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HSICHOW, VIA TALI, YUNNAN
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July 9, 1941

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

N.H.30

See letter to Smith

Dear Mr. Smith:

According to my records, I have not received any letter from you since May 15, when I got your last communication 401/6, dated February 22, 1941 via air mail and boat. My last letter to you was N.H.29, dated June 20, by registered clipper mail.

We had a very happy Commencement season, beginning with Class Day exercises. On the evening of July 1, the graduates showed a very cheerful and cordial spirit, and everybody enjoyed the exercises. On July 2, we had the Baccalaureate Service in the morning, with Professor John C. F. Lo preaching, and the Rev. Carl Liu conducting the Service as arranged by the Chapel Committee. In the afternoon, we had Commencement Exercises from two to four, followed by tea served by the Social Committee. The weather was fine, and there was a big attendance, including many from the local gentry. The Commencement speaker was Judge Shen, president of the Branch High Court of the Province in Tali. The District magistrate was also present, and he spoke. Fifteen students graduated, five receiving their Arts degree in English Literature, four the Science degree, (one in Biology and three in Physics), and six the B. Ed. degree. On the evening of July 2, the Alumni Association had a reception to initiate the new members with Dr. John Lo in the chair. Three of our graduates were present from Chennan, and they reported on the alumni activities at the Hankow Diocesan Union Middle School there.

The graduation examinations were conducted as usual by the Examination Committee appointed by the Ministry of Education on the recommendation of the president, who always serves according to regulations as chairman ex-officio. Both theses and examinations showed very encouraging results. One thesis was questioned, but was soon fixed up and passed. Some of the graduates did splendid work in Physics and English Literature. One paper in Physics received a mark of "99", and one in English Literature received a perfect mark. Such marks were quite unprecedented. There were two examiners from outside; one was Dr. J. S. Kunkle, principal of the Canton Union Theological College, to examine the students in English Literature, and one was Mr. Wong Mou-tsu, head of the Political Academy in Tali with an M.A. from Teachers College, Columbia, my contemporary in America as a graduate student.

After the examinations the graduating class conducted the Sunday service on June 30. They arranged everything themselves with one of them preaching, another conducting the service, two to read the lessons, one to say the prayers, and another presiding at the organ.

On July 3, we had a Faculty Tea in honor of those members of our faculty who were leaving the College on furlough or for good. A very cordial spirit was manifested.

All of our students have had appointments of one kind or another; the majority of them are going to teach next year. We are keeping one graduate as English clerk in my office, and another probably as an assistant in the

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Department of English Literature, which is going to be shorthanded next year with the pre-freshman and probably a larger entering class than we had a year ago. If we should have fifty graduates, all of them would get positions; there are ever so many demands for our graduates all over the country. As a consequence, some of the graduating class have had four or five offers to choose from.

Dr. and Mrs. Winston Pettus are visiting us from Changsha. I had them for supper at the Bachelors' Mess day before yesterday, and we had a very good talk together. Bob Clarke and McCabe are coming from Yuanling to spend the summer here and to study Chinese. They were expected before Commencement, but apparently they have been delayed, and they will probably arrive here either today or tomorrow.

The Rev. Mark Li, principal of the Diocesan Union Middle School in Chennan, and two lady teachers, all three our own alumni, are spending the summer here also in the College. Hsichow is getting to be more and more a summer resort and a refuge from air raids for people all over the country. Pretty soon we shall have to run a hotel here to accommodate the people, and we are glad that we can share our safety and quiet life with friends.

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According to a letter from Dr. Sherman, Dr. Thayer Addison wrote me on April 25, but the letter has not arrived. I received only a week ago his letter dated February 21, because he sent his letter by ordinary mail which may take from three to six months to reach us. I have written to him again asking for the appointment of an American teacher of Economics for the College on American Church Mission support. I am waiting anxiously every day to hear from you whether you have succeeded in getting a Yale-in-China appointee for our Department of Economics-Commerce. I know how difficult it is these days to send any men out from America if they should be within draft age, but I hope our Board will be able to wangle it with the State Department and send us the man so very much needed for the work here. I am emphasizing the need of the department of Economics-Commerce particularly because we are sending one of the assistant professors away for poor teaching, and his vacancy has not yet been filled, although we have tried our best to locate a good man for the position. Men trained in Economics are in demand everywhere in China at present. Very few of them are really qualified to teach, and of those who are qualified, still fewer are willing to go into teaching under the present circumstances.

I have been waiting for the reports from the administrative heads in the college before sitting down to write my own report for the Board of Founders, which I expect to do very shortly. It may take me a few days more to finish up the work for the year and to catch up with my correspondence, which has been delayed by the Commencement season. Just at the present time Professor John L. Coe is very busy checking the property in all the departments, which is an annual affair and proves necessary even more than in our Wuchang days, so that everything belonging to the College may be accounted for.

Dr. P. V. Taylor is going on furlough to America. He left with the faculty party for Burma yesterday. If all goes well, he expects to reach Philadelphia or Lancaster where his home is sometime in September. May I report this, and ask you to notify the Associated Boards in case they should want any speaker from the college for their meetings. Dr. Taylor is a good speaker, but he is very tired after the last four years, particularly during the period when the College was on the move. Dr. Sherman knows him well. Some of his statements may have to be received with care. He is a missionary of old standing, and he

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has been dean of the General Faculty for the last ten years. It is difficult to find another man more loyal to the College and to the administration than Dr. Taylor, but he is apt to look at things from an angle which may not be acceptable to everybody else who have the same experience and knowledge in making pronouncements on the subject.

Going with Dr. Taylor to Burma yesterday were Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Constantine from the College; Mrs. Kunkle, Mr. and Mrs. McLellan from the Theological College; and Miss Cox from the Chennan Union Middle School. They are going to spend the vacation in Burma to do some necessary shopping and some of them to consult the oculist or some other specialist. I am glad that they are having the change and hope that they will return safely to Hsichow early in September. Dr. Kunkle is flying to Hongkong on business for the Theological College, and he has kindly consented to bring in with him from Hongkong whatever students are coming to the College in the fall.

I am very sorry to hear from Dr. Pettus that you have difficulty in getting permission from the State Department to visit China. I hope somehow or other you may be able to manage it and come to spend a period of three years here. If you should succeed, do please remember that a hearty welcome is awaiting you and Mrs. Smith here in Hsichow, and we wish you may plan to stay a long time with us.

The rainy season is not as bad as it might be. We have had a spell of over ten days of good weather, and now it seems to begin raining again.

With the best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

(s) Francis C. M. Wei
President

Received in New Haven on August 20, 1941.

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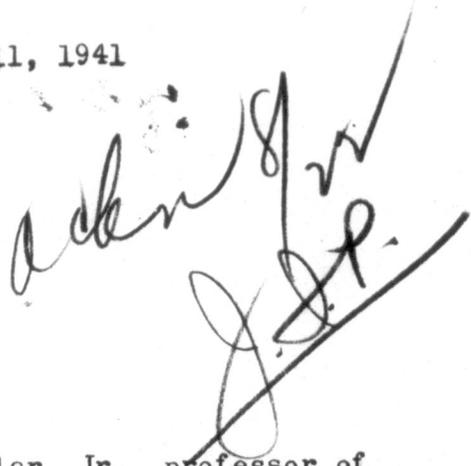
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室 長 校
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

July 11, 1941

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



Dear Mr. Parker:

My last letter to you was under date of June 13.

Enclosed I am sending you an article written by Mrs. E. P. Miller, Jr., professor of English Literature in the college, in response to your request for news from the college in China in one of your letters to me. I hope you will find it useful for your publicity purposes. I have asked other members of the faculty also to supply similar information to you, but I do not know how many of them have done it. Some I am sure will write later. The vacation interferes with business of this kind. Some of our people have gone off for the summer and others are winding up the business for the year.

Dr. P. V. Taylor of the Reformed Church Mission, who has been dean of our general faculty for the last ten years, as well as professor of Education in the School of Education, has gone on furlough. He left for Rangoon three days ago and expects to be in America sometime in September. You might like to get in touch with him in connection with your meetings and deputation work. He is going back to his mission for a year or two in order to serve for sometime as the Field Secretary, which will involve considerable travelling during his stay in America. Dr. Sherman knows him well, and he may be able to give you some idea in what capacity he will be able to ^{fill} your purpose most satisfactorily. President Francis Hutchins of Berea College, Berea, Kentucky, may also advise you in that respect.

We have had a very happy Commencement season with a small graduating class. The number of that class has been much reduced because it represents the freshmen who entered the college immediately after the outbreak of hostilities four years ago, and many of them left the college when the Wuhan center was threatened after the fall of Nanking in the winter of 1937. Then we moved twice, and that has had serious effects on the size of our class, but all of them have had jobs offered to them, some having several offers to choose from. All our graduates would have been placed, if we had had a class of fifty or more.

We are expecting a better and stronger faculty next year, and if all goes well, our work will continue to improve in this quiet and peaceful town of Hsichow. There is no telling how large an entering class we are going to have. That depends much upon conditions in the country and in the Far East.

With the best wishes,



Yours sincerely,

Francis Hutchins
President

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室 長 校
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

July 16, 1941

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*Received Aug 20
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Mr. Oliver S. Lyford
200 Park Avenue
New York City
U. S. A.

Dear Mr. Lyford:

I have received your letter No. 22, dated June 3.

You raised the question about "war living allowance" and "war price subsidy," as recommended by the Executive Committee Pro-tem, for the members of the faculty and administrative staff, beginning with August 1. All members of the staff and faculty receive both, according to the scheme which I have already sent you, and the total amount is included in the budget.

I have noted that you have decided to advance U.S.\$520 to Dr. Hsiao for the travel of his wife and himself. We realize how difficult it is for a man in his position to raise all the necessary travelling expenses from America back to China under the present circumstances, but it will be difficult for him to refund to the college this amount, as the exchange is so high. I have not reported this to the Executive Committee Pro-tem because it may raise unnecessary questions, which we cannot answer at the present moment. After Dr. Hsiao's arrival in the college I shall take the matter up with him, and probably work out some kind of scheme which may be satisfactory to the Board of Founders in America and to the people in the college, as well as to Dr. Hsiao himself.

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Dr. Hsiao is to take the place of Dr. T. G. Djang, who belongs to the Chemistry department, but to fill the vacancy left by Dr. B. K. Chen a year ago. The Chemistry department has appointed one of our graduates in Chemistry of the year 1935 as a lecturer to teach the courses left by Dr. Djang.

It is very good of you to try to help Mrs. Hsiao in the matter concerning her passport to come to China with her husband. Dr. Hsiao has written ~~me~~ under date of June 8 about his difficulties in getting passage for him and his wife on the Pacific. With your help I hope the difficulties may be overcome; and we are counting on Dr. Hsiao's return to build up again the Biology department, which has been pretty dilapidated for the last three years.

There is another matter which I would ask you to call to the attention of the Board of Founders acting concurrently as Board of Directors. The Executive Committee Pro-tem has to be appointed annually. I would recommend the same members for the sake of continuity, as it is not wise for us to have too frequent changes in the personnel of the committee, to which is confided all the important matters concerning the college, but Dean P. V. Taylor is going on furlough. I would recommend the Rev. Leonard Constantine to take his place on the committee, as Mr. Constantine, an assistant professor of Western History, is going to be acting dean of

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July 16, 1941

the general faculty in Dr. Taylor's place, and he represents the Methodist Missionary Society, which has not been represented on the Executive Committee Pro-tem ever since its inception.

Enclosed I am sending also a copy of the Minutes of the Twenty-fourth Meeting of the Executive Committee Pro-tem held on May 2, minutes of the previous meeting having already been sent to Mr. Robert A. Smith. The Minutes of the last meeting of the committee are not yet ready. They will be sent later.

I wish to report that Dr. Yueh-hwa Lin, Ph.D. from Harvard, accepted our appointment as assistant professor of Sociology to fill a vacancy left on our faculty for the last three years. A letter has come from him that he too is in the same predicament as Dr. Hsiao in regard to travel, except that his case seems to be even more difficult. He has not been able to book his passage, according to his letter of June 21, and he has difficulty in finding the extra money for travel for himself and his fiancée, Miss Yao, who is a Yenching graduate, and has been in America for three years with a M.A. in Economics from Smith College. While Dr. Lin was writing late in June, she was still in hospital, and the letter did not indicate whether she would be discharged by the doctor early enough to travel with him back to China and to begin work in the college in September. I have considered this matter about Dr. Lin's returning to China with the deans of the college, and they agree with me that prospects are not good for Dr. Lin to join us at the beginning of the next term. The chair of Sociology has not been filled for three years, and we do not want to disappoint the students again this year, in case Dr. Lin should fail to turn up or should find it impossible to get passage at all to return.

Under the circumstances we feel that we ought to run the risk of trying to appoint another man before it is too late to get a good man. Just at the moment there is a Dr. Hsu, B.A. from Shanghai College (University of Shanghai) in Sociology and Ph.D. from the University of London after four years there on the British Boxer Indemnity Fellowship won by competition; there is a good chance of getting him, and as he is in Kunming, travel would not cost very much. If both men should turn up, they would have light teaching, but may give the greater part of their time to research, for which there is much material in our locality. That appointment may mean N.C.\$4,000 added to the budget, including all the subsidies and travel. I hope this may meet with the approval of the Founders.

It is very encouraging that the government has been sending regularly the monthly installment for wartime loans to our students, averaging \$20 for each student, and more than thirty of them have been benefited by this generous loan scheme. I have already reported that the government has renewed for the current year the N.C.\$20,000 for the college to maintain three chairs of \$4,000 each, one in each of our schools, and balance for equipment in the department of Chemistry, to which there is a government-supported chair with Dr. Wesley Wan as the incumbent.

With the best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Francis C. Williams

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A. SHERMAN

Extract of letter from Dr. Francis C. M. Wei to Dr. Arthur M. Sherman,
President of Hua Chung Board of Founders.

Hsichow, Yunnan, China
June 10, 1941

"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 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."

