letter, David F. Anderson to Secretary of Board of Founders announcing meeting of the Executive Comm. of Board of Directors (Minutes not yet received) and enclosing copy of letter of Francis Wei relating to his reappointment.

I presume Mr. Smith has acknowledged receipt of all these documents. I am simply listing them to show you all that I have before me as I write. I will comment later on the information in these papers. My specific object in writing at the moment relates to the finances.

I wrote you at length on June 1st, sending one copy by airmail and clipper and the other by regular mail. No doubt you have received at least one copy and as mail is

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now reaching us from you in about a month, I hope to receive a reply from you early in September.

I have a report from the National City Bank that their Hongkong Office has delivered to you all the money which we have forwarded through them. Therefore, the total which you have received from us should be as follows:

Date of Sending:

Feb. 1	Cabled to you	U.S. \$5,500
Apr. 3	" " "	2,000
June 27	" " "	3,000
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		U.S. \$10,500

All sent in 1939 to Dept of Missions New York

I also have a report from Rev. A. G. Castleton, Secretary of the English United Committee for Christian Universities in China, stating that he has sent to you, through Mr. Rottenbury of the Methodist Missionary Society, a total of £269.10.6 of which £105 is for Building Funds and the balance of £164.10.6 or approximately U.S. \$772.00 is available for emergency purposes.

I have no information regarding other funds which friends may have sent you.

All of the above money which we have sent to you is for emergency purposes and has come to the Central China College Foundation as our share of the Emergency Drive of the Associated Boards for the year 1938-39.

My information regarding the payment of regular contributions by the constituent missions is as follows:

REGULAR CONTRIBUTIONS 1938-39

Reformed Church -- Dr. Casselman reports that because of the difficulty of delivering funds to their representatives in Hunan and elsewhere and the slowness of communications, he cannot say definitely that the entire amount of their regular contribution has been made, but he is taking it for granted that the total amount paid is about the same as last year.

Domestic and Foreign Mission. Society: -- Dr. Wood reports that during the calendar year 1938 there was paid to the Board of Directors of Hua Chung College \$5,310, the full amount of the appropriation for the year and \$3,600 in salaries of American members of the staff. This report, being for the calendar year 1938, does not cover the payments in 1939 to June 30th but I understand that these payments have been made on the same basis as in 1938.

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Yale-in-China -- Robert Smith reports that the full amount of the grant by Yale-in-China has been paid to Hua Chung College through Dr. Hutchins.

Methodist Missionary Society (England) -- I hand you herewith a copy of a brief report by Mr. Rattenbury.

London Missionary Society -- Report not received.

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I trust that the above information will be of use to you in preparing the report which I asked for on June 1st. I quote the following from that letter:

"Now you will realize that all the friends who are contributing to the emergency funds of the China College want to be sure that these funds reach their destination and are used for emergencies outside the operations for which regular funds are sent from the constituent missions.

"Therefore we have been rather badly handicapped in presenting the case for Hua Chung to the Associated Boards, because we have such meagre information from you and we have had none from Mr. Coe since a letter dated March 2 and the information in that letter was meagre and was not in entire agreement with your few figures.

"Please be sure that everybody in our Board and in the Executive Committee of the Associated Boards realizes fully that your handicaps have been colossal and that you have probably written us many letters which have never reached us. However it now becomes very important that we secure from you as definite a report as you can make of your total receipts from all sources and your total disbursements of all kinds since October 1, 1938. Please be assured that we do not want an itemized report, but simply such a classified report as you are able to make without the assistance of Mr. Coe or his office. We wonder how you are getting anything done and we want only what is reasonably possible and which will separate as clearly as is practicable the costs covered by funds received from regular sources in China, the United States, Canada and Great Britain and, separately, the uses of the emergency funds received from the Associated Boards or elsewhere.

"We have just received through the Associated Board the sum of U.S. \$4,000 specially designated to Hua Chung by the Rockefeller Foundation for emergency purposes.

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As in the previous year, we must report to the Foundation before October 1, 1939 how this money was used. Obviously we can include only payments which will have been made between May 23 and the date of your report or amounts transferred to regular operating accounts to reimburse these accounts for emergency payments previously made therefrom. Also you may include your estimate of emergency expenses to be incurred between the date of your report and October 1, 1939.

"Next, we need the estimate requested in our cablegram of May 4th, viz., a detailed estimate of the emergency requirements for the year beginning October 1, 1939. We sincerely hope that these emergency requirements will be much lower than for the current year. The sources of these emergency contributions are slowly drying up, because if an emergency continues for more than a year it ceases to be an emergency in the minds of many of our friends, and because of the continuing uncertainty about the economic future of this country. The friendship for China is as warm as ever and in fact it is growing apace, but it does not take the form of financial support as much as we could wish."

Probably, before this reaches you, you will have sent to us the best answers you could give to the request quoted above, but possibly the information given herein will cause you to modify your answers somewhat. If you consider any modifications necessary to answer correctly the requests in the last two quoted paragraphs we should have such corrections before October 1st. Therefore please cable the corrections if necessary.

Just to give you an idea of this problem of securing additional abnormal funds, the total of such funds asked for by the 13 colleges for the year beginning October 1st, 1939 is about U.S. \$380,000., whereas it is the present judgment of the Promotional Committee of the Associated Boards that \$250,000. is about the limit of what can be secured.

Your estimate should be based on the assumption that the regular contributions from the supporting missions of Hua Chung will be the same as for the year ending June 30, 1938 which is the last period for which we have figures from Mr. Coe.

When you write next we would like a list of all the faculty members, both Chinese and western.

In one report from the field we learned that some money was stolen from a truck in transit. We should know how much this is. We consider this a proper charge against the

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College and not against the custodian of the money. This should be the treatment of any other stolen funds.

This letter is already so long that I cannot continue with the many things which I should like to say about the information in the recent communications listed above. I shall have to summarize in a few sentences.

These papers as a whole, together with the history of the other experiences since the College started on its migrations, constitute a great Christian epic. They arouse our deepest emotions and our sincere feelings of gratitude that you have all stood these privations so well and with such fine spirit. The resumption of College Bulletins almost immediately after the experiences described by Mrs. Anderson shows a degree of calm and steadiness which is truly remarkable.

We do thank God that you all have had such fortitude which certainly has come from Him. The story ~~story~~ gives us courage to attempt greater things than ever for your work.

Your desires regarding the Presidency will require the earnest and careful thought of all the Trustees, which will be given as soon as possible.

The answer to this letter should go to Yale-in-China at New Haven. Copies of this letter go to Dr. Sherman, Dr. Wood, Dr. Lobenstine and Mr. Smith.

I am sending two copies to you, one by airmail and China Clipper and the other by regular mail via Hanoi, Indo-China.

Please give my warmest regards to all the members of the faculty and to the students.

Very Cordially yours,

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Hsichow, Yunnan, China
Aug 12, 1939

Copy of letter from President Francis Wei to

Mr. Robert Ashton Smith, Yale-in-China,

New Haven, Conn.

Mr. Robert A. Smith,
905-A Yale Station,
New Haven, Conn., U.S.A.

Dear Mr. Smith:

I hope you have received my letter mailed from Hongkong while I was making a brief business visit there on behalf of the College. In that letter I asked you to order certain books and magazines for the various departments of the Yale-in-China School of Science and pay the cost in US currency, charging the same against the Yale-in-China appropriation for Hua Chung. These books etc., are needed for teaching or thesis work in the College this next term and we hope they will reach us in Hsichow in good time.

I am now sending another list of books and another sheet being notice for renewal of a periodical. Please order the books and renew the magazine, charging the cost including postage in the same way. Book post can reach the College in Hsichow now direct since we have already a regular post office. Cables can only reach us via Tali, Yunnan.

I am sorry that owing to the fact that I do not have a stenographer now I have not been able to write to you and to the other members of the Board of Founders as frequently as I would like to do. The queer behavior of our exchange a month ago got us quite alarmed in the interior and largely on that account as well as for other College affairs I took a trip to Hongkong at the end of the month of June getting back here on July 24. All the advice I got in Hongkong was that we should have all our money in U.S. currency with the National City Bank of New York in Hongkong in a savings account giving us no interest whatever. They would not keep any account in U.S. currency except as savings. It is too risky to have any other currency in times like these. For this reason, please ask Dr. Wood and other members of the Board in the States never to send us money for the College in any other currency. We keep in Hongkong also a current account in Hongkong currency to which we transfer credits from the Gold account. When we sell Hongkong currency checks in Kunming, we get at least 20 percent higher in exchange into Chinese national currency.

On July 29 we graduated seventeen students. Three were not able to graduate on that day owing to illness. One was my daughter Anna who had an attack of scarlet fever during my absence in Hongkong. She is recuperating now in the college infirmary and will be able to take her examinations before November 1. Another student will do the same. But a third has got to wait a whole year. A fourth died at the end of June while I was away. Most of the graduates have got jobs, and only a few are still uncertain.

I was able to bring back this time from Kunming a German doctor as College Physician, meeting a crying need. Before his arrival people in the College were very nervous. He seems to be well trained. We are paying him the monthly salary of C\$250 besides a house for his family costing C\$10 a month. We have also a nurse and have to spend much on medicine, more than we had expected. But it is essential.

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The College closed for the summer on July 29. A summer programme is going on keeping all the students and faculty busy. The autumn term will begin on September 7. We have many applicants for admission, but owing to lack of hostel space we can take only about one in ten. Many new students are coming from Christian Middle Schools affiliated with the College by recommendation. We expect a Freshman class of about 70, half being girls.

I am preparing my annual report for the year and the Acting Treasurer is closing his books. As soon as the financial report is ready, I shall have it sent to you for circulation to the Founders and report to the Associated Boards together with my annual report.

The proposed budget for the year 1939-40 has been already sent to you for the Board of Founders. As the Board of Directors is unable to function under the present circumstances the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors has recommended that the Founders act as Directors also. I hope the Founders will soon be able to act on these recommendations. It is necessary for the proper operation of the College as we should not go without a functioning Board of Directors for any considerable length of time, and we have no idea when the war will end.

As a whole the College has been going along well except the short period when both faculty and students were very nervous about epidemics just a month ago. Part of our equipment is still on the way from Kweilin. The temporary science buildings, altogether costing C\$4500, are about ready for use. It was only yesterday that we were able to have radio news at our radio station which is not quite complete as we have yet no electricity.

All the emergency money sent to us has been received and I shall write to Mr. Lyford in greater details as soon as I can get at it. I have time to work on the typewriter now only on Saturdays. How I wish I may have the assistance of a stenographer. My daughter used to give me her voluntary service in stenography although she is a Chemist by training, but lately she has been sick and you must excuse the numerous errors I make when I type my own letters.

We are so thankful that we got out of Kweilin. The recent air raids at that city on August 1 and 4 killed many civilians at the caves where we used to take refuge. All our things are out of Kweilin also. We feel sorrowful for our many friends in Kweilin who were so kind to us when we were there. We have heard about air raids also in Kunming but the news has not been confirmed.

Early in September I shall have to go to Chungking to attend the Fourth Meeting of the People's Political Council for ten days with the Generalissimo as Chairman. I wasn't able to attend in February because the College was then on the move. This time I feel I ought to go to show my support to the Government.

