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New York
January 7, 1941.

Dr. Francis C.N. Wei
Hsichow, via Tali
Yunnan, China

(Personal Letter)

Dear Francis:

I want to add a more personal letter to the one I have just written and which goes with this.

I am glad that you write to me now and then about our own Sheng King Hui situation. I understand your position in this matter and fully agree with you. I am much concerned over the necessity of a thorough grounding for our students in the principles for which the Anglican Communion stands and for the contribution we hope it can make to the one church of the future.

I am working actively for Christian Unity, but I believe there is no short cut to it and that, while we cooperate in every way possible and seek to advance organic Unity by every means in our power, we must, nevertheless, preserve certain values with which we believe the Anglican Communion can enrich the coming united church of Christ.

I think you did just right in the matter of the Christmas communion service. I have gone to communion services in other churches and I always invite communicants of other churchesto come to our communion, but I think the time has not come when we can have a joint communion service. I long for the day when it will come, but for the present it seems to me it unnecessarily antagonizes some of our own people and perhaps obscures the issue. In other words, I believe a common communion service is to be the result of unity and not one of the means by which it is advanced.

I am disappointed about Rev. Edmund Hsu's inability to go to Hsichow. I had a letter from him from Shanghai recently. He told me of the reasons for his being in St. John's but did not say there was anything permanent about it. He talked as if he would be there for this year.

I appreciate all you are doing to maintain the solidarity of the Anglican group in Hua Chung, and I know that you are doing it in no spirit of narrowness. If in every way possible we keep our loving fellowship with other Christians, they are bound to respect our position in the matter of our convictions.

I hope that Joe Coe will get to you without any trouble and then you will have another representative of the Sheng Kung Hui.

I have not forgotten your request for books of Anglican teaching. I cannot ask the College for funds to send these nor do I like to ask Miss Johnston for any more money, but I am going to try to find a way of raising a fund for this and make a careful selection.

My address hereafter will be 281 Fourth Avenue, New York.

The latest development of the Forward Movement is the Presiding Bishop's "Forward in Service". It is a very vigorous and determined effort to reach the whole Church and to arouse the Church to do its part more whole heartedly and faithfully in bringing to the troubled world of our day, the healing and uniting power of the Gospel of Christ

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The previous activities of the Forward Movement will continued.

My work now is to be that of Executive Secretary of Forward In Service. It was not easy to leave Southern Ohio with its many happy memories and its association with Canon Symons and others. The Canon will continue his editorial work for our publications from his Cincinnati office.

Affectionately yours,

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New York,
January 7, 1941.

Dr. Francis C.N. Wei
Hsichow, Via Tali
Yunnan, China

Via China Clipper

Dear Francis:

I have just received your welcome letter of December 11th. Shortly before I transferred my office to New York on January 2nd, I received your letter of November 30th. The complications connected with my change in office has delayed the answer to the first letter.

I am enclosing the Action of the Executive Committee regarding permanent appointments to the staff of Hua Chung and to fellowships in the U.S.A. This embodies the report of the Committee I appointed for this purpose presented at the meeting of the Executive Committee. As the Executive Committee had power to act in this matter it is, therefore, the definite ruling of the Founders.

We are constantly bearing in mind your need for a teacher of economics. Mr.Lyford came in to see me yesterday and informed me that Yale-in-China Association is active in their search for such a man. If they can find someone with experience in China they will probably appoint him whether he is a Yale man or not. I hope to hear from Mr.Lyford something about this in a day or so.

I note your anxiety lest the money for the College from New York cannot get through to you should communications be cut off. I am going to take this up with Mr.Lyford and see what he thinks about this. There must be many other institutions in the same danger and probably the banks have foreseen it and have other arrangements available.

In your letters you speak of the medical situation in the College. I had hoped that the local hospital might solve the problem of medical care of our students, but from your statement of December 11th I conclude that this is not working out satisfactorily. I am glad it is there, however, and that members of our Hua Chung community can go to the hospital as outpatients, and for other less serious disorders we have our infirmary, with the two nurses.

I have not received a copy of Professor Anderson's letter, written as secretary of the Executive Committee pro tem, giving his personal reaction to the vote of the Founders to strenghten the Middle School in Chennan by a grant from our surplus.

In the meantime I have heard from Bishop Gilman telling me he does not need this grant for the School. On the other hand, a personal letter from Miss Cox to my daughter, thanking her for the money she has been able to raise and send out to the School, has told of the great benefit this money has made to them in caring for the sick and impoverished students and in providing a more adequate diet. She adds that the Rev. Mark Li is going to write to me about plans for the use of this grant from the unused Johnston Fund. We cannot, of course, send the money from Hua Chung treasury without a request from the Bishop, so nothing is being done about it for the present at least.

Miss Cox' letter about the School gave an encouraging report of the situation, the good spirit in the School and its growth.

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Mr. Smith has had your report printed. He informs me that you want 250 copies. I presume he has arranged to send them to you as he has taken charge of this matter.

Cordially yours,

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January 10, 1941.

Dr. Francis C.N. Wei
Hua Chung College
Hsichow, via Tali, Yunnan, China

Dear Francis:

I received from Mr. Lyford your letter of December 12th to him. It has mostly to do with financial matters which he will, of course, take care of. He and I are able now to keep closely in touch with each other since we live so nearby.

One thing I must mention and that is my joy in the statement that "whatever personal friction among the faculty member there was in the past has been ironed out. Things are working smoothly".

It is find to have the note of courage and faith in the future that your letters always bring to us.

Sincerely yours,

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281 Fourth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

January 14, 1941.

Dr. Francis N.N. Wei
Hua Chung College
Hischow, via Tali
Yunnan, China

Via Clipper Mail

Dear Francis:

I was glad to learn the other day through the secretary for College work that they are asking the Episcopal College students to make a missionary offering for Hua Chung College. We have given them information about the College for their publicity and I suggested to th secretary, the Rev. Mr. Kelley, that the sum they raise be set aside for books on Anglican theology, history, etc., suitable for our Hua Chung students. The amount they get from college students is not a great one and part of it will be used for some domestic missionary object. I hope, however, we shall have plenty to provide the books needed.

I have received Mr. Anderson's letter regarding the vote of the trustees to help pull the Diocesan Middle School out of the ditch. I can understand his feelings and see his point of view. I hope to send letter to him soon. He mentioned the plight of Wesley School and the fact that it had to close for lack of funds. I am sorry we did not know of this for we might have been able to recommend help to them also. There is no desire to show partiality and desire to help along impoverished Chinese students in this day of terrible need.

I think it might have been better, however, if we had discussed the vote of aid with you and the Executive Committee pro tem before we took action about the Chennan School. However, since Bishop Gilman has decided they do not need our aid, the matter is probably closed for the present.

We are not overlooking the fact that the College will need large reserves against the day when it moves back and rehabilitates itself in Wuchang. I think it doesn't do any harm, however, to encourage our generous donors by making them feel that we are using some of the money they give to help immediate need in the Middle Schools by which the College lives.

Affectionately yours,

AMS-F

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281 Fourth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

January 14, 1941.

Dr. Francis C.N.Wei
Hsichow, via Tali
Yunnan, China

Via Clipper Mail

Dear Francis:

I presume you have heard ere this that John Coe is sailing on the President Coolidge next week, January 24th. He is going to the college. The good news that you may not have heard is that Mrs. Coe has been given permission by the State Department to go with him. The Passport Division did not give this permission because she is Mrs.Coe, but because you had a job there which needed her.

Mr.Lyford was much concerned over the fact that you did not have sufficient help in the office and thought we ought to do something further about Mrs.Coe. No women have been going to the Orient since Dr. Wood had word that there wasn an embargo on women passengers for the Far East. Mr. Lyford suggested we send a letter to Washington, making special application for Mrs.Coe and telling that she is needed. He himself was about to make a trip to Washington and said he would take the letter in person. I suggested that he write it, which he did, and we both signed.it. Dr. Addison heartily endorsed it. The result was that Mr. Lyford got the permission. I know what rejoicing this brought the Coes and how happy you all will be about it.

Mr.Lyford has informed me that he has made arrangements about the handling of the finances of the college and has given Coe all necessary directions and papers to be used, if necessary, at Rangoon. I just called up Mr. Lyford's office to get exact information about this but he is not there today, and as this letter must go off immediatly for the Clipper Mail, I am unable to tell you now just what these arrangements are. This information will go to you later.

Mr. Lyford sent me your letter of December 12th. It has to do with financial matters which he, of course, will take care of. He and I are now able to keep closely in touch with each other since we are both in New York. There is one thing, however, in the letter I must mention and that is my joy at the statement that "whatever personal friction among the faculty members there was in the past has been ironed out. Things are working smoothly".

I was very pleased to receive yesterday one of the five copies of the book published by the English Club of the College, commemorating the 15th Anniversary of its founding. This precious document was a long time en route. It contained a letter dated September 19th. I received it on January 13th. Will you please tell the Messrs.
that I received this book. I admire its beauty and neatness and will re it with much interest, and pass it on to other members of the Board of Founders. I am glad to find out that this kind of material can still reach us even though it is very much delayed.

It is always fine to have the note of encouragement and faith in the future that your letters always bring to us.

Very sincerely yours,

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F.C.M. WEI

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January 15, 1941

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To the Presidents of
The China Colleges

Dear Friends:

Somehow or other we managed to become so involved with Christmas activities that this letter is decidedly overdue. When I last wrote, the Presidential election was just around the corner. By now you will have known the result and somewhat of the subsequent developments.

The program of the Associated Boards has proceeded steadily. There have been no startling events, but we have been watching carefully the record of the campaign so far to see whether the abnormalities of the year have had any effect upon results. The end of the year showed that our campaign of this year is keeping close pace with that of last year. The Harvard-Yenching Institute gift this year is the same as that for last year and has come in at about the same date.

Your reports on the use of the Rockefeller grant in 1939-40 have enabled us to forward to the Foundation a complete and very satisfactory report on their share in last year's fund. We will now be able to prepare the appeal for this year. It will be followed up with high hopes of securing a grant similar to that of last year. Attached to this letter are copies of a number of our Progress Bulletins, which give you interesting details of the campaign.

You have already received by Clipper mail the reminder of our need for budgets for the year 1941-42. Plans for next year's effort must be made in time for presentation to the annual meetings early in May. The scope of the plan depends very much on the budgets you send in, and it is for this reason that we urge prompt sending of these preliminary budgets.

In previous letters I have mentioned Chinese students and teachers who are available for appointment. In these cases, we always advise the persons concerned that appointments are made in China, but we will forward information about them. I have had recent opportunity to talk with Mr. Harry C. Lee concerning the possibility of work in Physical Education. Mr. Lee is a Chinese, whose parents reside in Jackson Heights, Long Island. He has

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never been to China, and speaks one of the Cantonese dialects to some extent, but would require language study on the field. He is very well prepared in Physical Education, having completed his work for a Master's degree in that subject at Springfield College (Y.M.C.A. secretarial training college). He has a very fine personality and is very desirous of serving in China. He is quite aware of the problems created by his having grown up in America and, I believe, has faced up to what this means sufficiently to insure his overcoming the difficulty. If any of you are interested in this prospect, I will be glad to forward full information and records which we have in the office.

We have been enjoying the presence of Stephen Tsai of Yenching University. He has been making headquarters in our office while working here in New York. He has also been helping in our campaign in Detroit, Minneapolis, Baltimore, St. Louis, and a number of other places.

The new year is not yet too old for this letter to carry our greetings and best wishes for a very successful New Year. All of us here in America sincerely hope that the year will find many of your goals achieved and your hopes realized.

Sincerely yours,

Joseph I. Parker

Secretary

JIP:VW
Enc: Progress Bulletins, 1940-41
Numbers 1, 2, 3, and 4

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January 24, 1941

Ack.
4/4/41

President Francis C. M. Wei
c/o American Express Company
4 Des Voeux Road Central
Hongkong, China

Dear Dr. Wei:

Attached hereto are the minutes of a joint meeting of the Executive and Promotional Committees of the Associated Boards held on December 30, 1940.

The principal item is that concerning the United China Campaign and refers entirely to promotional plans in the United States. The details of the plan are not included with this letter in order to save postage, but at such time as the final arrangements are made, any important items concerning the organization which will be of interest to you will be forwarded.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

JIP:VW
Enc.

Copy to: Mr. John L. Coe

Via S. S. "Pres. Pierce"
from San Francisco, Calif.

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HUA CHUNG (CENTRAL CHINA) COLLEGE
WUCHANG, CHINA
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校長室
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Rec'd in New Haven Feb. 28

January 29, 1941.

Rev. A.M. Sherman, S.T.D.,
President, Hua Chung Board of Founders,
281 Fourth Avenue,
New York City, U.S.A.

Dear Dr. Sherman,

I received on Jan.26 your official letter with a copy of the actions of the Executive Committee of the Founders adopting the report of the Board Committee on college appointments and tenures as well as a personal letter on Sheng Kung Hui matters, both dated Jan. 7, under the same cover. This mail had made very good time, the quickest for many months since the Indo-China route was blocked.

I am very much pleased with the Board action on the matter of appointment. It shows careful deliberation and wise judgment. I am going to report to the Executive Committee pro tem and the Senate in the College that I shall carry it out. But as I have written to Mr. Smith I am not releasing the news until after my return from Chungking about the 10th of March so that if there should be any unpleasant reaction I would be here to face it. As the People's Political Council will meet soon, the date being kept secret by Government order, I am booking to fly from Kunming to the war-time capital on Feb. 19. There will be some college matters which I want to take up with the Ministry of Education and perhaps with the Generalissimo himself. After my retrun to the College I shall submit a report to the Founders.

All college news is reported in my letter to Mr. Smith. Trusting that he will send a copy to you I will not repeat it here. As a whole things are going on smoothly and happily. We are in the winter vacation now and the second term will begin on Feb. 20. I shalln't be here at that time, but Dean Pu Huang will be acting president.

It is very encouraging that you agree with all our ideas concerning Church Reunion and the way we ought to conduct the Sheng Kung Hui work with that in view. I have shown your personal letter to me both to the Millers and Carl Liu. It is a pity that Bishop Hall has not been able to visit us here as he at first intended.

We are very much cheered up by the news direct from Mr. John Coe that he is coming back to the College. We regret however that Mrs Coe has not been able to accompany him.

I am sure your transfer to the Headquarters in New York will make your work even more valuable. You will miss all the good friends in Cincinnati of course.

Please tell Dr. Addison that the Sheng Kung Hui Fellowship in the College asks me to convey to him their congratulations on his assuming the office as the First Vice-President of the National Council in charge of foreign missions. I shall write to him soon. The Fellowship voted also to send you through me their best wishes and greetings.

Yours affectionately, Francis C. Wei

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Copy to Mr. Sherman
" " Dr. Smith

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February 5, 1941

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

Letter No. 19

Dear Dr. Wei:

My last letter to you was my No. 18, of November 15th. My last letter direct from you was your N.Y.16, of December 12, 1940. However, I have received copies of various letters from you to Dr.Sherman and to Mr. Smith, and I have had the privilege of reading the "Erhae Echo" and the other documents relating to the activities of the College. These documents give us a fine impression of the vitality and fine spirit of faculty and students and are highly gratifying to all who see them.

My only excuse for such a long period since my last letter to you is the large amount of time which I spent in conference or in correspondence with Mr. Coe during the weeks before his departure. He has been very patient in deriving answers to my many questions and I am very grateful for the picture which I now have of the personnel and the activities of the College. He has given us the conviction that the College is strong and effective and will survive all the present difficulties and fill an important place in the New China. We are greatly relieved that the evidences of discord and discontent have largely disappeared.

I have reported to the Founder's Executive Committee and to Yale-in-China the convincing evidence that all grants are being carefully conserved.

I received the sample signatures of yourself, Dr. Anderson and Mr. Tan and have given the National City Bank the formal report of action of the Founders and the Executive Committee Pro-tem in authorizing Dr. Anderson and Mr. Coe to sign checks or drafts on the Joint Account. I have not given the Bank similar instructions regarding Mr. Tan because the resolution of the Executive Committee Pro-tem did not include Mr.Tan. This presumably was because the resolution of the Founder's Executive Committee did not do so. However, I have understood from the correspondence that you considered it desirable that Mr. Tan shall have authority to sign with one of the others, and, if this is the case, a formal resolution to that effect by the Executive Committee Pro-tem will be necessary.

Mr. Coe has advised us of the ill health of Mr. Tan. I do hope that he is improving and will be able to carry on his work without drain upon his strength.

I have notified the Bank that double signatures will be necessary hereafter, but that until the practice is fully established your single signature will be sufficient.

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Dr. Francis Wei,
Hsichow, China.

I enclose a statement of the receipts and disbursements in the Joint Account and the Reserve Account as of January 22, 1941. You will note that the Balance in the two accounts as of that date is $27,605.12, and that all the drafts of which we have notice from you have been received by the bank and charged, except Nos. 13, 22, 23, 25 and 31. Please note that we have not received any notice of drafts beyond your No. 31.

In order that Mr. Coe should be able to make any purchases which you may want in Rangoon or elsewhere, I have given him a letter of credit for U.S. $3,000. The initial charge for this letter of credit, amounting to $5.66, will have to be recorded in your books, as well as any drafts which Mr. Coe may make against it.

I am gratified by Mr. Tan's report of Grants received from Missions and other sources between August 1st and November 30, 1940. This gives assurance that the budget amounts will be received from all the supporting sources. I am bothered about the information just received from Yale-in-China that the bills for books and equipment purchased for your account, together with U.S.$2,000. which Mr. Hugh has sent to you, total U.S. $4,300. I am wondering whether these purchases are for the 1940-41 account or are to be paid from the 1939-40 account.

Mr. Coe is bringing with him two additional books of blank checks. I trust that this will provide enough checks for some months. I have also discussed with Mr. Coe the alternative method of supplying you with funds in future emergencies.

The future of Civilization and Christianity in the world is still in a deep fog, but our faith is strong that out of the present suffering will come a better world than has ever been known.

Please give my best regards to all my friends. I hope Mr. & Mrs. Coe will arrive at about the same time as this letter.

Yours very sincerely,

Oliver S. Lyford

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February 5, 1941

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Central China College

Operations of Joint Account and Reserve Account

in

National City Bank of New York

Account opened September 21, 1939

Deposits credited by Bank on dates indicated

1938 '39

Sept. 21	- To	Foundation	- from	Ass. Boards Sustaining Fund.....	$1,000.00
Oct. 26	- "	College	- "	balance in N.C.Bank, Hongkong...	8,000.00

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Feb. 17	- To	Foundation	- from	Ass. Board Sustaining Fund.....	3,000.00
24	- "	College	- "	Yale-in-China (1938-39 $3,000.) (1939-40 $2,000.)..	5,000.00
July 2	- "	"	- "	Yale-in-China ?	6,103.05
Nov. 16	- "	"	- "	Harvard-Yenging Inst.(1939-40)...	2,500.00
18	- "	"	- "	" " " (1939-40)...	324.49
	"	"	- "	" Episc.Theol.Schl.Allumi...	400.00
Dec. 27	- "	Foundation	- "	Ass.Boards Sustaining Fund.....	3,000.00
	"	"	- "	Harvard-Yenging Institute.....	5,000.00
					$34,327.54

Drafts Charged

Jan.6, 1940 to Jan. 22, 1941 as per list attached..... $33,315.21

Jan. 22, 1941-	Balance in Joint Account.....	$1,012.33
"	" Reserve Account.....	26,592.79
	Balance Total.....	$27,605.12

Drafts Outstanding on Jan. 22, 1941

No. 13	- David S. Hsiung.....	$300.00	Charged March 18
" 22	- ?	?	
" 23	- ?	?	
" 25	- Academia Simica - Bulletin.....	25.00	
" 31	- John Hopkins Press.....	8.00	

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February 5, 1941

Central China College

Operations of Joint Account

in

National City Bank in New York

Drafts, etc. against this Account since it was started

Charged by the Bank on the dates indicated

1940

Jan. 6	Draft No. 1			$100.00
Feb. 6	" " 2	- David S. Hsiung		100.00
	" " 3	" " "		1,000.00
	" " 4	" " "		500.00
	" " 5	" " "		500.00
	" " 6	" " "		500.00
Feb. 20	" " 8	?		500.00
	" " 10	?		50.00
	" " 11	?		150.00
March 9	" " 9	?		5.00
14	" " 7	?		4.75
Apr. 19	" " 12	?		150.00
May 13	" " 14	-Livingston Press-Books-Eng.Dept..		200.00
June 3	" " 17	-John F. Lo - Books-Art Dept.....		200.00
13	" " 16	- John L. Coe- Traveling Exp.....		55.00
July 3	" " 18	- Barnes & Noble - Books.....		300.00
10	" " 15	- Pres.Bk.Store,Pittsburgh- Books- Eng. Dept.....		100.00
31	" " 19	- Wm.Hazelton Esq... - Books		130.00
Aug. 12	" " 21	- Ass. Mission Treas. - Books		50.00
Oct. 1	" " 20	- Univ. of Penn.-Biological Abstracts.....		15.00
24	" " 24	- American Math. Society.....		9.00
Nov. 19	" " 26	- P.L.Tang-from President's Discretionary Fund.....		56.00
20	" " 27	- C.J.Harth-Chemical & Phys. Apparatus.....		60.00
Dec. 9	" " 29	- Harv.Yeng. Inst.-Refund on Purchases.....		482.01

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Jan. 16		-Charge for issuing Letter of Credit to John L. Coe.....	5.66
20	" " 28	-John Evans- For exchange to N.C..	500.00
20	" " 30	- " " " " " " ...	1,000.00
		Total Charges to Jan.20, 1941.....	$6,722.42
1940			
Dec. 4	N.Y.1	- Transfer to Reserve Account.....	18,592.79
26	N.Y.2	- " " " "	8,000.00
			$33,315.21

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February 5, 1941.