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AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE HSICHOW GENERAL HOSPITAL AND HUA CHUNG COLLEGE
FOR COOPERATION IN MEDICAL WORK

- (1) This agreement is entered into between the Hsichow General Hospital, Hsichow, and Hua Chung College for medical work to benefit both parties.
- (2) Dr. Logan H. Roots, College Physician of Hua Chung College, will undertake the surgical work in the Hsichow General Hospital three times a week from 1:30 to 4:30 in the afternoon.
- (3) Hours for Dr. Roots' operations will be agreed upon in consultation between the Hsichow General Hospital and Dr. Roots.
- (4) At the request of Dr. Roots or of the Hsichow General Hospital, Dr. Roots and the doctors of the Hospital may consult each other or respond to calls of out-patients, but as far as possible such calls should not interfere with the clinic hours in the Hsichow General Hospital.
- (5) Dr. Roots may have the use of the laboratories in the Hsichow General Hospital for purposes of diagnosis. For such general examinations as urine, stool, or blood there will be no charge, but chemicals or drugs used for special examinations will be charged at cost.
- (6) At Dr. Roots' request the Hsichow General Hospital will send to the Hua Chung College Infirmary a nurse in the morning to assist Dr. Roots in his Infirmary clinic, limited to three times a week. The hours should not interfere with the clinic hours in the Hsichow General Hospital.
- (7) Members of the faculty and administrative staff and students of Hua Chung College will receive out-patient treatments during the hospital clinic hours in the Hsichow General Hospital, at Dr. Roots' written request, free of charge. Calls at the Hsichow General Hospital outside the clinic hours will be charged according to the Hospital Regulations.
- (8) At Dr. Roots' request patients from Hua Chung College will be received into the Hsichow General Hospital wards at the rate of NC\$2.50 a day in the third-class wards, and with a 30% discount on the Hsichow General Hospital stated rates in the second or first-class wards.
- (9) Patients from Hua Chung College will not be charged for any operation or delivery in obstetrical cases in the Hsichow General Hospital, except for medicines actually used.
- (10) Whenever the terms "Hua Chung College patients" or "members of the faculty and administrative staff and students" are used in this agreement, they refer to members of the faculty and administrative staff, students, servants, and the families of the members of the faculty and administrative staff (including wives, parents, children, and servants) of both Hua Chung College and the Union Theological College, as certified by Dr. Roots.
- (11) There will be no charge for whatever obligations are fulfilled by the one party to the other, as stipulated in the above articles, unless it is otherwise explicitly stated.

(12) This agreement will be enforced for one year from July 1, 1941. Its continuation or revision may be affected by mutual agreement, but if during the period of the agreement either Dr. Cheng Hsin Chen of the Hsichow General Hospital or Dr. Logan H. Roots of Hua Chung College should leave his post, the agreement would become null and void.

(signed) Cheng Hsin Chen, Superintendent
Hsichow General Hospital.

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

Dated May 31, 1941

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July 21, 1941

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

Dear President Wei:

I am grateful for your letter of June 13th giving us a general idea of the conditions at Hsichow.

I am also grateful for your confirmation of the address to which my letter was sent. We will follow this hereafter in the office. I believe the reason for using the American Express in Hongkong was that it was the impression the mail could be handled more expeditiously upon arrival. However, we will not do this hereafter.

The year's work has been fraught with many difficulties. New China relief agencies came into the picture and started raising funds. The British Relief organizations also became active, and in the very beginning there was great pressure from Greek organizations. It is of prime importance to know that the constituency of the Colleges continued their gifts without abatement up until the participation with the United China Relief.

United China Relief is an amalgamation of the seven agencies working for China relief, and it has undertaken to raise \$5,000,000 for this purpose. The first million has been raised, but largely through the channels previously used by the agencies themselves. We are hoping that from now on new ground will be cultivated and that a large list of names will be secured for the benefit of the Colleges.

We have had the opportunity of talking with Mr. Luce since his return from China, and he also addressed one of the China Relief meetings. He is one of the prime movers in the United China Relief.

The portion of your letter dealing with the Communist situation is exceedingly enlightening. Dr. Searle Bates, who is back from Nanking, gave something of the same idea, and we are exceedingly glad to have this confirmation, as well as a local picture of the economic conditions in your locality. From reports being received, the Universities have suffered greatly because of the rising cost of commodities and apparently our efforts here in America must be redoubled to render proper assistance. The Subsidy Allowance, as proposed by your Executive Committee, is in line with what other China Colleges are doing, but it is difficult to keep abreast of this rapidly changing situation.

We can readily understand the conditions under which you are working, and the Government requirements covering the teaching staff. In some instances it is difficult to make people in America understand this situation, especially if there is any opportunity for consolidation of work, such as is present in Shanghai and Chengtu. The maintenance of standards is definitely essential.

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President Wei

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As long as the Colleges continue in existence, the work for which they have stood must be maintained. Not alone must the qualifications reach a high level, but the purpose for which these institutions were established must remain ever before us and call for emphasis and development.

We have all felt the enthusiasm and the challenge that there is in the contact we have with these institutions of learning. We know of no other work of its character in the world today with so much promise of power and influence in the future.

Our prayers are with you constantly.

Very sincerely yours,

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

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July 21, 1941

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

Dear President Wei:

I am very grateful for the letter of June 13th addressed to Mr. Parker, who is absent on vacation.

We are receiving from time to time communications from Mr. Robert Smith and the Yale-in-China group, but it is our understanding that Mr. Smith will be visiting your group shortly, and, therefore, will have a first-hand report to make of his findings upon his return to America. It is possible we will be hearing something of this even before his return.

With ever-continuing gratitude for the fine work you are doing, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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

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Dear Friends:

You will find enclosed a copy of the following reports which were referred to in the minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Associated Boards:

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Report of Committee on Promotion
Report of Committee on Christian Character, Staff & Curriculum
Report of Committee on Consideration for Greater Unity
Report of Committee on Office

Sincerely yours,

JD

cc: Mr. John L. Coe

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Rev. Arthur M. Sherman, S.T.D.
281 Fourth Avenue
New York City
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July 28, 1941

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SHERMAN

Dear Dr. Sherman:

I received your letter of June 2, sometime ago, and I wish to thank you and Dr. Hume most heartily for all your efforts on behalf of my daughter Anna to get her a Barbour Scholarship in the University of Michigan for her medical work.

I quite understand that as late as this in the year it is quite impossible to secure any fellowship for her to go to America this summer. As it does not seem wise for me to make her postpone another year in starting her medical education, and as the future of the Pacific Ocean is quite uncertain, I have written to Hongkong telling Anna to make plans to go to P.U.M.C. in Peiping and begin her medical course there next September. I have been hesitating to give her this permission because of the conditions in the north, and particularly at the present time when the situation becomes even more uncertain, but from information I have received, it seems all right for her to venture it. If anything should happen, the P.U.M.C. authorities will probably take steps to send the students, particularly the women students, to a safer place. With the recent developments in the Far East it may be that Anna will not be able to go to Peiping at all. In that case I do not know what plans would be the best for her.

I am much obliged to you for the information you have sent with regard to the Barbour Scholarship, and I am getting the blanks filled, and will send them to you as soon as I have gotten Anna's signature.

I am writing also to Dr. Hume, thanking him for what he has been doing for Anna. Would you kindly forward the enclosed letter to him.

Yours affectionately,

Francis C. M. Wei

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Extract from letter to Dr. Hume from Dr. Wei
dated July 28, 1941.

The situation in the Far East seems still obscure. My bet is that the Japanese will not do very much as long as Russia is still holding up the Germans, and Great Britain is demonstrating more strength everyday. Saigon is occupied. America and England can only bring economic pressure on the Japanese, and we are waiting to see what reprisal the Japanese will make to that measure. The radio news says today that Japanese military authorities are not considering the invasion of Yunnan. Even if that happens, we are quite safe here in Hsichow being 450 kilometers from Kunming and 900 kilometers from the Burma border. The Japanese held Nanking in Kwangsi for over a year and had apparently no strength to push on to Liuchow, less than 300 kilometers, so considering everything, we are in the best place for our refugee college. As there are plenty of millionaires in our part of the country to guard against the danger of bandits and shortage of food, we are determined to stay on here until we move back to Wuchang.

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Lakeville, Conn.,
August 1, 1941

Letter No. 23

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

Dear Dr. Wei:

I am away from New York on vacation and do not have my files with me. Therefore I cannot make this letter quite complete as to figures. My last letter from you was your #21 of May 29th which arrived with Mr. Coe's letter of May 28th. I have seen your correspondence with Mr. Evans and others and judge that I am fairly up to date as to affairs at Hsichow.

Referring first to Mr. Coe's letter:--His statements regarding the various funds are very reassuring and are sufficient for our present purposes. I will not attempt to prepare a report for the Trustees, as such a report in advance of the actual figures for the year ending July 31st will not be of appreciable help. May I suggest, however, that summary figures showing the operations of each fund be sent by clipper mail so that we may have the essential data at the earliest practicable date. Mr. Coe's report with detail figures for 1939-40 has not been received. I assume that because of bulk they were sent as regular mail. Such mail will now be delayed more than ever.

It is gratifying to know that the annual grants from the cooperating units have been received regularly at Hsichow. I consider this quite remarkable.

Referring to the last paragraph on page 2 of Mr. Coe's letter, may I request that when he uses the expression "the balance the college had on hand", he always indicates whether he includes the amounts in the Joint Account and the Reserve Account in New York or only the amounts which are on hand in China. This paragraph reads as though you will have on hand in Hsichow and New York between N. S. \$1,000 and U. S. \$2,000 in the Sustaining Fund without considering any of the deposits made by us during 1941. I have been remiss in making the transfers from the Founders' Account to the Joint Account, and will clear this up when I return to New York. No interest is being earned on either account at present as the banks are not paying any interest on deposits and we have hesitated to make any investments.

I interpret the paragraph, above referred to, to mean that all the receipts from the Associated Boards for the year ending July 31, 1941 are

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available for the year beginning August 1, and that no new amounts from the Associated Board are necessary for the new year. This does not seem consistent with the summary budget for 1941-42 and I need further explanation as soon as possible, as I must report facts to the Associated Boards as well as to the Founders. As you know, we have asked the Associated Boards for a contribution for 1941-42 sufficient to cover the estimated deficit for that year. We had not forgotten your hope that you could get through the year 1940-41 without any additional emergency funds, but we thought best to be on the safe side until the actual figures were available. Now, everybody in the United China Relief groups is struggling for increased proportions of the hypothetical \$5,000,000 and the Associated Boards are making a strong effort for the Colleges, but it is important that the distribution shall be according to the greatest needs, and shall be based on facts.

I note that with the proceeds of the sale of U. S. \$2000 from Yale-in-China, you probably had enough Chinese money to carry you through to the end of the year 1940-41. This accounts for the fact that your recent withdrawals from the Joint Account have been so small. The operations in that account and the Reserve Account since June 22, 1941, are as follows:

		<u>Joint Account</u>		
1941	June 22	- Balance		\$1,851.90
	30	- Draft 51	20.00	
	July 1	- " N. Y. 3-Refund to Yale-in-China	556.80	
	14	- Check book to Hsichow - Air mail	2.80	
	15	- Draft N. Y. 4 - Advance to Hsichow	<u>530.00</u>	<u>1,109.60</u>
	July 22	- Balance		<u>742.30</u>

		<u>Reserve Account</u>		
	July 22	- Balance - same as on June 22		<u>\$16,592.79</u>

Since July 22 I have transferred \$2,000.00 from the Reserve Account to the Joint Account.

I do not have the report of the previous month with me. Will quote it in my next letter.

The Yale-in-China people are still somewhat "in the air" regarding the accumulated balance in the Yale-in-China account, and the proper proportion of their total receipts which should go to the School of Science for 1941-42. I am making some progress toward convincing them that the total science budget chargeable to the Yale-in-China fund should be paid with new funds by Yale-in-China each year but the appropriation for 1941-42 as voted at the June meeting was not on that basis. I believe that it will be well, each year, to send to me a duplicate of the statement which you send to Yale-in-China and the request for appropriation from them. That will enable me to help by supplementing with such financial information as I may have.

Mr. Smith has sailed for China and I am sure that his visit with you will be very beneficial. I hope he will allow enough time for a thorough understanding of your problems.

Page 3 - Dr. Francis C. M. Wei - August 1, 1941

Dr. and Mrs. Hsiao spent a day with us here at Lakeville and I had long talks with him on the way up here from New Haven and from here to New York. Mrs. Lyford and my daughter Margaret had a very pleasant time with Mrs. Hsiao. We like them both very much and think they will add much strength to your faculty. In fact he is a very exceptional man with a fine spirit and a great vision of the possibility for service to the College and to China.

I am somewhat concerned about the results of the action of the U. S. Government in blocking all financial operations with China. I have discussed the matter with the National City Bank people and they say that with the present arrangement for handling the Joint Account and the Reserve Account they do not anticipate any serious trouble. If you cannot sell at fair rates of exchange your drafts on the Joint Account, please cable me your requirements and I will cable funds to you at Hongkong, Shanghai or Rangoon, as you may specify. Chinese funds are "blocked" but not "frozen".

This letter is limited mostly to finances, but my personal interest in the social, cultural and religious life of our College is preeminent, as always.

With sincere personal regards, in which Mrs. Lyford and my daughters join, I am

Yours very sincerely

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HUA CHUNG (CENTRAL CHINA) COLLEGE

WUCHANG, CHINA

TEMPORARILY IN HSICHOW August 4, 1941

VIA TALI, YUNNAN, CHINA N. Y. 23

室 長 校

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

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

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

*Received Aug 28
Ans Sept 11*

Dear Mr. Lyford:

My last letter to you was N.Y. 22, dated ^{July} June 16, enclosing a letter from Professor Coe to you and a copy of Mrs. Miller's article on general conditions in the college. My last letter to Mr. Smith in New Haven was N.H.30, dated July 9. Both letters were by airmail and Clipper. The last letter from you was No. 22, dated June 3, which I acknowledged on June 16.

Last week Mr. Coe heard from a bank in Kunming that the banks would not cash any American cheques, by government order. Mr. Tan Jen-i, the assistant treasurer, who was sent to Hsiakwan for some other college business, brought back the report that the banks would not do any foreign exchange business on account of the international financial situation, which is so far too complicated for us to gauge. Exchange rate for the American dollar did go up to twenty-eight, and then it dropped down to twenty-five, but for two weeks now there has been no market whatever.

We do not know what to make of the situation. Possibly there is some move on foot in Chungking for the government to control all foreign exchange, especially now that the United States government is giving a hundred million dollar loan for China to stabilize its currency. As far as we can see, there is also the desire on the part of the government, which is quite legitimate, to prevent any further tampering of our currencies by the Japanese. With the financial center still located in Shanghai, it is natural that the government should want to have the financial center shifted from Shanghai to Free China. If and when that should eventualize, one of two things may happen; we may not be able to cash any American cheques in Free China or anywhere else within our reach in the Far East; or if we should be able to do our exchange in Free China or in Hongkong or in Rangoon, the rate would drop considerably in favor of the Chinese currency. In the latter eventuality it may be a benefit to the Chinese government, but the college would have to suffer. We have been counting on an exchange rate of not below twenty to one. We do not want to speculate, and we have not been speculating. Mr. Coe reports that we have in the banks in Hsiakwan and Kunming the total of about N.C.\$70,000, which will tide us over for the next two to three months. We are keeping our ears to the ground, but the news that we are able to get on this matter is very meagre, and so I am writing this to you, hoping that you will keep your eyes on the exchange market.

Being so near to Wall Street, which is the world's financial center at present, and with all your contacts, you may be able to get wind of it as soon as there should be any serious change in the financial situations, as far as China is concerned. Should there be any clear indication that the American dollar is going to drop for one reason or another, would you consult with the Executive Committee of the Board of Founders and have enough from the Reserve changed to realize N.C.\$200,000, which with money on hand and with income from other sources in China should cover the budget for the year.

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Mr. Oliver S. Lyford, Treasurer -- 2.