The co-operation with the Canton Union Theological College here in Hsichow as our guest institution has been very happy so far. We expect three or four of our own students taking the combined theological course next year, which is very encouraging. Even in the summer programme, going on now for five weeks before the term begins again, there are two theological courses given and they are taken by our own students as well as by the Seminary students. The seminary is also co-educational. They have only about 25 students altogether, and they have six on their faculty.

With the kindest regards to all the Founders and other friends in America and personal greetings to you, Dick Weigle, and Miss Dowd, I am,

Hsichow, Yunnan, China.
August 12, 1939.

Yours sincerely,
Francis C. M. Wei, President.

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C O P Y

Hua Chung College, Hsichow,
Tali, Yunnan, China.
August 14, 1939.

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

My dear Mr. Lyford:

I am sorry that the moving of the College, our setting up on the new site, and my recent moving about on college business have made it impossible for me to keep up with my correspondence as regularly as I should, especially when I have now no stenographer and have to type every letter myself. My daughter Anna used to fill in as my English secretary for a while but her preparation for the graduation examination and then her attack of scarlet fever from which she is still recovering have prevented her from serving me in the office as a voluntary secretary. Under these circumstances I hope my negligence may be pardoned.

I am surprised however that you have had no communication from me since my semi-annual report except the radiogram of March 20. I have written to Mr. Robert A. Smith in New Haven at least once a month. A long detailed letter was sent to him following the radiogram of March 20. Following the instruction of the Founders I did not write to you or other members of the Board in the States except to him hoping that he would make copies and circulate them to the Board if necessary. I feel strange too that I have not heard from Mr. Smith for many weeks.

Before I went to Hongkong on a business trip on behalf of the College the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors met and besides recommending the proposed budget for the year 1939-40 several important recommendations with regard to the functions of the Directors were made to the Founders. Dr. David F. Anderson, Secretary of the Executive Committee, wrote on those recommendations and I wrote also on the proposed budget. In that proposed budget you will find most of the information you need for the Associated Boards with regard to our emergency needs for the next year as far as we can anticipate at the present time.

Since my return from Hongkong at the end of the last month I have written again to Mr. Smith acknowledging the receipt of all the emergency funds you had sent to us according to your letters of April 1, and June 1. In this last letter I also reported briefly on the graduation of the senior class and the medical situation which became accentuated during the month of July while I was away and which with the arrival of Dr. Med. Wilhelm Mainzer is decidedly improved.

I am very happy to know that you have accepted the appointment by the Founders as Treasurer of the Board. I wrote to Dr. Warnshuis last September reporting on my traveling account from America to Kweilin, but I have so far received no acknowledgment of that letter which enclosed a detailed account of which I keep no duplicate. Will you please look that up.

The Acting Treasurer is working on his accounts for this year. He has just closed the books. It is my hope that we shall be able to send you and the Board of Founders our full financial report in a week or so, and that will give you the information required on the third page of your letter of June 1. Mr. Coe has not written as fully as we desire. Unfortunately one or two important letters from him containing, we believe, important financial information have been lost. It takes sometimes many days to get a reply from Hankow. For that reason there may be discrepancy between his report from Wuchang and ours from the college here. All will be straightened up in due course of time. I hope it has not caused you at the other end serious inconveniences.

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As far as we can anticipate now our emergency needs for the next year will be far less than those of this year which have been due largely to the moving of the college twice. Our main emergency items next year will be students' aids, medical care, and rent. Of course if and when it is possible for us to move back to Wuchang before the end of the next academic year which is too good to hope for, we must have special funds for that purpose. I would suggest that the Associated Boards should begin to plan while planning is good for that contingency. I know it would be difficult to talk publicly about the colleges going back when it is still a problem to maintain them as refugee institutions and when the problem of which colleges to move back to their original sites is yet pending.

Dr. John C. F. Lo and Mrs. Lo, nee Ruth Earnshaw of Chicago, are on leave from the College for the next year without any financial obligation on the part of the College as they are going on entirely private business in America. Dr. Pu Huang has returned from his sabbatical year abroad and is getting his family from Szechuen to Hsichow, which takes time owing to the difficult transportation.

Chungking, the seat of the National Government during war time, has been repeatedly bombed by enemy war planes and many civilians have suffered in life and property. It is my duty to attend the Fourth Meeting of the People's Political Council there early in September. The meeting place will be in a safe suburb and every precaution will be taken against air raids as all the important officials will be there at the meeting. I shall have to fly from Kunming to Chungking in order to save time.

The quickest route for mails from America to the College is by Clipper. The air mail via Europe could be used, if the Clipper mail does not happen to go at the time. Cablegrams to the College can be addressed: Hua Chung College, Hsichow, via Taliyuan, China. If you should add Yunnan, it may be surer.

I have no personal news to report further. Mrs. Wei and the two younger children are still in Macao for the schooling of the children. Expenses there are extraordinary, because of the high exchange rate. My eldest child Anna is expecting to take her make-up graduation examinations shortly after she is discharged from the isolation ward and then go back to work in Hongkong for a year in a doctor's office before she goes to P.U.M.C. for which she has been preparing herself for the last four years in college. Owing to the circumstances she has to wait for a year at least in Hongkong to get some experience. My son is going to finish up in physics in the College a year from now.

With the best wishes and the kindest regards to you and Mrs. Lyford and remembrances to all my friends in America,

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) FRANCIS C. M. WEI

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

Hua Chung College, Hsichow, Tali,
Yunnan, China. Aug. 16, 1939.

*Copy sent to
Smith at Hunan
Oct. 6, 1939*

*Received in Hunan
Sept 14th 1939*

My Dear Mr. Lyford,

I wrote you day before yesterday by clipper air mail answering your letter of April 1 and June 1. Enclosed I am sending you a copy of my letter.

Yesterday afternoon your letter of July 28 was received.

I am glad to know that the communications listed in your letter have been received. We have had no acknowledgement from Mr. Smith of their receipt.

In my letter of August 14 I acknowledged the receipts of the emergency funds mentioned on page 2 of your letter of June 1 and again on page 2 of your letter of July 28.

Mr. Rattenbury has written about the £ 269-10-6 for the college of which £ 164-10-6 is for emergency purposes. But the money has not be received by the college. I have written to Mr. Rattenbury about it.

The London Missionary Society is sending £ 250 for emergency purposes and I have reported it to the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors and written to Mr. Adam Black in Shanghai to have this sum sent to the National City Bank of New York in Hongkong, crediting it to our Savings Account No. 1903 in that bank.

The Acting Treasurer is sending you herewith a classified report of the total receipts and disbursements from the time he took over the accounts from Mr. Coe to date. This report includes all the receipts from the co-operating missions.

With regard to the U. S. \$4,000, gift from the Rockefeller Foundation through the associated Boards, I can write you about its use only when the Executive Committee has considered and acted on it. I shall see to it that you have the action of the Executive Committee before October 1. I have noted that this money is to be for payments only from May 23 to date. Is the money included in the U. S. \$10,500 of emergency fund you have already sent us.

Our emergency needs for the year beginning October 1, 1939 (for us beginning August 1, 1939) are much lower than those of the past year, as indicated in our proposed budget already sent to you in June with a covering letter. To serve for your reference, I am listing them on a separate sheet enclosed herewith.

I am sending also a list of our faculty members both western and Chinese for this past year.

The money stolen from a truck in transit mentioned on page 4 of your letter of July 28 was about \$ 800 Hongkong currency taken from a vest coat left in the truck by Mr. Edouard Taylor, son of Dean Paul V. Taylor, who was sent by the college last winter to go with the Rev. Charles Higgins to buy two trucks from Hongkong. According to our practice, such stolen money has to be made good by the custodian, for otherwise it would not be for the best interest of all concerned. The college has, however, voted an honorarium for Mr. Ed. Taylor for his voluntary service as a college driver, with the intention primarily to cover this loss.

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We have heard with the deepest sorrow the death of Mrs. A. M. Sherman in an automobile accident in America. I am writing to Dr. Sherman in the same air mail to express my personal sympathy. I feel it as a personal loss. When the college Senate hears it, it will surely write officially to Dr. Sherman also.

With the kindest regards to all members of the Board of Founders.

Yours sincerely,

Francis C. M. Wei

President.

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Hua Chung College, Hsichow,
Tali, Yunnan, China.

August 24, 1939.

Mr. Robert A. Smith,
905-a Yale Station,
New Haven, Conn, U.S.A.

My dear Mr. Smith,

I am enclosing you a letter and some documents for Mr. Lyford, Treasurer of the Board of Founders. I have not been able to send the letter earlier because I wanted to get the Classified Financial Report from the Acting Treasurer, and he gave it to me only yesterday afternoon after the mail had gone. I was waiting also for the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors, the minutes of which have been sent to you under a separate cover with a copy enclosed herewith also. 1938-39

In the Classified Financial Report for the year, you will find credit balances for the special funds which are all earmarked. These funds have not been spent as in former years because the war conditions in Kweilin and the subsequent moving of the College to Hsichow made it impossible for us to get anythings in from outside of the country in the nature of scientific equipment or books. Now that we are in a better position to bring things in through the international routes via Burma or Indo-China we shall try our best to carry out some of the projects and reseaches for which the Ministry of Education, the China Foundation, the British Boxer Indemnity Board, and the Harvard-Yenching Board have made the grants.

I am happy to report to you that since I wrote the letter to Mr. Lyford on the 16th inst. we have received notice that the Ministry of Education has made a grant of C\$20,000.00 for three chairs and equipment in the departments of Chinese Literature, Chemistry, and Psychology, for the next academic year. The notice is not clear whether we have to take a 30 per cent cut as before, but anyway the grants for the chairs are only C\$3,300 each which is not enough to cover the salary and rent of the professor and therefore requires supplement from general college funds. We have also received notice from the Harvard-Yenching Board that they have voted us a special grant of US\$2,500.00 for the next year where as their grant for the last year was US\$4,000.00. But the exchange is higher for gold now. This makes it very good for our department of Chinese Literature and History. We have ample funds for books for that department. The problem is how to get books under the present conditions in China. We may invest more money in foreign books.

In a way our moving of the College is not yet complete, for there is still about 12 tons of equipment and books on the way from Kweilin.

I am sending a duplicate of all the enclosures to Mr. Lyford to assure that one copy will reach him or your office.

With the best wishes to all the members of the Board of Founders,

Yours sincerely,

President.

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CO-OPERATING UNITS
BOONE COLLEGE
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HUPING COLLEGE
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YALE-IN-CHINA COLLEGE

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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

Kunming, Yunnan
Sept. 2, 1939.

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

Dear Mr. Lyford,

I am on my way for the College to Chungking, booked to fly from Kunming early on Sept. 5 to attend the War Parliament meeting.

Arriving here yesterday afternoon I read about the outbreak of hostilities in Europe which may develop to be something very serious. The foreign exchange has been fluctuating in a very alarming manner, but never so alarming as today, except in the opposite direction with reference to Hongkong currency in which we have some deposit in Hongkong, but our money is largely in U.S. currency in the National City Bank of New York in Hongkong.

Our difficulty is that our U.S. money in Hongkong is in a savings account. We cannot change it into a checking account because the bank is in a British colony. We draw on it only by orders which are hard to sell for Chinese money in the interior.

We think of one way to take care of our money. If you will open an account in U.S. currency in New York in the name of Central China College with me as president authorized to write checks on the money by depositing, say a sum of \$500⁰⁰ or whatever sum you see fit, I shall arrange to have most or all of our U.S. savings in Hongkong transferred back to our account in New York, so that we may sell checks for Chinese money in Kunming.