N.Y.17.

Ans. March 5
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Mr. O. S. Lyford,
Treasurer, Huachung Board of Founders,
230 Park Avenue,
New York City, U.S.A.

Dear Mr. Lyford,.

For almost two months since my letter N.Y.16 dated Dec.12, I have not written to you nor have I heard from you since your letter No.18 dated November 15. I hope that no letter from you has been missing. I would strongly urge that hereafter all communications from your end be registered. There has been some trouble about mails. I have however been corresponding with Mr. Smith and Dr. Sherman and believe you have had copies of my letters.

I trust that our duplicate signatures for the bank in New York have been received. So far the British Missions have been supporting our work very faithfully in spite of the unusual conditions in Great Britain, for which we are grateful.

The Executive Committee pro tem has acted on the recommendation of the College Senate not to make any changes in our salary scale, which in substance is not far below the Government scale, but to continue the subsidy scheme until the end of the fiscal year which was my expection when I first reported to you the adoption of the scheme at the beginning of the academic year.

The rate of exchange has been fluctuating between NC$19.50 and NC$20.50 for US$1 for the last two months. It has come down from the high peak of NC$25. We did not get any benefit from the high rate for we were afraid to speculate, since we had enough cash on hand at the time. Mr. Tan has been sending you reports on checks we are drawing from time to time.

The world situation is getting to be more alarming. We would ask you to keep your ears on the ground and if there should be any danger of difficulty of transmitting money to China from your end or if there should be no demand for American checks in our part of the world, please remit at once by cable whatever funds you may see fit to any one of the banks in which we have college accounts. On separate sheet are the names and other details of the banks according to our Treasurer's Office. You would get news sooner than we do here.

I am going to Chungking, out war-time capital, in about two weeks to attend the meeting of the People's Political Council to which I have been re-elected by the National Government as I reported to Mr. Smith already. A communication came from Chungking yesterday saying that I have been scheduled to broadcast from Chungking to America next month, but I don't know the date yet.

With the best wishes and the warmest regards to you all,

Yours sincerely,
Francis C. Wei

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Miss Fewell
Please add to
V+ C.C. file

Extracts of all matters pertaining to Hua Chung College contained ~~in letter~~
N.H.22 received from President Wei, and other letters received by the
Associate Secretary of the Hua Chung Board in New Haven

N.H.22 dated January 8, 1941, received in New Haven February 12

Greetings for the season from the Faculty and students of Hua Chung College in Hsichow in the third year of our sojourn away from Wuchang. I received your Christmas cablegram on Christmas evening, and it was at once posted in the College Bulletin board and then later printed in the Weekly Bulletin. Thank you for your kind remembrance and good wishes.

The period in the College since I wrote you last has been very uneventful and happy. We had a very cheerful and helpful Christmas in spite of the sufferings in China and the rest of the world which were in our Christmas prayers, and everybody here enjoyed also the New Year which ended the holidays and classes resumed on January 2. All students are now very busy getting ready for the term examinations which will begin on January 13. The winter vacation will be from January 23 to February 19, and the spring term will commence on February 20.

Dean Zee will go to Kunming to take charge of the examinations for the admission of transfer students to the Freshman and Sophomore classes as well for the Sub-Freshman class.

We received an order from the Ministry of Education in Chungking transmitting the request of the Generalissimo for subscriptions from our faculty and staff members to the amount of NC$5,000.00 towards the National Savings account. The savings are redeemable with 8% interest after three years. The Ministry asked that if individual subscriptions should fail to come up to that amount whether the College could make it up from College funds. The matter was first considered by the College Senate and referred to the Executive Committee pro tem of the Directors. The President was instructed to appeal to the faculty and staff, both Chinese and missionary, for such subscriptions of their free accord. Owing to the war prices savings were, of course, very difficult and in many cases impossible for the Chinese members. The British members had their own national war funds to contribute to But the response was very splendid. We all appreciate and admire the wonderful spirit in which the Generalissimo has been conducting the war in China and would want to do as much as possible to show our support and loyalty. The Chinese members subscribed to the amount of NC$1620 and the missionary members subscribed NC$865. Two of the missionaries, one American and one British, took from their discretionary mission funds NC$1,000.00 and NC$800.00 respectively, leaving the balance of NC$715 to be made up by the President from his own discretionary fund. So the total of NC$5,000.00 was subscribed without taking any money from the College funds. I am very happy to report this to the Founders.

The Ministry of Education is awarding honors to teachers of colleges and universities for long term continuous service in one institution. Professor Coe and myself have been awarded Second Class Honor for continuous service in Hua Chung for over fifteen years and Dean Paul V. Taylor, Professor Bleakley, Professor David F. Anderson, and Assistant L. F. Miller, (Mrs. E. P. Miller Jr.), receive Third Class Honor for services in Hua Chung for over ten years. The certificates for these honors have been received and awarded to the professors mentioned. I have the honor to report this to the Board of Founders and through it to the Mission Boards

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concerned. No Chinese members of the Faculty have been able to be eligible to these honors because they have been appointed to the Hua Chung Faculty after 1930 except myself. If services in the cooperating colleges could be counted, some of us would have received higher honors. I am just completing my thirtieth year of my connection with Boone College, as a member of its faculty.

I was appointed a member of the People's Political Council, the War Time Parliament in China, during my absence abroad in the summer of 1938. I accepted the appointment because it was war and I ought to show my loyalty to the Government, although I have never been actively interested in politics in the popular sense of the term, and I have never associated myself with any political party. During the two years and a half the Council have had five sessions and I have been able to attend only two of them. I was abroad during the first session and was prevented to attend the third and fifth by college duties. Members of the Council for the second term have just been appointed and the Government conferred on me the honor of reappointment in spite of my insignificant contribution, largely because of my position as president of Hua Chung, I suppose. Unless the Founders acting as Directors desire me not to accept, I will continue to serve the nation in that capacity. It will take me about a month for each session. Although there are supposed to be two sessions a year, I usually attend only one. It gives me opportunities of contacts with the leaders of the nation and of the government, and it costs the College nothing financially as the government allowance covers all my expenses.

Scientific experiments with local products, as reported in a letter from Dr. Wesley Wan dated November 24, 1940

Hua Chung College through the Yale-in-China School of Science is conducting research in local industrial projects. Dr. Wesley Wan and his colleague on the faculty of the Science School, Mr. D. B. Hu, have developed an economical method for the commercial manufacture of indigo and other colors from local dye products. Farmers and textile workers have been instructed in the organization of small factories and it is anticipated the workers would make a net profit of at least $200,000 Chinese currency. (Exchange rate with U. S. dollars about 20-1).

Experiments in other fields include the invention of a mineral tanning process, which has been adopted by local tanneries. Preliminary work has gone into the development of the glass, porcelain, and cement industry. Such activities of the students and teachers of the Science Department are no mean contribution to this small western almost medieval community.

Mr. Eugene Hsu in this country - Mr. Eugene Hsu, member of the physics faculty of the Yale-in-China School of Science of Hua Chung College, visited New Haven the last week in January on his first trip to America. A graduate of Hua Chung and four years instructor on the science staff, Mr. Hsu is studying in this country at Providence on a fellowship received from Brown University.

Publication of the English Club of Hua Chung College - The ER-HAI ECHO, a magazine published by the English Club of Hua Chung College, has been circulating among members of the Executive Committee of the Board and has just arrived at the office of the Associate Secretary. It is a highly commendable document and, dedicated to the Hua Chung Board, all members will eventually want to see it. As there is only

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one copy available in this country, it will take time to circulate, but write to the Associate Secretary's office at 905-A Yale Station in New Haven and he will endeavor to see that it reaches other members.

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Extracts of all matters pertaining to Hua Chung College,
contained in letters 23 and 24 received from
President Wei by the Associate Secretary
in New Haven.

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A. M. SHERMAN

N.H.23 dated January 29, 1941, received in New Haven February 28, 1941.

We are in our winter vacation now. It began on the 22nd instant when the term examinations were finished on the 21st. I had a rather busy time during the examination period with committee meetings of all sorts. Then, after the examinations there were many social meetings which I had to attend. Dr. Shoop of the Free Brethrens in Hongkong, formerly in Canton, President of the Canton Union Theological College, our Guest Institution here, Dr. Stanley Smith, Vice-Principal of the Nanking Theological School, now in Shanghai, and the Rev. Gilbert Baker, of the Anglican Church in Kunming, came in the Rev. Charles Higgins' car to visit Hsichow for just one day, and they went away yesterday. I was sure to get the latest news from him about the general situation as seen from the Shanghai angle. This I did, although Dr. Smith saw me primarily for my ideas and plans for theological education in China. We had a good talk on the last subject and I am glad he agrees with me in all my humble ideas. He has written a book on the subject and he says his plans are in general the same as mine. Naturally as he says I look at the problem more from the Chinese point of view and against the background of the experience of the Episcopal Church in China particularly in the Yangtze Valley. After our conference he admits that for the Church in China as a whole my views ought to be incorporated in the final plan. I am sorry to have written so much about this because my mind is still full of the problem, which to my own mind is very inportant.

The actions of the Executive Committee of the Board on the question of "permanent appointments" in the College is very important and I am going to release it to the Faculty after my return from Chungking. It is not wise to announce it earlier, for if there should be any reaction to it I would want to be here to face it myself.

I am flying to Chungking on the 19th of February, to attend the meetings of the People's Political Council. Air raids are still going on in Chungking and suburbs, but the Government is taking every precaution to protect the Councillors at their meetings as all the chief officials, civil and military, including the Generalissimo, will be there. I shall be away from the College for four weeks and Dean Pu Huang will be acting for me during my absence. It is my intention to see the Generalissimo personally about some important questions concerning the College in particular and concerning Christian Higher Education in general.

Enclosed I am sending you for the Founders the minutes of the 21st and 22nd meetings of the Executive Committee pro tem of the Directors, the Report of the Senate Committee on Promotion as adopted by the Senate, and a translation of the Government Regulations governing the appointments and salary scale of faculty members in tax-supported institutions of higher learning.*

Mr. P. L. Tang, Acting Head of the Department of Economics-Commerce, has been sent with a sophomore student from among the Chinese in Burma, to Burma to investigate the educational situation there and to make contacts with the Chinese with the view of getting the Chinese in the British colony interested in our College. This trip will cost about NC$2,500 which we understand to be in line with the desire of the Founders for more promotion work. Dean Zee has gone to Kunming to give examinations for the admission of Sub-Freshman students.

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The appointment of an American teacher of Economics for the College by the Yale-in-China Association will be very helpful as a representative in the College and to strengthen our Economics Department with the view of enlarging it to be a School of Commerce for reporting to the Government. We support this measure because it shows that the Yale-in-China Association is interested in the work of the College as a whole and not exclusively in one school of the College, and we feel it justifiable as the other co-operating units are appointing teachers to the Science Faculty which we hope will remain the main interest of the Association.

I have sent Dr. Hsiung and Dr. Wesley Wan to South Yunnan to make some scientific investigation with the view of doing some experiment on optical glass. Their expenses are being paid from my discretionary funds given to me by private friends and other sources as there is no budget for this item. Their work if successful will be of far-reaching consequences. I have been using my discretionary money also for the high price subsidy of faculty members with high salaries but whose large families are not being adequately taken care of by the College subsidy plans. Legislation always works hardship on some people and only extra-legal measures can make the necessary adjustments.

During the vacation I am giving a short course of lectures on the new Draft Constitution of the Republic of China, as I feel college students ought to know something about it and this is not taken care of by any of our regular courses during term time and I happen to be making a study of it. My connection with the Political Council has revived my old interest in the study of political problems, but largely from the academic point of view. I take it only as a hobby.

Our health records have been fine for the last year. We are still using the local hospital. But we have good prospects of having from the Hankow Diocese Dr. Logan H. Roots and family, here from Shanghai. They are being evacuated from the lower Yangtze Valley. Mrs. Roots is a trained nurse and so she will be a help in case of emergency. We are still waiting with anxiety to hear definitely whether the Roots will be allowed by the American consular authorities to enter Free China from Shanghai via Rangoon or not.

Dr. Stanley Smith seemed to think that it would be 90% probable for America to be in the war soon. This makes it necessary for us to think vigorously about arrangements for transmitting funds to Yunnan from New York.** Further, it looks as if we would not be able to return to Wuchang under normal conditions for perhaps three more years. Our reserved funds at the present rate of exchange may tide us over for two years, but hardly longer. What about it? For the last two years I have had this constantly in my mind. Then, there is the problem of moving back. Maybe it is useless to think so far ahead. But my duty is to call the attention of the Founders and of the Missions and friends to these problems.

*Copies may be had at the New Haven Office upon request.
**Reported to Mr. Lyford, who has answered Dr. Wei's question.

N.H.24 dated February 13, 1941, received in New Haven March 2, 1941.

I am writing to report to the Founders that tomorrow I shall leave the College for Kunming by bus and thence fly to Chungking, in order to attend the meeting of the People's Polilical Council as well as to attend to some college business with the high officials of the National Government. The Council meeting will take ten days,

but I shall be in the capital for over a fortnight. I expect to be back in Hsichow before the middle of March. Dean Pu Huang will be Acting President during my absence.

We are starting a Pre-Freshman Class the next term, but the registration for this will be small, about a dozen students. There may be some students by transfer.

I shall write again after my return to the College, before the middle of March. I believe I shall be here when Professor and Mrs. Coe arrive. It is such a cheering news that Mrs. Coe is able to come back. She will be a tremendous help in my office. I am indebted to Dr. Sherman and Mr. Lyford for their efforts in helping to secure Mrs. Coe's passport.

(Signed) FRANCIS C. M. WEI
President

Compiled at the office of the Associate Secretary in New Haven on March 24, 1941.

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February 12, 194?

Rev. J. T. Addison, D.D.
281 Fourth Avenue
New York City

Dear Thayer:-

This is a much belated letter. It has been in my mind for a long time. At first I thought I would wait until you had assumed office at the Headquarters before I wrote. Then, various matters interupted and I have not been able to write until now, especially when I have lost my stenographer and got to type myself. I hope you will pardon the delay.

You asked me to write to you about needs in Hua Chung College particularly as it concerns our own mission. My mind is full, but I will put before you those things which are the uppermost in my mind.

You will remember we had Boone College on the support of our Mission alone. It had done very good work, but with the raising of standards in higher education in China and the development of Christian Colleges, it became quite impossible for one mission to maintain Boone at a high level of efficiency. Whatever we do ought to be a credit to the Church. A faculty of nine and a half men, which was the strength of the Boone faculty before Hua Chung was organized, would not be accepted by the Chinese government or public and certainly would not be creditable to the Mission.

For this reason I was one of those to support the idea when the Hua Chung scheme was first proposed. The work of the College for the last sixteen years, particularly since its re-organization in 1929, has proved the wisdom of the co-opperative plan. We have now even in the College refugeeing in Hsichow a faculty of forty-two members with full training and besides an administrative staff of fourteen people. Our total budget for the current year is $201,665 Chinese national currency, US $6,050 and ten foreign salaries paid directly by the cooperating missions in America and England. In the Boone days our Science equipment was estimated by Bishop Gilman, at that time president of the College, to be US $2,000. Now with the support of the Yale-in-China Association it has accumulated to the total value of US $150,000 at pre-war prices. Hua Chung is registered as a University under the Chinese Government and has a reputation in educational circles as one of the best of its size in the country with the highest standards. At athe same time visitors representing various churches in China are of the oppinion after careful observation of our work that ours is the most Christian in spirit.

It was our hope that when five missions co-operated to maintain Hua Chung as the only Christian College in the vast region of Central China, our own mission would be the strongest unit. This is shown by the fact that of the fifteen members of the board of trustees in America, known as founders, seven are appointed to represent the American Church Mission, i.e. the National Council of the Episcopal Church in the United States, whereas the remaining eight are appointed by the other four units, The same prpportion holds on the Board of Directors in China. Partly by the courtesy of the other units alsothat all these years the President and Treasurer of the College have been members of our mission.

We have not lost our identity or our influence either, in this cooperative scheme. In Wuchang our mission kept two men's hostels, both under the direction of the Rev. Charles Wiston and run according to Sheng Kung Hui principals of discipline and worship. Here in Hsichow we have the Rev. Carl Liu, a Presbyter sent bu Bishop Gilman as Chaplain of the

Anglican groupe in the College and to do religious work among the students. We are as a Church free to do whatever religious work we wish and take part in all the religious services as arranged by a Chapel committee appointed by the Executive Committee pro tem of the Directors with full representation of our own mission.

But our actual contribution to the College in personel and funds does not come up to the expectations of the other units or of those of us representing the Episcopal Church in the College. In personel we have now only Mr. and Mrs. Miller, both teaching English, Mr. Coe who is on his way back to America, and young Allen appointed for the College but at present teaching in St. John's, Shanghai. These are the missionaries. A Chinese librarian and myself are the Chinese with salaries paid by the mission amounting to Chinese $6,600 a year, which is now approximately US $300. Then there is the meager appropriation of Chinese $750 for the College library which is supposed be our responsibility as a unit to build up and maintain to match the Yale-in-China contribution in building up and maintaining the science equipment to which I have already made reference. We used to have a number of books given us by the Church Periodical Club of the Church in America, but this gift was never regular and for the last four or five years we have received practically nothing. It was in view of this that Miss Mary Johnson of Glendale offered ~~me~~ to give to the College the annual amount of US $5,000 for the support of the school of Arts in the College which is which is understood from the begining to be the part of our unit as the continuation of Boone College. With this generous gift we have been able to keep up the share of our unit. At the present time when exchange is extraordinarily high in favor of the American dollar we have been able to pay nine salaries for Chinese professors in the College as Episcopal contribution and add books essential for teaching of the Arts subjects. We are therefore able to claim 12 members on the faculty out of the 42, hardly one-third. The other units remember of course the big gift from Mrs. Proctor and Miss Johnson for the purphaseof land in Wuchang and to start the scheme of new buildings for the College which has been held up on accountof the war. But as a mission we have done mighty little as the leading unit to develop and maintain Hua Chung.

I am completing my thirtyeth year in my service to my Church and Boone College, my Alma Mater. It is a privilege and joy to me, but it is heart-breaking to think sometimes how our mission is not really taking seriously enough our work in Hua Chung which ought to be one of the strongest Christian Colleges holding forth at the heart of the country.

It is for the Christian character of the College and the possible Christian contribution it may make that some ~~are~~ of us are willing to give our lives to the work. The Church in Chinais still young, and experience has taught me that to maintain our Christian character we must depend upon more missionary teachers from the older churches abroad to man our faculty and staff. The Millers have been in China for over thirty years. Mr. Coe is the only missionary in the College who may counton three or four terms of service in China. Can the mission do more to recruit the best types of missionary teachers for Hua Chung? We need men who are qualified academically to teach in the best Colleges and Universities in America, who are coming out to China with a genuine missionary spirit, and who are able to cooperate with the Chineseand members of other Churches. It may be interesting if you would take the time and trouble to find out from the records in your office in New York how many missionaries of this type the mission has sent out Hua Chung or Boone during the last fifteen years. We need teachers of the highest calibre for all sorts of subjects, particularly in English Literature, Economics, and other Social Sciences from the American Church Mission in the United States, and we need some good scholars in Theology to help us realize the long cherished desire of reviving our Department of Theological Training in the College for the other Churches in ~~the~~ China as well as our own, part-

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icularly in the two Dioceses of Hankow and Anking.

Theological education has been much on my mind these days. I am not satisfied with what has been going in this country long this line, which is of paramount importance for the future of the Church in China. A theological school or department must be closely connected with the Churches at this jucture in the development of the Christian movement in China. Its standards must be certainly not lower in scholarship than any other department of lerning in the universities. More and more of the Church workers ought to come up to this standard in order to put the Church in a position to command respect among the thinking people of China, and to help it take root in Chinese soil. If we should have our department of theology in Hua Chung, we would not only train a number of students for the ministry and for lay leadership, but we would want also to give refresher courses for Church ministers in service whose danger is to become stale and loose touch with theological thinking and currents of thought in the modern world. We would further have a theological magazine to maintain contact with our former students and other Church workers, keep a circulating library for the reading of men in the out-of-the-way isolated stations, and help to translate the best standard books on theology and other religions. Such a Department in the College would keep before the students in the other departments the ideal of devoting ones life and all to building of the kingdom and to remind the faculty members that one of their duties as teachers ina Christian College whatever their own field of interest is to approach every problem from the Christian point of view. Would the mission of which you are now one of the responsible officers give us the encouragment to develope along these lines? It is my belief that if we should get the men and launch out with the work on an adventure of faith, support would come to it. It is the most important that a Christian College ought to do and the mission ought to support.