August 4, 1941

Some people here are afraid that money could not be sent in from abroad, but I do not have this apprehension myself. Whatever the government may do, there is no danger that they will not permit a remittance from abroad, if it is in Chinese currency. We are not asking you as yet to remit any money in Chinese currency, unless you have to do so after the money has been changed into Chinese currency in New York; in that case, please remit to whichever one of the following accounts is the easiest:

- Shanghai Commercial and Savings Bank, Kunming, Current Acct. No. 269.;
- Bank of China, Kunming, Current Acct. No. 261.;
- Bank of China, Hsiakwan, Current Acct. No. 31.;
- Central Bank of China, Hsiakwan, Current Acct. No. 56.

If in the near future the situation should change so much as to make it possible for us to sell American cheques again, we may sell U.S.\$1,000 to U.S.\$3,000, but as long as the future is uncertain concerning foreign exchange, whatever we do may just be sheer speculation, which we wish to avoid. If you have any advice one way or the other which you may deem urgent enough to send your instructions by cable, you need only say one word "Sell" or "Hold." If you should cable "Sell," we would try to sell enough to cover ourselves for three more months; and if you should say, "Hold," we would simply do nothing.

Enclosed I am sending you the unofficial report of an informal meeting held with representatives of three of our affiliated middle schools, who happened to be here. It is our plan to circulate this report first to the group which was at the meeting, and then with their approval we may circulate it to the principals of all the Christian middle schools formerly in Central China and then to the missions concerned. I am sending you this advance report, so-to-speak, so that our Board of Founders may know what we have been thinking about the future. Whatever you want to do with this report, please do not quote it officially or treat it as any official document from me or from anyone of us in the college. It is entirely for the private information of the members of our own Board. You may, however, consider it necessary to share it with some members of the Associated Boards interested in the problems we have raised.

With the best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Francis C. M. Wei

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P.S. Further information yesterday seems to indicate that the Government would attempt merely freezing of Chinese credits in foreign currencies within China. If so, there might be less supply of foreign exchange, less speculation, only government rate, but a "black market" even more in favour of U.S. dollar vs. English sterling. What do you think?

*F.C.M.W.
Aug. 5, 1941.*

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August 8, 1941

President C. M. Wei
Hua Chang College
Kaichow, Talifu
Yunnan, CHINA

Dear President Wei:

I am grateful for your cable giving us the approximate deficit and reading as follows:

"EVANS CURRENT BUDGET BALANCED WITH ALLOTTED SUSTAINING FUNDS AND EXCHANGE EXCLUDING APRIL TRUCK FIRE LOSS AMERICAN TWENTYSIX HUNDRED."

We are using these figures in compiling a statement for the United China Relief.

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

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~~Via China Clipper - 8/12/41~~
c.c. via next boat.

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Hua Chung College,
Hsichow, Tali,
Yunnan, China,
August 19, 1941.

N. Y. 24.

Received Sept. 9
Ans Sept 11

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

My dear Mr. Lyford:

Dr. C. F. Lo of the Department of Philosophy and Psychology in Hua Chung College has just sent two psychology papers to Professor G. W. Allport of Harvard University. The papers are to be submitted for publication in some psychology journals, and are entitled (1) "Moral judgments of Chinese students", and, (2) "Logical and affective judgments of musical intervals". As some psychology journals may charge a small fee for the printing of papers, we have told Professor Allport to forward any bill to you, and may I ask you to attend to it in case a bill should be sent to you?

Yours sincerely,

Francis C. M. Wei
President.

P.S. Enclosed please find Minutes of the 25th
meeting of the Ex. Com. - pro-tem
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for OJC, to Trustees + Mr. Bridges

Youth groping for knowledge and wisdom presents many fascinating pictures through the centuries, - the groves of Academe, Paul at the feet of Gamaliel, the great hall of the Alcazar, the scholars wandering from Padua to Ravenna, the picturesque mediaeval survivals at Oxford and Cambridge, the plain living and high thinking of the first colleges in America, German student duels, but what in the long history of higher education can match the trek of China's colleges across half a continent to the great west and south-west?

Each of these colleges has its own tale of adventure and hardship and edurance, each tale being of absorbing interest but no college has had a more unusual experience than Central China College (Hua Chung). We carried on in a feverish hectic way in our old Wuchang home all the first year of the War, when the national capital was at Hankow across the Yang-tse from us. In the Summer of 1938 the College moved southward to Kweilin, the provincial capital of Kwangsi.

We found a quaint old city with a thin but brilliant veneer of modernism and throbbing with a war boom. Just as we were settling into our academic routine we were shocked by the almost simultaneous fall of Canton and the Wu-han cities. Immediately our position became precarious with no practical means of communication with the outside world. Air-raids became numerous and deadly and although, almost miraculously, none of the college personal suffered bodily harm we saw two-thirds of the city burn and spent more time hiding in caves than reading in our make-shift but pleasant library.

We began our second move in February 1939 after one semester in Kweilin. Our first flight had been mainly by means of China's inland water-ways but now we were piled into trucks and rumbled over one of the new highways, still going south across great barren stretches of Kwangsi to the Indo-China border where we entrained for Hanoi, the gay little capital of Tonkin. After a day of sight-seeing there we took the funny wheezy little French train and amid dirt and discomfort climbed slowly from Tonkin's steaming plains to Yunnan's airy uplands.

There was some delay in Kunming, Yunnan's interesting capital, as it took more than two months for all the personnel to reach this stage, but finally we started with a sense of high adventure along the far-famed Burma Road, a road of danger and delight, of bright romance and drab practicality. At Hsiakwan the Road swings abruptly southward. Here we climbed down from our trucks and, stowing ourselves in the heavy, arklike boats of the Erh Hai, finally arrived at the college's new home, Hsichow, which is as far from Wuchang as Rweni, as Arizona is from St. Louis; furthermore as the crow flies we are nearer Calcutta than Wuchang.

Hsichow is a well-to-do little town, only just beginning to be touched by modernism of any sort, thus our pilgrimage is not only geographical but temporal and cultural, for we have plunged into a mediaeval civilization which we are always striving to adapt to our twentieth century ideas.

The local nabobs welcomed the College and gave us the use of three contiguous temples with the temple precincts. A number of temporary wooden buildings were run up to serve as laboratories, officers and class-rooms. The Confucian temple most appropriately was turned into our library, which is not too bad a collection of reference books for a refugee institution. The Buddhist temple has been concerted into a Christian Chapel by hiding the idol in curtains of blue cotton cloth and placing at one end a severely plain altar also covered with blue cloth and surmounted by a wooden cross. The third temple is an ancestral hall which we use for the Faculty Common Room. There are two park-like gardens and several sunny court-yards. Many of our visitors declare that

we are better situated for earnest work than most of the refugee colleges.

Certainly our natural surroundings are unsurpassed. This mountain valley is in the same latitude as Key West but our altitude is 6700 feet. The result is an equable climate such as few places enjoy. The soil is of amazing fertility and the scenery most inspiring with the combination of snow-capped mountains, blue lake and rivulets lashing from the mountains across the valley into the lake. The abundant bird and flower-life here is a challenge to our biology department.

The faculty, the staff and the students are housed in different parts of the village in rented quarters, after living in close proximity with the landlords' clan and thereby having the opportunity to observe many strange mediaeval customs.

Such then is the location and situation of Central China College. Now for some practical consideration of our problems.

Our isolation is extreme. Our calm routine is never disturbed by air-raids either real or threatened but we need increased transportation facilities and better radio communications. When we came two years ago Kunming was the thriving entrepot for the west and south-west but since the Japanese invaded Indo-China and wrecked at least half of Kunming our only exit that way is by plane, which means that we have to depend more and more upon getting both supplies and students in from Burma. The present difficulty of communication with Hongkong by the post-office makes us depend almost entirely upon our old inefficient radio for world-news and surely part of our task is to make our students world-minded. It furthermore does not seem right that we have no way of getting to Hsiakwan, our nearest town on the Burma Road, or to Tali, our telegraph station, except on horse-back or in a litter-like chair, as only our best pedestrians can walk so far.

Our present student body is small for two reasons, travel difficulties and the very poor preparation of students in the south-west. We are now trying the experiment of having a pre-Freshman class. In spite of, or possibly because of, our small enrollment the students on the whole are doing outstanding fine work, really better than in the old easy days before the War. There is a notable increase in student morale and seriousness of purpose with far less of the old idea that students in China form a sacred class. This is shown in many practical ways; for example one student has learned to cut hair and others have helped faculty wives with household tasks.

The administrative problems are extremely difficult. The depreciation of the Chinese dollar makes all finance a game of hazard. One never knows where exchange may jump nor how fast prices may rise. Not only does this make accurate budgeting impossible but merely the cost of food and clothing is incalculable. There is also the problem of replacement. This spring nearly every one is unable to wear either socks or stockings.

Another burden on the administration is what to do with students who suffer serious breakdowns and whose families are many hundreds of miles distant, possibly in Occupied Territory. As I write we have two serious cases that must be cared for some how by the college in all Christian charity; one is a tubercular student whose illness was believed to be arrested but who recently had a bad hemorrhage; the other a prominent Senior who suddenly had baffling nervous breakdown.

Most of us believe that the religious life of the College is more real and vital than it used to be. Certainly the present student-body has some strong Christians in it and many of the non-Christians have an attitude of sympathetic inquiry. Daily Chapel and Sunday services are well attended and so are various less formal Christian gatherings.

We crave the intelligent interest and prayers of the Church at home more than ever because of our isolation and our difficult new problems. If we can feel that Christians at home believe in what we are trying to do our own faith and courage will be strengthened.

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August 22, 1941

President Francis C. Wei
Hua Chung College
Hsichow, Via Tali
Yunnan, China

Dear President Wei:

Your letter of July 11, enclosing the article written by Mrs. E. B. Miller has just reached us. We very much appreciate the fine contribution which Mrs. Miller has made.

The article has been duplicated and copies are being sent to all the members of the Hua Chung Board, before taking the next step of preparing material from the article for use in our publicity. This is exactly the kind of thing we need, and we hope that we may expect other contributions of this sort from time to time.

Thank you also for the information concerning Dr. P. V. Taylor. We will certainly want to get in touch with him, and make use of his ability while he is in America.

You will soon be starting your new school year, and we are hoping that it will prove to be a year of outstanding success.

Sincerely yours,

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J. I. Parker

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August 22, 1941
Letter No. 24

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

Dear Dr. Wei:

On August 20 I received your letter N.Y. 22 of July 16, together with Mr. Coe's letter of the same date. Your letter stated that you were enclosing a copy of the Minutes of the Twenty-Fourth Meeting of the Executive Committee Pro-tem, but, evidently through some mistake, these minutes were not included, but three pages (without any introductory paragraph) of a very interesting paper by Mrs. E. P. Miller. In the same mail I received Mr. Coe's letter of July 24, with copy of his Financial Report to the Harvard-Yening Institute.

Referring first to Dr. & Mrs. Hsiao,--they have been delayed for a month in San Francisco and this has added a lot to their expense. Dr. Sherman happened to be in San Francisco and met them. At his suggestion, I have sent them another \$100 to cover this expense. This is on the same understanding as with the \$530 previously sent to him. In other words, he is to account to you for all the expense and your decision as to how it is to be handled is to be final. This is a difficult problem and he realizes that it must be settled in all fairness to all the other members of your faculty.

The matter will also have to be reported to the Executive Committee of the Founders at their next meeting. The parallels for this country are the cases of persons employed by corporations or others in the United States, and the American missionaries and teachers sent from the United States to Foreign Countries. In the first case, the employed person pays his travelling expenses unless, as an individual matter, the employer agrees to pay them. In the latter case, all expenses to destination (on a modest basis) are paid by the employer. Therefore, if an American should be sent to teach at Hua Chung, all his expenses would be paid by the Mission sending him. A Chinese person would naturally be in the same category as an American except that he is a guest here and would have to provide for his own transportation home, if not otherwise provided for by special arrangement.

The case of the Hsiaos is a mixed case because he is a Chinese citizen and she an American citizen. He is the one you are employing, but you cannot get him without her. He is paying his own expenses of the return trip. Her status as an American citizen puts her in the class of the wife of an American missionary whose travel expenses would be paid by the missionary society.

I shall refer later to Dr. & Mrs. Lin. In this case both are Chinese nationals and therefore both would be obliged to travel home at their own expense, unless otherwise provided in an agreement for employment. This case is, therefore, easier to dispose of, if settled only on a basis of logic. I presume they will not see the difference if all of Mrs. Hsiao's expenses are paid by the College and none of Mrs. Lin's expenses. I have discussed the matter at length simply in the hope that my reasoning may be of use to you. I am sure that the Founders will approve of whatever decision you make.

The first payment of \$530 was made by check on the Joint Account and therefore appears as a payment made by the College. After that payment came the order of the U.S. Government blocking all financial transactions with China. For fear that this might cause Dr. Hsiao trouble in San Francisco, I drew the last payment of \$100 from the account of the Foundation in the Bank of Manhattan Co. and bought a bank draft payable to him. Now, we can charge that \$100 to you, or on the contrary, if your decision will be helped thereby, we can transfer part of the \$530 back to the Foundation and thus remove it from the College account. This also is just for your consideration.

I am in touch with the National City Bank regarding the legal operations in Chinese funds under the recent blocking of Japanese and Chinese accounts. The U.S. banks were all upset about the Chinese accounts and stopped all payments until recently except on special permit in each case. Within the last day or two the accounts of the missions and educational institutions are being placed under general permit and the trouble will probably soon be eliminated. In our case,

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the National City Bank assures us that all checks, in proper form, drawn by you or Mr. Coe on the Joint Account will be paid on either special or general license. I hope this will enable you to sell your checks at good rates of exchange. You can assure purchasers that they will be paid on presentation to the National City Bank. The United States is endeavoring to help the Chinese Government establish 5 1/2 cents as the value of a Chinese dollar in American currency.

The Hsiabs expect to sail from San Francisco on or about August 31 on the Java Pacific Line.

Referring further to Dr. & Mrs. Lin, I had heard through Dr. Hsiao that a Dr. Lin had been offered a position at Hua Chung, but that there was considerable doubt about his ability to go because of the illness of his fiancée. Now, the day after receiving your announcement of his acceptance of your appointment, I learn through the Associated Boards and a Dr. Monsheng Lin that Dr. and Mrs. Yueh-hwa Lin are already on the way to Los Angeles and expect to sail from there on August 26, on a boat of the De la Reina Steamship Co. I have not met this gentleman and have had no correspondence with him. Am writing him today at Los Angeles, giving suggestions regarding securing passage from Hongkong to the Interior by airplane. This is on account of the frail health of his new wife. Nothing has been said by Dr. Lin to me or the Associated Boards regarding payment of expenses.

This decision of Dr. Lin complicates the situation in your sociology department, and may disturb the Founders a little if you have to keep both men, because of the relatively large faculty compared with the number of students. I am sure no one will be seriously disturbed until the outcome is certain and then due consideration will be given for the many difficulties and uncertainties under which you have been compelled to act. We are awaiting with much interest the report of your enrollment for the new college year. (The difficulty in raising money is increasing every month. There is little prospect that the United China Relief will get much more than \$2,000,000).