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If when that is done, please do two things:
One, send to me at Hsichow via Tali, Yunnan,
China by registered air mail a check-book of
50 checks first, ~~by letter post air mail~~ cable to Hua Chung
College, Hsichow, via Tali, China, the number
of the account so that I may ask the bank
in Hongkong to transfer our money to it.

We may be doing seemingly silly things
these days, but the changes are so tremendous
& so unexpected that we really do not know
what to think or do sometimes.

I hope you have received our classified
financial report & other documents sent
by air mail to Mr. Smith with a duplicate
copy of each sent to you direct also by air,
just over a week ago from Hsichow.

My plan is to be back to Hsichow by
the end of the month if not earlier. The
world is mad, but let us pray that
God will surprise us with better things
beyond our understanding.

Yours sincerely
Francis C. W. Wei
President

P.S. If there is no college fund with which
you may open the account, please use
the money marked "Wei travelling fund."
I believe there is still a balance.

Please remember to send the check book by
letter post air mail. Parcel post will be delayed.

F.C.W.

September 21, 1939

Dr. Francis C. M. Wei, President,
Hua Chung College,
Hsichow, Yunnan, China.

*Copy by regular mail used by Mai - Nov 15
Copy by air mail used before Nov 8
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Dear Dr. Wei:

I received your letter of September 2 yesterday and have acted accordingly. It seemed advisable to have the account in the National City Bank in New York so held that if anything should happen to you the account would be under control and could be used as found necessary for the interests of the College. Therefore, a joint account has been opened with the National City Bank as follows:

Central China College by Francis C. M. Wei, President
and/or
Central China College Foundation by Oliver S. Lyford, Treas.

Under this arrangement checks by either of us will be honored, and if anything should happen to either of us our successors can be elected eventually by our respective boards. In the meantime each can act for the other in any way that may be found practicable in an emergency.

The National City Bank does not number its accounts except in the Savings Department.

Hence my cable of today to you as follows:

"OPENED JOINT ACCOUNT DEPOSITED THOUSAND DOLLARS SIGN CHECKS COLLEGE BY WEI PRESIDENT ORDER HONGKONG BANK CLOSE SAVINGS ACCOUNT AND TRANSFER BALANCE BY CABLE TO NATIONAL CITY NEW YORK FOR CENTRAL CHINA COLLEGE JOINT ACCOUNT NO NUMBER MAILING CHECKBOOK RECEIVED FINANCIAL REPORT"

I am enclosing herewith a block of 25 checks of the National City Bank. (One block of 25 with the original letter which goes by air mail and clipper, and another block of 25 which goes by regular mail from San Francisco, via French Indo-China). Please report when each of these blocks of checks is received. The bank is very anxious to know that all of its blank checks are in the hands of its depositors.

I received your letters of August 14 and 16; also the report of your Acting Treasurer. Have not fully analyzed the report, but believe it will be sufficient for our immediate requirements. I judge that during the year ending July 31st you used moneys from existing funds instead of drawing in all cases from the emergency funds which we forwarded to you this year, in order to transfer the existing funds into U. S. currency in Hongkong. We have had no information regarding these various funds, and I request that you send me a list of them with the amounts remaining in each. For instance, I am wondering if you are using building or endowment funds in this way, which may be justifiable to conserve these funds in this extreme emergency, but we must plan ways to fully restore such funds if so used.

I am deeply impressed with the careful thinking displayed in your letter, written under the tremendous strain of these times.

With deep respect and affection,

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Am numbering my letters. The letter of July 28 was #1.

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September 29, 1939

President Francis C. M. Wei
Hua Chung College
Hsichow, Talifu
Yunnan, China

Dear Dr. Wei:

In connection with the minutes of the meeting of the Executive and Finance Committees held on September 22, which are enclosed herewith, we wish to call particular attention to action EF-1027, in which we ask Dr. Lobenstine to act as our special representative, and to study the situation with you regarding the work of Hua Chung College.

We hope that you will be able to make use of Dr. Lobenstine's time when he is available, and that he will be able to bring us a first-hand report of your situation.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

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Dr. Francis C. M. Wei,

Hua Chang College,

Hsichow, via Tali,

Yunman, China

Farmville, Virginia

October 7, 1939

Dear Francis:

I have been thinking much about you and the college recently--of the courage and splendid spirit with which you have carried on in the face of tremendous dangers and anxieties. The adventurous and self-sacrificing spirit in the faculty of which your semi-annual report written just before leaving Kweilin speaks is, I am sure, to a considerable extent the reflection of your own attitude. I thank God you have been raised up to lead the college in these difficult days.

I know the trustees share this feeling with me. We had an enlarged meeting of the executive committee in New York on September 25, at which eleven trustees were present, as many as we get at the regular meetings of the Board of Trustees; and again and again as we discussed your desire to withdraw from administration work, the trustees expressed their appreciation of what you have done for the college, their strong confidence in your leadership and their approval of what you have done. You all have passed through a time of tremendous strain in the bombings in Kweilin, in the moving and the establishment of the college in a place unequipped and of so a frontier nature. We are thankful for the privilege of being associated with you and with a faculty and student body so responsive to your guidance and so able to endure hardship for the sake of those things for which the college stands.

Moreover, the trustees want to help you in every way possible. We are happy in the thought you have secured the services of a physician and hope you find him able to meet your need. We are much concerned over the fact you have had no secretary and stand ready to do what we can about that as best seems to you. The trustees will meet in New York on Oct. 9, at which time the budget will be given careful attention and if possible, provision made for relief in the salary situation. Mr. Lyford will write to you about this after the meeting.

The Executive Committee gave sympathetic consideration ~~to~~ to your desire to be relieved of the presidency in order to devote your energies to teaching. This matter will be further considered by the trustees when they meet, but all expressed the earnest hope that your guiding hand might not be removed from the college in these critical days. I believe, and I know the trustees share my conviction, that at this time you can render your highest contribution to Christian Education in China by giving leadership in the field you are now serving in direction the policies of the college. In this regard, I am looking forward to hearing from you further about your suggestion of modifying the policy and curriculum with the view of training the students more definitely "to take a lead in improving isolated rural communities with the religious spirit and intellectual stimulus they have gained from the college." As

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time goes on you and your advisors will see more and more clearly how the college can best serve the new China, and we stand behind you to serve with you.

You will probably have heard of Dr. Lobenstein's visit to China. We hope conditions will make it possible for him to come to Hsichow and to confer with you about the future of the college and the ways in which we at home can help.

With warmest regards to you and the faculty and assurances of our continued prayers, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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October 11, 1939

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President Francis Cho-min Wei
Hua Chung College
Hsichow, Talifu
Yunnan, China

Dear Dr. Wei:

I am enclosing herewith minutes of two recent meetings of the Executive Committee of the Associated Boards held on September 22 and October 4.

The principal item in these minutes concerns the plans for the raising of a special fund for the year 1939-40. You will note that we have set our goal at US \$250,000, of which \$10,000 has been designated for Hua Chung College, subject to detailed request. At the time of the meetings, we had not had any details for what might be needed by Hua Chung. Since that time, however, Mr. Lyford has been able to analyze the figures from the budget, and we are in touch with him about the details which will be required.

It is necessary to remember, in connection with the apportionment of this \$250,000, that we cannot guarantee that we are going to get the money. We, therefore, must state that this amount will be available if and when it is secured.

We sincerely hope that we can reach our goal this year, and that we will not have to curtail any of the amounts planned.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

JIP:VW
Enclosures

Copy to: Mr. John L. Coe

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HUA CHUNG COLLEGE

(Central China College)

WUCHANG, CHINA

October 26, 1939

Received by Mr. Wei - Nov 14

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Francis C. M. Wei, Ph.D.

Dear Dr. Wei:

At the meeting of Board of Founders on October 9, 1939 careful consideration was given to the recommendation of your Executive Committee that the Founders agree to act as Directors for the time being. This matter was reviewed from its various aspects and it was concluded that the action of the Founders should be quite explicit and formal. The result is a resolution of which I enclose herewith a certified copy. We hope that this step will meet your needs.

I hope our delay in acting on the budget for 1939-'40 is not causing you great inconvenience and uncertainty. This delay is mostly chargeable to me and it has taken me an amount of time which now seems inexcusable to acquaint myself with your financial operations sufficiently so that I can represent you intelligently before the Board of Founders and the Associated Boards. As we have received no cable from you requesting report of action I assume that you have gone ahead on faith, as you have been doing for the last two years.

As my report was not ready for the meeting of the Board of Founders on October 9th, no action on the budget was taken. It will be ready for the next meeting which will be held in a few days.

I can assure you, however, that the budget sent in June, with the additions received from you since then, undoubtedly will be approved. Furthermore, we are much concerned by the report that the cost of living in Western China has gone up about 25% we feel that you and the other members of the faculty who are paid in Chinese currency must be relieved of this extra burden, and we hope that, with exchange anywhere near the present rate, we can provide for this. Also we wish to know the amount of extra family cost to which you personally have been subjected and we wish to reimburse you for this.

Did you receive my cablegram of September 23 announcing that a checking account in the name of Central China College by Francis M. Wei, President, had been opened in the National City Bank in the city and a deposit of \$1,000 in that bank had been made? No checks against that deposit have been received by the bank and no funds have been transferred to it from Hongkong. I hope the lack of action in this account does not indicate any trouble.

No doubt you have received by this time my letter No. 2 dated September 21, confirming the cablegram.

It is important that we have an understanding with you that a letter will come from your office to Smith's office regularly at intervals of not over 2 weeks. I believe he is following this rule in writing to you.

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Also all letters should be numbered. Such procedure is essential in order that we may know that the channels of communication are open and that everything is going well at both ends of the line.

I am sure it would have gratified you to hear the unanimous expressions of absolute faith in you which were expressed at the meeting of the Board of Founders and the great concern at the mere thought of the possibility that you might resign the presidency of the College. Our affection for you is such that we certainly want you to be relieved of work which overburdens you, but we hope ways can be found to relieve you of much of the executive work.

Hoping to receive a letter from you very soon, I am

Yours very cordially,

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Air Mail by Clipper Mail
via Hongkong.

Hua Chung College,
Hsichow, Tali,
Yunnan, China,
November 8, 1939.

Mr. Oliver S. Lyford,
230 Park Avenue,
New York City,
U. S. A.

O.S.L.

Dear Mr. Lyford,

Your second letter dated September 21 was received in the office in Hsichow during my absence in Hongkong. So was also the cablegram concerning the opening of the joint account. The latter was forwarded to Hongkong but I had already left.

I am very happy to know that the joint account has been opened with the National City Bank in New York and I have received already a block of 25 checks by air mail and clipper. The other block of 25 blank checks by regular mail has not arrived yet. When this has been received I shall write you at once.

I am glad my letter dated September 2 mailed from Kunming has so quickly brought about the arrangement you have made. I was then on my way to Chungking on leave of absence from the college to attend the Fourth Session of the People's Political Council under the chairmanship of Gen. Chiang Kai-shek. About 140 members of the Council were in attendance for 10 days altogether. It was a good opportunity for me not only to see the Generalissimo in vigorous health and in good spirit but also to be informed up to date of the development of national affairs in these war times. I was glad to have ten days in Chungking to renew my acquaintances with old friends in the Council and with officials in the Central Government who came to attend the Council meetings. Besides the reports made by the different ministers of the Cabinet and heads of Departments we discussed mainly subjects concerning international relations, finance and the future of the war and the nation.