I would have a small begining for this planand let it develope according to its usefulness. Four full time men ought to be enough. In a pinch we could get along with three, provided we got the three men we need. There ought to be a man for Old Testament and the history of religion, a man for the New Testament and one for Church History. Either the N.T. man or the History man may combine systematics. If we could get a man specially for the last it would be better. Pastoral theology ought to be done under experienced ministers in the neighboring churches with well organized parish work. These parishes would be our"teaching parishes"where the students might spend their sixth year after the completion of the five years in the College. The course of five years would be a combined one of Arts and Theology, with about one year and a half of time devoted to theological studies and the rest to art subjects adjunct to theology and designated by the department of theology. In this way the students would be able to get an Arts degree recognized by the Government at the end of the fourth year and then a year entirely for theology before the year of internship in one of the teaching parishes or in an educational institution as aprentices under a designated school chaplain. Of the theological subjects I would prefer Chinese theologians to teach systematics and pastoral theology, whereas O.T. and N.T. and Church history may be taught either by Chinese professors or by theologians from abroad. The contacts of theological students with men and women in the other departments in the College would be most valuable and necessary.

In Wuchang we could have cooperation with theological seminaries under the other Churches, denominational or union. There was one there before the war, not very good in standards but it could be useful to us. Others may come to join up, all on the Oxford and Cambridge plan. Men who have already taken the bachelor's degree with the required Arts subjectsmay spend three years on the special study of theology. These would be our prospective theological scholars, whereas those who had the combined course

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would be just the parish ministers and intelligent school chaplains or well-informed lay workers. This scheme would not depend for its operation on Government recognition. We could run it within Government regulations as they are now.

Would this appeal to you? How much encouragement could we get for it as an experiment in higher education in China?

For the effective cooperation of our mission in Hua Chung College as a small Christian College maintaining high standards, the National Council ought to support five missionary teachers of the qualifications I have mentioned, six Chinese teachers of the senior rank, i.e., with full training, and to develop and maintain the College Library as a general library and particularly to meet the needs of the Arts and theological departments. Reckoning the salaries and other expenses of the five missionaries at US $2,500 each and US $7500 forthe six Chinese, and US$4,000 annually for the development and maintenance of the college library, the mission would have to provide US $24,000. a yere for the Hua Chung budget in order to justify its position as the leading unit in the College and to help to shape the policy of Christiam higher education in China for the next two generations at least.

This letter is getting already too long, and it is only a start. I hope I may have your best attention to it.

With the warmest regards and the best wishes for your new work.

Yours affectionately

Francis

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校長室
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

February 13, 1941.

Copy to
Mr. Cate
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Dr. B. A. Garside,
Associated Boards of Christian Colleges in China,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City, U.S.A.

Dear Dr. Garside,

I have received your letter of December 20, 1940. Somehow it has taken a long time on the way.

I am interested that Mr. Garth Cate is so much interested in our work as to send us contributions and to ask for a letter from a student in the College here.

Such a letter specially written for Mr. Cate will be sent to you later. In the meanwhile I am enclosing for Mr. Cate two short accounts written by our students which may be of some use to Mr. Cate.

I am going to Chungking tomorrow for the meeting of the People's Political Council and I expect to be back in Hsichow by the middle of March.

With the best wishes,

Yours sincerely,
Francis C. M. Wei
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With the best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Timothy Lew.

Dr. B. A. Gerstle,
Associated Boards of Christian Colleges in China,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City, U.S.A.

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REFLECTIONS ON THE JOURNEY OF HUA CHUNG FROM CHANGSHA TO HSICHOW

An old Chinese proverb says: It is always convenient at home but it is always inconvenient away from home. We did indeed encounter lots of difficulties and experience innumerable hardships on our journey from Changsha to Hsichow. Yet every now and then we saw glimpses of sunshine in the midst of dark masses of clouds.

When we started the long journey, we began a simple life like that of soldiers. On the train we were packed like sardines in a tin; on the motor truck we sat cheek by jowl and knee by knee. In summer each of us carried a straw mat as bedding and in winter, an overcoat or a small cotton pad. Not infrequently were we starving, because many a time our boxes of provisions became empty long before we could get anything more to eat. So whenever the train or car stopped, we would rush into a little cottage or crowd around a food-stall. This impropriety in having meals without any etiquette would have broken the heart of Confucius if he had happened to pass by.

Before we reached Kwangsi we had a very unpleasant trip on the train. We could not get a passenger train and so we huddled together on the top of a car carrying bars of iron. No railing around us, and no roof above us; we were all day long exposed to the burning sun. Gradually we were compelled to stand up because the bars of iron below us became very hot and refused to have us sitting upon them. One student sitting by the side of the car fell asleep, and would undoubtedly have fallen off, if he had not been awakened by one of his fellow-students.

On this journey we learned many things under the pressure of necessity. All of us became skilful in washing, buying and cooking. Not a few of the boys prowed themselves superior cooks to the girls. Generally we got a vacant school or official building to put up in, but lots of preparatory work was required before we could take possession. And so in doing all the practical work on clothes, food and shelter, each of us became a bit of a housekeeper.

Travelling from place to place we saw many strange and wonderful things. In Kweilin I disliked the monotonous uniformity of the style of houses, yet I liked the broad eaves which kept off the rain. In Nanning I loved the cleanliness and quietness of the streets as well as the quantity and variety of fruit. In Hanoi I saw the long-heard of Annamese people and the much-talked-of French material civilisation. When I took the train for Kunming I found myself going up and down the mountains and passing through huge tunnels. I wondered at the magnificence of nature, and I admired the greatness of man's power over nature. And now the natural beauty of Hsichow always takes away my breath.

At almost every place where we stayed over, we had, if possible, a morning service after breakfast and a sunset party after supper. These two gatherings were composed of and conducted by both teachers and students. They were really indications of the religious and family spirit of Hua Chung which we can find nowhere else.

The most noticeable factor that made the journey less unpleasant and tiresome was the high sense of cooperation and sympathy among all the travellers. Everybody contributed his or her best for the benefit of the tour as a whole. The teachers treated us as friends and children and we looked upon them as friends and parents; our fellow-students we regarded as sisters and brothers. Thus with all the hardships and difficulties of this long journey we enjoyed that true happiness that can only be felt when one is trying to overcome uncomfortable and inconvenient conditions. Therefore, it is scarcely to be wondered at that my reflections concerning this hard trip are far from unpleasant.

/s/ Chang Ai Djen

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REFLECTIONS ON THE JOURNEY FROM KWEILIN TO HSICHOW

Hua Chung College has moved twice: from Wuchang to Kweilin and then from Kweilin to Hsichow. As I was not in Wuchang when the college decided to move, I did not share the journey from Wuchang to Kweilin; but during the journey from Kweilin to Hsichow I had the very interesting and valuable experience of a community journey which, although happening two years ago, still stays in my memory.

Moving a college is by no means a simple task, especially from such a long distance as that from Kwangsi to the very southwest of Yunnan. Nevertheless, after some five months, the whole college was comfortably and peacefully settled in Hsichow. This was all due to the carefully worked out plans of the college authorities. I will deal with three factors which made the journey successful.

First, the good means of communication. The college had bought two trucks and one bus before it started to move from Kweilin. The two trucks and the bus, well-constructed and provided with seats, were respectively driven by the Dean, his son, and another member of the faculty who had a marvellous ability to manage cars. Driving a huge truck is indeed no easy task, especially on the road which winds up the mountains. But from Kunming to Hsichow, the bus, climbing up to the mountain some 8400 feet from sea level, never caused any casualty. No single student suffered any loss, either physical or material. We were not conscious of this felicity until now when we hear of the constant casualties happening to passengers by the public bus on the journey from Kunming to Hsichow.

Second, good leaders. The whole college was divided into several groups, each of which was to be the responsibility of two professors, who acted as heads of the family, considering the good of each member in the group. When any such member was sick, the leaders always enquired about and attended to him or her with much care and deep concern. This increased the intimacy between teachers and students, and consequently the students were absolutely loyal to their teachers. I am sure none of our group will ever forget the farewell dinner party held in one of the hotels of Hanoi for our adviser, Dr. Kwei, who directed our group to Hanoi only. During the party, there was none who did not grieve over his farewell to us, for after that journey he was to leave Hua Chung and join the Faculty of Wuhan University. He was just as good and kind to us as to his own children. We felt from Dr. Kwei's example the power of goodness to move people.

Third, the cooperative spirit among the students themselves. Cooperation is a very necessary factor in a community life. It is a virtue usually to be found in Hua Chung College, but I feel it was specially shown during the journey. I remember that when our train reached Hanoi, we had to alight and have our baggage moved to our hotel. As the coolies asked too high a price, we were so much annoyed that we decided to move our boxes by ourselves. The station was half a li from the hotel, and we had to cross the street, which was crowded with Annamese, and bustling with tram cars and automobiles. In half an hour, we had carried all our things to the hotel with nothing left behind. Then at Lao Kai station we were informed that we had to change trains and we had only a few minutes to move our things. So anxious were we that, with no hesitation at all, each of us carried to the other train our boxes and bedding bundles, regardless of their weight. To our surprise, we moved all of the baggage in less than the time allowed. This small piece of experience is still remembered by many of us as a good illustration of the cooperative spirit which may overcome difficulties.

/s/ Gwoh Chao Ho 郭兆和

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February 20, 1941

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President Francis C. M. Wei
c/o American Express Company
4 Des Voeux Road Central
Hongkong, China

Dear Dr. Wei:

I wish to acknowledge your letter of October 30, which seems to have been a long time in the mails reaching us.

I quite understand the difficulty you are having with the question of college catalogues. Whenever the time does come when new catalogues are prepared, we will appreciate having them.

I also have made note of your needs in the fields of Economics, Sociology, and Biology, and should any Chinese teachers wanting to return to China present their qualifications to us, we will let you know at once.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

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Via S.S. "Pres. Grant"
from San Francisco, Calif.

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VIA CHINA CLIPPER

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

Dear Dr. Wei:

Sometime ago we sent to you a suggested calendar for items which should be sent to the New York office during the year. At that time I promised to send reminders as each particular item comes due. I am writing now to call your attention to two of these matters.

1. Reports for the Annual Meetings of the Boards. The following annual meetings of the Boards will be held during the week of May 12: Associated Boards, Cheeloo University, Fukien Christian University, Ginling College, University of Nanking, West China Union University, Yenching University. Any reports which you wish to make to any of these meetings should be gotten off at once, so that they will reach us in time for preparation for the meetings and circulation to the members of thw Boards with the agenda.

2. Lists of Faculty Members to be on Furlough this Coming Year. Will you please send us, so that we may receive it not later than the middle of June, a list of all faculty members, both Western and Chinese who expect to be in America during the coming year, together with addresses where they may be reached? In the past we have found considerable difficulty in making up an accurate list of those who are in America on furlough, and your cooperation at this point will be very helpful.

Mr. Evans sent to you early in January a request for the budget for the year 1941-42. We hope that this has been forwarded, as the presentation for plans for next year at the annual meeting will depend very much upon the budgets sent in. The presentation of your needs for the coming year is a part of this budget and is necessary for the consideration of our plans for next year which must be acted upon at the annual meeting.

We will greatly appreciate your cooperation in all of the matters mentioned above.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

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Copies to Mr Sherman and Mr. Smith

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New York, March 5, 1941

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

Letter No. 20

Received in Hsichow March 29

Dear Dr. Wei:

I received on February 28th your letter N.Y.17 dated February 5th. There certainly was a long pause in our correspondence but none of the letters have been lost. My alibi is the rather weak one in my letter No. 19 of February 5th which I hope has reached you by this time. Now that Mr. Coe has departed I do not have even that alibi, so I shall have to behave better.

I received a letter from Mr. Coe dated January 28th, when his ship was approaching Honolulu. Judging from the date, he and Mrs. Coe should be able to reach Hsichow at about this time and you will have all the information regarding the accounts, etc. It will be a great relief to us when we know that they have arrived safely.

I received with your letter the sheet of information from Mr. Tan and have checked the record of drafts against the Joint Account. According to all the information which we have, all your drafts of which we have record have been charged to the Account in the bank,with the exception of the following which had not reached the bank on February 22nd which was the date of their last monthly report:

Outstanding on February 22nd

No. 13 -	David S. Hsiung	$300.00	Charged - Mar 18
22	?	?	- Cancelled
23	?	?	- Cancelled
25 -	Academia Simica	25.00	- Charged Mar 25
31 -	Johns Hopkins Press	8.00	
33 -	Bank of China	500.00	Charged June 3
34 -	" " "	500.00	Destroyed in truck fire
35 -	?	?	- Cancelled
38 -	John Evans	1,000.00	Charged Mar 4
39 -	" "	1,000.00	- Charged Apr 17

Please note that we have no information as to the date, amount or payee for drafts (checks) No. 22, 23 and 35. all cancelled

With my letter No. 19 I enclosed a statement of the operations of the Joint Account and the Reserve Account to January

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22, 1941. The operations of the two accounts to February 22, 1941, were as follows:

Joint Account

1941		
Jan. 22	- Balance carried forward	$1,012.33
Feb. 7	- Transferred from Reserve Account	2,000.00
		$3,012.33

Drafts (checks) Debited

Jan. 22	- Draft 32	$139.49	
29	" 36	100.00	
Feb. 13	" 37	100.00	339.49
Feb. 22	- Balance on Hand		$2,672.84

Reserve Account

1941		
Jan. 22	- Balance carried forward	$26,592.79
Feb. 7	- Transferred to Joint Account	2,000.00
22	- Balance on Hand	$24,592.79

Combined

Feb. 22 - Combined Balance in two accounts..... $27,265.63

Because of the drafts 32 to 39 reported by Mr. Tan as of February 5th I transferred an additional amount of $2,000. from the Reserve Account to the Joint Account on February 28th. Such reports of new drafts, received before the drafts reach the bank, make the operations at this end much easier.

I note with satisfaction that there will be no change in the salary scale, but that the subsidy scheme will be continued. This, as you know, appeared wise to our Executive Committee. It was too bad that you could not get all the advantage of the high rate of exchange, but I am sure you did right in not speculating.

Regarding the possible difficulty in transmitting money from here to Hsichow, I think we can surmount this difficulty promptly on cable advice from you that funds are needed. The letter of credit which we provided for Mr. Coe may be useful in such an emergency.

I am sure our Executive Committee would approve of your attending the meeting of the Peoples Political Council, but we shall be relieved when we learn that you are safely back in Hsichow. We shall be on the look-out for notice of your broadcast.

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I hope you will have received,before this letter arrives, a copy of the minutes of the annual meeting of the Founders. The interest in all the activities of the College continues to be intense and we hope to be ready at any time to take care of any needs which may arise.

As Chairman of the Committee on Office of the Associated Boards, I am having an interesting time planning the adjustment of the office staff to permit Mr. Garside to be transferred temporarily to a new organization known as "United China Relief" which is starting on an intensive nation-wide campaign to raise $5,000,000. for China Relief. The Sustaining Fund of the Associated Boards for two years is included as one of the important parts. The seven agencies which are to be helped are as follows:

American Bureau for Medical Aid to China
China Emergency Relief Committee
China Aid Council
American Committee for Chinese War Orphans
Church Committee for China Relief
American Committee in aid of Chinese Industrial Cooperatives
Associated Boards for Christian Colleges

The Board of Directors includes some of the most outstanding U.S.citizens and Mr. Garside is Executive Director. It will be a fine effort for China, but, personally, I shall be much surprised if the objective is reached. We are having more demands for help than I believe the generous American people can meet, at a time when taxes are mounting up and the business of the future is so uncertain.

Please note that the Annual Meeting of the Associated Boards will be held in the week of May 5th, which is earlier than usual. This means that the budget for Hua Chung for 1941-42 will have to be in my hands by April 15th if possible. Please forward a preliminary budget upon receipt of this letter, if it has not been sent already. This can be in the brief three-page form which we have been using recently, and followed later by a more complete report.

I want to tell you how much the three papers on "What makes a Christian College" were appreciated by the Founders and also by the officers of the Associated Boards, who sent copies to all the members of their Committee on Staff, Curriculum and Christian Character. With so many practical questions of existence pressing upon us, it is more than usually important that we cultivate the spirit of prayer and devotion to God. A great many people in this country are conscious of this. We realize that an attempt to rush to God in an emergency will not accomplish much unless we have been prepared in advance by frequent periods of prayer and devotion.

With warmest regards to all our friends,

Yours very sincerely,

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March 25, 1941

Dear Dr. Sherman,

I wish to add this personal note concerning my daughter Anna who wants to study medicine.

Since her childhood Anna has been wanting to study medicine in order to qualify herself as a physician. She has worthy ambitions for service in this profession and I have never discouraged her is her aspirations. Before she entered Huachung in the autumn of 1935 she succeeded in passing the entrance examinations to enter the Shanghai,Medical College, a tax-supported institution in Shanghai, at that time under Dr. F. C. Yen, with the reputation of good standards. It happened that just at that time Dr. Edward Hume was visiting in China and had lunch with my family in our house. He made the remark in Anna's hearing that there was only one medical college of Grade A in China, and that was P.U.M.C., the other medical colleges being grade C at thebest including the Shanghai Medical College, which Anna was about to enter.

This influenced Anna's thinking and she changed her mind and entered our own college instead to study the sciences in preparation for the P.U.M.C. Owingto the war she stayed on in Huachung to finish her science cource in the Yale-in-China School of Science and finished it in the summer of 1939 here in Hsichow. She was taken sick with scarlet fever just before the graduation examinations and that delayed her degree until the winter of that year. Now she has already got her B.S. degree with her major in Chemistry and minor in Biology. She has been teaching at the Heep Yun Middle School for Girls, and Anglican school under Bishop Hall, in Kowloon. She passed her entrance examinations for the P.U.M.C. last summer, but owing to the situation in Peiping I advised her not to go to Peiping, and so she is still teaching in Kowloon.

Now the situation in the North has not improved but has really become more tense. I talked to the General Manager of the Commercial Press in Hongkong while we were together in Chungking this time for the meeting of the People's Political Council, and he was strongly of the opinion that Anna should not go to Peiping. He ought to know and I respect his opinion. But Anna is already 25 and I should not delay further her medical training.

There seems only one way out and that is to find her a scholarship to go to America for her medical course. I have no means of my own. It is impossible evento pay her travel, when exchange is now so high. Do you or other friends have any means to get Anna a scholarship with good enough a stipend to pay all her expenses in college and her travel? I have been hesitating for a long time to write this to you, but I feel more or less under obligation to my daughter to askfor help from my American friends since there is no way in China. All the medical colleges in China except the P.U.M.C. are undergraduate cources, that is taking students who have just finished the senior middle school, and Anna has taken her science degree and is much older in age. If there is any encouraging news please let me know by cable.

Yours Affectionately,

March 25, 1941

(Signed) Francis C.M.Wei

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copy for Dr. Sherman

March 25, 1941

Dr. Bingham Dai
Fiske University
Nashville, Tennessee
U. S. A.

Dear Dr. Dai:

I think we met in Chicago in 1934 when I was lecturing on the Haskell Foundation at the University. Our chair of Sociology in the College is still vacant, and I am offering to you this chair as full professor of Sociology in the Department of History-Sociology under the Faculty of Arts, with the monthly salary of $300. national currency, payable here in Hsichow, or wherever the College may be, for two years beginning from August 1, 1941. While we make very few changes in our appointments, we are now following the government regulation of making appointments for the maximum term of two years, the appointment being renewable if agreeable to both parties at the expiration of the term. We provide a house for all our professors if they have families, or living quarters if they should come to the College single, with rent paid by the College. There is medical care and ordinary medicine for members of the faculty and administrative staff and their families provided by the College.

In the College we have a fairly good library although many of our books have not been moved out from Wuchang. Our library facilities compare most favorably with any other institution of higher learning refugeeing in the interior since the outbreak of the war. There is a small budget for the acquisition of new books for all the departments, and if you should accept our appointment, I shall write you later about the purchase of books for Sociology, which you may want to bring back from America for teaching and reference purposes.

I am very sorry to say that it is not our practice in the College to pay the travel of our new appointees from abroad, but we allow a certain amount for travel inside Chinese territory. Our mutual friend, Professor John C. F. Lo, has written you a letter, which is enclosed herewith, and I am writing in the same mail to Dr. A. M. Sherman, President of our Board of Founders in New York, at 281 Fourth Avenue, New York City. If you should have any difficulty in travel, he may find ways and menns to help, but from our end I cannot tell how much assistance he could give from private friends or from the Board. At least he could secure for you and your family missionary rates on the railroads to the Pacific Coast if you should accept our appointment and come back to China as a member of our faculty.

As you may know already, ours is a Christian college with four church missions and the Yale-in-China Association cooperating. One of the church missions is the episcopal church mission in the U.S.A., sponsoring the unit of Boone College which is a sister institution under the same mission to St. John's University, from which I understand you took your A.B. degree. Even in war times with the lowering of middle school standards we still emphasize quality rather than quantity, and our enrollment is kept small in order to maintain our Christian tradition. The teaching loads of our

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professors are not heavy. It is our desire that every professor will carry on a certain amount of research work and have the closest contact with students both academically and socially. One-third of our teaching staff consists of missionaries from America and Great Britain, and 80% are Christians. 70% of our students are members of some church. Dr. John C. F. Lo is much interested in Psychology, and he is our professor of Psychology in the College. You will be able to cooperate with him in many ways, I am sure. At present two men are teaching History. We have only one assistant doing research work in Sociology.

I hope you will be able to accept our appointment and cable your reply by May 1st through Dr. Sherman, 281 Fourth Avenue, New York City.

Yours cordially,

President

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March 25, 1941

Rev. A. M. Sherman, S.T.D., President
Hua Chung Board of Founders
281 Fourth Avenue
New York City, U. S. A.