The payments to Hua Chung by the Chinese Government certainly show their faith in you and in our college.

I have read with interest Mr. Coe's letters of July 16 and 24 and will reply to him as soon as I receive the Bank's report for August 22.

The cable inquiry from Mr. Evans was sent without first referring the matter to me. I am closely associated with him and had sufficient information to answer the question. You were included, in error, with other colleges from whom the information was necessary.

We are concerned because of the closer approach of the Japanese to Tali and Kunming but we do hope that your distance from Tali will protect you from bombing. We all thank God that you did decide on a remote location.

With warmest regards and best wishes,

Yours very truly,

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HUA CHUNG (CENTRAL CHINA) COLLEGE

WUCHANG, CHINA

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VIA TALI, YUNNAN, CHINA

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August 27, 1941
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Received Sept 26

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

Dear Mr. Lyford:

On August 5 I sent you my letter, N.Y. 23, by Clipper mail, enclosing a copy of the report on the informal conference on the Future of Christian middle Schools in the Central China region. On August 19 I sent you my letter of N.Y. 24, asking you to pay, if necessary, the publication fees for Professor John C. F. Le's articles on psychology, to be published in the United States. If these fees should be paid, please charge to the faculty of Arts in the college, and then we shall arrange to collect from Dr. Le. In N.Y. 24 I sent you the Minutes of the twenty-fifth meeting of the executive Committee Pre-ten. I am sending these documents to you instead of to New Haven, because I am not sure whether Mr. Smith is or is not coming to China this summer.

Finally I have been able to get my Annual Report ready, and I am sending it to you under separate cover because this letter is heavy enough for one unit of airmail. The reports of the Administrative officers in the college accompanying the President's report are being sent under separate cover by airmail to Hongkong, and then by boat to America, owing to the bulkiness and heavy weight. I hope you will approve this little economy.

In my Annual Report I tried to be more historical than prophetic. When I started to write it, I had the intention of putting in a great deal about the future than I have done, but the future is so uncertain ^{now} it is of little use to prophesy very much. But someday I may write a private letter to you and the Board of Founders to give expression to my feelings about Christian higher education, present and future, and my dreams about Hua Chung College. Some of my friends may wish to know what kind of life I am living here, and I may put it in also in the private letter. It may be entirely out of place for me to say too much about personal affairs in a public report, which may have a wide circulation.

You have written about Mr. Sidney Meiao's travel with his wife from America to Hsichow. The last letter I received from Dr. Meiao said he was booking with his wife on a Java line steamer, sailing from San Francisco on August 9. In that letter he mentioned the fact that Dr. Lin Yuch-hua, who had already accepted our appointment as assistant professor of Sociology, was to sail on the same boat with Dr. Meiao, coming back to us with his bride, who is an M.A. from Smith College. Since Dr. Meiao wrote that letter, we have had no further word from him, and so we assume that he himself and his wife have been able to get a booking for August 9 on that steamer. But Dr. Lin has written that he was trying to get a booking for August 25. We take this to mean that he had failed to get any passage on the August 9 steamer, and there is no telling whether he has succeeded in getting passage for August 25. Even if he did, it would mean that he would not be able to be here until November 1st at the earliest, and that would make it impossible for him to teach in the college for the first semester.

We have not had any professor of Sociology for the last three years, and it is imperative that we should have the proper courses in that subject at the beginning of the term. Other-

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wise it would be a sad disappointment to the students and detrimental to the spirit in the college as a whole. In view of this, I have taken steps to secure the appointment of another teacher of Sociology. It happens that Dr. Hsu Liang-kwang is available. Dr. Hsu, a graduate from the University of Shanghai, and after some years of private study, he succeeded in passing the competitive examinations for a fellowship on the British Boxer Indemnity Fund to do postgraduate work in Great Britain. He was three years and a half in the London School of Economics as a pupil of the famous anthropologist, Professor Millinowski, in the London School of Economics. He got his degree of Ph.D. from the University of London in Social Anthropology and is qualified, therefore, to teach Sociology, as well as Anthropology. For the last year he has been British Indemnity Professor of Sociology in the National Yunnan University in Kunming. He is not satisfied with the low standards in the place where he has been teaching, and he would like to come to a place where there is no danger of airraids, so that he may work without interruption. We have appointed him assistant professor of Sociology with a monthly salary of M.C.\$250 plus subsidies. Word has been received from him that he is coming from Kunming, and he will be here before the beginning of the next term, probably early in September. His salary and subsidies will mean an additional item on the budget, but under the circumstances I do not see how we could avoid it. It is one of the things caused by the emergency situation in the world. We had hoped that Dr. Ling from Harvard would be able to arrive in the summer, but that has turned out to be impossible. I hope the Founders will approve this extra item on the budget. We propose to charge it to the Johnston Fund.

We have had a very quiet summer here. There have been only very few cases of illness among the students and faculty, and Dr. Reets has been able to handle them satisfactorily.

We have reported to the Founders that as soon as Dr. Reets got here from the Yangtze Valley, we succeeded in getting a cooperative scheme with the local Hsichow General Hospital, which had two modern-trained doctors, one a man and one a lady. Recently there has been a great deal of trouble and misunderstanding in the hospital, and it looks as if the two doctors are both leaving. We have been trying to keep out of the trouble as much as possible, except as peacemakers. It only goes to show how very necessary it is for us to make provisions for our own medical care, and not to depend entirely upon the local hospital. If things do not go well in the hospital, it will mean that we shall have to appoint our own nurse again and make some kind of arrangement for operations, which are being now done in the hospital by Dr. Reets.

Our public entrance examinations in Kunming were finished only last Saturday, August 23, and no report has reached us as yet from Dr. Huang, who was conducting the examinations there. Three days before the examinations began, we received word, however, that the number of candidates was particularly small this year. Many families have found it impossible to support their children in college, and as the war offers more and more opportunities for middle school graduates to earn a good salary, few of them are going to colleges now. But we still hope that a good number will come from the Kunming examinations in order to bring our freshman class up to sixty.

The faculty party returning from Burma was to leave Lashio near the border on August 22. If all goes well, they ought to be arriving today, but travel is so uncertain that if they should be only a day or two late, we would call it good luck.

There have been frequent airraids both in Chungking and in Kunming. The damage done in Kunming has been very heavy, although there has not been many lives lost. Since August 15, when Hsichuan, twenty-five miles south of us on the Burma Road, was bombed with slight damage and only two lives lost, we have not had any raids in our part of the country. We trust that Hsichow will remain safe, as there are no military objectives, and the troops moving into this part of the country are not going to be stationed here or anywhere north of the Tali city, which as you will remember is about twelve miles south of us.

Professor John L. Gee has already sent you the financial report, so in my Annual Report I am sending only the Balance sheets from the Treasurer's Office with the other reports.

With the best wishes,

Copy of letter from President Wei to Dr. Dwight Rugh, Representative in China of the Yale-in-China Trustees.

Dr. Dwight Rugh
c/o Yali Union Middle School
Yuanling, Hunan, China.

Hua Chung College
Hsichow, Via Tali, Yunnan
September 8, 1941

Dear Dr. Rugh:

I am surprised to find that I have not written you since June 19, when I looked at my file. I thought I had written after that.

I am sending you enclosed herewith a copy of the Minutes of the Twenty-fifth Meeting of the Executive Committee Pro tem held on July 12, and also a copy of my Annual Report to the Board of Directors, which please share with the authorities of the Reformed Church Mission in Yuanling to save me sending copies to them.

I am very sorry to report that Dr. T. W. Zee's resignation from the college has been accepted by the Senate, and he is leaving Hsichow with his family very shortly. It is a long story, but I shall make it as brief as possible.

Dr. Zee was made dean of the Yale-in-China School of Science two years ago, to succeed Dr. Bien who resigned as dean. For two years Dr. Zee held his position. When I heard shortly after Commencement that there was a possibility of Dr. Zee's leaving us, I asked him about it, and he denied it absolutely. Then later, about the middle of July, I told him that I did not feel happy at all to see Mrs. Zee doing her household affairs without any servant to help, and I offered to find ways and means to pay the expenses of a servant if that was the reason why she did not have any servant. Then Dr. Zee began to tell me that for some time Mrs. Zee had wanted him to leave Hsichow in order to accept an offer from a factory in Shanghai with N.C.\$1500 a month as salary, and N.C.\$15,000 for travel by air to Hongkong and then by boat to Shanghai. Dr. Zee assured me that he did not want to go, and he would convince his wife that his obligation was to stay, as he had already accepted the reappointment of the college for two years, which is a legal obligation according to government regulations. Nothing happened until towards the end of July, and then Dr. Zee told me that Mrs. Zee insisted on going to Shanghai. I asked Dr. P'u Huang to see Mrs. Zee and Dr. Zee about the matter, and Dr. Huang reported a long conversation with them without feeling very optimistic about having convinced them to stay. Then I talked to Dr. Zee further about it, and he sent in his resignation, which I succeeded in persuading him to take back. A few days later, on August 3, he sent in another letter of resignation, saying that our acceptance of it would mean "the saving of the family from breaking up." This was putting a heavy responsibility on the college Senate, so I had another conversation with him, and he seemed to be persuaded, but on August 7 he sent in another note that he could not convince his wife to stay. The matter was held in suspense for some days, but rumors kept coming to my ears about the Zees leaving the college. I was walking with Dr. Zee on his way back to his home from the chapel after Sunday Service on August 24, and he assured me then that he would not leave as he had already told me a few days before that that he had already convinced his wife not to go, and there would be no more talk about the matter. Dr. Wan happened to be coming along on the road, and Dr. Zee assured both Dr. Wan and me that he was not going, but that after the opening of the term he might take his family back to Hunan for a change, and then he would come back himself to work in the college. This, of course, was not the first time that Dr. Zee gave me his assurance that he was not going, it must

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have been the third or the fourth time, but this time he did it to Dr. Wan and to me together. Both Dr. Wan and I felt happy over it, and that was as late as August 24.

Then on August 25, Monday, Dr. Zee came into my office in the morning and told me that he must go with his family. I asked Dr. Wan to come in, and we three talked things over, and Dr. Wan promised to go to the Zee home and assure Mrs. Zee that if Dr. Zee should stay until after the opening of the term, arrangements would be made in the department for Dr. Zee to get leave of absence from the college in order to take her to her old home in Hunan. Dr. Wan's visit with Mrs. Zee was not successful. Dr. Hsiung, Dr. Bien, Dr. Cheng, all of the faculty of Science have seen the Zees separately in their home, trying to persuade them to stay and not to think of going to Shanghai for the position in the factory. Dr. Logan H. Roots, our college physician, did his best to convince Mrs. Zee that for the best interest of the family, as well as for the college, Dr. Zee ought to stay and not go to Shanghai, while it might be the wisest thing for Mrs. Zee to take the younger children back to Hunan in order to have a change of environment and to have a rest for herself, Mrs. Zee's father being, I understand, in Paoching. Then Mrs. Zee seemed to be becoming more desperate and wanting more and more to leave at once. I tried every ways and means to assure Dr. Zee that if it should be a matter of finances in the family, I would see that the minimum family budget was met. Dr. Zee was satisfied, but over and over again he said that he could not persuade Mrs. Zee to agree.

The Senate met on Thursday, September 4, to hear my presentation of the case. Before the Senate meeting I consulted all members of the faculty of Science of professorial rank. Six were present; a straw vote showed that four of them recommended the acceptance of the resignation, whereas two recommended its rejection. Everyone had the feeling that it was impossible to keep Dr. Zee under the circumstances. Dr. Roots' medical opinion was that it would be very unwise for Mrs. Zee not to have a change of environment. I reported this to the Senate, and the Senate unanimously voted to accept Dr. Zee's resignation for family reasons with medical advice.

The Senate confirmed my appointment of Dr. Bien as dean of the Yale-in-China School of Science to succeed Dr. Zee. ^{Dr. Bien,} as a member of the Senate, would not accept the appointment at the time, and then in the afternoon Dr. Hsiung and Dr. Wan went with me to see Dr. Bien in his house, and he still persisted in his opinion of not accepting the appointment. Dr. Wesley Wan, however, has accepted the appointment as head of the Chemistry Department, and he is trying to find some qualified man to fill Dr. Zee's vacancy as professor of Chemistry. It is so late in the summer, however, that prospects are not very good for us to get a good man for the next term. With Dr. Wan as professor and head of the Department of Chemistry and Mr. Chen Mei-chueh and Mr. Hu Dje-bin, both our own graduates with four or five years experience in teaching as lecturers, and especially with the small enrollment in the college and particularly in the School of Science at the present time, there is no difficulty for us in carrying on the work, but in order to maintain the morale we deem it wise to look for a well qualified man to fill Dr. Zee's vacancy as a member of the teaching staff in the department.

As to the deanship, I have consulted both Dr. Wesley Wan and Dr. David Hsiung whether either of them would be willing to take the job, but both have declined. There seems to be a very strong feeling among the senior members of the faculty, both of the School of Science and of the college, that we should approach either Dr. Sidney Hsiao, who is returning from America but will probably be late in arriving, or Dr. Cheng Chien-kuo who has been assistant professor of Physics for one

year in the college. Dr. Sidney Hsiao was three years in the college, and when we suspended our work in 1927, he completed his work for his degree in a year in Shanghai College in 1928. After a year as assistant in Biology in Shanghai College he came back to us and helped to start the Biology department in 1929. After teaching for three years he went to Yenching University and spent two years there getting his M.S. degree from Yenching in Biology. Then he came back to us again, and in 1934 and 1935 he succeeded in getting a Rockefeller Foundation fellowship to do further postgraduate studies in Biology in Harvard University. He got his degree of Ph.D. in Biology in the winter of 1937-38. Ever since then he has been research fellow on the Rockefeller Foundation in the Biological Laboratories in Harvard University. Now he is coming back with his German-American wife to teach in the college as assistant professor of Biology. He is a Christian and knows the background of the college very well, both as a student and as a member of the faculty.

Dr. Cheng of the Physics Department is the son of Bishop Lindel Cheng of Kaifeng. Both Bishop Cheng and Dr. Cheng are graduates of Boone Middle School. The Bishop was a graduate from Boone College and Boone Divinity School, and Dr. Cheng took his Hua Chung degree of B.S. in Physics in 1935. After one-year's teaching in our department of Physics as assistant, he went to Toronto in 1936 and got his Ph.D. in Physics from the University of Toronto in 1939. After his return to China in 1939, he was professor and head of the department of Physics in Cheloo University in Chengtu. A year ago he came back to us as assistant professor of Physics. If none of the senior men can be persuaded to accept the deanship, it will fall on either of these two younger men, but before we take any action, I must consult more the opinions of the senior members of the Yale-in-China School of Science. As soon as action is taken and the appointment accepted, I shall report to you again.