While at Chungking I had the news confirmed that the Hongkong Government would not permit any transfer of funds out of the colony. Since most of our college funds were being kept in Hongkong, I felt it necessary to fly to Hongkong immediately after the Council meeting to get the matter straightened up.

I arrived at Hongkong by plane on Sept. 19 and upon the advice of National City Bank of New York I sent an application to the Hongkong Government to transfer some of our money back to New York. With assistance of Bishop Hall I was able to have an interview with the Finance Secretary of the Hongkong Government, after five days of waiting. He then gave me the permission to transfer US\$9,000 back to New York. This was done by the N.C.B. of New York in Hongkong to you as Treasurer of the Board of Founders of Hua Chung College and I believe that you have already credited this amount to the college in our joint account.

I am glad that this has been done, because when I arrived at Kunming at the end of October on my way back from Hongkong, the banks would not cash readily Hongkong checks in Hongkong currency, but there was no difficulty in getting U.S. gold checks cashed at the rate of 15 to 1 at that time.

We still have some U.S. dollars in the N.C.B. of New York

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in Hongkong. If you should be able to have all of it transferred to New York, we may eventually close our account in Hongkong, otherwise we shall keep it there and in any eventuality it would simply mean at the utmost some delay in getting the funds out, but the danger of that at present does not seem as great as it looked two months ago. The situation in Hongkong seems to have much improved, but it is always wise^{not} to have all our eggs in one basket.

I must apologize to the Founders for the delay of my getting the annual report ready for the last year. The winding up of the academic year, the running about between here and Hongkong, the unexpected delay of a whole month in Indo-China on account of the interruption of traffic on the railway have not given me the time to sit down in my office to write the report which I hoped to be able to do when the present rush after my return to the college is over. Will you please express my regrets to the Founders. Practically all the important information, however, has been already sent to you in my previous letters and documents.

The college reopened on September 7 and lectures have been going on since September 12. There are at present in the college 117 students, a rather reduced number but still encouraging under the present circumstances. The number would have been larger by at least 30, if not for the fact that the highway traffic was interrupted owing to the damage to the road by heavy rainfall just at the time of our registration and therefore students were not able to come until it was too late.

Of the 117 students 29 are senior, 16 junior, 26 sophomore and 46 freshman. Of this total number 67 are men and 50 women. There are 77 Christians and 40 non-Christians. 100 have come from Christian middle schools and only 17 from non-Christian middle schools. The Province of Kwantung leads with 46 students; Hupeh comes with 30 and Hunan with 20. The remaining 21 have come from 8 other provinces, namely: Kiangsu, Kiangsi, Anhwei, Chekiang, Fukien, Shantung, Shensi and Yunnan. Only 2 are from the Province of Yunnan, and these have been admitted on probation. The middle schools of this province are far below standard.

The Rev. L. Constantine and Mrs. Constantine of the Methodist Mission have returned from furlough in England. Miss Tarry has been appointed also by the Methodist Mission to teach English in the college. Mr. and Mrs. Miller are still in America and we expect them to return to our Department of English for the second semester as a contribution from the American Church Mission when Mr. John Foster of the same Mission will be going on furlough to America. After two years' of waiting in Hongkong and Shanghai, Miss Gertrude Zenk of the Reform Church Mission has come to join us in Hsichow and she is doing full time work in the Department of Music. Mrs. Kunkle, wife of Dr. Kunkle of the Canton Union Theological Seminary, has kindly consented to teach full time in the Department of English in the college. A new teacher of Chinese Literature and Linguistics has been added to the Department of Chinese Literature on the Harvard-Yenching fund. Mr. T'ong Ping Liang with two years' postgraduate work in the London School of Economics and a member of the Congregational Church in the North, has been appointed to fill a vacancy in the Department of Economics and Commerce. Dean Hwang P'u has returned from his sabbatical year and all the other members of the faculty remain the same.

The cooperation between the Canton Union Theological Seminary and Hua Chung has been a most happy one. Five of their students have registered in the college taking a combined course leading to a college degree and therefore they are counted as fully ~~as~~ Hua Chung students. Twenty-four of the seminarians are taking some courses in the college and only three, owing to inadequate knowledge of English, are taking no course in the college whatever. All their students are living in our hostels and participating fully in our college life. We have joint chapel service everyday including Sunday and all our undertakings outside of curricular work are joint enterprises. It is really a pleasure to have such a close cooperation with the seminary. Among the happy consequences is the fact that two of the Hua Chung graduates and two undergraduates, incidentally all Anglicans, are taking theological work. We hope this means only a small beginning of greater things to come.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Francis C. M. Wei

President.

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Letter from President Francis Wei to Mr. R. A. Smith: Received
in New Haven December 1, 1939.

Mr. Robert A. Smith,
905-A Yale Station,
New Haven, Conn., U. S. A.

Hua Chung College,
Hsichow, Tali,
Yunnan, China,
November 9, 1939.

Dear Mr. Smith,

Your letter of September 6 and October 7 reached my office during my absence in Chungking and Hongkong, and I read them with great pleasure upon my return on November 3.

I went to Chungking to attend the Fourth Session of the People's Political Council and went to Hongkong by plane immediately after the meeting on September 19 in order to attend to the matter of transferring some of the college money in U. S. currency back to the Founders in New York, because just about that time the situation in Europe seemed to be tense and there were many rumors about Hongkong. While I arrived at Hongkong I found from the Hongkong Branch of the National City Bank of New York that the Hongkong Government would not permit any transfer of money out of the colony. With the assistance of Bishop Hall, however, I managed to have an interview with the Finance Secretary of the Hongkong Government and got his permission to transfer US\$9,000.00 from our U. S. currency savings account to Mr. Lyford in New York as Treasurer of the Board of Founders. This was done on September 27 by the N.C.B. of New York in Hongkong. 8,000

In the meanwhile Mr. Lyford has opened a joint account in New York upon my request on which either he or I can write U. S. dollar checks which can be cashed in Kunming in Chinese National Currency more easily than checks in Hongkong Currency upon which we used to depend for our cash in the interior. We still have some money in current account in Hongkong Currency in Hongkong with the N.C.B. of New York and a balance of our savings account in U. S. Currency. Now that the situation in Hongkong is quieter we may be able to draw upon those funds unless Mr. Lyford from the New York end could manage to transfer all the U. S. Currency account back to New York. I took this last trip to Hongkong from Chungking just to play safe as rumors concerning Hongkong at that time, particularly in Chungking and Kunming, were rampant.

I arrived at Haifong, Indo-China, by boat from Hongkong on September 30 and found the railway traffic in Indo-China entirely interrupted, so I had to wait for a whole month in Haifong, Hanoi and Laokay for trains. When I managed to book for Kunming from Laokay, I found that the train had to stop on the way and passengers had to manage the transfer of their own luggage from one train to another with a gap of about a mile and a half, muddy and crowded, where the railway track was damaged by heavy rainfall on the mountain side. However, it was repaired in a temporary fashion and the train was able to creep over wooden blocks. I would have flown back if not for the fact that a lady teacher, Dr. Tai of the Canton Union Theological Seminary, newly arrived from New York to come back to Hsichow, was travelling with me all the way from Hongkong. Our travel was much facilitated by Mr. James Hsu, one of our graduates, who had been working in Harvard Library, met us at Hanoi and travelled with us to Kunming, where we happened to meet the college trucks by which we came back to Hsiakwan where we unloaded the equipment and books from the trucks into native junks to cross the

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lake to Hsichow over-night.

I have noted that you have charged all the books and magazines for the Science School against our appropriation from the Yale-in-China Association for Hua Chung. As to the magazines for the library will you please keep an account in U. S. Currency and we shall settle it at the end of each semester, so as to avoid sending small checks all the time, if this should suit your convenience.

Concerning bulletins and other reports I have already instructed the office to send you 25 copies every time. I am sure that the failure in sending you extra copies in the past has caused you so much trouble.

Your letters by air mail have been reaching us regularly in good time, but ordinary mails are sometimes much delayed.

I have received a very cordial letter from the Rev. A. M. Sherman, D.D., President of the Board of Founders, and I wish to thank the Founders for their expression of confidence in our work here and the approval of all that has been done during the last year. I have also received a very kind and thoughtful letter from Miss Mary E. Johnston, a member of the Board of Founders. I am going to write to both of them in detail, but I wish to say to you and all the members of the Board that I have never entertained the idea of leaving Hua Chung. But administrative work has never been my choice and particularly this last half year since our moving from Kweilin has revealed to me that it is very difficult for some of my educational ideals to be realized. My whole heart and soul are in Christian high education. It has been my desire that in Hua Chung we should demonstrate the possibility of harmonious inter-denominational and international cooperation in a perfect Christian spirit. I must say that the relaxation after the tense situations in Kweilin where we were exposed to danger every day and almost every minute, people began to give outlet to the suppressed feelings as soon as they were brought to a safe place like Hsichow. This hurts me very much. It is my hope that this will improve, but it means a great deal of personal work and Christian patience.

Then in living as well as in thinking I am more or less a socialist. By this I mean that everyone ought to get just enough to meet his needs and for the efficiency of his work. We have been treating our faculty and staff generously, sometimes I think too generously, and I am tired of the demands for more and more privileges. The favourable exchange has made living for the missionary members of the faculty a bit too easy and it creates a sharp contrast. No one is to be blamed, but human mentality is always human.

I hope that our students might have caught some of the spirit which we endeavor to demonstrate in our work. Our college motto is "Christian sacrifice and service, universal brotherhood and love." The graduates of the last year prefer positions with higher salaries to those of greater service to the nation in time of war. I felt I must accept my defeat, but young men have their own problems and in these war days they have to find more money to support families and relatives who have lost all they had. I am willing to excuse them and to sympathize with them, but I do hope that our education with so much self-sacrifice behind the work both in America and England on the part of the Founders and friends, and in the college among some of the teachers will turn out students with a genuine self-sacrifice spirit. Rome, of course, was not built in a day, but it may have been due to my shortcomings and weaknesses. If a better man could be

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found for the position, I am at any time prepared to step out from the administrative office. My letter sent to the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors expressing my preference to accept re-appointment only from year to year is no protest against anything that the Directors or Founders have done to me or to the college, as a matter of fact I feel they have been the most generous and thoughtful in every way, but as a gesture that I am not here to block the way of a more competent man who may be able to bring about a fuller realization of my own ideals for Christian high education.

I have noted that the meeting for the full Board had been called for October 9 and I am waiting eagerly for the minutes. Our proposed budget for the current academic year has not received formal approval by the Founders and so we have to go slowly about many things.

We all rejoice that the attack on Changsha has been repulsed. Writing from Hankow on October 10, Bishop Gilman says that he has seen few patriotic demonstrations greater than that of the National Day this year. He does not dare to say explicitly what the reasons were but I could infer that it is due to our victory, north of Changsha.

Again I wish to thank you for your mention of the Board's appreciation of our work here in your postscript dated October 10 to your letter of October 7, written after the meeting of the full Board.