APR 18 1941
A. M. SHERMAN

Dear Dr. Sherman:

I returned from Chungking on March 19 after having been away for almost five weeks to attend the first session of the Second People's Political Council in Chungking. Yesterday I wrote in detail on my trip to Chungking and the various things I did for the college there and enroute back to Hsichow to Mr. Smith in New Haven. As he is going to send you a copy of my letter I am not going to make any repetitions here.

I am writing to you this time particularly about Dr. Bingham Dai, now teaching in Fiske University, Nashville, Tennessee. He took his B.A. degree from St. John's University, his M.A. and his Ph.D. in Sociology from the University of Chicago. His doctorate was in the year 1935. I met him in Chicago in the winter of 1934 when I was Haskell lecturer in the University of Chicago. John Lo was with him in Chicago for three years and has been in correspondence with him ever since. He is a Christian, and I think a member of our own church. His wife is a Chinese born in America, and they have a baby three years old. After his doctorate in Chicago University in 1935, he taught at Tsing Hua University, Peiping, and then at P.U.M.C. Since 1938 he has been teaching in America. Our chair of Sociology has been vacant for the last three years, and it is very difficult to get a man with the qualifications we desire to fill that vacancy.

John Lo believes that Dr. Dai will have financial difficulties to meet with his travelling expenses. I do not want to establish the precedent of offering to pay even a part of the travel expenses of an appointee coming from abroad when the appointment is made by the College itself. In my letter to him I mentioned that you might be able to find him some assistance. If you could, it would be a great help because we are very eager to have Dr. Dai join our faculty as a professor of Sociology. I do not know how much you can do along this line, but I hope you will give as much encouragement to Dr. Dai as possible. As bookings on the boats on the Pacific Ocean may be heavy, it is necessary that Dr. Dai should book his passage for himself and his family as soon as possible if he should accept our appointment.

With best wishes,

Yours affectionately,
Francis C. M. Wei

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Hsichow, Tali, China
April 2, 1941
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Received in N.Y. April 18

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

Dear Mr. Lyford:

Your letter, Number 19, dated February 5, arrived here during my absence in Chungking on March 17. It was turned over to me as soon as I came back to the College on March 19. Your letter, Number 20, was received on Saturday, March 29, and I am answering both of them in this letter.

Mailed Mar 5

Before I get down to business, I would like to thank you most heartily on behalf of the College for all the efforts you made in securing the passport for Mrs. Coe. It is such a great joy to have her take my dictation instead of my typing ~~it~~ myself, and I want to thank you personally for your help in making her services at the College possible.

In your letter, Number 20, you say that it would be necessary for us to send you our budget for the next year, so that you may bring it before the Annual Meeting of the Associated Boards to be held on May 5. It is hardly possible for us to do that. Ordinarily we would have had our budget prepared by this time for the coming year, but Professor John L. Coe has been delayed unexpectedly on account of College business in Rangoon, and it is not likely that he will get here in Hsichow very much before the middle of April. I would like to get all the information that he brings back from you and the Founders concerning our finances before we attempt making the budget for the year 1941-42. There are a few major questions concerning the budget which I would not like to settle without Mr. Coe's assistance, such as subsidies for members of the faculty and administrative staff in the College in the different ranks. On my trip to Chungking I made it a point to inquire as thoroughly as I could about subsidies and salary scales as actually in operation in the different national universities and other private institutions of university standing. It is my plan to bring up some questions with the Executive Committee Pro-tem when Mr. Coe is able to meet with us. As I have written to Mr. Smith in my last letter, I hope we shall be able to cable to you our total budget for the next year, possibly with the main items.

You will remember that we have already written to you that cheques on our Joint Account in New York are being signed by Mr. Tan, the assistant treasurer acting for Mr. Coe in his absence, and myself jointly. As soon as Mr. Coe comes back, his signature will take the place of Mr. Tan's; and in case I should be absent or unable to sign cheques, Mr. Anderson's signature will appear in place of mine.

In reply to the question raised in the first paragraph on Page 2 of your letter Number 19, and in the third paragraph of your letter Number 20, Page 1; the Treasurer's Office has made the following report:

Cheque No. 13..... U.S.$300.00.....to D. S. Hsiung (Not known whether it has been cashed)

" " 22..... Cancelled

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Cheque No. 23..... Cancelled
" " 25..... U.S.$25.00.....to Academica Sinica (not known whether it has been cashed)
" " 31..... U.S. 8.00.....to Johns Hopkins Press " " "

" " 33..... U.S.500.00.....to Bank of China
" " 34..... U.S.500.00..... " " " "
(Cheques No. 33 and 34 were taken by Dr. Taylor to Rangoon, and they have been presumably cashed there.)
" " 35..... Cancelled
" " 38..... U.S.1000.00.....to John Evans
" " 39..... U.S.1000.00....." " "
(Cheques No. 38 and 39 have been sold by John Evans in Kunming. There is no way to tell whether they have been cashed or not.)

In Paragraph 3, Page 2 of your letter No. 19, you say that the Yale-in-China Association had informed you that the bills for books and equipment purchased on our account seemed to be exceeding our budget for 1940-41. Mr. Tan has reported that the U.S.$2300. for purchases through the Yale-in-China Association are not to be charged to the Yale-in-China appropriation alone, but are to be distributed among the China Foundation grant, the British Boxer Indemnity grant, and the Yale-in-China equipment items, and that they are for the year 1940-41. Mr. Tan further reports that these charges are quite within the budget limits.

We have noted your statement of operations of the Joint Account and the Reserve Account to January 22, 1941. A copy of it is being filed in the Treasurer's Office. Mr. Tan has asked me to request you to transfer at once an additional amount of U.S.$3,000. from the Reserve Account to the Joint Account, because during the last month we have sold three cheques in Kunming, amounting altogether to U.S.$3,000. in order to have enough cash in the national currency until the end of this term.

41 + 42 each for 1000, received by bank this morning - April 18

The minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Founders have arrived, and we are encouraged to know that the Founders are ready at any time to take care of any of our needs which may arise.

It is very interesting to know that a new organization, known as the "United China Relief" has been started for an intensive nationwide campaign to raise $5,000,000. for China Relief, including the Sustaining Fund of the Associated Boards for two years. While we may not expect to have the whole sum raised inside of a very short time, it seems wiser to make appeals to interest people with all the different causes joined together instead of making separate appeals which may sound perplexing. I wish you and Mr. Garside, as well as all people who are working for this great cause, every success.

I am glad you are pleased with the papers on "What Makes a Christian College," which were read at the first meeting of the Faculty Christian Fellowship this academic year and were sent to the Founders. It is very gratifying that the Christian spirit in the College holds its own and is developing a little bit, although it is a thing that requires constand cultivation, and sometimes one is apt to be discouraged with the slow development, but we have to remind ourselves that the Kingdom of God is like a mustard seed -- we must not expect visible results in a short time. In Chungking I met with a number of our graduates who showed great interest in the College religious and church activities, which interest I do not remember to have found in them while they were in College. Somehow the seed planted so many years ago has germinated and begins to be active. This may apply to our present students in the College.

Sincerely yours,

Francis C. McGilvary

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April 3, 1941

Rev. A. M. Sherman, S.T.D.
281 Fourth Avenue
New York City
U. S. A.

APR 18 1941
A. M. SHERMAN

Dear Dr. Sherman:

Your letter of October 24 took a long time to reach here, arriving at my office during my absence on March 10, 1941. I am writing to answer the different points raised in your letter.

I am very much interested in reading the report of the Committee and to study the report of the Committee on Christian Character, Staff, and Curriculum of the Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China, made to the Executive Committee of the Associated Board on October 4.

As you know, it has always been our effort to emphasize the Christian character of the College, and we have made it a point in selecting members of our staff.

Government Curricula. As I have written before, the government curricula, as promulgated last year, have given us quite a bit of concern. There is no prohibition of religious teaching. Therefore, although no official statement has ever been made of the attitude of the leaders in the government as expressed by the Generalissimo and Madame Chiang Kai-shek in Hankow, as far as I know, the new curricula does not affect the teaching of religious subjects in the colleges. Curricula affect our work in so far as the courses for each major department in all the colleges and universities are so strictly prescribed, and even electives limited. It is difficult under the circumstances to find room for the teaching of religion and Christianity inside the curriculum. We are doing our best, however, to get the students interested in electing religous courses, but that is very slow work as the required courses are so heavy. To supplement it we have been giving short courses of lectures on religious subjects outside the curriculum which do not count for credits. That has its handicaps, of course, and we have been only experimenting with it.

Religious Department in Christian Colleges. It has been in my mind for many months to take this question up with the Ministry of Education and to get official recognition for it. While I was in Chungking a year and a half ago, attending the fourth session of the First People's Political Council, I had a talk with the Political Vice-minister of Education on this subject, and my argument was roughly this:

Our Draft Constitution, as well as our present Provisional Constitution, provides for religious liberty of the people. Propaganda of any religion is therefore permitted. The Christian churches in China have thousands of preachers and ministers who preach at least once a week on Sunday to their respective congregations all over the country, and who have the closest contact with the people in their parish work, taking care not only of the children, but also of the adults, in the Sunday schools and religious education as a part of their church program. These preachers and ministers

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are trained in theological schools which are now mostly under the care of missionaries. They are not to blame if in the theological training of the candidates for various positions in the church, Chinese culture should be slighted and the educational policy of the government ignored. Speaking from the point of view of the education program of the nation and speaking also as a nationalistic Christian, more as a nationalish in this case than as a Christian, I would advocate that theological education be recognized by the government, so that the Ministry of Education may have the right to inspect the theological schools of different grades and see to it that they are brought up to standard with minimum requirements in the theological curriculum to take care of the cultural elements of the Chinese people in higher education and to conform to the educational policy of the nation.

The Political Vice-minister at the time seemed to be convinced. While in Chungking last month, attending also the People's Political Council, I wanted to bring this up with the Minister of Education himself and to get something done. I consulted Dr. H. H. Kung about it, and because it was more urgent for us to fight at the time for the continued existence of our School of Education, Dr. Kung advised me not to bring up with the Minister of Education two very important and delicate issues at the same time. So I pressed the question concerning our School of Education and left the issue of the government recognition of theological education to a later date. Shortly after my return to the College it happened that a government inspector from Chungking, who had been travelling in his inspection tour of colleges and universities in the southwest for two or three months, arrived at the College. I had a long talk with him on this subject, using the same argument as I did with the Political Vice-minister of Education in Chungking a year and a half ago. He too was quite convinced, and only later he told me he was a Christian himself, but we both agreed that the argument had weight not because we were Christians, but because we felt such a policy was right. He raised the question of competent inspectors for theological schools. I offered my services for this purpose without salary from the government, and I suggested that people like myself could be found in many places in China, and that qualified persons might be found also for the inspection of Mohammedan, Buddhist, Confucianist, and Taoist schools for the training of religious teachers. When I work for the official recognition of Christian theological schools, I will work also for permission for all the different religions to have their own schools for the training of religious teachers. I can see the disadvantages of having a government recognition for theological schools, but I believe the advantages would outweigh the disadvantages. It may be wiser to get all the Christian Colleges and the Christian bodies in the country to take concerted action, appealing to the government for such recognition of our theological schools, but sometimes I find it easier to get special permission from the government for a theological school in one of the colleges like our own, as an experiment. We seem to have the confidence of the government people, and they know our work and our standards. Anyway the preliminary work has been done along this line, and when our question concerning the School of Education is solved, I may push the other question more vigorously.

This answers largely the question you raised concerning the status of Departments of Religion in the colleges as in the Minutes of the Executive Committee of the Associated Boards, dated October 4, 1940 in Votes E-1124 and E-1125 (a) 1. and (b) 2.

A Large Proportion of Christian Students and Graduates from Christian Middle Schools Desired in Christian Colleges. This is emphasized in Vote E-1125 (c) 1. We agree to this most heartily, and it has been our policy in admitting students all these years since the reorganization of the College in 1929, but the practical question is how to get the Christian middle schools themselves to encourage their students to go more to the Chris-

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tian colleges instead of the national universities and other private institutions. I would recommend that the individual mission boards, which support the different Christian middle schools, pay more attention to this matter, and ask for reports from the respective Christian middle schools on the percentage of their graduates who go to college and the percentage of those who go to the Christian colleges as compared with those who go to other institutions.

Responsibility of Christian Colleges for the Welfare of the Christian Middle Schools. That also has been our work according to our deliberate policy. While in Wuchang, every other year we had a conference of the principals of the Christian middle schools, twenty-two altogether in the Central China region, held on our campus, to which the President or the College and members of the School of Education always took a leading part. That helped to create an esprit de corps of the Christian middle schools in our region, and gave us the opportunity of discussing such problems as religious education in middle schools, educational policy, and school finance, as well as to consider ways and means of overcoming difficulties caused by government regulations and Christian education. Then in alternate years Hua Chung held a Christian middle school teachers conference, and methods of teaching were considered. The outbreak of the war in China has prevented these conferences, but our School of Education is still editing a Central China Christian Middle Schools Bulletin, whereby we try to maintain our contact with the Central China middle schools which have moved now to Szechwan and Yunnan. In other words, as far as the Christian middle schools in the Central China region are concerned, we have for the last twelve years been functioning more as the Central China Christian Educational Association for Middle Schools.

Scholarships Available for Christian Students. This question is raised in the minutes Vote E-1126,2. We always have in Hua Chung a large number of scholarships, both from the cooperating missions such as the Reformed Church Mission, the London Missionary Society, and the Methodist Mission. The Yale-in-China Association has no such scholarships, and our own mission, the A.C.M., gives scholarships only privately by members of the mission staff. The College has its own scholarships, and in selecting the candidates we give preference to Christian students and graduates from Christian middle schools if they fulfil the requirements for the award of such scholarships. It has been so with us for the last twelve years since 1929.

Research in Religion. This question is raised in Vote E-1127. I thoroughly agree with sections (a) and (b). Section (c) touches the question of research through the Institute of Research in Religion in China. While in Chungking this time, Dr. W. Y. Chen of the National Christian Council and Mr. Cressey informed me that I had been elected vice-chairman of the Institute. I declined the election, because I did not believe that their scheme would work. It is of no use to set up an Institute without personnel, without a budget, and without research workers within sight. We have had already too many schemes of this kind, high-sounding but empty and entirely impracticable. I told our friends there on the spot that the way to encourage research in religion is to have theological departments in the Christian colleges with well-trained teachers of Theology, and Biblical Literature, and Church History, whether there are many students or not, and if the teachers are of the right kind, research will be the natural result. We need a good library, and as I have written to Dr. Addison, research in such a department of Religion in a Christian college would be only one of its functions. There are students to teach, refresher courses to hold for ministers in service, translation work to do, a bulletin to publish so as to disseminate up-to-date information about church movements all over the world, and current ideas concerning religion. There are ever so many things that a good staff of teachers of religious subjects might do in a Christian college. They will hold up the study of Theology as one of the disciplines of learning, and hold before all the students the Christian ministry as one

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of the worthy professions for ambitious young people. But Mr. Cressey's Research Institute will not work. They do not seem even to have the vision of Research.

I think I have covered all the important points in the Minutes of the Executive Committee of the Associated Boards. I would like to refer you to my letter to Dr. J. T. Addison, dated February 12, in which I discussed at some length the contribution of our own mission to Hua Chung College, and my scheme of a theological department in the College. Dr. Addison I am sure would be willing to show it to you.

With the best wishes,

Yours affectionately,

Francis C. McGilvary

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

April 3, 1941

Rev. A. M. Sherman, S.T.D.
281 Fourth Avenue
New York City
U. S. A.

Dear Dr. Sherman:

I want to write you an additional letter on our desire to secure the services of Dr. Bingham Dai as Professor of Sociology in the College, beginning with the coming year. I wrote you about this last week, but talking with Dr. John C. F. Lo it seems that Dr. Dai with a wife and child may find it difficult to defray his own travelling expenses from Nashville, Tennessee, to Hsichow. Dr. Lo suggested that they might be willing to take third-class on the steamer, and they would not be entirely too uncomfortable coming back from America. If they should do that, travel from Nashville to Manila for two and a half tickets with a reduced rate on the railway would cost something like U.S.$150. on the railway, U.S. $250. on the steamship, and U.S.$100. minimum from Manila to Hsichow. This estimate would be cutting it very close. Perhaps we have to allow $600. with third-class tickets on the boat -- Tourist class would add $250. more.

As I wrote to you in my last letter, we would not want to establish the precedent of paying travel from abroad for an appointee when the appointment is made by the College, especially when he has a family, but from Dr. Lo's statement Dr. Dai is so very well trained as a Sociologist, and also a Social Psychiatrist in which line Dr. Lo would be able to cooperate with him, that I would like to ask whether the Board of Founders or private friends might not be able to make a gift to Dr. Dai to help in his travel. I would suggest something like U.S.$300. to U.S.$350. Exchange is so high that if the man should have to pay his travelling expenses, as much as U.S.$600., he would not be able to save it in China for the rest of his life. Prices are so high in China nowaways that saving for university teachers is out of the question, and we cannot give him any higher salary than men of his rank are getting at present. His salary would be something like Chinese $300., or U.S.$15. a month.

I hope you will be able to get in touch with Dr. Dai and give him some encouragement. We have failed for the last two years and a half to get any qualified man for the chair of Sociology. We want to get a Christian with good training in the subject and acquainted with the background of a Christian college. Dr. Dai is a Christian, a graduate of St. John's University, Shanghai, Ph.D. in Sociology from Chicago, and has had already six years teaching in institutions of university standing.

Yours affectionately,

Francis C. M. Wei

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April 4, 1941

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

Dear Mr. Parker:

On February 24 during my absence from Hsichow your letters of January 15 and 24 with the Minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China, held on December 30, enclosed were received. Then on March 18 I had your letter of February 20, as well as that of February 21. The duplicate of the last letter arrived almost on the same day.

Mr. O. S. Lyford, treasurer of our Board in New York, has also written for the prompt sending of our preliminary budget for the next year 1941-42. As I have written to Mr. Lyford, ~~that~~ this year we regret that we cannot send our budget as early as in previous years. Our treasurer, Professor John L Coe, is still in Rangoon, and he will not be here until possibly after the middle of the month. I was away attending the meeting of the People's Political Council in Chungking for a whole month from the middle of February until two weeks ago. Then there are a few important problems concerning salaries and subsidies for members of our faculty and administrative staff which I would not like to settle until after Professor Coe's return to the College. When our budget is made up and is passed upon by the Senate of the College and the Executive Committee Pro-tem of our Board of Directors, probably towards the end of the month, we may cable to Mr. Lyford the total expenditure and the deficit which has to be met from outside our regular sources of income.

I have noted in your letter of February 21 that you would like to have names of our faculty members who may be on furlough this coming year. Mr. Eugene Hsu, who graduated from the College in 1935, and has been a junior member of our faculty since 1936, is now doing post graduate work in Brown University in the Department of Physics. You may get in touch with him either directly or through Mr. Robert A. Smith at the Yale-in-China Association office, in New Haven. You may consult Mr. Smith if there is anything that you would like him to do in connection with the program of the Associated Boards. We may have some of the missionary members of the faculty going on furlough this summer, but it is still uncertain who is going.

I have heard from Mr. Lyford that the Associated Boards have joined with the "United Campaign for China Relief." It sounds like a very interesting scheme, and you have our best wishes for every success.

I have noted in your letter of January 15 that Mr. Harry C. Lee is interested in coming back to teach Physical Education in China. Just at the present time we have no way of availing ourselves of his services, but if there should be any opening later, I may write to you again.

Yours sincerely,
Francis C. M. Wei
President

FCMW/MRC

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April 5, 1941

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President Francis C. M. Wei
c/o American Express Company
4 Des Voeux Road Central
Hongkong, China

Dear Dr. Wei:

Attached hereto are the minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Associated Boards held on February 27. A number of items herein do not call for special note. However, you will be interested in the development of the program of the United China Relief. In votes E-1161 and E-1162 you will see how closely related to this work is our own program. Mr. Garside has been given leave of absence in order to direct the United China Relief campaign and is, therefore, for the time being, not available for any of the work in our office. Votes E-1165 and E-1166 indicate the steps which have been taken to take care of the readjustments in the offices of the Associated Boards.

Also attached is the official schedule of the annual meetings of the Associated Boards and several of the individual Boards of Trustees. This, of course, will be reaching you too late for any messages which you may wish to send to the annual meetings, but notice was sent out sometime ago regarding such reports and you no doubt have already sent these to us.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

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Copy to: Mr. John L. Coe

Via S.S. "Pres. Hayes"
from San Francisco, Calif.

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Hsichow, Tali, Yunnan
April 14, 1941
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Rec'd April 30

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

Dear Mr. Lyford:

Enclosed I am sending you a report from the Treasurer's Office on the cheques drawn from the National City Bank of New York in New York, ending April 3, and grants received from the missions and friends.

I have heard both from you and the Associated Boards secretary, Mr. Parker, about the necessity of sending our budget for the next academic year to you in order to get it to New York before the middle of May when the meeting of the Associated Boards will be held, but as I have written before, it is impossible for us to do so this year because Mr. Coe is still on his way from Rangoon. He will probably be here the middle of this week, but it will take us at least a week or longer to get the budget prepared after his return. Our spring vacation is beginning tomorrow, to last for one week, and so all the offices will be working only part-time.