Dr. Huang P'u has just returned from Kunming after the entrance examinations there. Out of the 150 candidates he thinks that over 30 will come to the college to join the freshman class. This would make our freshman class between 60 and 75, because the affiliated Christian middle schools in different places are sending us about 30, and we have 5 or 6 from last year's pre-freshman class. The total enrollment of the college will be between 115 and 130. I am very glad to have a telegram from Yang Lu-kao in Yuanling, saying that four more Yali boys were coming to Hua Chung. If I have interpreted it right, this means that we have at least eight Yali boys and three Fuh Hsiang girls for our freshman class this year. I hope that we are not going to be disappointed in this interpretation. Dr. Kunkle is bringing at least twelve of our freshmen from Hongkong, and the Hankow Diocesan Union Middle School in Chennan is sending about seven. We have a few odd students from such places as Kiangsi, Chungking, and Chengtu.

All our faculty members who went to Burma have returned safely, and we have just appointed Hsu Liang-kwang, Ph.D. London, as assistant professor of Sociology, and he will be here in a day or two. We had expected that Lin Yueh-hua, Ph.D. Harvard, appointed assistant professor of Sociology, would be here before the beginning of the term or shortly after, but his last letter indicates that probably he will not be able to arrive until very late in the term. Hence, we have got to make another appointment in Dr. Hsu. If Dr. Lin should arrive, we shall have two full-time teachers of Sociology, and that would make our department of History-Sociology comparatively strong.

We still are on the lookout for a good teacher of Music in order to help Miss Zenk and Mrs. Anderson in the department, but so far our efforts have not been successful. Have you any suggestions to make? With the best wishes,

Yours sincerely, (s) Francis C. M. Wei

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室 長 校
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

September 10, 1941
N. Y. 26

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

Dear Mr. Lyford:

I sent you my last letter on August 27, N.Y. 25, enclosing the minutes of the Twenty-fifth Meeting of the Executive Committee Pro-tem. On September 2, I sent you a copy of my Annual Report for the Board of Directors, which under ordinary circumstances would go from that Board to the Board of Founders, but as the Founders are now functioning also as Directors, it is not necessary to go through that procedure.

After we sent my Annual Report, many typographical errors were discovered. Most of them will be understandable, but there is one important word, which has to be changed, and that is on page 2, line 2. The fifth word is "Special" and not "Social." Please make that correction. Otherwise it does not make sense. Copies of the reports to the President, made by the administrative officers in the college, were sent under separate cover by air to Hongkong and boat to the U.S.A. in order to save postage.

I received day before yesterday your letter of August 1 from Lakeville, Connecticut. The bulk of this letter deals with financial matters. Mr. Coe has read it carefully. Most of the questions have probably been answered in the reports and letters, which he has already sent you in August. In the matter of the U.S. Dollar Balance Sheet and Reconciliation of the Joint Account, the treasurer will prepare and send to you within a few days a revision in the light of the information contained in your letter.

Mr. Tang Jen-i has recently returned from a trip to Kunming, and he reports that the present situation in regard to the selling of American cheques seems to be as follows: the Central Bank of China will accept American cheques for collection in America only, i.e., they will not exchange them for cash until they have received advice from America that the cheque is good; Mr. Tang also said that they might exchange them if provided with a suitable guarantee; the official rate at which they are doing business is 18.82 at the present time.

For the present it is not necessary for you to cable funds to us. Mr. Coe is exploring possibilities with the treasurer of the American Church Mission in Shanghai. *Cabled \$2,000 Sept 11*

In the same mail as your letter of August 1, I had a letter from Dr. Sidney Hsiao, dated August 4 from San Francisco. He also says that his sailing has been postponed. We hope that he actually got started on August 30, as he expected. He is bringing a large quantity of baggage and college supplies, and we are puzzling now how we are going to help him in his transportation from Rangoon. With the departure of Dr. Taylor there is no one in our midst who can drive the truck to Rangoon and fetch him. It is very difficult to get a reliable driver, even if we should pay a wartime salary for the trip. We have some friends in Rangoon, and we shall write to them and ask them to give every necessary assistance to the Hsiao's. We reckon they will not be in Rangoon until at least the middle of October.

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September 10, 1941

I am very sorry to report the resignation of Dr. T. W. Zee from the college. Enclosed please find a copy of my letter to Dr. Dwight Rugh, reporting on the matter, and giving also some college news. This will save me a great deal of repetition. Please accept this as an official report to the Board of Founders and Directors, as well as to the Yale-in-China Association in New Haven. Dr. Zee and his family are leaving Hsichow tomorrow to go to Shanghai, travelling by air from Kunming to Hongkong. Up to the present moment I have not been able to get the dean of the Yale-in-China School of Science appointed. Attention of many people seems to be turning to Dr. Hsiao. The question requires, however, more careful consideration. The spirit in the college remains good in spite of Dr. Zee's leaving.

Our part of the country is still quiet and peaceful. Kunming has been severely bombed, but we feel confident that Hsichow will continue to be one of the safest spots in the whole world. The soaring prices constitute our most difficult problem, and as soon as the term gets started, I may have to make further recommendations to the Founders, acting as Directors, with the approval of the Executive Committee Pro-tem. It may seem strange to you in America that we can never do a thorough-going job in revising the subsidy scheme, but whatever we try to do, becomes very quickly antiquated. We can never catch up with the march of events while the war is going on and the situation is changing so rapidly. But I hope you and other members of the Board of Founders will trust that we shall watch the development of things and do whatever seems to be the wisest under the circumstances.

With the best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Francis C. M. Li

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September 11, 1941.

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

Letter No 25.

Received in Hsichow
before Oct 14.

Dear Dr. Wei:

On August 29th I received your N.Y. 23 of August 4th with report of conference regarding Christian Middle Schools. On September 9th I received your N.Y. 24 of August 19th with minutes of 25th meeting of the Executive Committee Pro-tem. I will again report that I did not receive the minutes of the 24th meeting.

I also received on September 9th the letter of August 16th from Mr. Coe. His report will enable me to show to the Executive Committee at its next meeting how carefully the expenditures under the separate grants are being recorded. I have not had time to analyze these figures, but I think I shall have enough information under the headings covered. Am looking forward to the receipt of the balance of his report within a few days.

I shall report to the Executive Committee the recommendation in Vote EX 150 by the Executive Committee Pro-tem. Shall also report your other recent recommendations. We have had no meeting of the Executive Committee for some weeks.

Answering your questions regarding financial transactions, this matter is still far from settled. The information in my No. 24 was premature. However, another procedure has been suggested by Mr. J. Austin Daly, Assistant Cashier of the National City Bank, who has been very helpful to us and to the trustees of the other colleges in suggesting procedures to minimize the present difficulties.

The fact that you have in the Central Bank of China at Hsiakwan an account known as Current Account No. 56 seems to afford a solution of your financial difficulty.

I enclose herewith a copy of certain paragraphs of General License 60 recently issued by the United States. Under the general license you will be able to secure funds from the Joint Account in the National City Bank in New York by instructing the Central Bank of China at Hsiakwan in each case to cable the National City Bank in New York (with which the Central Bank of China has an account) somewhat as follows:

"Central China College authorizes you to debit their account ----- dollars and credit this amount by cable to our account in your bank. Cable execution."

Unless new orders of the United States Government shall prevent this procedure, the National City Bank of New York will accept such authority without further license. This is an inconvenient and somewhat expensive procedure but seems to be the best available until our respective governments shall establish a better one.

If the bank at Hsiakwan has not been advised of the authority granted under the General License No. 60, please request them to secure instructions such that action thereunder may be taken as you may require.

In your letter you suggested that if a way were available you would desire in the near future to secure U.S. \$1000 to U.S. \$3000. To meet your needs until the above procedure shall be operative, I am sending to the National City Bank in New York a check on the Joint Account for \$2000, with request that they cable this amount to the Central Bank of China, Hsiakwan, for credit to Central China College, Current Account No. 56. This will be done on special license as soon as such a license is received from the U.S. authorities.

Accordingly, I am cabling you today as follows:

"HUACHUNG COLLEGE HSICHOW YUNNAN CHINA HOLD AM CABLING YOUR
ACCOUNT CENTRAL BANK HSIKWAN TWO THOUSAND LYFORD"

I trust that this amount together with the N.C. \$70,000 which you had on hand on August 4th will keep you in funds until the whole situation clears.

Dr. Yuch-Hwa Lin wrote to me that you had authorized him to apply to the Executive Committee for assistance in covering transportation expenses and, at his request, after conferring with Dr. Sherman, I am cabling U.S. \$200.00 to him at Hongkong. Have notified him that this is to be accounted for to you and is to be adjusted according to your judgement. He sailed with his wife on August 27th, and is due in Hongkong about September 27th.

Yours very truly,

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281 Fourth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

September 11, 1941.

Dr. Francis C. M. Wei
Hsichow, Yunnan, China

Dear Francis:

I have been anxious to send you the enclosed but have been waiting until I could get an opportunity to send you a note with it. I have been away a good deal but am now back to stay for a while.

I have had one conference with Mr. Lyford and we are arranging soon for a meeting of the Executive Committee to consider the items about which he has been in communication with you. The regular Fall Meeting of the Board will take place October 16th.

I was glad to receive your letter of July 28th which reached my office during my absence on August 28th. I am sorry plans could not go through this year to bring Anna to America to study. I note that you have given her permission to go to study in P.U.M.C. this winter. I can appreciate how difficult it has been for you to make a decision about this matter and hope and pray that she may have a quiet year there, or wherever she is. I shall be on the lookout for blanks in connection with the Barbour Scholarship. I have seen your letter to Dr. Hume and have talked with him on the 'phone about the plan. He tells me he has written you about this or will do so. Since he has made them I think you will get more accurate reports from his letter than from mine.

We learn with much interest about the plans that have been made for the improvement of the Burma Road and the better supervision of the traffic upon it. There was a most interesting article in the New York Times this morning about this.

I learned from Dr. Lobenstine yesterday of the American financing of the railroad to be built from Kunming to Lashio, the sending of a group of fifteen Malarial experts to Yunnan, the \$400,000,000. loan to China under the American Lend-Lease legislation, and the \$175,000,000. contribution from the Red Cross. It has perplexed me why the Red Cross has been so slow in coming to the aid of China. It synchronizes with the direct and increased aid from U.S. to China, and it looks to me as if the Red Cross has been influenced by political considerations. Perhaps there was a fear of Japan in the past. At any rate, the future looks brighter for China just now.

I had a letter from my daughter posted in Singapore en route to Kunming, and she told me of the Chinese students traveling on the boat with them who were going to Hua Chung. I think she said there were thirteen of them. This promises well for the entering class.

Affectionately yours,

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Copy of Letter from President Wei to Mr. O. S. Lyford, Treasurer of Hua Chung Board of Founders: copies mailed November 14, 1941 from New Haven office of Yale-in-China at request of Dr. A. M. Sherman, President of Board of Founders.

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

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Hua Chung College
Hsichow, Via Tali, Yunnan
October 14, 1941

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Dear Mr. Lyford:

Your letter No. 25 of September 11 has been received and shown to Mr. Coe. I sent my last letter, N.Y.27, to you on September 30. That letter was concerned largely with our increase of salaries, which I hope you have already taken up with the Board of Founders acting concurrently as Directors.

I must say that this action has been very cheering to the members of the faculty and administrative staff not only because it has increased their income considerably in order to meet the rising prices, but also to give them a sense of security that the college has done the very best it can in order to make it possible for them to continue in educational work, which is at the present time the least lucrative profession in the country.

Registration was closed last Saturday, October 11. According to the report of the Registrar's Office, 141 students have already registered, five are still in the process of completing their registration, and three or four more are on their way from Hunan and Kunning. Therefore it is quite safe to report our enrollment for this term as 150. Of these, 88 are new students, including 7 from the pre-freshman class which we had last term. It is a class a little larger than we would like to have, but owing to the fact that our enrollment during the last two years was so small, we are willing to take such a large entering class. Fortunately, the old students are in a good spirit, and they are all endeavoring to assimilate this large number of new students. Of the 150 students, 45 are women; therefore, we are maintaining approximately the same ratio, two men students to one woman student, in the college.

The women's hostel has a capacity of 60 students, and, therefore, it is not crowded. Miss Bleakley, who has an apartment in the hostel, feels that the women students are of the right sort; they are quiet and dignified, willing to apply themselves. All the three men's hostels, however, are full to the limit, and we have set aside one apartment in one of the faculty compounds to accommodate the overflow of 10 men students; as there are several bachelors on the faculty, besides five families staying in that compound which is the greater part of a large local house, we can keep an eye on those students. They have to go back to the men's hostel for their meals and baths, and, therefore, they share the hostel life of the other men. The Rev. Carl Liu, chaplain for the Episcopal students, is warden of all the men's hostels. Mrs. P. L. Tang, nee Ruth Hsu, continues to be part-time warden of the women's hostel, with Miss Daisy Ten assisting her. Miss Yen graduated from the college in 1936, with the degree of B. Ed., and for the last five years she has been teaching in middle schools, returning to the college only this fall to be an assistant in the library and to spend part of her time on hostel work and to do partly religious work among the women students.

I have not had any report from the Dean's office as to how many of our new students are Christians. The percentage cannot be very high, as we have taken in

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from our Kunming examinations, open to the public, something like 45 students. Many of these, however, have their homes in Central China, and, therefore, are likely to move back with us to Wuchang when the time comes for our moving back. But most of them are graduates from non-Christian middle schools, although some of them had had some time before the war in Christian middle schools in various places. We are particularly happy that of the new students four women and three men are from the Hankow Diocesan Union Middle School, now in Chennan, practically all Christians; and six boys from Yali and four girls from Fuh Hsiang in Yuanling have already registered. According to the information we have received, three or four more boys from Yali are still on the way. These are the three to whom I referred in a previous paragraph. We are prepared to admit them, even though they are late, because they have come all the way from Yuanling, and we must make allowances for the difficulty of travel.

The Christian fellowships in the college and the Chapel Committee are doing their best to reach the new students with our Christian message. So far, church services and morning Chapel have been well attended. The Chapel Committee has organized three study groups for the freshmen and sophomores. One group under Professor and Mrs. Anderson has twenty-three students; a second under Professor John Lo and Mr. P. L. Tang has seventeen students; and the third under the Rev. Leonard Constantine and the Rev. Carl Liu has only two students, making a total of forty-two. This is about 40% of the two classes. These study groups meet once a week on Friday evening, and the work is not counted for any college credit. I have been persuaded by the Chapel Committee to give a credit elective course for juniors and seniors, and I have entitled it "Christianity in the Light of Modern Knowledge," a combined course of Philosophy of Religion, Systematic Theology, and Apologetics, intended for lay people. It carries two lectures a week in the evening from seven to eight o'clock on Wednesday and Friday, and is counted for one credit, because I do not intend to require heavy reading for this course. Twenty-five undergraduates from the junior and senior classes and five graduates from the faculty and administrative staff have registered for this course. Taking all the study groups and my course together, we have about 70 students from the college taking religious studies, and that is approximately 47% of the total enrollment, which is encouraging.