As I have already reported to Mr. Lyford, the college reopened on September 7 and lectures have been going on since September 12. On account of the interrupted traffic on the Indo-China railway as well as on the Burma highway, many of the new students arrived here late and others failed to arrive entirely. Consequently our enrollment is much reduced. The total to date is 117, consisting of 29 seniors (14 men and 15 women), 16 juniors (9 men and 7 women), 26 sophomores (18 men and 8 women) and 46 freshmen (26 men and 20 women). Therefore 67 men and 50 women. Of this 77 are Christian and 40 non-Christian. 100 have come from Christian middle schools and 17 from non-Christian middle schools. The Province of Kwantung leads with 46 students, then comes Hupeh with 30 and then Hunan with 20. The rest are distributed among 8 different provinces, namely, Anhwei, Kiangsu, Kiangsi, Chekiang, Fukien, Shangtung, Shensi and Yunnan. Only two students are from Yunnan and they are being admitted on probation, more or less as a courtesy to the local community. Secondary education in this province is rather backward.

It distresses me that owing to some misunderstanding, very few Yali or Fuhsiang students from their graduating classes have come to the college. Distance is another reason. None of the Boone or St. Hilda graduates have entered the college this year. In their moving they all stayed in Kunning and went to national institutions where they thought they will get more financial support and have greater securities which experience will surely teach them to be untrue.

Later on I shall complete my annual report for the last year, now that I have a stenographer to help me, and make a preliminary report on the new year, but I must get over the rush first after my return from two months' absence. With kind regards to all the members of the Founders and friends in America and England.

Yours sincerely,
Francis C. M. Wei
President.

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*My friend asks me to ask you to
read this & return it to him*

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Hua Chung College
Hsichow, Tali
Yunnan, China
November 9, 1939

The Rev. A. M. Sherman, President
Board of Founders of H. C. College
412 Sycamore Street
Cincinnati, Ohio, U.S.A.

Dear Dr. Sherman:

I have received your kind letter of October 7 and wish to thank you for the kind words which you say on our work here.

As I have written to Mr. R. A. Smith in my letter of today's date, my letter to the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors was not intended to indicate an unwillingness on my part to continue to put my shoulder under the work of the college with which I have identified myself so much these years. Neither was there any feeling in the letter that I was in any way dissatisfied with the Directors or the Founders who have always been cordial and generous to me as well as to the college. It was rather due to the fear that possibly my continuing to accept reappointment as president will block the way of a more competent man for the office.

Experiences since our moving from Kweilin have not been as pleasant. All goes to show that my ideals and aspirations for Christian high education have not been fulfilled and I am prepared to accept my defeat. Possibly it is due to the relaxation after the tense months in Kweilin under heavy bombing almost daily. People would give free outlet to their feelings. There has not been the same harmony between the missionary and the Chinese groups as there was in Wuchang. It is this harmony that I always rejoice and cherish, but we have to live in close quarters in Hsichow and we have to rub shoulders just a little bit too much everyday. Let us hope it is just a passing feature.

Then we are living under war circumstances and prices are soaring, but everybody ought to be willing to suffer when the nation is in war. Yet there seems to be the desire for more and more privileges as if the war should not effect our life in a Christian college. The favourable exchange has created a too sharp a contrast between the missionary members of the faculty and the Chinese members, but I do not understand why we should forget that professors in national universities are not getting nearly as much as we do here in Hua Chung. You know I have been wanting to live as a Christian socialist, but it is not my desire to impose my own way of living upon my colleagues. It does hurt, however, to feel that the war has not affected some of us more both in living and thinking. Maybe we have moved too far away from the center of things. We want to keep up our ^{aca} academic standard, but we want also to share to some extent the sufferings of our fellow-countrymen in this national struggle.

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Finally we seem to have failed to impress upon the students the duty of making sacrifices for the country and the nation. All the fresh graduates have preferred better-paid jobs to those which will mean greater service, but they are young and they have their own problems. I am willing to sympathize with them to a certain extent.

Please assure the Founders that my loyalty to the work here has never been decreased but it is with the interest of the college in view that I expressed in my June letter to the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors the desire to be reappointed as president only from year to year so as to keep the way open for a more competent man who may be able to realize more fully the aspiration of the college and even my own educational ideals. I accepted the presidency ten years ago believing that God spoke to me thru my friends even it was against my preference, and I am prepared to do the same again even at this time in my life. I prepared myself for years to do research in Chinese culture and to teach philosophy and religion. Administration has made it impossible, but I am not here to please myself but to do what I think is my duty.

With kind regards, I remain

Yours sincerely,

(s) Francis C. M. Wei

President

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New York, November 13, 1939

Dear Dr. Wei:

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The last letter received from you (unless one arrived in New Haven today) is your letter written at Kunming on September 2nd, requesting that we open an account in the National City Bank in New York. The only other information received is the report by that bank of the transfer of U.S. \$8,000 from your Hongkong account to this new account in New York. The New York Bank has not reported the receipt of any checks against this fund.

In this connection, may I suggest that hereafter in your bi-weekly reports you include a list of any checks issued against this New York account?

Since my last letter dated October 26th, I have practically completed the analysis of your accounts for the last two college years and your Budget for the current year. I shall forward the results by regular mail in a day or two, but will summarize the important information as follows. Your Budget for 1939-'40 forwarded in your letter of August 16, has been summarized as follows, together with the revised Budget, which I shall report to our trustees and to the Associated Boards:

Expense Budget

1939-'40

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	Original Budget		Budget	
	Rearranged		After Revisions	
	U.S.	N.C.	U. S.	N. C.
Administration	\$ 6,000	\$ 11,170	\$ 6,000	\$ 11,170
Operation and Maintenance	-	3,530	-	3,530
School of Arts	5,500	33,811	5,500	37,811
School of Education	8,000	10,744	8,000	10,744
School of Science	1,900	52,520	1,900	52,520
Physical Education	-	1,560	-	1,560
Military Training	-	720	-	720
Hostels	-	13,000	-	13,000
Books, etc.	-	-	1,000	-
Methodist Mission Cut	-	510	-	510
Total for Regular Operations	\$21,400	\$127,565	\$22,400	\$131,565
Items directly relating to Regular Operations but causing deficit	-	16,304	-	23,754
	\$21,400	\$147,619	\$22,400	\$155,319
Additional Imperative Needs	-	-	-	15,400
Total Expense Budget 1939-'40			\$ 22,400	\$170,719

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Income Budget
Year Ending July 31, 1940

Income to be used in Operations

Note - Figures of Income from contributing sources are not the total grants but are the amounts to be withdrawn from such grants for operation.

*Revised Income Budget
See report*

	<u>College Budget</u>		<u>Revised Budget</u>	
	<u>Exchange 4 to 1</u>		<u>Exchange 6.3 to 1</u>	
	<u>U. S.</u>	<u>N. C.</u>	<u>U. S.</u>	<u>N. C.</u>
<u>Contributing Missions:</u>				
London Missionary Society	\$ 4,500	\$ 1,000	\$ 4,500	\$ 1,000
Methodist " "	3,000	3,400	3,000	3,400
American Church Mission	6,000	5,887	6,000	5,887
" " Miss Johnston	-	13,857	-	17,857
Reformed Church Mission	6,000	8,160	6,000	8,160
Yale-in-China	14,000	-	2,900	44,730
Scholarships	-	700	-	700
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U.S. converted to N.C. at 1 to 4	\$33,500	\$ 33,004	\$22,400	\$ 81,734
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Total from Contributing Missions	\$21,400	\$ 81,404	\$22,400	\$ 81,734
Harvard-Yenging Fund	-	9,700	-	9,700
Associated Boards	-	26,945	-	42,610
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Total from Western Sources		\$118,049		\$134,044
<u>Local Sources:</u>				
Student Fees		28,990		28,990
Interest		200		200
Scholarships		500		500
China Foundation Fund		-		7,790
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Total from Local Sources		\$ 29,690		\$ 37,480
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Total Annual Expense	\$21,400	\$147,739	\$22,400	\$172,524

In the cases where funds will be received in U. S. currency and payments thereof made in Chinese currency, we have used exchange at 6.3 to 1, the same as was in effect 1938-'39. I am hopeful that the Associated Boards will be able to provide U.S. \$7,000 to cover the extraordinary expenses listed below. Yale-in-China has limited their grant to U.S. \$10,000 because of this higher rate of exchange available and because of the demands of the Yali Schools and Hospital; but if I am correct in assuming that some of the other special funds can be used, you will apparently be able to balance the Budget at approximately the figures which I have used. Furthermore, if exchange remains as at present, viz: at 11 to 1, there will be sufficient funds in the Yale-in-China grant and the Associated Boards grant to cover an increase in the payment of salaries corresponding with the rise in the cost of living.

I have been assured that the payments by the A.C.M. and R.C.M. will be as shown in the Budget. Have written for assurances from L.M.S. and M.M.S. but these have not been received. If British funds are not available to this extent we shall have a rather serious problem to meet.

My report will include an analysis of the reserve funds available as of July 31, 1939 in the respective special grants. This analysis for the years 1937-'38 and 1938-'39 checks with the bankbalances reported by you as of July 31, 1939; including the grants for 1939-'40, the available funds should be as follows:

Bank Balances Reported as of July 31, 1939

	<u>U. S. Currency</u>	<u>Nat. Currency</u>
<u>Add - 1939-'40 Grants:</u>	\$16,265	\$ 3,678
Harvard-Yenging	2,500	-
Ministry of Education	-	20,000
	<u>\$18,765</u>	<u>\$23,678</u>

These figures do not include any balances from years previous to 1937-'38 which Mr. Coe may have in his control at Wuchang. It would seem there must be balances of this character.

When my more extensive report is received I think you will realize the necessity, hereafter, that we have in New York a balance sheet from you showing the condition of each of the special funds as well as the details of the operating account.

The extraordinary expenses, which will be reported to the Associated Boards, are listed on the next page. You will note that they have been increased to include the items added by your Executive Committee on August 17th, and also an item of N.C. \$900 which we have added for an assistant in the President's office.

With kindest regards,

As always,

Yours sincerely,

Oliver S. Lyford

O.S.L. No. 4

Original via Clipper to Hongkong
Copy via regular mail via Indo-China

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Budget for 1939-'40
Extraordinary Expenses

National Currency

A. - Items causing a deficit in regular operations:

Extra postage and telegrams	\$ 600 -		
Salary of Acting Treasurer (two-thirds)	1,254 -		
Assistant in President's Office	900		
Assistant to Treasurer	900		
Clerk for Dean's Office	500		
Travelling Expense of Auditor	200		
Summer School Expense	200		
Physician	3,000 -		
Medicine	2,000 -		
Rents	3,200 -		
Light (increased by war price of oil)	2,000 -		
Maintenance of Wuchang Campus	1,000 -		
Scholarships	4,200 -		
Student Aids	3,800 -		
	<u>3,800</u>	\$23,754	- 3750 = 20,004

Amplified

B. - Other Imperative Needs:

Infirmary - nurses' room and equipment	\$1,400		
Rent and equipment of extra hostel for men	2,000		
Extra medicines and preventive serums, and replacement of stock at new high rate of exchange	4,000		
College share (two-thirds) of land for chapel and chapel building	6,000		
An outboard motor for running a boat on the lake between Hsichow and Hsiakwan	2,000	<u>15,400</u>	\$39,154 35404

C. - Supplement to Tuition Income necessary because of small enrollment

3,456

Total excess of Expense Budget over
 Income from regular sources

\$42,610

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Copy of Letter from President Francis Wei to Mr. Oliver Lyford

Mr. Oliver S. Lyford
Treasurer, Board of Founders
Hua Chung College
230 Park Avenue, New York City., U.S.A.