I have been thinking about two or three problems concerning our next year's budget. First, while we are not going to revise the salary scale, we may have to make increases in salaries for some people not strictly according to the stated intervals. Subsidies will have to be continued, and in many cases applied while during the last year and a half they have not been applied. For instance, we give one subsidy to people with large families; now even the small families may have to receive the same benefit. Then, both the first and second subsidies apply only to people with salaries below a certain amount, and now the limit may have to be extended. The Treasurer's Office has not been able to give me the data yet in order to make a rough estimate how much this will mean as additional to our budget of the current year. Prices are so high, and members of the faculty and administrative staff are reaching the limit of their savings and borrowings so very rapidly, that something must be done in order to relieve the situation. The purchasing power of the Chinese dollar is at present only 16% of its prewar value in Wuchang. That means those who are receiving $300. are getting practically the value of $50. of prewar money. To support any kind of family with that income is difficult. However, all these problems will have to be thrashed out when we come to the preparation of the budget, and I shall cable to you the total amount as soon as the Executive Committee Pro-tem has approved the budget for presentation to your Board.

It is my feeling that it is difficult to make any kind of budget at all under the present circumstances. Our people have been most patient and courageous in facing all their hardships. Just to illustrate the difficulty. Anyone of our graduates, man or woman, is able to get $150. to $200. a month by

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accepting a position outside, but at the present time our graduates are getting only $103. a month including subsidies when they stay to work in the College. The government and other organizations in our part of the country have had to increase their subsidies in one way or another. I was talking with a young man who graduated from a government university last summer and was working in a local tax bureau, and he told me that his salary including subsidies was $200. a month; he was just able to make ends meet. Yet some of our lecturers with postgraduate degrees and two or three years teaching experience are not getting any more than that. Of course, it is a situation that we have to expect in wartimes, and it is affecting the whole country. But in a small community like ours in the College we have to enable our people to keep body and soul together before they can really work. No one knows what is in store for us if the war should continue for another two years. Clothes are worn out, and most of our people are unable to replace them. Whatever savings there are are being exhausted. It is true in all the government universities and it is true with our own faculty members. Since we tried to keep the institution intact by moving to a quiet peaceful place like Hsichow, we do not want to give up at this time by creating discontent among our people without doing everything within our ability for them.

The offices are working hard to give publicity to our entrance examinations, which are being held in May for the affiliated Christian middle schools and in the summer for the public. I would be much discouraged if our entering class next September should be less than 60. I am expecting something like 80, with about 20 to 30 for the pre-freshman class. That will make an enrollment of about 150 for the whole College; and if my calculations are right, then we would be stepping up considerably with perhaps an enrollment of 180 to 200 for1942. Beyond that number it would not be wise for us to go as long as we are sojourning in the West.

Before I went to Chungking I thought Mr. Tan would be able to get ready a semi-annual report from his office. But with his illness he has been able to do only half-time work, and so his report is not ready. For this I have to apologize.

We had a very helpful Holy Week, ending with beautiful services on Easter Day. On Good Friday we had from one to four o'clock in the afternoon a Three-Hour Service, meditating on the Seven Words from the Cross, led by four members of our faculty, one of our students, and two members from the Canton Union Theological faculty. On Easter Day we had Holy Communion Service at eight o'clock, celebrated according the Anglican order by Bishop Tsu who happened to arrive here Saturday afternoon from Hongkong via Rangoon, leaving Sunday afternoon. The Holy Communion Service was open to all communicants of the churches here, and two of our students, one being my own daughter, one staff member, and one faculty wife were confirmed by Bishop Tsu. At 10:30 we had the Easter Service for our College and the C.U.T.C., the Rev. A. McLellan of the theological faculty preaching. In the evening at seven o'clock we had a very beautiful musical service with both our own choir and the choir of the theological school singing, ending with Handel's Hallelujah Chorus. We have classes today, but the vacation will begin tomorrow in order that people may go to the Tali Fair, which is an annual affair.

With the best wishes to you, your family, and members of the Board of Founders, I am

Yours sincerely,

Francis C. M. Wei

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April 23, 1941

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

Dear President Wei:

We are in the midst of a publicity movement with the hope of securing large sums, although totally inadequate for relief in China. United China Relief, Inc. is the organization carrying the burden of publicity and, above all things, they need information and assistance.

I am in receipt of a communication from Dr. B. A. Garside, Executive Director of United China Relief, urging us to ask the foreign members of the staff in our China Colleges to write us as many letters as possible telling of the situation and needs in their particular locations, and sending such letters where they will get the widest attention here in America. This also applies to Chinese staff members who have friends in America, and the request is that special attention be given on focusing this work during the next few months. Such letters should be informative as to conditions and needs, not only in the institutions themselves but in the surrounding areas. It might be helpful also if some of these letters were sent to home town editors and other places here in America where they would get the widest distribution and publicity.

If anyone finds it difficult to write to a large group, our office shall be glad to receive such letters and mimeograph them, and mail to such lists which may be submitted to us by individual staff members. SPEED IS IMPORTANT.

Mr. Henry R. Luce, a member of the Campaign Committee for United China Relief, Inc., and his wife will leave on the Clipper which will carry this letter to those in Southern and Western China. They will endeavor to obtain last-minute information for campaign purposes, but the intimate everyday contacts of you good people is necessary to give the right flavor to publicity. Please keep your constituency well informed.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS,
Acting Executive Secretary and
Associate Treasurer.

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c.c. via next boat.

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Hua Chung (Central China) College
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Temporarily In Hsichow, Via
Tali, Yunnan, China

Mr. Robert A. Smith, Associate Secretary
Board of Founders, Hua Chung College
905-A Yale Station
New Haven, Connecticut, U.S.A.

April 23, 1941
N.H.27

(Received in New Haven May 15, 1941)

Dear Mr. Smith:

My last letter to you was N.H. 26 dated March 31, 1941, and my last letter to Mr. Lyford in New York was N.Y.19 dated April 14. Your letter 401/5, dated February 19, by air mail was received on March 17 as previously acknowledged; and Mr. Lyford's last letter was No.20 dated March 5, received on March 30, 1941, already acknowledged to him.

I received two issues of the Yali News Bulletin, dated January 14 and February 7, each in three copies. I always send one to Dr. Zee as the Dean of the Yale-in-China School of Science in the College, and one to Dr. P'u Huang of the School of Education. If there is an extra copy I send it to Dr. S. W. Wan. We appreciate the news you have printed about the College in both issues.

Dr. P. V. Taylor went with the College truck to Rangoon towards the end of February to bring in College supplies arrived from Hongkong or purchased in Rangoon, as well as to meet the Coes arriving from America and the Dr. Logan Roots family from Shanghai. When I came back from Chungking to the College on March 19, I heard that Dr. Taylor was buying a new truck in order to bring all the people and the goods. He had no authorization from the College to do this, but, possibly in consultation with John Coe, he must have decided that it would be cheaper to buy a new truck and drive it in than to charter a truck, because it would be possible to sell either the new or the old truck when he had come back into Free China.

Everything seemed to be going well because on Easter Eve we received a telegram from Dr. Taylor and Mr. Coe that they were leaving Lashio on that day. On Thursday after Easter, April 17, we had a telegram from Maymyo in Burma, dated April 12, bearing the signature of "Taylor Coe," which read as follows:

"NEW TRUCK GOODS DESTROYED FIRE HIGHWAY BOTH SAFE."

This came to all of us as aggreat shock. No details have reached us as yet. We do not know what was the cause of the fire, nor what goods were destroyed, but we are thankful that the people are safe. I am sending this preliminary report to the Founders, and after the arrival of Dr. Taylor and Mr. John Coe we shall be able to make a fuller report with all the necessary details. Unless the truck and the goods were insured, which was not likely, it would mean at least U.S.$1,500. loss in the truck alone, not to mention the baggage and supplies that may have been burned. I wrote previously on the necessity of increasing our subsidies to the members of the teaching and administrative staffs and families. As I wrote before, it would not be possible for me to make any definite report on the budget for the next academic year with those increased subsidies until after John Coe's return and the approval of the Executive Committee Pro-tem, on the recommendation of the Senate, for the consideration and action of the Board of Founders acting also as Directors. My rough estimate is something like Chinese NC$27,000. Approximately Chinese NC$5,000. of this may come out from salary appropriations of the Yale-in-China Association, the American Church Mission, and the Johnston gift, but the balance of approximately Chinese NC$22,000. will have to come ffromthe Sustaining Fund - the equivalent of U.S.$1,000. at the present rate

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of exchange. Exchange may go up again in favor of the American dollar, but that will only mean higher prices, more hardship on the staff members, and therefore greater subsidies. It gives one a sense of futility to try to make any kind of a budget under the present circumstances, but as the world changes so rapidly and drastically we can take only one step at a time.

Again I would assure the Founders that there will be no change of the salary scale, but there may be the necessity of shortening the interval for salary increases and extending the scope of subsidies. When we started to grant subsidies over a year ago, we thought only of the people with the lwwer salaries or with large families. But the soaring prices have already started to affect people with even the highest salaries and with smaller families. The dollar is worth about 16 cents of the pre-war dollar in China. This being the case, the top salary of Chinese NC$350. a month would mean the equivalent of only about U.S.$17. or Chinese $50. a month in the pre-war dollar. With the greatest economizing it would be enough only to keep a family of three or four at the most, just to keep body and soul together - bare existence.

Please send a copy of this letter at once to Mr. Lyford in New York and tell him that as soon as the budget for the next year is ready, I shall cable the total, and he may compare with the total of the current year's budget.

Everybody seems to have profited by the spring vacation, and classes are going on again. The weather is just splendid, and all goes well. The radio every evening brings alarming news from Europe. Nobody knows what is going to happen to China, but the whole world is going through a very critical period just at this moment. We hope for the best.

With the kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

(s) Francis C. M. Wei

President

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Report of Com. on CCSC
to ABCCC Annual Meeting

April 25, 1941

RELIGION ON THE CAMPUSES

Introduction

In accordance with action AB-1094 by which the Associated Boards (Annual Meeting, May, 1940) requested the Committee on Christian Character, Staff and Curriculum to make an intensive study of a plan whereby, in due time, there will be a highly qualified teacher of religion in each of our twelve Christian Colleges, there was assigned to the Toronto Sub-Committee the study of the problem with the request that the necessary arrangements be made for carrying out the request of the Annual Meeting.

The Toronto Sub-Committee can at the present time only "report progress". Individual members made a preliminary study of the problem, and at a meeting on April 7th the Committee discussed the topic at some length. It was pointed out that their report must be partial and tentative because of incomplete information from the field in regard to the following points, among others:-

1. As to the attitude of the China Colleges themselves toward the restoration or enlargement of the Department of Religion.

2. As to the attitude of the Chinese Government - Department of Education.

3. As to what the Colleges are already offering in Religion in their curricula, and to what extent these courses are being elected.

4. Research as to what the Council of Higher Education has already done through the Institute for Research in Religion in China.

Scope of the Topic

The Toronto Sub-Committee agreed that the matter under consideration is not the religious life and atmosphere in the Colleges but the academic work and curriculum offerings in the Departments of Religion. There is, of course, no intent or desire to minimize the importance of, or to offer a substitute for, the general religious activities in the life of the Colleges. This study is concerned with the formal teaching of religion, with the scientific study of religion and with research in religion.

General Considerations

The Committee would reiterate the conviction that the question is of supreme importance. The China Christian Colleges owe their very existence to the religious motive, and all have Chairs of Science, of Philosophy, of History, but most of the Colleges are without Chairs of Religion. The problem should be faced and explored in the light of the conditions which prevail today. It calls for patient study and courageous experiment, in which the Colleges and the Boards in the West should cooperate.

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Moreover, the present time is opportune for a move forward in this field. (1) We learn that the crisis in China has evoked a spirit of earnestness and students are open to consider the fundamental issues of life as never before. Special evangelistic efforts have met with hearty response to the Christian message. (2) Such a forward move fits in with the trend in Education in the West, which is expressed in such statements as that issued recently from Lambeth Palace:-

> "The question of Christian education is to the fore. The statement recently issued from Lambeth Palace, prepared after consultation with diocesan bishops and claiming the full agreement of leaders of the Free Churches, maintained the following thesis: We are fighting in this war to maintain those elements in human civilization and in our national tradition which owe their origin to Christian faith; there is widespread and profound ignorance of that faith; there is, therefore, an urgent need to strengthen our foundations by securing that effective Christian education which should be given in all schools to the future citizens of this country."

Material Received Relating to the Topic

1. The report of a special committee of three appointed by the Chairman of the Associated Boards to study the 1940 report of the Committee on Christian Character, Staff and Curriculum and recommend any action necessary to carry out the program suggested.

This special committee believes that the question under consideration "touches upon the central and distinctive contribution which these Christian Colleges can and should make to the life of the community, state, and Church in China. The Committee believes that the Colleges and their supporting Boards of Founders and the Associated Boards should put forth every possible effort to meet and solve these problems in the spirit in which the Colleges were founded, and relying upon the guidance and grace of Christ."

2. Papers from Hua Chung Faculty Christian Fellowship dealing with the topic, "What Makes a College Christian?"

3. Notes on Christian Life in the China Colleges, by Dr. J. Leighton Stuart.

The Toronto Sub-Committee studied these Papers and Notes with great interest, and would suggest that each of the Colleges be urged to send similar records of their special problems in this field, and of their attitude toward the question of restoring or enlarging the Department of Religion in their Colleges.

Staff and Curriculum

With the proposal to secure a qualified professor of religion for each college we are in hearty accord. We would point out, however, that care must be taken lest his appointment should result in

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a transfer to him of all responsibility for Christian religious education among the students. That responsibility belongs primarily to the staff as a whole. Christian supporters of a university, carried on as a missionary institution, have a right to the assurance that all truth will be taught as the truth of God. What is philosophy but an attempt to explore the mind of God? History is the story of His unfolding purpose in the affairs of men. Likewise the truth of literature and science is the truth of God and to the teacher keenly conscious of God in his own life many opportunities will occur of witnessing for Him in the classroom. Unless such an atmosphere prevails in the institution as a whole, the work of a professor of religion will be unavailing.

It is clear, therefore, that the ultimate responsibility for the maintenance of the Christian character of the institutions rests upon the members of the staff. This will involve the personal life, the mental outlook and the insight of each member. It will mean the keeping of a watchful eye on the whole curriculum so as to see that truth of every kind is presented as rays effulgent from Him who is the Truth.

The staff should hold regular meetings for prayer and conference. (Meetings such as that of the Hua Chung Faculty Christian Fellowship on "What Makes a College Christian?" might well be held in every institution).

The wide variety of subjects involved in a knowledge and experience of religion, and therefore calling for sustained intellectual effort, should be placed on a parity with all other subjects in the curriculum, both as regards the scope of the study and the credits assigned.

It is important also that all courses of study should be matched with challenging opportunities for service - practical Christian work in vacations, etc.

Fellowships

It was pointed out that this is a matter in which the Colleges and the Boards should cooperate, each College feeling responsible for the maintenance of its Department of Religion and devoting a proper proportion of its income to this purpose. Presidents and faculty members should nurture the desire for such departments and should be prepared to give serious attention to the planning of courses, etc. (Note: The Executive Committee of ABCCC has already gone on record, on May 4, 1940, in the matter of fellowships in Religion expressing their sense of urgency for increased and immediate solution of the problem.)

Visiting Lecturers

Assuming all members of the staff to be missionary in spirit and even after a professor of religion has been provided, we still see value in occasional visits of some eminent exponent of religion, either from China or abroad. We recall what the visits of Dr. Kagawa have meant to some of the educational institutions of Japan.

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In the opposite direction, think of the influence of some educationalists who have worked among students in China. The reputations of such men precede them and secure a measure of attention. This is heightened by the necessary preparations for their coming. Their visits are events and all the exercises in connection with them help to deepen the impression. All this does not invalidate or discount the regular religious work being done; instead, it brings it to fruition.

Research

Here we have a field scarcely touched as yet. A lead has been given in the work of Prof. J. M. Menzies of Cheeloo University. The report of Dr. Menzies is as follows:-

"My work at Cheeloo in Chinese Archaeology was concerned with the Culture of the Shang 1490-1100 B.C. Dynasty as it appears on the Oracle Bones and in all the bronze, jade, bone, stone and pottery objects found at the Waste of Yin (three miles northwest of Anyang City or Changetefu in North Honan). This material shows an early belief in God, Shang Ti, who sent the rain, the wind, and the growing grain, and who sent his help or withheld it in time of war. There are no images for worship in this period in China. Ancestor remembrance is a very prominent factor, and the dead are thought of as being present with God in the Great Hall of God.

"My teaching in the University is concerned with the earliest Chinese language called the Bone Script (we have 20,000 published fragments of bone script available for study so that there is sufficient material on the early language, at the time of Moses, to compare with the documents available in other ancient languages, such as Hittete, Assyrian or even Egyptian.

"Archaeology as a study has enabled Chinese scholars to see that there is a factual, scientific method of studying the origins of religion and culture. This gives them a confidence that research in this field can achieve assured results. Formerly religious origins were considered merely to be in the realm of speculation. For the Christian Student and those favorable to Christianity, Archaeology and linguistic studies of this sort enables him to see that the search for the truth as to God's dealing with the Chinese race is only one part of the search for the truth of God's dealing with all mankind which culminated in God's sending Jesus into the world to reveal Himself more fully and to redeem the world.

"Our students no longer feel that Christianity is opposed to Chinese culture as such, but that they can be truly Christian and at the same time truly Chinese, both parts of them working wholeheartedly for the better China that is to be."

Prof. W. E. Soothill writes, in "China and the West" - "Whether there is any direct connection between the pictographs of the Sumerians and those of the Chinese awaits the investigation of a competent Sino-Assyriologist who perhaps may yet be a thoroughly trained Chinese".

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Next Steps

1. Further information should be secured from the field along lines indicated above (see Introduction).

2. Further effort is needed in carrying out the plans suggested in the Report of the 1940 Sub-Committee on General Educational Policy, for putting their proposals into effect, particularly in regard to No. 3 (a) and (b) viz:-

(a) Fellowships to train mature persons as heads and associates for the department of religion. This is the first essential.

(b) Supplementing of departmental budgets where necessary.

3. College Presidents should be on the look-out for suitable candidates for fellowships in Religion, applications for which have to be made two years in advance.

We recommend the adoption of the above three items as next steps in the development of the programs for departments of religion on the campuses.

We also recommend:-

That the Associated Boards call the attention of the Boards of the several China Colleges to the importance of the establishment and adequate maintenance, at the earliest possible date, of a strong Department of Religion in each College, and urge provision for this need by the use of funds either from the present budgets of the Colleges or by securing special additional gifts.

COMMITTEE ON CORRELATION

This committee records its gratitude for the degree of cooperation and coordination already achieved by theChristian Colleges in China, not in one centre only, but in the various centres where union of educational effort is being sought.

The Committee believes that still further cooperation and coordination are possible anddesirable; but is convinced that initiative in this direction should come from the college groups themselves.

Bearing in mind the special considerations that prevail in each local situation, and recognizing the need that plans for cooperation and coordination might well be developed in each university area, we suggest that it may be wise to request one centre to start outlining a progfam. For a number of reasons it would seem apparent that Chengtu might be the centre in which a beginning of fresh correlation should be planned. For one thing, more mission boards are represented in the institutions now working side by side in Chengtu

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than are to be found in any other university centre in China; and each of the institutions now in Chengtu is, itself, a union enterprise. Moreover, the Chengtu-centred groups have already asked their representatives in America to lay their desire for increased cooperation before the American groups concerned.

The Committee suggests that the colleges in Chengtu be invited to consider whether the process of cooperation would not receive great advantage by the selection of two persons to aid the process; an advisor on coordination of all possible teaching activities in Chengtu, and a director of scientific research for all the institutions now located there.

The Committee suggests that Chengtu might wish to request the Associated Boards to provide a special fund, not to exceed US$10,000 in the 1941-42 budget, to meet the expense incurred in securing such persons. If gain is derived from the work such persons effect, the plan might continue as long as the need persisted.

The Committee suggests that other university centres in China give continuing thought to the need of cooperation and coordination in their respective areas; that they, also, make a request for such persons as may, in their judgment, be needed to achieve the goals proposed.

The Committee suggests, finally, that the Associated Boards consult with other agencies, such as Indusco, to discover whether there is not a teaching need - such as an institute for the training of workers in cooperatives - to which the China Colleges may give early attention; and that, if such teaching needs are discovered to be urgent, the Associated Boards lay before the United China Relief a proposal that trained personnel proceed to China to study the nature of the need and the methods by which coordination of teaching effort, concerned with China's pressing relief and educational needs, may be effected.

Respectfully submitted for the Committee,

FRANK T. CARTWRIGHT
Chairman

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校長室
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

May 7, 1941
N. Y. No. 20

Received May 28
Copied at New Haven and copies sent to the supporting missions

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

Dear Mr. Lyford:

My last letter to you was N.Y. No. 19, dated April 14, 1941, which was written after I had received your last letter, No. 20, dated March 5, on March 30. I am writing with the advice of Mr. John L. Coe on the proposed budget for the next academic year 1941-1942. Enclosed please find a Summary Budget as prepared by Mr. Coe, our treasurer, along the lines on which you and he agreed in New York. As soon as the budget was ready, I sent you on May 2 from here the following cablegram, care of New Haven:

"LYFORD YAMIS$ NEWHAVEN CONNECTICUT (U.S.A.) INCLUDING INCREASED SUBSIDIES TOTAL BUDGET CHINESE TWO HUNDRED EIGHTY-SIX AMERICAN THIRTY-SIX HUNDRED OF WHICH SUSTAINING FUND TO FIND CHINESE HUNDRED THOUSAND WEICOE"

I hope that this has already reached you by this time, and that as a cablegram, it is intelligible enough to you for the purpose of the Associated Boards meeting this week.