On October 10, we celebrated the National Holiday, as well as the victory in North Hunan (Changsha). An assembly was held in the morning with the students and faculty attending. In the afternoon there was a basketball match and a football match between the student teams. Admission tickets were sold, and the proceeds amounted to over NC\$1,000; most of them were sold among the townspeople, as well as among the faculty members. Expenses were paid by the students themselves, and the proceeds are being sent to the government for wounded soldiers. It was a rainy day, and the ground was wet and muddy. We have a small field, and it was a great deal of fun to see the husky students stumbling and rolling in the mud, showing good spirit in the football game, finishing it when it was raining towards the end. All the players were literally covered with mud, and they did not seem to mind it. I was very much pleased with the spirit and commented on it in the Monday assembly.

A telegram from Hongkong has announced the arrival of Dr. and Mrs. Lin Yueh-hwa there, and we are expecting them to be at the college any day, as they are flying in from Hongkong. Dr. Sidney Hsiao has written from Honolulu, telling of some engine accident on the steamer. Apparently, he and his wife have not touched any Far Eastern port yet, because no telegram has reached us. He has written that as soon as he reaches Manila or Hongkong, he will wire. I presume he will be here sometime the middle of next month. His courses are being carried on in the department of Biology by two of the young lecturers in the department.

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After Dr. T. W. Zee resigned from the college, Dr. Richard P. Bien was appointed dean of the Yale-in-China School of Science, but he has refused to accept the appointment. After consultation with members of the Science faculty of professorial rank, I appointed Dr. Sidney Hsiao as the dean of the School, and the appointment has been confirmed by the Senate. I am writing to Dr. Hsiao at his Rangoon address to inform him of this. Although Dr. Hsiao has been away from the college since 1936, he knows the college well and particularly the School of Science. When we reopened in 1929, he was one of the three science teachers to build up the science departments, and it was largely through his initiative and hard work that the Biology department got under way. He holds a Shanghai University degree, but he spent three years at Hua Chung from 1924 to 1927, and finished only his last year in the University of Shanghai when we were closed in May 1927. Therefore, he is more a Hua Chung man than a Shanghai man, although he holds a Shanghai degree. He is a member of the Methodist Church, and his whole family is closely connected with the Methodist Church in Wuhan.

The general faculty meeting has been discussing the merits and demerits of our intermediate examinations. When the meeting was held again yesterday, the subject was debated at length. We consider our intermediate examinations as one of our special features. It is because some of the younger teachers do not understand its purpose that the question was raised and discussed again. The system has been sustained by a vote of the faculty with an overwhelming majority. Only three voted against it, and, therefore, the system is to be continued in a modified form. Instead of requiring five subjects for intermediates, we are going to have only four examinations at the end of the sophomore year before the students are allowed to enter the junior year. The four examinations are English, Chinese, and two examinations in the major field, with the proviso that one of the two examinations may be in a related field.

At the first general faculty meeting of this term, I brought up the question of honor students in the college. The idea was approved in principle by the meeting, and yesterday I presented a concrete scheme in Chinese. The scheme has been received by the general faculty and referred to the Senate for discussion and approval before the general faculty will consider it again. The idea of this new scheme is to give an opportunity for the best students in the college to do more intensive work in their major fields under special tutors. The lecture courses will be reduced in order to give time for this tutorial work, and it is our hope that when this experiment is carried on for a number of years, it may become a contribution to higher education in the country. We have had our comprehensive graduation examinations for the last seven years, and now the government has copied it and has required all the colleges and universities in the country to do the same. Last summer many of the institutions of higher learning found it difficult to carry out the government order, whereas it has worked satisfactorily with us for the last seven years. When I was in Chungking in March, people in the Ministry of Education were very eager to introduce intermediate examinations also into the colleges. So far, ours is the only college which has them, and the Ministry sees at once the merit of such a scheme. I am sure when our system of honor students (they are called honor schools in England) is properly worked out, the whole country will sit up and take notice of it. It may mean more finance in the long run, but as our motto is quality rather than quantity, we ought to make the full use of our principle. After the Senate and faculty have discussed this system and adopted it, I shall report to the Board at greater length.

With the best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

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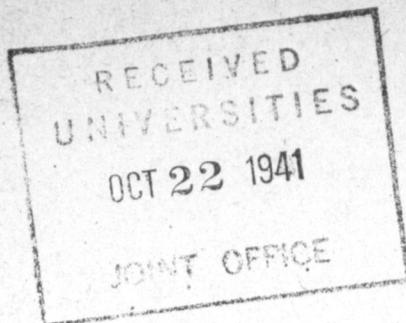
(s) Francis C. M. Wei, President

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October 17, 1941

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

Dear President Wei:

We enclose herewith the minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Associated Boards held on October 3.

As you look over these minutes, you will find that most of them concern actions in regard to the plans for carrying out the promotional program of the Associated Boards in America.

On page 4 the subjects of the "Sustaining Fund for 1941-42" and "Coordination of Work at Chengtu" were referred to other standing committees for detailed action. You will be receiving reports of these committees going more into detail regarding these subjects when they have had opportunity to meet.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

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Copy to: Mr. John L. Coe

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281 Fourth Ave., New York

October 24, 1941.

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

Via Air Mail

Dear Francis:

I have just sent you the following cable:

FOUNDERS DEEPLY APPRECIATING FACULTY SACRIFICIAL SERVICE HAVE SUB-
STANTIALLY APPROVED ACTION REPORTED YOUR LETTER TWENTY-SEVEN DE-
TAILS LATER. SHERMAN

This was drawn up by Mr. Lyford and me after a conference yesterday following the receipt of your letter No.27 dated September 30th, together with Mr. Coe's letter of the 29th. The Board of Founders held their regular autumn meeting on October 16th. At that time I emphasized particularly those items in your annual report which I felt required emphasis and perhaps action. The report had been mimeographed and circulated to the Founders before the meeting.

The first thing I stressed was the effect of the cost of the War on the faculty, reading your paragraph on this subject. The Founders were, of course, very responsive to the difficult situation in which the faculty find themselves because of the tremendous increase in living costs. We gave more time to the discussion of this than any other item and voted the following action:

VOTED that the Board of Founders expresses its conviction to
285 President Wei that the present salaries are inadequate;
that we add to the 1941/42 Budget an item of N.C. \$50,000.,
including the adjustments which have already been made;
that it is understood that the actual amount within this
limit shall be determined by President Wei and that such
amount will be expended at his discretion for salary in-
creases.

We were much moved by the recital of the hardships caused by the financial situation. We are very grateful to the faculty for the way they have carried on in spite of these difficulties and that we can be associated with the work of such men, their wives and families, who make this sacrifice with them. But we want to do all in our power to remedy the situation and we are prepared to act as far as our means will allow, in accordance with suggestions which come to us from you. Fortunately our finances will allow us to remedy to some extent the situation, conscious of the fact that it may need later adjustment.

Bishop Hall has been in New York and I invited him to meet with our Executive Committee in my apartment the week before the meeting of the Founders. He spoke among other things of the increased costs and drew our attention to the fact that teachers in government institutions have additional sources of income to supplement their salaries through professional and extra-professional activities. He also said that he was guided in the salaries of his workers in West China by the scale of salaries provided by Hua Chung College.

It has been a source of happiness to Mr. Lyford and myself to learn

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that the Executive Committee Pro Tem did not wait to hear from the Founders but had taken action to remedy the distressing situation. We feel, as the Executive Committee Pro Tem indicated, that it was a "vote of confidence" in the Founders.

Last year we note the subsidies to the teaching staff amounted to an equivalent of \$9,700, N.C. We do not know what increases are already in effect for '41/42. There is a slight difference in the total amount of your financial account and ours, but I am sure the Board of Founders will adjust their action to conform to that which you have taken. I expect to call a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board of Founders within a short time to consider this adjustment in the light of these letters received from you since the meeting of the Board of Founders. Mr. Lyford will also write to you about this adjustment going into the details contained in your letter.

The Minutes will be going to you in a short time. I have corrected the first draft received from Miss Dowd who acted for Mr. Smith at our last meeting. These will go to her today and she will have the Minutes out in a few days. There are two actions, however, I might report to you at this time:

VOTED 283 that the Board of Trustees of Hua Chung College, acting conjointly as the Board of Directors, hereby appoints the following persons to act as an Executive Committee Pro Tem until October 1, 1942 or until their successors have been appointed by this Board:

- President Francis C.M. Wei
- Dr. Richard Bien
- Dr. L. Hu
- Mr. David F. Anderson
- Mr. L. Constantine
- Mr. John L. Coe, Ex-Officio

This action was in response to a request received from you asking for the re-appointment of the Executive Committee Pro Tem for the current year and that because of Dr. Taylor's absence on furlough Mr. Constantine be elected in his place.

On recommendation of the Executive Committee Pro Tem it was

VOTED 282 that the School of Science be authorized to draw from the School of Science Reserve Fund sufficient money for advance purchases for three years, the total not to exceed \$1,800. U.S., the amount to be refunded from the annual appropriations for maintenance for the said School in the years 1941-42, 1942-43, 1943-44.

We are all greatly pleased with your splendid report. It presented the high-lights of the year - the College opportunities, activities and problems in a very readable and challenging way. We had 100 copies mimeographed, sending them to the Founders and to special individuals.

Bishop Hall has confirmed your need for a Department of Theological Training, emphasizing the opportunity that there will be for well train Christian leaders in the ministry and in other spheres in the building of China after the War.

The scientific projects undertaken locally sounded like the achievements of the Arabian Knights.

I have noted with gratification your report on the enrollment in your Letter No.27, namely, that you think it will be about 155. I hope the 17 students from Hongkong arrived safely. My daughter's letters mentioned them as being with her and her husband as far as Rangoon. Her last letter, however, was written just before they were starting for Kunming late in September and did not mention the students. Bishop Hall thinks that there will be students from Hongkong going to Hua Chung College as long as present conditions continue.

With warmest personal regards, I am

Ever yours,

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TEMPORARILY IN HSICHOW

VIA TALI, YUNNAN, CHINA

October 28, 1941
N. Y. 29

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

*Received
Nov-19
circulated*

Dear Mr. Lyford:

I sent you my letter N.Y. 28 on October 14, in which I acknowledged the receipt of your letter, No. 25.

Your last letter, No. 25, has been shown to Mr. Coe as it deals almost exclusively with financial business. He is writing to you on the questions you have raised.

I am supposed to have sent you a cablegram particularly for report to the Associated Boards on our enrollment, but as I had written to you on our enrollment, I thought it would not be necessary for me to send a cable which would cost a considerable amount.

Our enrollment is 148, including 47 women. The distribution among the four classes is as follows: Seniors 23; Juniors 16; Sophomores 15; Freshman 94. The freshman class includes 7 pre-freshmen who were with us last spring, and three students who are repeating the freshman year; therefore there are only 84 new students in the class. These statistics do not include six of our graduates, who are taking one or more courses in the college, and sixteen theological students who are not candidates for our degrees. If we should count these 22, which strictly speaking ought to be counted, our enrollment is 170. Even when you take the undergraduates who are candidates for the Hua Chung degrees, our enrollment is 70% more than our enrollment a year ago.

Mr. Robert A. Smith made us a brief visit during the last week-end. He arrived on Wednesday evening, October 22, and he stayed until Monday morning, October 27. Because his stay was so short, we had to crowd everything into four and a half days. After his hard travel here, naturally we did not want to work him as soon as he arrived on Wednesday evening. On Thursday he spent almost the whole day with me going through the college buildings and the different laboratories and departments in the morning, visiting the town of Hsichow and the different local institutions here in the afternoon, and he had a private dinner with me in the evening discussing various matters until half past nine, which is always a late hour with us in this rural town! On Friday he had tiffin at the Coes with the senior Science people, and in the evening he had dinner with Dr. Huang P'u and some other members of our faculty. Saturday was spent in interviewing some of the people he wanted to see; tiffin was at Professor Wesley Wan's home; we had the Yali and Fuh Hsiang graduates in the college come to meet him between tiffin and tea; and then at three thirty we had a faculty tea in the Faculty Common Room when the whole faculty of the college and that of the Union Theological College had the opportunity of meeting him and hearing him speak; in the evening Mrs. Miller, with whom he stayed during his visit, gave a dinner to twenty people in his honor. On Sunday he had lunch with Professor Anderson; then he went to tea at the Constantines; and dined at the Millers with Dr. Root as guest; in the evening he attended the meeting of the Faculty Christian Fellowship at half past seven. On Monday morning just before he left Hsichow, he addressed the college assembly. You see that we worked him very hard, but as a young man he seemed to be able to stand it all.

Mr. Smith is quite encouraged with the increased enrollment in the college and with the fact that whatever faculty friction we had had during the last two years had all evaporated. He told me that all the people with whom he talked gave him the same impression about the better feel-

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ing among the faculty.

In talking with me he raised questions particularly concerning our reserves. I am sorry that there seems to be some misunderstanding about the little reserve we have been holding on to during the last year so. It is, therefore, necessary for me to make some explanation on this matter.

You will remember that I wrote to you before Mr. Coe visited us in the spring of 1940 that we moved out from Wuchang without a balance sheet and with practically no knowledge of our financial conditions, especially when I came back to join the college in Kweilin in the summer of 1938 after I had been abroad for a whole year. It was difficult for many months to get any kind of detailed information from Mr. Coe in Wuchang while we were in Kweilin, and even when we came to Hsichow. While I knew that there was some money in the bank in Hongkong and some in the banks in Kunming, I was not able to find out what the different monies were and whether they included any funds earmarked for buildings from the Procter-Johnston Fund.

Then Mr. Coe came to Hsichow a year and a half ago, and we began to get things straight. It was the first time that I was able to know what was what concerning our financial conditions. Before he came, I had a notion that it would be necessary for us to have some reserve, in view of the uncertainties in the world, if the college should want to carry on on a sound basis. As soon as I learned about the nature of our reserves, I reported to the Executive Committee Protem and the administrative heads in the college that our policy must be to hold on to whatever reserve we had. No action has ever been taken on the matter, because it does not seem wise to broadcast even the little reserve we have been able to accumulate during the past years, due largely to a favorable rate of exchange.

In talking to Mr. Smith I tried to make clear to him that there are many reasons why we should try to leave our reserve as much untouched as possible, as far as current expenditures go. Mr. Coe has prepared a memorandum on the Yale-in-China Association appropriation for the Yale-in-China School of Science budget for this current year, i.e., for 1941-42. I endorse his memorandum wholeheartedly. He is sending it to you, and I hope you will approve it and take the matter up with the Trustees in New Haven.