Hua Chung College,
Hsichow, Tali,
Yunnan, China,
November 16, 1939.

W. Y. 2

Dear Mr. Lyford:

*Nov 14
19 days*
Your air mail No. 3 of October 26 enclosing certified copy of the action of the Board of Founders concerning the Board of Directors of Hua Chung College was received the day before yesterday and yesterday a duplicate copy of your letter No. 2, dated September 21, enclosing a block of 25 National City Bank of New York checks sent by regular mail from San Francisco via Indo-China also reached my hand and I wish to report receipt of same. With these, both of the two blocks of checks are accounted for. Following your instruction as a postscript on the duplicate copy of your letter No. 2, I shall send you a notice whenever I draw a check on the New York joint account.

You ask me to send a letter regularly at intervals of not over two weeks to Mr. Smith's office and number all the letters so as to assure that channels of communication are open and that everything is going on well in the college. I am very happy to follow this instruction as far as possible. Since my return from Hongkong at the beginning of November, I have written both you and Mr. Smith one letter. I shall count the letter to you, dated November 8, by clipper mail, as my first letter to you and I shall number it N.Y.1, and my letter to Mr. Smith, dated November 9, N.H.1. This letter I am writing, therefore, is N.Y.2. It is not convenient to number my letters to you and Mr. Smith both in the same series because it may be confusing.

It is very good to have the certified copy of the action of the Board of Founders concerning the Board of Directors. My office here has duplicated it and is sending ten copies to Bishop Gilman and Mr. Coe in Hankow and Wuchang for the information of the Directors there and also to the Heads of the Departments of the college. It answers all the purposes we had in mind when the Executive Committee asked that the Board of Founders should agree to act as Directors for the time being. I can quite understand the reason why the Founders have taken the action as it is and we appreciate it.

The delay of the Founders acting on the budget for 1939-40 is inevitable, because in the first place, we did not send it to you early enough, owing to the circumstances at this end. The only way is for us to go ahead on faith since the year is already half over. We hope, however, to receive official approval for the budget as soon as possible and are prepared to make any readjustment necessary according to the action of the Founders. As a matter of fact, owing to the reduction of the Yale-in-China appropriation from US\$14,000 to US\$10,000 for this year, we have been forced to recast the Yale-in-China School of Science proposed budget and we have found no difficulty in doing it on account of the persistent high rate of exchange in favor of American currency. After two sessions of the Executive Committee we were able to complete this work only yesterday, and Professor Anderson, Secretary of the Executive Committee Pro-tem, will send you the minutes and recommendations. Under these very extraordinary circumstances, we have found it

*Sent
Nov 20
Recd Jan 1*

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very difficult to anticipate all our needs in preparing a budget. Prices are soaring everyday. They have not just gone up 25% since we arrived here in April. The increase has been really 100% for native goods and 200% and more for imported goods, and there is no telling how far this increase will go, but we realize it is war and are prepared to accept the consequences. We consider ourselves lucky that we do not have more than 5% reduction in all our salaries, whereas faculty members of the National universities all have to stand a reduction of 30%.

I am more than gratified, in fact I am humiliated, to hear the unanimous expressions of absolute faith in my work here by the Founders at the meeting of October 9. As I have written to some members of the Board privately in reply to their thoughtful letters, I have never had any idea of resigning from the presidency of the college as long as my services are needed. It is only my desire that I should not stand in the way of an abler leader who may be able to realize more fully the ideals of the College.

It is very kind of you to ask about my extra family expenses with intention to reimburse me for them. I do not want, under any circumstances, to receive such a treatment and I want to thank the Founders for this kind thought. I always live simply and I budget my expenses according to the income. So far, I am not in debt, for which I am thankful in times of war. Mrs. Wei had to go back to Macao with the two younger children in the beginning of the year, partly on account of her nervousness under the frequent bombings in Kweilin and partly because all the middle schools in Kweilin were either closed or moved away and the younger children must go back to Macao near to my old home for their education. When the Hongkong dollar, which is 20% higher than the Macao dollar, is from 3.50 to 5.00 in terms of the National dollar we feel the pinch, but by hook or by crook we still manage to get along with the generous assistance of my mother. I have my allowance from the Government as a member of the People's Political Council, and whatever balance there is, after I have paid my travelling and other expenses in attending the meetings, is given to help some of the poor students or to relief purposes.

In your letter of July 28 at the bottom of page 4 and at the top of page 5 you said that the stolen money should be charged against the college and not against the custodian. The Executive Committee has considered this generous suggestion of yours, but we feel it would be very embarrassing for the college to do so, because it might encourage carelessness and it is not always easy to ascertain the exact circumstances under which the money is stolen. So we shall try to take into consideration the special circumstances under which each case occurs and be as considerate as possible to the custodian of the money. But we do not dare to establish any precedent of charging the stolen money to the college unless it should be a special action of the Founders concerning any specific case.

In your letter of September 21 you ask that we send you a list of various funds with amounts remaining in each, but this has already been done in the Acting Treasurer's report sent to you in the summer.

I want to apologize that the amount transferred from Hongkong to you is US\$8,000. It was due to a slip of memory that I said it was US\$9,000. I hope this transfer has already reached you safely.

This year marks the 15th Anniversary of the Founding of Hua Chung College and the 10th Anniversary of its reorganization with Yale-in-China Association and the Reformed Church Mission joining in as cooperating units in 1929. Every year

November 1 is our Founders' Day and it has been our custom to have a holiday to celebrate the occasion and to have the Matriculation Exercise on that day. The Senate of the College has acted this year to postpone the celebration of the Founders' Day for one month so as to give more adequate time for preparation and we are going to have the week-end of December 1-3 for the celebration of the 15th and 10th anniversaries. The first day, Friday, is to be devoted largely to celebration, the second day, Saturday, to student festivities and games with a college meal on Saturday evening when the whole faculty and student body together with the faculty and students of the Theological Seminary, will have a communal dinner in one of the hostels, and then the last day, Sunday, the celebration will end with a thanksgiving service. The whole celebration will cost about NC\$300.00 or US\$25.00, at the present rate of exchange. The Executive Committee will communicate with you concerning this expenditure.

There is a cholera epidemic in our neighborhood. All our faculty, families, and students have been inoculated against cholera and the students have started a campaign against the disease with 40 of them volunteering to help the doctor and the nurses to inoculate the whole population of Hsichow with serum supplied free of charge by the International Red Cross, but it is a very difficult task to get the people here to take the inoculation. We are at the same time taking other preventive measures against the disease. So far about 15 cases of death have been reported in our town. Our community is safe, for which we are thankful.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Francis C. M. Wei

President.

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November 17, 1939

President Francis C. M. Wei
Hua Chung College
Hsichow, Talifu
Yunnan, China

Dear Dr. Wei:

I do not believe we have called special attention to an item which was included in the allocations of the emergency fund for 1939-40, which will be of particular interest to you.

In the special fund we are raising this year, we have placed a small amount for scholarships to be used by faculty members of the China Colleges in America. This amounts to \$5,000 and contains two items. \$2,500 is to be secured in the form of scholarships to be granted by certain colleges in America. These will not be in cash, but will be in the form of tuition scholarships, etc. The other amount of \$2,500 we hope to have available as cash grants which can be made to faculty members coming to America, to assist them in their expenses while they are here.

The amounts placed in the fund this year are, of course, not large and will not be sufficient to cover nearly all the requests that will probably be made. However, we felt that a beginning in a small way needs to be made, with the hope that this service can be increased as time goes on.

In using these funds for next year, the Associated Boards will be glad to consider applications from the various Colleges in China for the placing of any members of their faculties who are trying to come to America in the school year 1940-41. We, of course, cannot guarantee that we can give all the help required, and we cannot make any assignments until applications have been received.

This letter is being written to you so that you may take advantage of the placing of applications for any of the faculty members who may be in need of assistance next year.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

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Clipper Mail to U.S.

Hua Chung College,
Hsichow, Tali,
Yunnan, China,
November 20, 1939.

Mr. Joseph I. Parker,
Secretary, Associated Boards for X'tian Colleges in China.
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City,
U. S. A.

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Dear Mr. Parker,

Your circular letter to the Presidents of China colleges, dated September 19, and your letter to me of the same date together with your letter to me, dated October 11, were all received under the same cover yesterday.

We are very much impressed with the vigour and faith with which you are carrying on the work of the Associated Boards of Christian Colleges in China in times like these. We are particularly interested to know about the setting up of the National organization under the name, "The National Council for Christian Colleges in China", with Mr. Henry R. Luce as Chairman.

We quite understand that under the circumstances in America and in the world at large you have to limit your campaign for 1939-40 to the reduced total of US\$250,000.00. All our financial conditions have been reported to Mr. Oliver S. Lyford, Treasurer of our Board of Founders, and to Mr. Robert A. Smith, Associate Secretary. A detailed report as to the use of money allotted to us from the Rockefeller Foundation Grant for the Emergency for 1938-39 has also been submitted by the Executive Committee of our Board of Directors to our Board of Founders, and I am sure this has been forwarded to you. The figures of our opening enrolment were enclosed in our letter to Mr. Robert A. Smith, under date of November 9. I hope this would be the information you need.

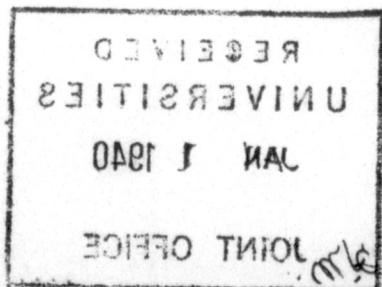
I have noted in your letter of September 29 that Dr. Lobenstein is visiting China this winter, and as he is an old friend of mine, I am looking forward to see him in the college. I hope that circumstances may make it possible for him to come to Hsichow.

I have already noted and I am reporting to the Executive Committee of our Directors here that out of the ~~total~~ of your campaign of US\$250,000.00, US\$10,000.00 has been designated to Hua Chung College. As soon as the proper authorities at this end have taken action on this allotment, I shall write to Mr. Lyford. We understand, of course, that you could not very well guarantee the apportionment until you have got the money.

Sincerely yours,

Francis C. M. Wei

President.



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November 20, 1939.

Dr. Francis S. Hutchins,
Berea College,
Berea, Ky.

Dear Frank:

I feel very guilty that I have not answered your good letter of August 3, mailed from Shanghai. I was away from the college from the end of August until the beginning of November, on leave to attend the Fourth Session of the People's Political Council and then to go to Hongkong to arrange for the transfer of some of our money in American currency back to New York. Just at that time, while I was in Chungking, there was the fear in certain circles that Hongkong might not be the best place for us to keep our money, and when I arrived at Hongkong on September 19, I actually found out from the National City Bank of New York that it would be impossible to transfer any money out of the colony. It was only with the assistance of the Bishop of Hongkong that I managed to send half of our deposits in American currency back to the Board of Founders in New York, where we have now opened an account in American dollars.

On my way back from Hongkong, I was held up for a whole month in Indo-China on account of the fact that the railway track was damaged at two points and trains stopped running for several weeks.

I presume that Robert Smith will send you duplicates of my communications to the Founders from time to time and that will keep you in touch with our work here. I want, however, to add a word or so which I do not see fit to put in my official letters.