Our complete budget with all the captions, items, and figures will be sent to you as soon as it is typewritten and checked in the Treasurer's office.

Enclosed I am also sending you the Minutes of the Twenty-third Meeting of the Executive Committee Pro-tem in Hsichow of the Board of Directors, held on April 29 and 30 in two sessions.

I would like to call your attention particularly to Actions Ex. 140, Ex. 141, and Ex. 143.

Concerning action Ex. 140 on the destruction of the new truck on the Burma Road and the losses incurred, Mr. Coe and Dr. Taylor will prepare a detailed report which will be sent later. The action was taken in view of the fact that the accident was a pure accident with no one to blame. It would be very difficult for the Executive Committee Pro-tem or the President and Senate in the College to make decisions as to how the charges for the accident should be apportioned. We put in the clause "in consultation with the cooperating missions" because as the detailed report will show, certain missions were involved in those losses.

Action Ex. 141 interprets Part 2 of the action of the Founders, acting conjointly as Directors on "Permanent Appointment" in the College. It was felt in the Executive Committee meeting that if a person should have his appoint-

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ment terminated by the end of this academic year, he might still get another salaried position somewhere else almost immediately, and therefore it would not be fair to continue his salary as professor in the College for six months. Hence the interpretation as contained in Ex. 141.

The actions of the Board of Founders, acting conjointly as the Board of Directors, were reported first to the Executive Committee Pro-tem and were received, and then later with the approval of the Executive Committe Pro-tem I reported to the Senate that those actions would be put into effect at the end of this year. Notices have been sent to all the professors in the College affected by these actions. I have reported to the Senate that the appointment of only one professor formerly on "Permanent Appointment" was to be terminated, and that is Professor T. G. Djang, and he has been notified to that effect. All the others formerly on "Permanent Appointment" have been reappointed for two years, beginning with August 1, 1941 in line with government regulation for appointments in government-supported universities and colleges. Those reappointed are:Dean P'u Huang, School of Education, Reformed Church Mission; Dean T. W. Zee, School of Science, Yale-in-China; Professor Richard Bien, Physics, Yale-in-China; Professor David Hsiung, Physics, Reformed Church Mission; Professor S. W. Wan, Chemistry, Yale-in-China; Professor John C. F. Lo, Psychology, A.C.M.Johnston Fund; Professor Hu I, Psychology, Government; Professor Yu Kuo-eng, Chinese, Government;and Professor Pao Lu-Ping, Chinese, Harvard-Yenching. We have indication that Professor Hu I is leaving the College at the end of this year not on account of the change of status, but because he wants to accept an appointment from the government Teachers College in Kunming. This offer was made to him a year ago in August, and he is going to accept it only this year. After consultation with Dean Huang of the School of Education, we are not going to bring pressure to bear upon him in his decision to go, and we have already started to look for his successor.

Action Ex. 143 gives the outline of our revised subsidy scheme for the next year. A great deal of thought has been put on this matter of subsidies. Coe and I worked together for hours before we got a revised scheme to propose to the Executive Committee Pro-tem, which spent two sessions in discussing our proposal and in making the necessary modifications so as to do justice to everybody and to have a scheme which would work. Finally the scheme as outlined was adopted by the Executive Committee Pro-tem and received by the Senate. It has been circulated to all the members of the faculty and administrative staff in the College, together with the notice of reappointment. This new scheme will cost the College approximately Chinese NC$49,000 in contrast to about Chinese NC$16,000 for this current year. This increase is considered necessary because although the price of rice is not higher than last year, other things have gone up and are still going up with the falling value of the Chinese dollar and the blockade of more ports on the coast with consequently higher prices for transportation. A year ago we made the discrimination between higher-salaried people and lower-salaried people, thinking that the higher-salaried people would be able to make ends meet. For the last half year everybody has been affected, and most of the higher-salaried peple have already exhausted their personal savings and are going into debt every month. Therefore, something must be done to cover their cases.

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found it difficult to meet the situation, and therefore Part 1 and Part 2 of our scheme became necessary. Part 3 of the scheme gives subsidies for children in school. $50 or $100 does not begin to meet additional expenses. It is only a gesture of sympathy. A child in the Chennan School would cost at least $600 a year, and that is about the cheapest school in Free China. Middle school education costs at least $1,000 a year in Chungking, Chengtu, or Kunming, and so also does a college education.

This Summary Budget is attached to other papers in Core File

The Summary Budget. We first of all wish to point out that war prices and the falling value of the Chinese dollar forced us to increase many items in the budget. The income items remain about the same except that as reported before, the College is not charging any tuition fees or any other fees, and so the income is reduced by at least Chinese NC$14,000, figuring an enrollment of 120 for the next year. If all goes well, we ought to have a larger enrollment than that, but with the uncertainty of the situation we dare not be too optimistic.

In the Administrative Budget you will find that under "Administration" Advertisement and Admissions had to go up by $700 because, in order to conduct Admission examinations in Kunming, at least two people must go there, and that costs transportation and expenses in Kunming. Papers have to be sent to Chungking, Kweiyang, Yuanling, Hongkong, Rangoon, and Manila. Postage is high. There is an infinite amount of correspondence by airmail and telegraph. All the office items have to go up because stationery and office supplies have war prices. The other items have been increased only slightly under the "Administration" except that the Acting Librarian feels he must have a trained Assistant Librarian for the work. The Administrative salaries have increased only according to the old scale with subsidies -- otherwise entirely unchanged.

Under "Operation and Maintenance" in the Administrative Budget, lighting has gone up considerably on account of the increased cost of charcoal. The library has put in new items because only beginning with the current year have we had a library under a trained librarian who knows his job. The increase for "Policing" is due to the increase of local charges, which we cannot control. "Renovation" is increased in order to meet new needs. We came here first two years ago to occupy dilapidated temples, which were fixed up with the idea that we were going to be here for only a short time. Now here and there needs crop up, and they have to be met. We never permit the idea of a new building. Everything is just patched-up work.

"Military Training" is a government requirement. In our Wuchang days we were able to get the provincial government in Hupeh to give us a grant for the purpose of meeting half of the salary of the military officer. In Hsichow we are too far away from Kunming, the site of the Provincial Government of Yunnan, and a similar grant is unavailable.

"Scholarships" remain unchanged.

Under "Extras" the Medical Item has been considerably increased because we must stock up our drugs and medicines on account of the uncertainty of the future, and also on acount of war prices. There is no telling how long we shall be able to buy drugs and medicines in the future, and we do not want to run the risk of getting stranded for such an important item as medical care. We have been able, however, to save the salary of the College physician, as Dr. Roots has already arrived as an appointee of the American Church Mission, for which we are grateful.

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The "Rental" Item has gone up partly because we have to subsidize all the hostel rents, but largely because the local landlords are raising the rents every year because there is a greater demand for housing, owing to the number of refugees from other parts of the country coming to our district.

"Promotion" is according to the desire of the Founders, as Dr. Sherman, the president of the Board, has written, and it is a necessity in order to get the College before the public and to maintain our cordial relationship with the affiliated middle schools now scattered over Free China. It is entirely uncertain whether we shall be able to secure a properly-qualified man to be our promotion officer, but the salary item for such a man has to be provided for.

In the "Arts" budget you will find expansion in the department of Chinese Literature and History. The department used to be very weak, much to our regret, before we began to receive the grant from the Harvard-Yenching Board. With the grant we have been able to improve this very important department in the College. Research work in Southwest tribespeople and culture has been going on for the last two years and a half, apparently meeting the approval of the Harvard-Yenching Board. Even with the increased expenditures, which have been carefully reviewed by a special committee on the Harvard-Yenching grant appointed by the Executive Committee Pro-tem, we do not begin to spend it all -- only about one-half of the grant. On the suggestion of Professor Elisseef, Director of the Harvard-Yenching Institute in Harvard University we are saving the balance for the future when a better day comes.

Other items under the "Arts" budget remain practically unchanged. The Sociology vacancy and the Economics vacancies have to be filled. We are particularly eager to secure well-qualified men to fill the Economics vacancies because that department is assuming greater importance with new needs in the country, and as I have reported before, we desire to expand this department into a school of Commerce.

"Yale-in-China School of Science Budget." There is no increase in the staff; if anything there is the cutting down of assistants, but vacancies have to be filled in the department of Biology and the department of Chemistry. The Maintenance item has been increased slightly, owing to higher prices. War prices have to be paid for books and magazines, and therefore the increase. The "Publication" item has not been touched in the current year, because printing has been delayed by the situation although materials are accumulating all the time. It is requested that the money available for "Publication" this year be reserved for the same purpose next year, and so no new grant is asked for the next year.

"Education Budget." This budget is practically unchanged. The vacancy in Music has to be filled if the properly-qualified person is found, and we are taking steps to secure such a person.

All the subsidies for faculty and staff members and families are to be charged to the missions or donations from which the respective salaries are paid. In cases, which are mainly in Administration, where no mission or donation is responsible for the salary, both the salary and subsidies have to be met by the Sustaining Fund. The reason why we asked in our cablegram for Chinese $100,000 from the Sustaining Fund is stated in the Summary Budget enclosed herewith as worked out by our Treasurer.

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We have an item for "Travel for New Appointees," and at first sight this item may seem large. But travel is very costly under the present circumstances, and as we are expecting six or seven new appointees to travel to Hsichow from various parts of the country, even from the Occupied Areas, we have to put in this item which is a very rough estimate.

The Treasurer's office in the preparation of the Summary Budget has attempted to follow the form which was worked out with the Treasurer of the Board of Founders last year. Unfortunately, there are no copies of that available in Hsichow at the present time and the Treasurer's copy was burned up on the truck. On working out the figures for the current year, the Treasurer has used in part the budget which was prepared in Hsichow last spring, and what he has been able to find out so far of the operations of the current year. These figures for the current year probably vary from the figures which were worked out in New York in September.

This letter is largely on budget business, but I wish to add that the recent communication from the Ministry of Education in Chungking has again given us permission to take in new students into the School of Education next year, which is very exceptional for the government to do; and although we are not certain what will happen after next year to the School of Education, we are encouraged that so much permission has been granted. Ours is the only School of Education not only among the Christian colleges in the country, but also among all universities and colleges, aside from those in which the government has established teachers colleges for the training of secondary school teachers.

I hope this letter will be duplicated and sent at your earliest convenience to the cooperating missions, with the Summary Budget, and the members of the Board of Founders, acting conjointly as Board of Directors. We should be obliged if a cablegram could be sent to us as soon as possible approving this budget. Before we receive the approval, we may have to proceed with the understanding that we may begin to operate on it from August 1, 1941 on.

With the best wishes and the warmest regards,

Yours sincerely,

Frances Cora Wei

President

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FCMW/MRC

P.S. Word has been received that the government grant of Chinese $20,000 has been renewed for this calendar year, $12,000 of which goes to salaries and $8,000 to equipment. In the Budget Summary there has been no attempt to include the figures for equipment grants either from the government or from other sources in China.

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Copy for
Mr. Sherman
Copy sent to Dr. Smith

MAY 13 1941
A. M. SHERMAN

May 12, 1941
Letter No. 21

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

Dear Dr. Wei:

I received on April 18 your letter N.Y. 18 of April 2 and on April 30 your letter N.Y. 19 of April 14. My last letter to you was my No. 20 of March 5. On May 7 I received through the New Haven office a wireless message dated May 3 and reading as follows:

"Including increased subsidies total budget Chinese two hundred eightysix thousand American thirtysix hundred of which sustaining fund to fine Chinese hundred thousand."

"Weicoe"

I appreciate your effort to get this information to us in time for the annual meeting of the Associated Boards and although it arrived too late, it is very helpful provided we are interpreting it correctly. The two words TO FINE are evidently garbled. I assume that the secondword is either FIND or FINISH. Anyway the interpretation makes no material difference provided the amount required from the Sustaining Fund is N.C. $100,000. We have asked for verification of the wording but have received no answer.
Later - Learned that "find" is correct.

Information must have come to me by a way which beats wireless. Ten days ago I had to make up an estimate of your probable budget in order that our figures could be included with those of the other college to make up a total report for the annual meeting. According to that estimate, the amount which we shall require from the Sustaining Fund for 1941-42 is N.C. $104,190. The hours which Mr. Coe and I spent on figures last year seem to have a lasting effect. This estimate was based on the budget for 1940-41 which Mr. Coe prepared last September, with certain assumptions based on information in your recent letter. Your budget, when received, naturally will differ from this in various particulars, but apparently the amount for the Sustaining Fund is adequate, if my understanding of your wireless message is correct. It is important that we receive before June 1 your budget for 1941-42, itemized as was the budget of September 1940. We also need to know by June 1 whether you anticipate that the expense for the year ending July 31, 1941 will materially exceed the budget of September 1940. You undoubtedly will have mailed your budget report before this reaches you, and if (a) your 1941-42 budget requires considerably more than N.C. $100,000 from the Sustaining Fund or if (b) there will be a considerable deficit for the year 1940-41, please report these two items (a) and (b) by wireless. We need this information for Yale-in-China and the other missions as well as for the Associated Boards.

Your statement of the increase in the cost of living and the distress of our faculty and their families is very disturbing to us all. We shall do our best to relieve these conditions. We feel sure you and the Executive Committee will act with wisdom and caution in deciding how to treat this serious problem in the budget.

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I have grave misgivings regarding the complete success of the United China Relief campaign, but I think the net receipts should be enough to cover our requests for 1940-41 and 1941-42. Some of the other agencies which participate in this drive are making absurd claims, but we are trying to deal in real facts as nearly as possible.

I received with your last letter Mr. Tan's statement of drafts (checks) drawn and grants received to April 3, 1941. Including the drafts reported in this statement, the only drafts issued to April 3 and outstanding on April 22 are as follows: (Note that the statements from the National City Bank are as of the 22nd of each month).

Ourstanding on April 22, 1941

No. 31	- Johns Hopkins Press	$ 8.00
33	- Bank of China	500.00
34	- " " "	500.00
43	- Paul V. Taylor	500.00
44	- " " "	500.00
		$2,008.00

We understand from your letter that all drafts from No. 1 to No. 47 inclusive have either been cancelled by you or have been charged to the Joint Account by the National City Bank, with the above exceptions.

Please note that Draft No. 15 for $500.00 payable to David E. Hsung was received by the Bank and charged to the Joint Account on March 18th and Draft No. 25 payable to Academia Simica for $25.00 was received and charged on March 25th.

The operations of the two accounts in the National City Bank from for February 22 to April 22, 1941 were as follows:

Joint Account

1941			
February 22	Balance carried forward		$2,672.84
March 4	Transferred from Reserve Account		$2,000.00
April 21	" " " "		5,000.00
			$7,672.84
	Drafts (checks) Debited		
March 4	- Draft 38	$1,000.00	
18	- " 15	500.00	
25	- " 25	25.00	
April 3	- " 40	1,000.00	
17	- " 39	1,000.00	
18	- " 41	1,000.00	
	- " 42	1,000.00	
19	- " 45	27.00	
21	- " 47	25.00	5,577.00
April 22	- Balance on Hand		$2,295.84

Reserve Account

1941			
Feb. 22	Balance carried forward		$24,592.79
Mar. 4	Transferred to Joint Account	$2,000.00	
April 21	" " " "	5,000.00	5,000.00
			$19,592.79

Combined

April 22	Combined Balance in the two accounts	$22,888.63

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On January 15, 1941 I arranged with the National City Bank a letter of credit for Mr. John L. Coe for $5,000., the drafts against this letter of credit to be charged to the Joint Account. On April 24th I received a letter from Mr. Coe indicating that practically all of the $5,000 would be drawn before he left Rangoon. Therefore on that date I transferred another $5,000 from the Reserve Account to the Joint Account, causing a change to this extent in the above figures.

I note that you have closed your Gold savings account in the National City Bank, Hongkong, and I understand that you have no other funds in Hongkong except possibly some Hongkong currency.

Your letter to Dr. Sherman, with comments regarding the 1940 report of the Ass. Boards Committee on Staff, Curriculum and Christian Character, was received and has been circulated to all Hua Chung Board members, including a copy to the Associated Boards. Your report of conference at Hsichow on "What makes aChristian College" has received a great deal of attention and is considered to be a very important document. I am sure your comments in this recent letter will also be highly valued. This subject of Christian life and teaching on College campuses in both the United States and China is being considered very seriously by many people and we are praying very earnestly for an awakening in both countries. We are feeling very humbly about this matter and some of us feel that your earnestness in China may have a great influence over here. I am sure you will be impressed with the report of the annual meeting of the Associated Boards when you receive it. There was a strong undercurrent of religious feeling. Your discovery that Hua Chung alumni at Chungking are showing more interest in College religious and church activities than they did when in college, is being duplicated in the experience of some of our American colleges. Your account of the services and experience of Holy Week stirred me deeply.

I sincerely trust that your hopes for a student enrollment of 150 next September will be realized and that all will continue to go well with the College. I am anxious to know how Mr. Tan's health is improving. It is a relief and pleasure to know that the Coes are reunited at Hsichow. I also hope that all goes well with your family. We shall all work on the problem of securing a scholarship for your daughter. My family join in sending warmest regards and best wishes.

Yours very sincerely,

Oliver L. Lyford

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281 Fourth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

May 19, 1941

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

Via Clipper Mail

Dear Francis:

I have had two or three letters from your recently which I have very much wanted to answer before this. My new work, however, especially at the beginning of a very actuve Ten-Year Program has claimed my attention and time to the seeming neglect of other important interests. This neglect, however, has not been a matter of spirit but simply a physical limitation and the pressure of my new duties is now lightening somewhat with the completion of the Church-Wide Roll Call. I have also had the comfort of knowing that Mr.Lyford has been writing to you and has been keeping you informed on developments as well as answering your questions.

I now propose to take up some of the matters which were in your letters. In the first place, I want to thank you for your letter of April 3rd, enclosing your reactions to the report of the Committee on Christian Character, Staff and Curriculum of the Associated Boards. This I had circulated among our trustees through Mr. Smith. I also sent a copy to Mr. Cartwright, the Chairman of the above Committee, but I am afraid it did not reach him in time to be incorporated in his report to the annual accounting of the Associated Boards a couple of weeks ago. This report was in a general nature and I will see that a copy is sent you when it is distributed from the Board office. The main item stressed by the report was the necessity of a Department of Religion in colleges. Your letter about this is a valuable one to us and will help us in our study of the College situation and in our planning with you for the future.

As I was about to start writing to you this morning, I received a copy of your letter dated April 25th to the Associate Secretary. This brought the bad news of the destruction of the new truck and its load. I am grateful that neither Dr.Taylor nor Mr. Coe were injured, but I realize the seriousness of the loss especially of the goods that were being transported and of the great inconvenience that meant to the owners of the baggage and equipment.

I will not attempt to go into financial matters in this letter. Mr.Lyford has them clear in his mind and constantly in his thought. We are very fortunate in having a man of such skill as well as missionary devotion in the position of treasurer. He perforsm a wonderful labor of love not only Hua Chung College but for general work in the Associated Boards.

One of your letters spoke of the project to develop the optical glass industry. I am greatly interested in this and in the practical aid that the refugee colleges can give to the de-

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velopment of industrial and economic life of China. Certainly we want to help and Mr. Lyford feels quite sure that we can secure enough from the Sustaining Fund to finance the budget of this experiment in Hua Chung. This you have estimated at 1,000 U.S. Gold. Mr. Lyford had to make an assumption of your deficit in his report to the Associated Board of the amount needed from the Sustaining Fund. We hope this will be sufficient. We are asking for a total of 7,000. The fund, however, is still being raised.

On April 23rd I received a letter from Dr. Bingham Dai telling me that he had written to you the information that much as he would like to return to China he could not do so as he had consented to stay at Fiske University for another year. Because of this information there was nothing further that I could do. I regret very much the disappointment this means to you and to the College.

The amazingly rapid rise in the cost of living in China is a most serious matter. It appalls me to think of what it means in the way of privation to all our Chinese workers as well as all the Chinese people We want to make as far as we can adequate provision for all our staff and depend upon you to tell us what we ought to do. The National Council has given special funds to the bishops to be used for subsidies to our Church workers. You are doing the same at Hua Chung but you will have to readjust it with the mounting costs.

You will have had Dr. Addison's reply of April 25th to your letter of February 12th. The response of the Department of Foreign Missions to his presentation of further aid for Hua Chung College was warmly received. There is no doubt about their interest and their desire to help. If the Government leaves our people any money after the tremendous increase in income taxes to go into effect this year, and the National Council can hope to increase its budget, they will be able to do something. At any rate your letter has started them thinking and planning, and in time will bring forth fruit. The officers and members of the Department of Foreign Missions have such confidence in you and your ideals I know they are ready to back you to the limit of their ability.

Affectionately yours,

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校長室
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

May 29, 1941
N.Y.No. 21

COPY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

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

Dear Mr. Lyford:

I received on May 25 your letter, No. 21, dated May 12 by airmail. So far all of your letters have been accounted for up to that last number except No. 17. My last letter to you was N.Y. No. 20, dated May 7; I am afraid we forgot to put that number on. Please fill it in. It was by airmil, enclosing the Summary Budget as prepared by Professor John L. Coe, treasurer of the College.

I am glad you received our cable reporting to you the sum total of our proposed budget for the next academic year 1940-41. We thought it would be able to reach you on May 5, because we sent it from here on May 2. It was dated May 3 because we have to send all of our telegrams and cables to Tali, the nearest telegraph office. That is why it had the date, May 3.