As to the reasons why our reserves ought to be kept as much intact as possible, I shall mention only a few. First, we must remember that our college has no endowment fund and the budget for every year has to be met from appropriations from the five cooperating units and from incomes in China, including a government grant and fees taken from the students. Ever since the outbreak of the war, it has become more and more difficult to charge tuition and other fees, and now they have all been remitted. Students are paying only board and lodging, which are not strictly educational expenses. Certainly they yield no income to the college; as a matter of fact board and lodging require from time to time some subsidy in order to help them make ends meet. As our income is only from year to year, it seems to me very essential that we should have some reserve funds to fall back upon in case the world crisis should come to the worst. Some of the missions may not be able to come up to their respective quota, as far as the college budget is concerned. Many of our Chinese faculty and all the missionary members of the staff are investing their lives in the work. It would not be fair for us to have severe cuts all of a sudden, which might lead to the reducing of the staff. This is the first reason why I have been wanting, as an administrative head, to have as much reserve at the disposal of the Board of Founders as possible so as to carry on the college with a reduced budget for at least two years, if every source of income should dry up. If anything, I should like to err on the side of overprecaution rather than to make no adequate provision for the future.

Secondly, it has cost us about N.C.\$150,000 to move the college to Kweilin and then to Hsichow. Prices have gone up. When the war comes to an end in China and when it is time for us to move back to Wuchang, I am afraid it will cost us at least three times as much to move back as to move out. When we were moving out, every member of our faculty and staff had still some small

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savings to fall back upon, and they were able to pay part of their travelling expenses. The three years of refugeeing have left practically everyone of us bankrupt. I do not see how our faculty and staff members are going to meet any of the expenses in moving back to Wuchang. They will have to be moved, literally. If all goes well, the Founders and the missions may be able to find us special funds to move the college back, but "a bird in the hand is worth two in the bush," and as long as we have some little reserve we ought to cling to it as tenaciously as possible for this purpose among others of getting the college moved back to its original site. It would be gross injustice to try to shed some of our staff and faculty members if only for the simple reason of our not being able to pay their travelling expenses back. They have been refugeeing with us with the hope that they may go back to Wuchang with the college.

Thirdly, we have left all our buildings, two-thirds of our Science equipment, all the furniture, and approximately 80% of our library books in Wuchang. Some of the more precious equipment has been stored in the Jardine warehouses in Hankow. No one can tell what is the fate of our property left in the Wuhan cities. Some of it may be lost, some of it may be stolen, certainly some of it will have deteriorated, and all of it may be destroyed by the enemy before the end of the war. If we should not replace whatever loss of books and equipment there may be, which eventuality would certainly sadden our people, we would have to repair the buildings and replace our furniture, without which the college would not be able to operate. This would cost money. I would like to mention in this connection also the necessity of helping members of the faculty and staff to set up their homes again when they go back. Rehabilitation, therefore, is the third reason why every bit of reserve ought to be handled as carefully as possible.

Fourthly, we do not want to deceive ourselves that after the war every problem in China will be solved. As long as the war lasts, prices will be high and subsidies and salary increases will be necessary, but this cannot stop at the end of the war, if the last war in Europe has taught us anything at all. In this respect, I am a pessimist. I am afraid the hardest time will come for at least three to five years after the cessation of hostilities in China. The Founders may be able to continue to raise emergency funds, but people will not believe in any emergency if it is going to last for many long years. We have to make our preparations for that kind of situation. The war in Europe and the war in China will leave every country in the world poorer, and you will certainly agree with me that it will be more difficult to raise funds after the war than to do it at the present time, difficult though it is now. This is another reason why I feel very jealous of our limited reserve and want to do everything to keep it intact.

I may go on and give other reasons for wanting to accumulate our reserve, if at all possible, and certainly not to allow what we have already got in hand to be taken to any large extent to meet our current budget from year to year. As the responsible administrative head, it is my duty to point out to you and to the Board of Founders and to the cooperating units all the things that I can think of in connection with our future finances, but if the Founders and the missions would want to take from our reserves money to meet the current budget of the college from year to year, it is their right, and I have nothing to say. But I want to make it very emphatic that the college has absolutely no endowment fund and no income whatever except from the annual appropriation from the cooperating units. The Chinese government and the Chinese people will have a great deal more to do after the war, and I am afraid we shall be making a great mistake if we try to count on income in China to carry on the college. Most of our men who are with us now might go somewhere else at the present time and get more lucrative jobs, but they have chosen to stay with us out of loyalty to the institution and love for the work. I would like to do everything possible to give them some sense of security.

I hope the Board of Founders and the cooperating missions will give this matter their serious consideration and adopt a policy with regard to the earmarked reserve funds, which are now in our joint account in the U.S.A. It has been our policy here never to touch any of the reserve funds except by explicit action of the Board of Founders, acting at present concurrently as Board of ~~Trustees~~ upon recommendation from the college, to meet some unanticipated need, and I trust that this policy meets with your approval.

With the best wishes,

(Signed) Yours sincerely,

Francis C. M. Wei

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F. S. Dr. Sherman's cablegram dated
Oct. 24 was received after this letter had
been dictated. F. C. M. W.

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Received
Dec 10, 1941

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

Dear Mr. Lyford:

My last letter to you was N.Y. 29, dated October 28. It has been so uneventful in the college during the last three weeks that I have delayed in writing to you.

In the first place, I want to acknowledge the receipt of the cablegram from Dr. Sherman, the president of the Board of Founders, informing us that our financial arrangement, as reported in my letter N.Y. 27 to you, had been substantially approved by the Board. In writing to Dr. Sherman sometime ago, I acknowledged the receipt of his cablegram. Let me repeat here, as I wrote to Dr. Sherman, how much joy this approval of our financial arrangement has brought to the people here, but I am sorry to say that the salary increase made at the end of September has practically been swallowed up by the increase of prices, which is really alarming. But everybody realizes that we have done our very best, and there is the willingness to bear whatever hardship is necessary in time of war.

We had our Founders Day and Matriculation for the new students on November 1. The ceremonies were held at nine o'clock in the morning. There were a few guests from outside, but we had invited only a few, wanting to keep our tradition of making the occasion more-or-less a family affair. The faculty marched in in procession, with the new students preceding them, and the whole meeting took only an hour and a quarter. Dr. Wesley S. Wan gave the Matriculation address, which was much appreciated by both faculty and students. Eighty-seven new students were matriculated because while we had registered more than eighty-seven, four had already dropped out before November 1 and three of the present freshman class are repeating their freshman work. Among the eighty-seven there was one transfer student to the junior year.

We have not heard from Mr. Smith since he left here October 27 to go to Kunming and then to fly from there to Chungking. I have written to ^{him} ~~her~~, addressing the letter to his hotel in Kowloon, Hongkong, and we have also sent to Kowloon to him the first number of the "Hua Chung News" for this year, consisting of eighteen typewritten pages for him to duplicate or to do whatever he wishes as Associate Secretary of the Board, when he gets back to New Haven. We shall continue to have four issues of the "Hua Chung News" this academic year.

Dr. Sidney Hsiao certainly has had a very checkered trip from San Francisco to Rangoon. Yesterday I received a letter from him, dated November 7 from Rangoon. He did not say when he had arrived in Rangoon, but he does say in his letter that he was to start from Rangoon on the 8th, expecting to arrive in Hsiakwan on or about the 18th, which is today. We have just sent a man to meet him at Hsiakwan. It would be a very pleasant surprise to us if he should arrive there actually today. His house and everything else except a servant are ready for him.

It is very strange that Dr. Lin Yueh-hwa has not yet arrived with Mrs. Lin. When he arrived in Hongkong about the middle of October, we received a telegram from him, saying that he and his wife were to fly in, but since then there has been no news whatever. I have written to Hongkong before the telegram came. We hope all goes well with them.

As I do not wish to be absent from the college too much, I am not going to Chungking to attend the People's Political Council this time. The members of the Council have been asked to be in Chungking before the 15th of this month. Presumably, the Council is meeting this week.

In spite of the alarming news from the radio, our part of the country is still peaceful. There is the rumor, which we heard yesterday, that fighting has started between the Japanese and our troops in or near Hokee on the railway at the border between Yunnan and Indo-China, a point still two days rail journey from Kunming by a slow train. But very often such rumors do not turn out to be true. It is a very exciting time now, but we feel sure that whatever happens we are safe here in this secluded place. With the best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Francis C. Willford

Letter from President Francis C. M. Wei to Dr. A. M. Sherman, president of Hua Chung Board of Founders. Received in New York City December 1, 1941. Copied at Yale-in-China office in New Haven and circulated at request of Dr. Sherman.

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

Hua Chung College
Hsichow, Via Tali, Yunnan, China
November 6, 1941

Dear Dr. Sherman:

I wrote to Mr. Lyford, treasurer of the Board of Founders, reporting on the action that we had taken here to increase the salaries of the members of the faculty and staff in the college. The letter was mailed on October 1, while it was dated September 30, and we were so very glad to receive a week ago a cablegram from New York, dated October 24, under your signature, approving this financial arrangement. This has brought great joy to the whole college, in spite of the fact that the increase has already been swallowed up by the rising prices during the last five weeks. After consultation with me, Professor John L. Coe, treasurer of the college, has just sent out a circular notice to the faculty and staff, saying that they may have money advanced to them to the amount of half of their income for six months, in order that they may have money to buy rice and other kinds of food stuff when the new rice is coming into the market and when buying is good. By storing up rice and other kinds of durable goods when prices are favorable, we hope to help our people to make some saving. Whatever money is advanced will be deducted month by month from the salaries and subsidies, reckoning that everything will be paid back to the college before the end of the academic year. As this is only administrative routine, we do not have to ask the Executive Committee Pro-tem to act on it. Mr. Coe has written to Mr. Lyford in detail on this matter.

Your letter of September 11 was received at the last week-end, and I have shown the document on "Religion on the Campuses," as prepared by the committee of the Associated Boards and bearing the date of April 25, to Professor David F. Anderson, secretary of the Chapel Committee. He has had no chance to call a meeting of the Chapel Committee to consider this document, but most of the questions raised in it can be answered from our experience in the college during the last year or so--and they have been constantly on our minds.

I shall try to answer the four questions raised on Page One of the report as follows:
1.

As to the attitude of Hua Chung College towards the restoration or enlargement of the department of Religion. I have written more than once to you and to the Board through Mr. Smith that it is our desire to restore our former Boone Divinity School by enlarging our present department of Philosophy, Psychology, and Religion in the college. We feel it rather odd that a Christian college should not have a share in the training of candidates for the ministry in the different churches in China and in the training of lay religious leaders. As soon as possible, probably when we return to Wuchang after the war, we want to launch our program of theological training. In the meantime, it is necessary for us to find qualified teachers for the fundamental theological subjects. If the Rev. Edmund Hsu should return to us after the war, he would be able to take care of Systematic Theology. Mr. Constantine can teach Church History if necessary, in addition to his present load in the college in Western History. We wish our Board to find as soon as possible the qualified people to take care of Biblical Literature both in the New Testament and in the Old Testament.

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Again, I wish to say that a man fresh from a theological seminary would not be able to meet our needs. He ought to have at least one or two years postgraduate studies in the Old Testament or the New Testament, whichever he is going to teach. As we are thinking not only of teaching, but also of research work in the field of Biblical Literature, candidates for our chairs of Old Testament and New Testament ought to have the necessary Biblical languages.

2. As to the attitude of the Chinese Government with regard to theological training in a registered college, I can only say that so far I do not see any possibility yet of the government recognizing theology as one of the departments in the college offering a degree. During my last two visits in Chungking, I had the opportunity of opening the subject with the responsible heads of the Ministry of Education, as I have reported in my previous correspondence with the Board of Founders. It is impossible to say whether their attitude will change and how it will change, but we are working out a five-year program leading to the degree of B.A. in the college with all the government requirements for the degree fulfilled, but in addition giving the students the minimum training in the theological disciplines, so as to qualify them certainly for lay work and possibly for the ministry, if they should take an additional year after leaving the college as assistants in designated teaching churches under experienced ministers. The government cannot object to such an arrangement as we are not required to report all the courses that we teach, but only those which are to be counted towards the degree.

3. As to what Hua Chung is now offering in religion in our curriculum and as to what courses are being elected, I have also reported in my letters to Mr. Lyford. We are experimenting on it just this year. For the freshmen and sophomores the Chapel Committee is sponsoring three study groups: one on "What Christianity Is," the second on "Christianity and Conduct," and the third on "Christianity and the Isms." Between forty and forty-five of the freshmen and sophomores are attending these groups, meeting one hour every Friday in the evening, as extra-curricula studies. For the juniors and seniors I am giving a course on "Christianity in the Light of Modern Knowledge," which is a combination of Philosophy of Religion, Systematic Theology, and Apologetics, with two lectures a week counting for one credit, and twenty-five of the upper class people have elected this course. As we have only thirty-nine students in the two classes, 60% of them are taking this course. If we count seventy students joining the religious study groups or taking my course, and our total enrollment is only one hundred forty-eight, almost half of the students are enrolled in these classes. Since this is the first year that we are experimenting on this scheme, it is still early for us to report whether it is going to be a success or not, and what measure of success it will be. It is our idea that my course should alternate with another course on the Bible for juniors and seniors. We have not quite decided who is going to teach the Bible course.

4. With regard to the "Institute of Research in Religion in China," sponsored by the Council of Higher Education, I have also written on the subject after my visit to Chungking last spring. We cannot encourage research work by having an institute without personnel, without funds, and without any plan. Therefore, I have resigned from the position of vice-chairman of the Committee. The only way to encourage research in religion in China is by building up, first of all, the department of Religion in the Christian colleges, and that is what we are trying to do, and we hope our Board of Founders will lose no time in canvassing for the necessary qualified men for this department. It is with research in view that we want to emphasize the high qualifications of the prospective teachers of religion. We may hope to inspire our students to do research work in the field only when we have faculty members who take an interest in it and who do it themselves.

In connection with this, I would like to report that the Rev. Carl Liu has been studying the local religions ever since he came to join us here a year and a half ago. I have already sent the first installment of his report on his studies to the "Chinese Recorder," and it has been published in four issues of the "Recorder," May through August. It is a creditable piece of work. The editor of the "Recorder" has promised to send fifteen copies of Carl's article, about 20,000 words, to Mr. Smith for distribution among the Founders. No word has been received from New Haven whether the reprints have been received or not. A bill for the postage from Shanghai has already been paid by our treasurer's office. Carl is preparing another report on the study of Taoism in our district, the first report being on the local temples, which was read to the Faculty Christian Fellowship last winter and was much appreciated.

We have in the college a very active Chapel Committee, which meets at least twice a term to consider our religious program. Everything is done to make our daily Chapel and Sunday services as helpful as possible. The Andersons and Miss Zenk have been working very hard to improve the music, and we are constantly keeping our eyes on Chapel attendance of the students and of the faculty. About 40% of our faculty are attending the Chapel services and 25% of our students are regular attendants. This makes our week-day Chapel attended by about sixty to seventy, and the Sunday morning service has an attendance of eighty-five to one hundred and ten, which is really encouraging for a small community like ours. The faculty of our college and some members of the Canton Union Theological College faculty take turns in conducting the daily Chapel, and a few of us with more experience conduct the Sunday services by rotation. Every person is free to conduct the service in the form in which he or she feels most at home.