I miss Paul Kwei and I miss you. In spite of the feeling of some of our colleagues here, I still hope that Paul will return to us after next summer. I still do not quite understand why he should go away, and his going has left a gap in the college which is difficult to fill.

You may be interested to know that T. G. and Wesley are cooperating very well. Just between my two trips to Hongkong, that is during the months of July and August, the place was made very hot for Richard, who, to my mind, always showed a good spirit as Dean of the School of Science. When he saw that it was best for the interest of the college, he resigned from his post and under the circumstances I recommended the acceptance of his resignation to the Senate after consultation

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with some of the senior members of the faculty outside of the School of Science. This was in August and Professor T. W. Zee of the Chemistry Department has been appointed Richard's successor. I feel that I should not be too much away from the college again, because during my two months' absence, there was quite a bit of personal conflict between the individual members of the faculty, so much so that when I came back rumors came to my ear that certain individuals were anti-foreign and anti-missionary, but all this has quieted down and we may forget the whole business. I have written to Dr. Rugh two letters already that official communications concerning the Yale-in-China School of Science should be directed to me and not to any other officers of the college. I do not want any misunderstanding to lead to the Yale-in-China School of Science developing into a sort of independent unit. If you should find the time, it might be helpful to make a few hints on this line in writing to Dr. Rugh.

Hsichow is a wonderful place for work and for enjoyment. We are happy to be here, but it has been very expensive to move to this place. We budgeted U.S. \$6,000 for our move. That was in January. We have not quite completed our moving yet, although we thought it would be done by the end of July. The whole business will cost us about U.S. \$11,000 instead of U.S. \$6,000. The causes are not far to seek. Prices have been going up and up all the time during the last twelve months, particularly for petroleum and building materials. There is really no way to budget anything several months ahead. The transportation of equipment and books has cost us at least three times as much as we first estimated. It is only with the help of the Associated Boards that we are able to meet the emergency.

The enrollment this year is small because we have a small freshman class. Many new students came to Kunming, but because just at the time of our registration, the highway between Kunming and here was flooded out by heavy rainfalls and busses were not able to run for almost a month. The new students who had come from Hongkong and Macao got tired of waiting at Kunming and went to other colleges. We have 48 freshmen instead of 80 as I had expected.

A part of my family is still in Macao for the education of the two younger children. With the Hongkong dollar at 4 to 1, my salary of course has shrunk to about \$100.00 a month, but I have no complaint because it is War. For myself I can get along with very little.

With kind remembrances to your parents and my friends in Berea College, and accept the best wishes for yourself.

Yours sincerely,

Francis C. Wei

Air Mail to Hongkong
Clipper Mail to U.S.

Hua Chung College,
Hsichow, Tali,
Yunnan, China,
November 20, 1939.

Mailed Dec 2
Received in N.Y. Jan 2

Mr. Oliver S. Lyford,
Treasurer, Hua Chung Col. Board of Founders,
230 Park Avenue,
New York City,
U. S. A.

N.Y.3

Dear Mr. Lyford,

I presume you have received my letter N.Y.2, dated November 16. I do not think it necessary to send a duplicate by another route, since it appears that my communications have been reaching you regularly by air mail. If you should think that this is not sufficient, please let me know and I shall send the duplicates by steamer to make it safer.

Enclosed I am sending you a copy of the minutes of the 4th meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors in Hsichow, held on November 10 and 14. Unfortunately your letter No.3, dated October 26, reached my office while the Committee was in session and was handed to me only when the meeting was over.

I am enclosing the Acting Treasurer's report on the accounts of our moving from Kweilin to Hsichow. You will note that there is an over-draft of over US\$4,000 under the item of "Moving". We budgeted too little for this moving, because since we started 8 months ago prices have been going up all the time, particularly in petroleum and building materials. Our proposal is to cut the other items pro rata as listed in my radiogram from Kunming to Mr. Robert A. Smith, which was followed by a letter dated March 23, 1939 so as to keep within the limits of US\$12,660.00, the total amount of Emergency Fund for 1938-39. This is the motive behind the Executive Committee Action 3.

*See my
letter of
June 1, 1939*

The Yale-in-China School of Science revised budget, referred to in Action 4, is enclosed herewith and it requires your approval. The details are given in Action 5.

Wages & salaries

Actions 6 and 7 have been necessitated by the high cost of living in Hsichow since the budget was first proposed.

Actions 8 and 9 require no action of the Founders. Action 10 is only a part of the expenditure of the Emergency Fund for the moving of the college.

Action 11 is only routine matter as the Rev. Charles Higgins has been withdrawn by Bishop Gilman.

Action 12 calls for \$1,000.00 Chinese Currency which has to be met from the Emergency Fund for the current year.

Action 13 gives you some indication of our difficulty in budgeting as prices are going up all the time and new needs have to be met as we go along. The Committee on Housing and Re-

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modelling has been pressing for more and more money to meet its needs.

Action 14 may serve as a report of a small item of income not anticipated in our budget.

Actions 15 and 16 call for new expenditure. The improvement of the college gardens, according to the estimates made by Dr. Kunkle, newly appointed Superintendent of College Gardens, requires over NC\$1,000.00, but under the circumstances we can only budget the amount stated in Action 15. It is not quite fair for us to come to the town here and use their temples without remodelling, spoiling their beauty to some extent, without making some improvement on the gardens around as compensation.

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Action 17 requires no action of the Founders. With regard to Action 18, I have to write also to Dr. Casselman of the Reformed Church Mission Board. The Mission has a annual appropriation of US\$1,250 for the support of the Practice School of our School of Education. Since we moved to Hsichow, we have found it impossible to maintain the Practice School and we are using the local junior middle school for the practice of our Education students. At the same time we are trying to develop our Department of Music, which we consider one of our contributions in education. But this Department receives no special support except in the salary of Miss Gertrude Zenk, an appointee of the Reformed Church Mission. With our pianoes and other musical instruments left in Wuchang, it is an expensive business to develop this Department. Hence, Action 18.

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As far as communications from Mr. John L. Coe can tell us, we have not touched any of our Building Fund and so there is no need of refunding it, which I forgot to report in my last letter to you.

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I am enclosing a copy of my letter to Mr. Joseph I. Parker, which is self-explanatory.

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With personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

Francis C. M. Wei

President.

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November 22, 1939

President Francis C. M. Wei
Hua Chung College
Hsichow, Talifu
Yunnan, China

Dear Dr. Wei:

Attached hereto are the minutes of a joint meeting of the Executive Committee, the Committee on Finance, and the Committee on Promotion, of the Associated Boards held on November 10, 1939. Attached to the minutes is a copy of the Treasurer's Report as of June 30, 1939.

The considerations of the Committees at this meeting largely concern matters of current interest in America, and the actions are clear in themselves without further explanation. The report of the Committee for Consideration of Greater Unity occupied an important position in this meeting. However, you will note that it is not the final report of the Committee, and their work is being continued in accordance with the action of the Executive Committee.

We have recently had application from two members of the student body at Colgate Rochester Divinity School for graduate fellowship work in some of the China Colleges. These two men are interested in spending two or three years in China, either as graduate students or teaching fellows. They suggest that graduate scholarships may be awarded to them by the Divinity School, which would cover cost of transportation in case anything should be available in any of the Colleges, in which they could do some teaching for their maintenance while there.

If you are interested in using such persons, we will be glad to give you the details regarding them.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

JIP:VW
Enclosures

Copy to: Mr. John L. Coe

Via "President Harrison"
from San Francisco, Calif.

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Copy of Letter from President Wei to Dr. Sherman, enclosing
Christmas message from Hua Chung College

Hua Chung College
Hsichow, via Tali
Yunnan, China
November 25, 1939

Rev. Arthur M. Sherman, D.D.
406 Sycamore Street
Cincinnati, Ohio

Dear Dr. Sherman:

Enclosed I am sending you the Christmas message from the Canton Union Theological College and Hua Chung College, which we hope will reach you in time to read in the Churches and other public places where our friends may gather about Christmas time, and to put into periodicals later, if it should be too late for the publication before Christmas.

((Please use it in any other way you like. Our whole idea is to get the message to our friends abroad in times like these in order to show that they are all in our thoughts and prayers while we are observing Christmas in the inland town of Hsichow, quiet and safe, and while war is raging both in Europe and in China.))

With Christmas greetings,

Yours sincerely,

(*) Francis C. M. Wei

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CHRISTMAS MESSAGE
FROM THE
CANTON UNION THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE
AND
HUA CHUNG COLLEGE
HSICHOW, VIA TALI, YUNNAN, CHINA.

With the approach of the Christmas season our thoughts go round the world to our friends in other lands, many of whom may be going through the same trying experience as we in China. We all share the feeling that this sin-sick and war-torn world is drifting in a direction quite contrary to the Christmas message of peace and goodwill. But we are confident that these experiences will serve ultimately to bind us closer together in Christian fellowship and in our common determination to find a more effective expression of the spirit of Christ in the life of nations as well as of individuals. We pray that the work in our College, in which you all share, may have its part in the world effort to make this Christmas the beginning of a new realization of the meaning of Immanuel, "God with us."

(s) J. Stewart Kunkle
President, Canton Union Theological College

(s) Francis C. M. Wei
President, Hua Chung College

Hsichow,
Tali,
Yunnan,
China.
November 25, 1939

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230 Park Avenue,
New York City, U.S.A.
November 27, 1939

Regular Mail

Q. B. Z. # 5
Received by Wei
about Jan 22

Dear Dr. Wei:

I hand you herewith a copy of my letter to you of November 13, which was sent by Air Mail and the China Clipper. I am also attaching hereto a report dated November 18, giving the results of our analysis in more detail. It will be surprising if my statements and figures are all correct. I will appreciate a frank discussion of this report with whatever corrections you find necessary.

You have asked the Trustees to act as a Board of Directors for the time being and this makes it necessary for us to understand your operations quite thoroughly. As far as I can ascertain, the Trustees have never received a balance sheet of your financial operations. The Treasurer's Report each year has been a very clear statement of operations, arranged clearly and quite satisfactorily, but there has been no statement of assets and liabilities. As long as the Directors were carrying the responsibility of supervising these operations, possibly an auditor's report with balance sheet, etc. was not necessary, but now we shall have to have such reports as are customary in the United States. I note that you have an auditor at Hsichow and I judge therefore that you have anticipated our needs.

The principal lack which I have run against is information regarding the utilization of the special grants which you have received from year to year and the balances carried forward each year in each of these funds. I have no doubt that if I had been somewhere near Mr. Tan Yen I, I could have secured the desired information in a few hours, so far as he had this information at Hsichow. In fact it was practically all in the report which you sent me for the Year 1938-'39; but with my total lack of familiarity with the details of your operations I found the information rather confusing, particularly as I am not an accountant but just an ordinary engineer. In the attached report you will find the result of my efforts in this particular under the caption "Special Grants." I will first discuss the Operating Statements.

For clarity we found it desirable to have comparative figures to show how the operations during the disturbed conditions compare with the year 1937-'38 which was a practically normal year. Such comparative statements appear on pp. 22-24 of the report.

The figures for the year 1937-'38 are derived from Mr. John L. Coe's Report dated June 17, 1938. The figures for 1938-'39 had to be derived from the report of Mr. Tan Jen I of August 16, 1939 and as his figures did not include the salaries of western personnel, these had to be approximated on the basis of the Faculty List which you sent with your letter of August 16, 1939.