It is really remarkable that you were able to figure out before the receipt of our cablethat the amount which we shall require from the Sustaining Fund for 1941-42 would be NC$104,190. This is not far from what we have figured out here in the College, that is, NC$100,000 from the Sustaining Fund. The difference of Chinese $4,190 may be accounted for by the way we are charging part of the subsidies for the next year, according to the new revised scheme, to the several missions and funds from which the salaries are to be paid. Our amount of NC$100,000 to be found from the Sustaining Fund for the next year to meet our budget is, of course, an approximate figure.

Enclosed please find a letter prepared by Professor John L. Coe in reply to the two questions you have raised in the third paragraph of your letter, dated May 12, viz.: whether we would need more than NC$100,000 from the Sustaining Fund for the next year, and whether there is any considerable deficit for the current year. As there is nothing that needs urgent attention in answer to both of your questions, we have decided not to send you a cable. Professor Coe has also written in detail in an earlier letter to Yale-in-China Association in New Haven on that portion of the budget which New Haven will have to meet.

The Summary Budget has also been sent to all the missions in the field, because that has been our procedure.

Our revised subsidy scheme for the next year seems to have been received by all members of the faculty and staff when it was announced. As I have reported previously, it is very difficult to make any kind of plan to go into effect three months from date, since the situation is changing almost weekly, if not daily, and prices are continually rising. But if there should be no

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radical changes, our revised scheme of subsidies ought to enable most of our people to make both ends meet by living on the minimum. There are still two families who will suffer hardships, in spite of our subsidy scheme, and I have worked out some little plan in consultation with Professor Coe to meet the needs of those two families from my Discretionary Fund, in order to avoid any criticism. Fortunately, various people and organizations in the Protestant Episcopal Church in the U.S. have been sending me money for my Discretionary Fund during the last two years, and all the money has been kept in the Treasurer's office under separate account. With this discretionary money I have been able to meet special problems among the faculty or students, and also to give whatever help necessary, especially among faculty members.

All the matters you have written about on page 2 inyour letter of May 12 are covered by Professor Coe's letter of May 28, enclosed herewith. We are glad to know that you have transferred another U.S.$3,000 from the Reserve Account to the Joint Account.

I have just received copies of the Spring Issue of the magazine called "Christendome," with my article in it entitled "The Cultural Effects of the Present War in China." In that article I have tried to express some of my opinions with regard to church and mission work in the future in China. There is the danger of expanding our work without taking the possible conditions of the future into consideration.

Reports from the different affiliated middle schools have been very encouraging about our special May entrance examinations for their graduating classes. If all goes well, we ought to have at least fifty or sixty freshmen for the next year from the affiliated middle schools, and then if we should get twenty or more from our public entrance examinations to be held in Kunming or other centers in Free China, the middle of August, we ought to have a freshman class of something like eighty! But this is entirely conjectural.

Mr. Tan's health remains about the same. Since Christmas he has been doing only half-time work by doctor's orders. Now that Dr. Logan H. Roots is here as College physician, he will have a thorough examination before the end of the term, and by that we may determine whether he should keep longer office hours or not.

With the best wishes and the warmest regards,

Yours sincerely,

Francis C. McMillan

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Dr. Sherman

Jan 25/41

THE LEVI L. BARBOUR SCHOLARSHIPS FOR ORIENTAL WOMEN
UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Mr. Barbour, a former regent of the University, and a graduate in the Literary Class of '63 and in the Law Class of '65, hoped in establishing his scholarships to increase educational opportunities for the women of the Orient. That his purposes are being actually achieved is seen from the remarkable careers of numerous former Barbour Scholars.

The Barbour Scholarships, yielding six hundred fifty dollars each per annum and University fees, are awarded annually upon a basis of merit by a committee consisting of the President of the University, the Dean of the Graduate School, the Dean of the College of Literature, Science and the Arts, the Dean of the Medical School, and the Dean of Women. The character of the candidate, physical condition, scholastic attainment, her fitness for university work, including the ability to use the English language for study and classroom purposes, marked ability in some special field, and her desire to return to her native land for service after suitable preparation shall have been made, are the chief factors considered by the committee in making the appointments.

Preference is given to applicants who are graduates of Oriental colleges. Nominations for Barbour Scholarships are made by the faculties of selected institutions. Students are not encouraged to submit unauthorized applications.

All courses of instruction offered at the University of Michigan are open to women students, and the Barbour Scholarships are not limited to women pursuing any particular course of study. They are open to women of any Oriental nationality, no definite number being allotted to any one country. No race restriction or religious requirements are imposed. Unless exception is made by special action of the committee, married women are not eligible for appointment, and appointees forfeit their awards if married during the period of appointment. Appointment is subject to the condition that the appointee shall be accepted as a student by the proper Dean and shall be admitted to the United States of America under the "Student Section" of the United States Immigration Act.

The awards are made annually about the first of March to take effect at the beginning of the following semester in September for a period of one academic year. The scholarships are renewable at the discretion of the Committee, which is influenced by excellence in scholarship in making reappointments, limiting the term to four years, except under unusual circumstances. The amount of the scholarships is not sufficient to meet all expenses of a scholar, but it is sufficient to enable worthy students, who could not otherwise do so, to come to American for higher education. Matriculation and tuition fees are paid directly to the University by the Secretary of the Barbour Scholarship Committee. The Scholarship money placed in the student's hands is expected to defray University expenses other than the above fees, and the expenses of living during the college year. Travel, personal expenses and vacations must be provided for from personal resources.

All documents should be mailed in time to reach Ann Arbor by the first of January, in order that the recommendations may be made to the Committee at the March meeting when appointments are made. Address: Professor W. Carl Rufus, Secretary of the Committee in Charge of the Barbour Scholarships, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan, U. S. A.

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? copies Hua Chung College

March 25,1941.

Dear Dr. Sherman,

I wish to add this personal note concerning my daughter Anna who wants to study medicine.

Since her childhood Anna has been wanting to study medicine in order to qualify herself as a physician. She has worthy ambitions for service in this profession and I have never discouraged her in her aspirations. Before she entered Huachung in the autumn of 1935 she succeeded in passing the entrance examinations to enetr the Shanghai Medical College, a tax-supported institution in Shanghai, at that time under Dr. F.C. Yen, with the reputation of good standrads. It happened that just at that time Dr. Edward Hume was visiting in China and had lunch with my family in our house. He made the remark in Anna's hearing that there was only one medical college of Grade A in China, and that was the P.U.M.C., the other medical colleges being grade C at the best including the Shanghai Medical College, which Anna was about to enter.

This influenced Anna's thinking and she changed her mind and entered our own college instead to study the sciences in preparation for the P.U.M.C. Owing to the war she stayed on in Huachung to finish her science course in the Yale-in-China School of Science and finished it in the summer of 1939 here in Hsichow. She was taken sick with scarlet fever just before the graduation examinations and that delayed her degree until the winter of that year. Now she has already got her B.S. degree with her major in Chemistry and minor in Biology. She has been teaching at the Heep Yun Middle School for Girls, an Anglican school under Bishop hall, in Kowloon. She passed her entrance examinations for the P.U.M.C. last summer, but owing to the situation in Peiping I advised her not to go to Peiping, and so she is still teaching in Kowloon.

Now the situation in the North has not improved but has really become more tense. I talked to the General Manager of the Commercial Press in Hongkong while we were together in Chungking this time for the meeting of the People's Political Council, and he was strongly of the opinion that Anna should not go to Peiping. He ought to know and I respect his opinion. But Anna is already 25 and I should not delay further her medical training.

There seems only one way out and that is to find her a scholarship to go to America for her medical course. I have no means of my own. It is impossible even to pay her travel, when exchange is now so high. Do you or other friends have any means to get Anna a scholarship with good enough a stipend to pay all her expenses in college and her travel? I have been hesitating for a long time to write this to you, but I feel more or less under obligation to my daughter to ask for help from my American friends since there is no way in China. All the medical colleges in China except the P.U.M.C. are under-graduate courses, that is taking students who have just finished the senior middle school, and Anna has taken her science degree and is much older in age. If there is any encouraging news please let me know by cable.

Yours affectionately,

Francis C. Wei

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Yenching College

May 2, 1941.

Dr. Edwin C. Lobenstine
49 West 49th Street
New York, N.Y.

Dear Ed:

I want to share with you the letter I have had from Dr. Wei.

Have you any suggestions or can you in any way help him to get this scholarship for his daughter, Anna.

Sincerely yours,

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EDWIN C. LOBENSTINE
ROOM 5432
[illegible] WEST 49TH STREET
NEW YORK

May 8, 1941

MAY 9 1941
A. M. SHERMAN

Dear Arthur:

I have your letter of May 2, with the enclosed letter from Dr. Francis Wei about the possibility of securing scholarship to see his daughter through medical school.

The best thought I have on the subject would be for you to take the matter up with Ed Hume, if you have not already done so. This is the type of question which naturally is down his alley. His knowledge of conditions in the Yale Medical School and in some other schools makes him the best person I know to deal with this issue.

Yours sincerely,

Ed Lobenstine

Dr. Arthur M. Sherman
281 Fourth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

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281 Fourth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

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May 19, 1941

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

Via Air Mail

Dear Francis:

I am greatly interested and anxious to help in the matter of Anna's medical education. I see clearly that it cannot be in China just at present and I have been wondering how we might go about getting the necessary aid to provide for her travel and study and living expenses. I wrote to both Dr. Lobenstine and Dr. Hume about this and have spoken to them in person. Dr.Hume thinks he can do something about it. He said he had watched Anna's development for years and is eager to help. I do not know just what he has started, but I will try to get in touch with him and see what hews he has.

This is just to let you know that we are working on it and hope to give you a definite reply soon.

Another thing that has been on my mind is your request for books on the Episcopal Church. I am going to try to get these together. I have been deterred by lack of time, lack of funds and lack of knowledge of just what titles to send. As far as the funds are concerned the College Work Division is going to try to get some money for Hua Chung and then that can be appropriately used for the books. The Church Periodical Club also will do something I am sure. I will get the list together and send in my appeal to the Periodical Club.

My daughter was married to the Rev. Gilbert Baker on May 12th. They are expecting to return to China on the President Pierce due to sail on June 4th. They plan to go to Rangoon and up the Burma Road. They will be located in Kunming.

Affectionately yours,

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May 20, 1941.

P.S. This morning I met Dr. Kelley, the Secretary for College work. He has informed me that he has $75. for Hua Chung College and that this will be available for the books, so we will get to work on it right away.

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May 20, 1941

Copy to Rev. Arthur M. Sherman, S. T. D.

I have duplicate of President Wei's letter about Anna to Dr. Rufus!

MAY 21 1941
A. M. SHERMAN

My dear Professor Rufus,

Miss Anna Wei, daughter of President Francis C. M. Wei of Hua Chung College in China, is eager to study medicine in America and I write to you about this outstanding candidate. She is still in China, has received her bachelor's degree at Hua Chung College, and has been accepted for admission to the Peiping Union Medical College, whose professional standing is universally known and approved. She would prefer to come to study at the University of Michigan and I write to urge your Committee to give consideration to her case.

In your kind letter of January 24, 1941, you said that it was even then too late to receive applications for the year 1941-42, but I venture to call her to your attention in the hope that a way may be found for Miss Wei to be considered for scholarship aid at the earliest possible opportunity.

Yours very truly,

Edward H. Hume

Edward H. Hume, M. D.
Director

Application blanks filed & sent May 23rd, Asst.

Professor W. Carl Rufus, Secretary
Barbour Scholarships for Oriental Women
University of Michigan
Ann Arbor, Michigan

P.S. Please send us extra copies of the application blank and of the descriptive circular. E. H. H.

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MAY 23 1941
A. M. SHERMAN

Dear Arthur,

In addition to writing to Professor Rufus at Ann Arbor, Michigan, I think we should lay the case of ~~Anna Wei~~ before the Pennsylvania ~~Medical Missionary Society~~ and before the Mary Putnam Jacoby Scholarship Committee here in New York. Shall I do this or will you?

Sincerely yours,

Edward H. Hume

Edward H. Hume, M. D.
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Rev. Arthur M. Sherman, S. T. D.
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May 26, 1941

MAY 27 1941
A. M. SHERMAN

Dear Miss Allis,

Though I regret adding in any way to your burden of consideration, I must bring to your attention a very brilliant and lovely young Christian Chinese who is coming to the United States for medical study. Miss Anna Wei is the daughter of President Francis Wei of Huachung College, the institution that has moved farther west and wouthwest in this great trek of Chinese institutions than any other in the whole of China.

Miss Wei has been planning to study medicine to go back to serve as a medical missionary among her own people and I have known her for many years. She is intellectually sound, thoroughly trained, a young woman of great character with a father of excelling qualities and a personality of her own that ought to be encouraged. What do you think is the chance of helping this young woman with a grant during the years of her medical study if she comes to America this autumn or in the summer of 1942?

With good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Edward H. Hume, M.D.
Director

Miss May E. Allis
The Lenox
1301 Spruce Street
Philadelphia, Pa.

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Dr. Dubois

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May 26, 1941

MAY 27 1941

A. M. SHERMAN

Dear Doctor Dubois,

Let me tell you about a very charming and brilliant young Chinese woman named Miss Anna Wei who proposes to come to the United States for the study of medicine. Her father, President Francis Wei, is head of Huachung College, the institution in the entire group that has moved farther west and southwest than any other college that has undertaken the remarkable trek since the war began. I know Miss Wei personally, and I am wondering whether it would be possible for your fund to make provision to help her during her course of medical study in the United States.

Will you be good enough to call up my office, Chelsea 2-3230, and let me know whether there is any possibility that an appropriation might be made to help Miss Wei during her medical study?

With good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Edward H. Hume, M. D.
Director

Doctor Phebe Dubois
150 East 73rd Street
New York, New York

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COMMITTEE IN CHARGE OF THE

BARBOUR SCHOLARSHIPS FOR ORIENTAL WOMEN

ANN ARBOR

May 27, 1941

MAY 28 1941

A. M. SHERMAN

Rev. A. M. Sherman
281 4th Avenue
New York City

Dear Rev. Sherman:

We have received an application for a Barbour Scholarship in behalf of Miss Anna Wei which you signed and submitted.

We are enclosing another application blank which you may send directly to Miss Wei for a personal application. Altho there has been some delay in mail to China, there will be plenty of time for her to submit an application in accordance with the important directions at the bottom of the blank. No action could be taken without accompanying academic credentials and other required papers.

We wish to assure you that full consideration will be given to her qualifications for appointment.

Very sincerely yours,

W. Carl Rufus.

W. Carl Rufus

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OF NORTH AMERICA

May 28, 1941

Copy to Rev. Arthur M. Sherman, S. T. D., 281 Fourth Avenue

My dear Doctor Greene,

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A. M. SHERMAN

Let me place in your hands two circulars. One is a statement about the Foreign Missions Conference and its representative committees, including the medical committee; the other is a folder about the Christian Medical Council for Overseas Work. The latter is the medical committee of the Foreign Missions Conference serving our North American doctors and nurses in every part of the world.

This letter is written to you to inquire whether the National Women's Medical Society would be willing to help finance Miss Anna Wei, a young Chinese just receiving her B.A. degree at Hua Chung College. The President of this college is Doctor Francis M. Wei, one of the most distinguished Christian educators in the entire Chinese educational field. Miss Wei is hoping to come to America for her medical study and needs an annual grant to aid in meeting the expenses of the four years of her medical course in this country.

I have known Anna Wei since she was a little girl and know how devoted she is to the profession which she has chosen. She intends to give her life to Christian medical work in association with one of the mission hospitals in China.

In addition to telling me whether the Society would be willing to consider aid to Miss Wei, please let me have a report of the Society's organization and activities.

With good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

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Edward H. Hume, M. D.
Director

Doctor Mary Theresa Greene
Castile, New York

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Dr. Arthur M. Sherman

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A. M. SHERMAN

My dear Francis,

Arthur Sherman and I have been conversing a good deal lately about the medical school prospects of your daughter Anna to whom I send my greetings and my hope for her medical career.

The situation in regard to scholarship aid is somewhat difficult. We are still in process of inquiry but there seems to be no definite prospect today that there will be financial aid available so that Anna can come to this country to enter in medical school this autumn. In the second place, the classes for the fall of 1941 in all the good medical schools were filled up long ago. You see, it is difficult to make arrangements for anybody to enter a school who does not make application from 12 to 15 months in advance of the date of entrance. There are so many more candidates trying to enter medical school than there is room for.

What Arthur Sherman and I have agreed upon is this. He will send you the application blank for Anna to fill out to ask for scholarship aid from the Barbour Scholarships at the University of Michigan. This is merely a matter of applying for aid to pay the expenses of the study. In addition to this, it will be necessary to demonstrate what the earlier preparation of Anna has been. This means that she will have to send us a complete transcript of her high school and college courses. She will have to say exactly what subjects she took each semester of her high school and each semester of her college, telling how many hours per week and how many weeks per year. She will also have to say who the instructors were and what their qualifications were, M. A., B. A., Ph.D., and all that. Then she will have to give the grades that she secured in every subject in high school and in college. With this information in hand, we may then go either to the University of Michigan or some other school in the United States and put before them the case in regard to Anna's admission. Without this information I am sure no Dean of a good medical school would give her case the attention that it deserves. I shall leave it to you and Anna to work out this information and send it along so that Arthur Sherman and I may continue our inquiries in her behalf. I fear I must say again that the outlook for admission for any good school in the United States this autumn, that is, the autumn of 1941, is practically hopeless.

We must therefore turn to see what can be done for the autumn of 1942 and for the year in between. I should suggest that Anna try to take such medical studies as might be

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available, either at Hongkong or elsewhere, entering in the medical school of Lingnan University. I believe their first year work is done in Hongkong. You can discover this by inquiry. Then, with the application from Anna, both with regard to her scholarship standing and in regard to scholarship aid, we can go ahead and make further inquiries.

I hardly need to say to you how eagerly Arthur Sherman and I shall try to work in behalf of Anna, both as to her admission to medical school and as to financial aid. Mrs. Hume joins me in sending to you and your wife and to Anna the most affectionate greetings. We think of you constantly. We are distressed at the news about the fire that overtook John Coe as he came up from Burma. Our hope is that the address of the President made last night, May 27th, may show that America is ready to take a stand in working with her allies, Britain and China.

Always yours from the heart,

Edward H. Hume

President Francis M. Wei
Huachung College
Hsichow, via Tali, Yunnan
China

P. S. Let me include a comment from the catalogue of St. John's University Medical School in Shanghai which says that each applicant for enrollment in the medical school should send in a statement that will "include the names of all courses studied, the textbooks used, the number of hours per week in class room work (as well as weeks per year), and the grades received. It should be signed by the proper authorities of the institutions in which the student has previously studied."

E. H. H.

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281 Fourth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

June 2, 1941

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

Via Air Mail

Dear Francis:

Dr. Hume has informed me that he is writing you for data about Anna. Before we can hope to get her scholarship aid, or even apply to individuals for financial assistance, it is necessary to have her entered in some medical school. In the meantime, Dr.Hume is going ahead and sounding out all possible sources of assistance. If we can get her entered in some medical school, I think there is good hope to get financial assistance. If a grant from a Fund is not sufficient to cover all expenses including travel, I am confident we can secure the money for her travel.

The Levi L. Barbour Scholarships for Oriental Women are assigned each year on March 1st. Applications must be in hand by January 1st. It looks as though we cannot secure the data in time to have her entered in a medical school here and get the funds arranged for, in time for her to enter this September. I am sorry about this,as she wants to get started on her life work as soon as possible at her age.

However, I am encouraged to feel that there will be some opening for her for 1942.

Affectionately,

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June 3, 1941

Dr. Sherman

Since the receipt of attached letter, Dr. Hume 'phoned to say Dr.Phoebe duBois, 150 East 73rd St., N.Y., secretary of the Mary Putnam Jacobi Fund, which provides help for women studying medicine, has told him that the Fund is only available for graduate courses. She was much interested in the history of Anna Wei and regretted she could do nothing for her.

The following day she 'phoned Dr. Hume again and said she had been thinking overnight about Anna Wei,and said that if we could get her entered at Cornell she would like to have her live at her house for one year, and possibly for the four years.

Dr. Hume immediately got in touch with the Dean at Cornell, only to learn that all the classes for September 1941 are full. Therefore, Dr. Hume says all that can be done now is to try to get her entered for the year 1942.

E.L.F.

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June 4, 1941

Copy to Rev. Arthur Sherman, D. D.

JUN 6 1941
A. M. SHERMAN

Dear Doctor DuBois,

Let me place on record my deep appreciation and that of my friend, Rev. Arthur Sherman, D. D., of the Episcopal Board, of your kind offer in regard to Anna Wei. I have looked up the situation at Cornell and Dean Edwards tells me that the class for September 1941 was filled up last March. We shall have to forego the pleasure of having Anna come here this summer but we shall look forward to having her get to know you and, I hope, to live with you when she does come over later on.

Sincerely yours,

Edward H. Hume, M. D.

Doctor Phebe DuBois
150 East 73rd Street
New York, New York

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November 24, 1941.

My dear Professor Rufus:

The enclosed letter from Edward H. Hume,M.D., will explain the other enclosures concerned with the application of Miss Anna O-Na Wei. I share her earnest hope that it may be possible for her to go to the University of Michigan ro pursue her medical studies.