For both these years, as also for the budget for 1939-'40, the income statement does not include the entire amount of the grants, but only the amounts actually used in the operations of the respective years.

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You will note that in the report the budget figures for 1939-'40 differ somewhat from the figures in my letter of November 13. These were found to be necessary when we were preparing the comparative statements.

In the minutes of your Executive Committee meeting on August 17, 1939, in the list of items causing a deficit in the budget, the last item of the first group is "To supplement tuition income owing to small enrollment N.C. \$10,000." Our analysis indicates that the deficit of this character is N.C. \$6,401 and that this is due to reduced income from Chinese Grants. Your estimate of income from Student Fees for 1939-'40 is somewhat higher than the total reported for 1938-'39.

I trust that, with this introduction, the report will be clear to you and your Executive Committee. Particular attention is called to the "Notes" on the various pages. There are many matters which I would like to discuss with you and I am hoping that Mr. Lobenstine's meeting with you will be very helpful in clarifying the situation.

Answering one of your questions, the ^{Rockefeller} grants of U.S. \$3,000 and \$4,000 are included in the total of emergency funds which we have transmitted to you.

We see no reason to expect any considerable reduction in the present rate of N.C. to U.S. exchange in the near future.

We have not included the figures of the "Mex Account" shown on page 7 of your report of operations for 1938-'39, as most of the amount is held for persons of your staff and we cannot tell how to combine the "Balance from College Fund," the "Remittance from Mr. J. L. Coe" and the "Accounts paid by Mrs. Kemp at Hongkong."

I trust that in our discussion of "Special Grants" we have interpreted the data from the College correctly. We have made the discussion rather extensive to indicate its importance as we see it. There is a natural question here as to why the reserves in these special funds should not be used in the emergency instead of calling on the Associated Boards for all the emergency funds. We shall be glad to have your argument about this. Also, although you probably do not have the figures at Hsichow, can you not tell us approximately how the Johnston grants have been used and whether there are reserves available from the years previous to 1937-'38?

At the next meeting of the Executive Committee of the Founders we shall consider appropriate action to afford relief to your staff because of increase in cost of living.

The payments from the Associated Boards for the present college year will not be received for some time. It is fortunate that you have available the cash balances in the Special Funds.

If the funds from other western sources are not reaching you promptly, please call on me to help in any practical way.

We have received no communications from you since your letter of September 2 from Kunming.

Please give my warmest regards to all the friends in your organization.

It gives me great pleasure to be associated with you in your work which is hard, but which must be very satisfying. I begin to feel as though I know the members of your Executive Committee and Mr. Tan Jen I. I look forward to meeting them some time.

Very cordially yours,

Oliver S. Lyford

O.S.L. No. 5.

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- P. S. 1. We have received no copies of your mimeographed bulletins for a long time. I judge that it is useless to send anything except by first class mail and much of this never gets through.
2. I should explain that we are forced to limit our demands on the emergency funds of the Associated Boards because of the very great necessities of some other colleges. Lingnan for instance, is in great difficulty because much of her support came from Chinese sources and now that the College is in Hongkong, Chinese currency has less than one-third of its usual purchasing power.

Hua Chung College,
Hsichow, Tali,
Yunnan, China,
December 2, 1939.

Recd in N.Y. Jan 2 -

Mr. Oliver S. Lyford,
Treasurer, H. C. Col., Board of Founders,
230 Park Avenue,
New York City,
U. S. A.

N.Y.4

Dear Mr. Lyford,

I have been holding my letter N.Y.3, Nov. 20th, because the Acting Treasurer's report on accounts for our moving from Kweilin to Hsichow has taken more time than I first expected to complete and to get the approval of the Executive Committee Pro-tem of the Board of Directors. It was only yesterday that the Acting Treasurer was able to hand in to me his report after a sub-committee of the Executive Committee Pro-tem had gone over every detail with him in the books.

His books are properly kept according to the form designed by Mr. John L. Coe, the Treasurer, who is still in Wuchang, but in Mr. Coe's absence he sometimes makes entries which have made the report difficult. For instance, he charges rent to moving, whereas it ought to be in current budget under the item of rent, ~~which~~ for the last academic year^{it} was charged to Emergency Fund, ~~but to~~ moving, and for this year we have a special item for it in our proposed budget as you must have noticed.

I am very sorry that there is a net deficit of US\$4769.15. When we were planning this moving, we thought US\$6,000 would be enough, but transportation has taken us almost three times the length of time we expected and the cost has been increased proportionally. This is partly due to the uncertainty of transportation by trucks, but largely due to the soaring price of petroleum and wages. As soon as we started to move, however, we had to complete it and we estimated that it would take at least four more truck-loads from Kunming to here before our moving is done, so the deficit will have to be increased by perhaps US\$500.00 when our final report is made on moving.

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As indicated in the third paragraph in my letter of Nov.20, the Executive Committee proposes to cut with your permission the other items pro rata as listed in my radiogram from Kunming to Mr. Robert A. Smith and in my letter dated March 23 to him. But the Executive Com. has also acted to apply towards meeting this deficit, £250 (it changed into US\$999.00), sent to us by the London Missionary Society and designated to the moving of the college, as well as £160 10s 6d, sent to us by the United Committee in Great Britain on Christian Colleges in China through the Methodist Missionary Society in London, which we have not yet received. Both gifts have been reported to you in my previous communication.

You will be interested to know that we have already had a very successful day yesterday as the first day of our celebration. A very good spirit was shown and both the faculty and students, as well as guests, thoroughly enjoyed it. We have two more days for this celebration and Miss Ruth Tarry, a member of the English Department, will write up the whole period of the festivity and copies will be sent to

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the Founders. We are looking forward to the College Meal tonight with the whole student body and faculty participating, and thanksgiving service tomorrow morning with the Rev. Mark Li, one of our alumni and a clergyman of the Episcopal Church in China, to conduct the service and to preach the sermon.

Yours sincerely,

Francis C. Williams

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Oliver S. Lyford
230 Park Avenue,
New York City, U.S.A.

December 8, 1939

*This letter was recd
by Mr. Wei on Jan*

My dear Dr. Wei:

I received your letter of November 8th and 16th, which I immediately forwarded to New Haven to be mimeographed and circulated to the members of the Board. I also have before me a copy of your letter of Nov. 9 to Dr. Sherman and letter of the same date to Mr. Smith. The receipt of these letters has afforded us great relief for we have been deeply concerned regarding developments since your letter of September 2nd. I will not attempt to discuss the problems which you mentioned relating to conditions in the college, but can assure you that I am deeply impressed with what you say. My previous experience with the problems of engineering representatives operating under the extreme difficulties of inadequate surroundings have made me very conscious of the fact that life at Hsichow must be extremely difficult for all concerned.

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Regarding the financial problems, I sincerely trust that the information contained in my letter No. 5 of November 27th will enable you to adjust matters with your Chinese faculty. The budget summarized in my letter has not been approved by the Board of Founders but I am sure it will be at a meeting which we shall probably have within a few days. We realize that my figures may have to be changed after receiving your revised budget; but, at any rate, they will give you the assurance that we propose to stand by you to the limit.

It seems quite necessary that we receive from you a report at least once a month, indicating the extent to which payments are being received by you from the various sources from which they are expected; for instance, we have no information thus far that the emergency payments, or the payments for regular purposes, have been received from the two English missions. I have a letter from the Methodist Missionary Society reporting their contributions to Central China College as follows:

1937	Rev. L. Constantine,	12 months	\$4,692.
	College grant		2,820.
1938	Rev. L. Constantine,	6 Months	\$2,320.
	Rev. R. Pillow,	6 Months	1,720.
	College grant		3,102.

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1939 Budget	Rev. L. Constantine	4 months	\$1,935
	College Grant		2,820
1940 Budget	Rev. L. Constantine	12 months	5,310
	College grant		2,820

London has no information from Rev. J. J. Heady at Hankow as to the payment made on account of the 1939 budget. Please advise me whether you are able to maintain contact with Rev. Mr. Heady, as well as the corresponding source of the London Missionary Society.

We understand that the Rev. H. B. Rattenbury is in China and we hope that he and Dr. Lobenstine will both be able to reach Hsichow and be of material assistance to you in overcoming some of the difficulties which you mention.

With kindest regards,

Yours very truly,

Oliver S. Lyford

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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

December 8, 1939.

*Received Jan 22 '40
45 days*

Mr. Oliver S. Lyford,
Treasurer, H. C. Col. Board of Founders,
230 Park Avenue,
New York City, N. Y.,
U. S. A.

N.Y.5

Dear Mr. Lyford,

Enclosed I am sending to you a copy of my letter, N.H.3, to Mr. Smith, as well as a copy of Miss Tarry's article on the Founders' Day Celebration and Matriculation Exercises.

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The copy of your letter No.3, dated Oct. 26, sent via Hanoi, was received only on Dec. 6. I have already acknowledged receipt of the original copy.

Your letter No.4, dated Nov. 15, by Clipper Mail, was received the day before yesterday, and I am going to report it to the Executive Committee Pro-tem at its next meeting.

*Dec 6th
23 days*

The Executive Committee Pro-tem has re-numbered all the Actions from the first meeting in Kwei-lin so as to make reference easier. I am sending you a set of these minutes for your files, including the minutes of the last meeting held on November 24, 1939. All the Actions are self-explanatory.

I wish to report that so far I have only written one check on our joint account in New York, and this check, No.1, is for US\$100.00.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

Francis C. Williams

President.

Encls:
Ltr. to Mr. Smith, N.H.3
Miss Tarry's article
1 set of Exec.Com. Pro-tem minutes.

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Air Mail to Hongkong
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Hua Chung College,
Hsichow, Tali,
Yunnan, China,
December 8, 1939.

Copy for Mr. O. S. Lyford.

Mr. Robert A. Smith,
Associate Secretary, H. C. Col. Board of Founders,
905-A Yale Station,
New Haven, Conn.,
U. S. A.

N.H.3

Dear Mr. Smith,

Enclosed please find three lists of books and magazines which please order for the Yale-in-China School of Science and charge the cost, including postage, against Yale-in-China appropriation to Hua Chung. When you are through with this, please return the lists to me together with the bills so that we may keep the accounts in our books here.

There is no news to report since I wrote to Mr. Lyford on Dec. 2, N.Y.4, except that we had a very successful time, Dec. 1-3, during the celebration of the anniversaries. Enclosed please find an account of the occasion written by Miss Tarry of our Department of English Literature. All the students' clubs were very active and showed a great spirit. The Chinese Literature Club, the Translation Club and the English Club all had their articles posted on the bulletin boards for publication, as printing would have cost too much. We wish that we could have some of these articles, both in English and Chinese, published some time, but the expenses will be prohibitive.

We have heard that Dr. Lobenstine is now in Shanghai after a visit to North China. I have written to invite him to come to Hsichow and visit the College.

The Rev. Mark Li, formerly clergyman in charge of the Episcopal Church on the College campus and part-time lecturer in Education in our School of Education, and now in charge of the Episcopal United Middle School in Chengnan, formerly Boone and St. Hilda's, is still with us and he has been giving a series of six Chapel talks in the College Chapel. He is also having private interviews with many of the students on religious subjects, which is proving to be very helpful.

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I am glad to report that the cholera epidemic has practically died down without any case at all in our community.

With kindest regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

Encls:
3 books & mags. orders
Miss Tarry's article
1 set Exec. Com. minutes.

President.

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