I have known President Wei and his family for many years during which time I was associated with him in the work of Hua Chung College, and its predecessor, Boone University in Wuchange. He is one of China's outstanding thinkers and educators and Anna seems bent on following his example in a life of sacrificial service for their people.

Sincerely yours,

President,Board of Founders
Hua Chung College.

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Professor W.Carl Rufus, Secretary
Committee in charge of the Barbour Scholarships for Oriental Women
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BARBOUR SCHOLARSHIPS FOR ORIENTAL WOMEN
ANN ARBOR

November 28, 1941

Rev. Arthur M. Sherman
281 Fourth Avenue
New York City, New York

Dear Mr. Sherman:

I have your letter of November 24 enclosing an application for a Barbour scholarship by Miss Anna O-Na Wei, daughter of President Wei of Hua Chuang College. This will acknowledge receipt also of Dr. Hume's letter, requesting further correspondence with you regarding the application.

" We are very glad to have Miss Wei's application so early this fall, as the former one failed to reach us in time for action last year. It will be necessary to submit credentials to our Medical College in order to find out whether she may be admitted to the freshman class next fall.

In closing I wish to assure you that full consideration will be given her application. "

Yours very sincerely,

W. Carl Rufus

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December 1, 1941.

Dr. Edward H. Hume
156 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

Dear Ed:

I have had a reply from the University of Michigan concerning Anna Wei' application for a Barbour Scholarship. In this Professor Rufus writes:

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Thank you very much for your help in this.

Sincerely yourw,

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December 4, 1941

✓Copy to Rev. Arthur M. Sherman, D. D.
Dr. Francis Wei
Dr. E. C. Lobenstine

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A. M. SHERMAN

Dear Professor Rufus,

Your kind letter to Rev. Dr. Arthur M. Sherman of New York after receiving the application of Miss Anna Wei of South China is much appreciated.

A few days ago it was my privilege to sit beside Professor C. F. Remer of the University of Michigan. You will recall that he was formerly a member of the faculty of St. John's University in Shanghai. Professor Remer is now in Washington at the office of the C. O. I. and has asked me to say to you that he knows President Francis Wei very well and will be glad to give all possible endorsement to Miss Anna Wei's application which is in your hands.

Sincerely yours,

Edward H. Hume

Edward H. Hume, M.D.
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Professor W. Carl Rufus, Secretary
Committee in charge of the Barbour Scholarships
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Ann Arbor, Michigan

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June 3, 1941
Letter No. 22

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

Dear Dr. Wei:

I received on May 27 your letter N.Y. 20 of May 7th. My last letter to you was my No. 21 of May 22. Your letter was sent to New Haven at once to be copied and circulated to the supporting missions. As the budget for 1941-42 does not call for any change in the contribution from the English mission, we shall not have to wait for word from them before acting on the budget. Therefore a meeting of the Executive Committee for the purpose has been called for June 10th. I did not have time to study your figures before sending the papers to New Haven but I believe the budget will be generally acceptable. I understand from your letter that the figures for 1940-41 are your present estimate of the actual cost for the current year. Apparently this cost will be considerably less than the budget which was approved by the Founders last September, being the figures prepared by Mr. Coe. If this is so you will not have to telegraph me as requested in my last letter.

I do not understand the provisions for "war living allowance" and "war price subsidy" as voted by the Executive Committee Pro-tem. Does this mean that each member of the faculty and staff receives both amounts? I assume that your budget covers the full amounts contemplated in this vote.

Regarding Prof. Hsiao, - I have been corresponding with him about a passport for his wife and her cost of travel. He says he has only U.S. $520. which will be about the cost for one person. He has asked that the Founders provide an equal amount. We have no funds except to cover the bare cost of operations in the U. S. We consider that all the rest belongs to the College; however, there are ample reserves in the National City Bank. I have conferred with Dr. Sherman at length about this. We have your report that you have invited Dr. Hsiao to join your faculty and he has sent us copies of paragraphs from your letters to him. You have told him that you can provide about N.C. $600. We assume that you know he has a wife who was born in Germany but who has become an American citizen.. Dr. Sherman has been advised by his friend Dr. Lichtenberger, who knows Mrs. Hsiao, as follows: "I am not intimately acquainted with Sidney Hsiao's wife, but I have met her on a number of occasions and I was very agreeably impressed with her. I think she would fit into mission work. She has had to make very difficult adjustments and has done exceedingly well." -- Dr. Hsiao says she is an artist and specializes in stained glass.

In your letter you said that T. G. Djang was not to be reappointed and we assume that you expect Dr. Hsiao to take his place, which is a very important one. Therefore after considering all the information we (Dr. Sherman and I) concluded that you would want us to provide Dr. Hsiao with the necessary travel money and I have advised him that we will advance U. S. $520 to him from your funds for which he is to account to you on his arrival in Hsichow.

The whole plan and effort may be blocked by the U. S. Government by refusing the passport for Mrs. Hsiao or by extending beyond June 30th the order now in effect which prohibits the departure of any American ships to the Orient.

We are greatly pleased that the United States are taking steps to unite us to China more closely. The immediate result apparently will be greater difficulties in transportation, etc. but ultimately the two countries will collaborate in great constructive developments.

My best regards to all.

Yours very sincerely,

For drafts on Coe's letter of credit see other side

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The Bank statement of the Joint Account for May 22, 1941 shows no change from April 22 except the transfer of $3,000 from the Reserve Act. which I reported in my last letter and a small debit of 35 cents for interest. Therefore the balance in the Joint Account as of May 22 was $5,295.49. Since May 22 the following drafts on Mr. Coe's letter of credit have been charged against the account:

Date	Amount	Commission	Total Charge
3/26/41	$1000.00		
3/12/41	[illegible]	[illegible]	$1,7[illegible].59
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VIA CHINA CLIPPER

June 6, 1941

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Miss Mary Cookingham
Dr. H. P. Lair
Rev. R. J. McMullen
Miss Elsie M. Priest
Mr. H. D. Robertson

Dear Friends:

We are transmitting herewith the minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Associated Boards held on May 5 and 6 in New York City. The meeting was well attended. Among those present were a number of faculty members and friends of the colleges in China whose presence added greatly to the interest of the meeting.

Many of the items in the minutes are self-explanatory and do not require special comment. The recommendations of the standing committees of the Associated Boards are quoted in the body of the minutes. In order to avoid heavy air mail postage, copies of the reports of the committees are being forwarded under separate cover by regular mail. As matters arise from the future considerations of the committees which call for action on the items in these reports, the pertinent material will be quoted and sent on to you.

The meeting had been planned so that some of the matters relating to the program being carried on by the colleges would receive particular emphasis. The question of religion on the campuses was placed in the central position of the program of the meeting. Dr. Theodore M. Greene, newly-elected head of the Department of Philosophy of Princeton University, was secured as a speaker to present this particular subject from the background of his experience and study on a large number of college campuses in America. Dr. Greene's presentation was exceedingly helpful and stimulating, and the discussion which followed his address indicated a great depth of interest in the subject and its relation to the work of our colleges. This formed the background of the consideration of the report of the Committee on Christian Character, Staff and Curriculum. The recommendations of this Committee were taken up one by one and given thorough consideration and discussion. You will find on pages 5, 6 and 7 the actions pertaining to these recommendations. The carrying out of these actions will come through the committees of the Associated Boards and the individual boards of trustees to whom some of the items are referred. More detailed requests for your consideration will be forwarded to you from these sources as the subjects receive further study.

Special attention is called to the paragraphs under the heading of "Correlation" on page 7. Some of these refer particularly to the colleges in Chengtu and should receive consideration by them. In connection with these paragraphs on page 7, and additional resolution on the same subject, which appears on page 13, should be considered.

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On pages 8 and 9 reference is made to the Committee on Greater Unity and the Committee on Office. The matters with which these Committees are concerned are more or less in reference to the details of work among the boards in America but are, nevertheless, of interest to you.

At the 1940 Annual Meeting of the Associated Boards, Dr. Cressy presented a long report on the work of the colleges in China during the year. This report received the attention of a special committee, the results of whose work is presented in the actions on page 12 and at the top of page 13. Dr. Cressy has, we believe, handed you copies of this report.

We were very happy to have one of the presidents of the colleges with us at the Annual Meeting this year. Dr. Y. C. Yang of Soochow arrived in New York shortly before our meeting and was one of the speakers at the Annual Dinner. The members of the Associated Boards greatly appreciated the messages which he brought from the colleges in China.

We are very grateful for the fine work which you are all doing so effectively on the field, and we feel greatly honored to be associated with you in this work of higher education in China.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

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Copy sent by regular mail to: Mr. John L. Coe

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VIA CHINA CLIPPER

Also copy sent by regular mail.

June 9, 1941

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BY JOHN L. COE

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

Dear Dr. Wei:

I promised to send to you a reminder of reports that will be needed here in New York. I wish to take this opportunity to call attention to the following items which are prepared every summer as soon after the close of the college year as possible. They are listed here in the order of time in which they will be needed in our offices:

1. Statistics for Annual Report of the Associated Boards. Attached hereto is a copy of the information for which we asked last year and which we will need again for this year. Some of the figures are probably the same as were given last year, but we will need to know that the figures are the same before attempting to use them in making up the report for this year.

2. Financial Report from the Field - Treasurer's Report on the Actual Operations for the Year 1940-41. Questions constantly arise in the New York office which call for our knowledge of the actual income and expenditures for a given year. Since these necessarily vary from the budget prepared at the beginning of the year, the Treasurer's Report from the field is important.

3. List of Faculty Members, both American and Chinese, who are, or are expected to be, in America during the year 1941-42.

4. Report regarding the Special Rockefeller Foundation Grant as a Part of the Sustaining Fund. Each year we must report to the Rockefeller Foundation the way in which the money that they have appropriated to the Sustaining Fund has been used. Will you please designate for us the assignments of the Rockefeller portion of the Sustaining Fund grant for the year 1940-41? The amount for Hua Chung College was $3,000.00.

We will greatly appreciate your cooperation again in the preparation of the above reports and the forwarding of them, so that they will reach New York as early as possible.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

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June 10, 1941

President Francis C. M. Wei
c/o American Express Company
4 Des Vouex Road, Central
Hongkong, China

Dear Dr. Wei:

I have not formally acknowledged your letter of April 4. I very much appreciate the information contained therein and will see that the several items are noted so that we can find them as we need to refer to them.

The recent activities of the Associated Boards have been concerned with the Annual Meeting which, this year, has been unusually effective.

Mr. Lyford has been working very closely with us in the past few months in order to help fill the gap caused by Mr. Garside's being drafted for service with the United China Relief. We have been very grateful indeed for this additional relationship and fellowship with one of the members of your Board.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

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WESLEY COLLEGE
YALE-IN-CHINA COLLEGE

校長室
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

June 10, 1941

Rev. A. M. Sherman, S.T.D, President
Hua Chung Board of Founders
281 Fourth Avenue
New York City
U. S. A.

Via Registered Mail

JUL 7 1941
A. M. SHERMAN

Dear Dr. Sherman:

I received three days ago your good letter of May 19 by Clipper, and I was so glad to hear from you again.

It is very encouraging that you like what I have written in reaction to the report of the Committee on Christian Character, Staff, and Curriculum of the Associated Boards. I am sorry that it did not reach Dr. Cartwright, chairman of the Committee, in time for his report to the Annual Accounting of the Associated Boards.

With regard to the loss of the truck in Burma, I have already answered Dr. Addison's cable, relayed to us from Hongkong by Bishop Hall, and Professor John L. Coe has already written in detail to Mr. Lyford, treasurer of the Board, as well as to Dr. Addison. I am not going to repeat what he has written, trusting that Mr. Lyford and Dr. Addison have shared with you Coe's letters.

I reported to the Senate meeting yesterday the last paragraph of your letter dated May 19. Since I wrote to you last, referring to my letter to Dr. Addison dated February 12, I have heard from Bishop Gilman, to whom I sent a copy of my letter to Dr. Addison, and this is what the Bishop wrote under date of May 12:

> "I was much pleased with your letter to Dr. Addison, and I entirely support it, all that you say. I presume that it is necessary for me as administrator of finances to make one reservation, which is that I could not supply the amount of money which you think necessary out of the present sum which the National Council puts under my control. If, however, the National Council under the new system of finding workers would find good men to fill the positions which we have been trying to fill for the last twenty years, we would be making progress."

I am quoting this to you so that you may know that I have reported to Bishop Gilman what I have written to Dr. Addison represing the mission in New York, and that we now have had the Bishop's Blessing on our Advance Program, as far as the American Church Mission is concerned in the college.

It is a disappointment to us that Dr. Bingham Dai is not able to join our faculty this year to fill the vacancy of Sociology. We are making arrangements to have that chair filled either by a man who has taken his Ph.D. in Harvard University or a man in Kunming with a B.A. from Shanghai College and a Ph.D. from London. Miss Mary E. Johnston has written about a Dr. Chu, who has taken a Ph.D. in Political Science from the University of Illinois. We have no chair for Political Science, but since Dr. Chu has been so highly recommended as a Christian man and a scholar, I am going to take the matter up

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with the Academic Committee in the college, consisting of the deans, before I answer Miss Johnston's letter. Sometimes it is just as important to get a good man with the proper training as to fill a chair.

I am happy that both you and Mr. Lyford are considering possibilities of helping Dr. Sidney Hsiao and his wife with their travel from America to Hsichow, and I hope that nothing will prevent Mrs. Hsiao from coming to China and getting to the college here.

I am also grateful that both you and Mr. Lyford take an interest in getting a scholarship for my daughter Anna to study medicine in America. I have written to her that under the circumstances it would be better for her not to go to P.U.M.C. in Peiping. If necessary, she may teach another year in Hongkong in the Anglican School for Girls there, but I do not know what plans she is making for herself. Aside from P.U.M.C. there is really no medical college in China which takes college graduates with Anna's training. She took the science course in Hua Chung in order to prepare herself for the medical course in P.U.M.C., and now she gets caught.

We have already signed the contract with the Hsichow General Hospital for medical cooperation. The Senate considered the matter at first, and appointed a committee including Dr. Roots to negotiate with the Hospital and to draw up the contract. I am sending you a copy enclosed herewith, which please send to the New Haven office for duplication and report to the Board of Founders. It is felt that even with this scheme of cooperation with the hospital, we must appoint a nurse, and we are looking for one.

Congratulations on the marriage of your daughter to the Rev. Gilbert Baker. Mr. Baker did not tell anybody about the wedding before he went to America, but most of us suspected it. I hope they will stop to see us on their way to Kunming from Rangoon.

With the best wishes,

Yours affectionately,

Francis C. Wilkie

Enc.
FCW/MRC

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HUA CHUNG (CENTRAL CHINA) COLLEGE

WUCHANG, CHINA

Temporarily in Hsichow
Via Tali, Yunnan, China

June 13, 1941

Dr. C. A. Evans
Associated Boards for Christian
Colleges in China
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

My dear Dr. Evans:

I have received your Clipper letter of April 23. Please notify your office secretary in the Associated Boards that my address is as you have used it in your letter. Sometimes the office sends communications c/o American Express in Hongkong; I have never used that address myself.

We all appreciate the efforts of yourself and your colleagues working for the Associated Boards to raise the money for all the purposes in China, of which the Sustaining Fund for the Christian Colleges is one, and we wish to cooperate with you to the fullest extent.

I have noted that you wish the foreign members of the staff in our China Colleges to write as many letters as possible to you and other friends in America, telling of the situation and needs in their respective locations for publicity purposes. I am doing it immediately and hope that many of them will be able to write as you have requested.

We are all very glad that Mr. Henry R. Luce and his wife have just been in China. I have not had any news direct from them, but friends in Chungking, and in Hankow strange to say, have written about their visit. They seem to have been to the northwest in order to look over the situation there.

I know that many people in America feel somewhat nervous over our Communist situation in China since last January. I was in Chungking attending the meeting of the People's Political Council and heard all the reports of the government officials. I checked up what I heard from the government with people who had no connection with the government, and the general impression I received there was that the Communist situation was by no means serious. The new Fourth Army Corps was disbanded by order of the Commission on Military Affairs, with General Chiang Kai-shek as the chairman, entirely on the principles of military discipline without any politics entering into it. The Communists have been trying to make the impression that they have under their command large numbers of troops, but their total armed force does not amount to more than 50,000; and if they should do anything detrimental to our armed resistance to the Japanese invasion or to the real interest of the country, they could easily be taken care of. Even among common people in general, and among the students in particular, the Communists have been losing confidence on account of their unwise move in connection with the attendance of the six Communist members of the People's Political Council, which had its session early in March.

Locally, we are peaceful and quiet here in this inland town of Hsichow. The rainy season has already set in, and it seems to be worse than last year. If the rain does not stop in a day or two, it may ruin the greater part of our wheat

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crop. The rice is just being planted, and the rain may not hurt it very much. Prices continue to soar, but they are a trifle better than in the large centers such as Chungking and Chengtu. Being isolated, we are not so seriously affected in prices as in such a place as Kunming. Our only fear is shortage of food stuff, but even at the worst a year ago, we could still manage to get along by paying exorbitant prices. But prices even in such parts of the country as Western Hunan and Southern Kiangsi are getting to be as high as they are here in Yunnan, although not so bad as in Szechwan. As rice is our staple food, its price determines the price of other articles. We are paying 90 cents for a catty of rice, which is as you know a pound and a third, and that seems to be the price in many parts of the country, although in Szechwan it is even higher. Before the war, in Wuchang, we could buy eighteen catties, or twenty-four pounds, of rice for one dollar.

We have just adopted by actions of the Executive Committee Pro-tem of the Board of Founders and of the College Senate a new subsidy scheme for members of our faculty and administrative staff and families, which will mean National Currency $40,000 additional to our next-year's budget. If prices do not rise very much higher, our people should be able to maintain a bare living, but the situation is changing so rapidly, almost every month, that it seems almost futile to try to make any kind of plan for three months ahead. We are taking a step at a time and keeping our ear to the ground.

Our isolation tells on our enrollment of students. We believe that we are going to have a larger freshman class next September, but that is contingent on the situation. At any rate we are able to continue our work here without interruption and maintain as far as possible our pre-war standards. As our motto is "Quality rather than quantity", we feel that as long as we can keep the quality, we may sacrifice quantity for the time being until better days return, although we would like to share our opportunity of quiet study here with as many students as possible.

Friends in America may not understand why we have to maintain as large a faculty as we have when our enrollment is much reduced, but the government's new curricula demand as many courses from the faculty as if we had three or four times our present enrollment. There is much less leeway for elective courses, and so for every major department certain fixed courses have to be offered, so long as we have students in it; but we have been trying to be as economical as possible under the circumstances.

With the best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd.) Francis C. M. Wei
President

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Mr. Joseph I. Parker, Secretary
Associated Board for Christian Colleges in China
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City
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Dear Mr. Parker:

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I am not writing as frequently to you or Dr. Garside or Dr Evans as I should otherwise do, because I trust that all the letters and communications which are sent either to Mr. Robert A. Smith, Associate Secretary of the Hua Chung Board of Founders, or Mr. Oliver S. Lyford, Treasurer, will be duplicated, and copies sent to you, as they are being duplicated anyway for the members of our Board in America and Great Britain. I have been writing approximately every fortnight for the last two years to our Board of Founders, and reporting on the developments and news in the College.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,
Francis C. M. Wei

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Miss King Registrar.

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Copy to: Mr. Coe

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President Francis C. M. Wei
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Dear Dr. Wei:

Before leaving the office on my vacation, I want to call your attention to two items which should receive consideration soon. The first of these is in regard to scholarship applications for Chinese faculty members. We have been asking that the applications for scholarship aid from the Associated Boards faculty scholarship fund be made two years in advance. At the beginning of our plan, this of course was out of the qeustion. We would like now to ask you to do two things. The first is to send us any applications which you wish to have considered for use in the year 1942-43. These applications should be in our hands not later than November 1st, 1941. At the same time, will you try to give us the applications for those whom you wish to have considered for the year 1943-44? This will establish the correct calendar relationship in order to get the applications before us two years in advance. It will help if you will indicate carefully which applications you wish considered in 1942-43, and which in 1943-44.

There are still some scholarship applications which our Committee has not been able to consider because of the lack of funds. Those which we have on hand will be given consideration in the year 1942-43, unless you advise us that this is not desirable. Please note at the bottom of this letter indication of any scholarship applications from your University which we still have before the Committee. Will you also please, in sending applications, be sure to include a full transcript of grades, together with such data about the applicants that will enable us to make a complete record as we apply for scholarship grants from colleges in America.

The second item which will need attention soon will be in regard to the opening enrollment of the Colleges in September, 1941. Our promotional departments need as early as possible a report on the numbers of students enrolled at the beginning of the school year. This is important enough so that we will request you to cable us the enrollment figures as soon as they are available after the opening of school.

Today is the final day of our fiscal year and we are in the midst of closing accounts and winding up the work so as to start the new year in proper fashion. It is expected that our Fall program will get started early this year since Labor Day comes on the first of September and normal work usually resumes after that day. As we look forward to this new year, we are hoping for another record year and one in which your work will be more successful than ever. We also hope that we may find ways in which we can be more than ever of assistance to you in the program which you are endeavoring to carry out.

Included with this letter are copies of recent bulletins (Nos. 9, 10, and 11) of the Sustaining Fund.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

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Note: No definite application has been received from Hua Chung College. One person was mentioned as a candidate, but the name was not given. It was stated that this person was a lecturer in Economics.

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