All the Christian students in the college have organized themselves into a Student Christian Fellowship, and then we have an Anglican Fellowship, the Methodist Fellowship, and the Church of Christ in China Fellowship, consisting of faculty and students of the different communions. The faculty, together with the faculty of the Canton Union Theological College, have the Faculty-Christian Fellowship meeting twice a month. Beginning with this term we are having one paper every fourth Sunday evening of the month and a musical and social meeting on the second Sunday of the month. Some very interesting papers have been read during the last two years. Everybody has found the meetings helpful, and we have usually an attendance of about thirty, with tea served after the paper or after the social or musical program. The meetings are being held in the different faculty houses.

In my last Annual Report for the year 1940-41, I have a long paragraph on the religious program in the college. It is largely because we feel that more effort ought to be put into the religious side of our work that the Chapel Committee is making another attempt to improve our religious program, which so far has been very good, but we feel that the "good" is always the enemy of the "best." We shall never feel satisfied until we are able to reach the goal as outlined in the report you sent me from the bottom of Page Two through the greater part of Page Three.

It is very desirable that we should send some younger people to America or England for further studies in the field of Theology and Religion. Our problem at present is to get proper candidates for the fellowships which the Associated Boards have in mind. As soon as we are able to find such candidates, we shall take steps to get at least one appointed to the faculty and apply for a fellowship in America, through the Associated Boards, for his further training. It is not of much use to send a man over forty, and there is always a risk if we send a man who is too young. We would

like to have some one around the age of thirty, with or without previous training in Theology in China, but he must show a keen interest in religious work and in religious studies.

The report mentioned the desirability of visiting lecturers on religious subjects in a college like ours. If such visiting lecturers should spend only a short time in the college, there is always a problem as how to find the time for his lectures, as the college curriculum is very heavy as prescribed by the government and our extra-curricula program is already overcrowded. If, however, a visiting lecturer should spend one term, we may give him one or two courses. It would be preferable if he could teach some of the non-religious courses with a religious emphasis, and it matters very little whether his field is in the social sciences or in the natural sciences. Besides the regular courses, he can always give a series of lectures for the general student body and the faculty.

I have very little to comment on the other matters considered in the report. If there should be any question that the Associated Boards or our own Board wants to raise with regard to the whole question of "Religion on the Campuses," we shall do our best to answer it.

With the best wishes,

Yours affectionately,

(signed) Francis C. M. Wei

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I have a long statement on the subject of religion in the report. It is largely because of the fact that the Chinese Christian community is very small and the religious situation in China is very different from that in America. I shall never be able to do justice to the subject in the report. I have outlined in the report the general picture of the religious situation in China. I have also outlined the general picture of the religious situation in America. I have also outlined the general picture of the religious situation in the world. I have also outlined the general picture of the religious situation in the future. I have also outlined the general picture of the religious situation in the past. I have also outlined the general picture of the religious situation in the present. I have also outlined the general picture of the religious situation in the future. I have also outlined the general picture of the religious situation in the past. I have also outlined the general picture of the religious situation in the present.

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281 Fourth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

November 14, 1941.

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

Via Air Mail

Dear Francis:

I had a telephone talk with Dr. Hume the other day and he asked me if I heard anything from you further about Anna's coming to America to study medicine. I have not had any word from you in this matter and Dr. Hume has suggested that I communicate with you and find out if you still desire to have her come. If you do, there are certain things necessary and should be in hand very soon as scholarships, etc., are assigned in January. Dr. Hume would need the following information:

1. The Academic record; the courses she had in College and her scholastic standing.
2. There should be some estimate from neutral persons about her ability, person, and personality. "Good" or "moderate" are terms to be used in reporting on these.

" I have just learned that Prof. Claude Thomson of the University of Nanking is leaving shortly for SuChuan via the Burma Road. He is willing to take out the books I have been collecting for ~~Hua~~ ~~Chung~~. I am, therefore, speeding up the purchasing of these books so as to send them off by him. Many of the books recommended by Dr. Kelley, secretary for College work of the National Council, are published in England or are out of print. These we cannot get. In the place of these unobtainable books, I have substituted others which I think will be useful. I have had in mind ~~what you said~~ about books for the Anglican students, but owing to the dearth of books of this nature, suitable for College students, and also because I want to include some recently valuable books of religion suitable for all the students, I have included these. "

Mr. Lyford sent me your last letter to him and I have asked the office of our assistant secretary in New Haven to have this copied and sent to the trustees. I am sorry I did not keep the letter for a day or so until I had commented on it in this letter to you, but that will come later.

I want just to say here we are pleased, and I know you are, at the increased enrollment, and much interested in everything you wrote.

Just at this point of writing the situation looks very ominous to the south of you. We are watching events in that region daily and praying that God will turn the hearts of men to understand and do His will in all the relations between nation and nation.

Affectionately yours,

Arthur M. Sherman

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Letters to Wei

November 24th, 1941

Letter No. 26

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

Dear Dr. Wei:

I duly received your letter N.Y. 28 dated October 14th and N.Y. 29 dated October 28th. Also, Mr. Coe's letter of October 28th with enclosure. My last letter to you was my No. 25 of September 11th. Your letter N.Y. 27 was discussed in my letter of October 27th to Mr. Coe.

Your N.Y. 28 has been circulated to the members of the Board of Trustees. I am sure the increase in enrollment will be very gratifying to all and all will be glad to know that the faculty and students are fairly well provided with living accommodations. I sincerely trust that the non-Christian students will be drawn to Christianity during the present college year.

I am glad to know of the safe arrival of Dr. and Mrs. Lin. My last letter from Dr. Hsiao was a postal dated, Manila September 29th. It is too bad that the large amount of luggage prevented Dr. and Mrs. Hsiao from traveling by air as did the Lins. I trust they have arrived safely at Hsichow by this time. I note with interest that Dr. Hsiao has been appointed Dean of the School of Science. This no doubt will be a great surprise to him but my brief acquaintance with him was enough to convince me that he will have a powerful influence for good in the College.

It is very interesting to know of the success of the intermediate examination and of the new plan for honor students to do intensive work in their major field. It is especially gratifying to learn that the Government is disposed to follow your lead in some of the innovations of recent years. This seems to prove that you have the position of leadership for which you have planned and worked. You certainly gage Mr. Smith what we call, in a slang expression, a "run-around". We received an interesting letter from him written on the day he left Hsichow. He gave a good account of his personal experiences but evidently deferred his report for submission to Yale-in-China in person on his return. He did not discuss the policy of building up reserves but your explanation and that of Mr. Coe's will help materially in the discussion soon after his return. I personally am in full accord with your policy and will do my best to supplement your argument for a U.S. grant of \$5,000 by Yale-in-China for the year ending July 31, 1942.

Regarding the increase of about N.C. \$50,000 in salary allowance, I am fairly certain that this can be covered without material reduction in the reserves.

I recently received notice from the National City Bank that their Hongkong branch had cabled for instructions to pay you U.S. \$1,000 on one of your

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checks. In the meantime License No. 75 has been issued by the United States and under this license all transfers to China nationals must be paid through the bank of China in New York. This is in connection with the stabilization plan of the United States and China. For this reason and acting under our instructions, the joint account has been debited with \$1,000 and this amount has been paid to the Bank of China, New York Agency for account of the Hongkong branch of National City Bank and in turn for the account of Central China College. This license No. 75 is now governing all mission boards in the transfer of funds to China nationals.

Yours very sincerely,

Oliver S. Lyford

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November 26, 1941

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

Dear President Wei:

Attached hereto are the minutes of meetings of three of the standing committees of the Associated Boards as follows:

Committee on Christian Character, Staff and Curriculum, October 10, 1941
Committee on Finance, October 17, 1941
Executive Committee, November 10, 1941

The meeting of the Committee on Christian Character, Staff and Curriculum dealt principally with matters concerning the continuance of studies being made here as a result of actions of the Annual Meeting. These studies are being carried out by the several sub-committees of this standing Committee. One action of this Committee does request your consideration on the field. This is CCSC-1272 concerning assistance to your graduates who come to America to study. The scholarship funds which are available from the Sustaining Fund are reserved for use of faculty members, but there is opportunity for help in the form of advice and suggestions which may be given to other students. This, the Associated Boards will gladly do. The action is designed to facilitate the contact with your graduates who come to America.

The Committee on Finance made a number of recommendations to the Executive Committee, all of which were approved at the meeting of that Committee on November 10, and are now in effect.

The first subject considered by the Committee on Finance was the final allocations to complete the assignments of the 1940-41 Sustaining Fund.

You will recall that last year the Sustaining Fund goal was set for \$250,000, of which \$175,000 was to be made available Before June 30, 1941, and the remaining \$75,000 to be used after July 1, 1941. Allocations made prior to June 30, 1941 distributed all of the \$175,000 plus some additional designated gifts. The action of the Committee on Finance, F-1279, provided for the allocations of such balances as remained, these being made in the light of the latest information from the field regarding operating deficits at the close of the fiscal year and of urgent emergencies now in existence. Summarizing the results for Hua Chung College, the following amounts were allocated from the 1940-41 Sustaining Fund:

Allocation prior to June 30, 1941	\$7,500
By action F-1279 (e)	<u>3,000</u>
Total	\$10,500

Balances due to complete payment of the above total are being paid through the regular channels.

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Action F-1281 relates to the operating budget of the Associated Boards and concerns requests which go directly to the Board of Trustees in America. The distribution of costs in this action is directly in proportion to administrative services rendered and money allocated in the Sustaining Fund of 1940-41.

The Executive Committee minutes include the approval of the actions of the Committee on Finance (E-1289). Other items concern the plans for the Sustaining Fund of 1941-42. Under actions E-1286-7-8 official requests are made for funds from the United China Relief. The division referred to in action E-1287 is in order to fit our askings into the plan under which the United China Relief is working. The total asked from them includes the full amount of money needed to enable you to balance your budget as presented to us.

Further study and action concerning the middle schools and the Institute for Research in Religion is provided for in actions E-1290-91.

In recent weeks, we have had a number of requests, in connection with our efforts to raise funds for the Colleges, for brief biographies of the most prominent members of the alumni of each university. Such information will assist us in personalizing our appeals, and we are in need of this information as soon as it can be made available. Will it be possible for you to arrange to send us brief biographical sketches of approximately ten or twelve of your most prominent graduates? This help will be very greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

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P.S. We are also enclosing a copy of the final bulletin of the 1940-41 campaign and a copy of the first bulletin of the 1941-42 campaign.

Copy to: Mr. John L. Coe

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281 Fourth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

Dr. Francis C.M. Wei
Hua Chung College
Hichow, via Tali, Yunnan
China

Via Clipper Mail

Dear Francis:

I am enclosing a copy of a letter dated July 25th from Dr. Paul V. Taylor, resigning his official connection with Hua Chung College. I am sending you also a copy of my reply to him. I am also sending a copy of Dr. Taylor's letter to the members of the Board of Founders with my reply.

We have been deeply concerned about the situation at the College, in view of the approach of the enemy from Burma. Your letters to Mr. Lyford and word that I have had from other sources, however, have been reassuring. The Trustees are impressed by your attitude and the decisions which you have reached. We thank God that you are there in this very difficult time and have been able to deal wisely with problems as they have arisen.

We have been also and still are much concerned over the financial situation in view of rising costs, etc. We hear not only from you about this but am in communication with my daughter and son-in-law and get the same story, and it comes in from others also.

I presume you know that several of our missionaries in occupied China are on their way home. I haven't the complete list by me but I think everybody from Wuhan is coming out, including Bishop Gilman, Father Wood and Mr. Kemp. It is a sad move and one wonders what will be left when the happy day comes to return.

Mr. Lyford has written to you about our meeting of the Executive Committee held in New York on June 12th. I am sure there is nothing that I can say that would clarify. You will also have, if you have not already, the record of the meeting from Mr. Smith. Vote 4 expresses the unanimous intent of the Board, namely, that we are going to back the President and the Executive Committee Pro Tem to the fullest extent. This means making all possible provision for meeting further inflation should this occur.

Every evidence we get now indicated America's full determination to support China by equipment in every possible way. The speech recorded in the New York Time on July , by in Chungking was reassuring, namely, that the supplies for China would not be diverted to the front in Europe.

With my warmest and affectionate regard, I am

Yours ever,

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HUA CHUNG (CENTRAL CHINA) COLLEGE

WUCHANG, CHINA

TEMPORARILY IN HSICHOW

VIA TALI, YUNNAN, CHINA

室 長 校

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

December 23, 1941
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CO-OPERATING UNITS
BOONE COLLEGE,
GRIFFITH JOHN COLLEGE
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WESLEY COLLEGE
YALE-IN-CHINA COLLEGE

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

Duplicate received April 2, 1942

*Received May 5, 1942
Duplicate received April 2, 1942
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Dear Mr. Lyford:

I sent my last letter to you, N.Y. 31, dated December 11, on December 12. It is hardly possible for me to guess how the letter will go at a time like this with Hongkong and Shanghai both cut off from us. I sent the letter to Kunming to be mailed from there, because the post office in the capital city of the province would know better how to dispatch it.

I am writing again on financial matters. Before I report on what is being doing I must tell you how embarrassed I have been feeling with regard to the financial situation in the college.

It was only at the end of September that we made a drastic increase on salaries of the members of the faculty and staff in the college. At that time it was my feeling, shared by all members of the Executive Committee Pro-tem, that after this action we might not have to consider financial questions concerning the faculty and staff until at least the end of this present academic year. But by the middle of October, only half a month after the increase had been made, prices all of a sudden started rising in an alarming manner. The price of rice is double, i.e., instead of costing NC\$15 per head per month for rice alone, it is now costing NC\$30. Charcoal has gone up two and a half times since September. Pork has gone up from \$4 to \$7 per catty, which is a pound and a third. Beef has been doubled, and so has lard as well as vegetable oil. All these are essentials for daily living in the family, except for pork and beef which are hardly being consumed by members of our faculty who have families. They have to live entirely on a compulsory vegetable diet. Dr. P'u Huang was telling me the other day that his family had been trying to save on lard because it was too expensive, but after a month's experiment he found that when less lard was used, more rice would be consumed, and so there was no saving.

In September I paid \$55 a month at the Bachelors' Mess for my own board, but this last month I paid \$93. The students before September paid around \$30 a month each in both the men's and women's hostels. The women are paying now around \$55 a month with only one meat dish for one meal in the week, all the rest being vegetarian food. With the same food the men have been paying during the last month \$65 because they eat more rice. Taking the cost of living as a whole, in this place, we may say that it has been just doubled inside of two months. It is not necessary for me to mention imported goods at all. Cotton cloth is imported because they do not grow cotton here. Ever since the outbreak of the war in the Pacific, cotton cloth has been doubled inside of two weeks. Compared with the prices of two years ago, it is now just ten times.

I have been pondering over this situation for the last month or so, and during the last two weeks several members of the faculty have come to me, reporting that they have either to quit teaching or starve. The matter was brought to the attention of the Executive Committee Pro-tem meeting yesterday, and the following action was taken unanimously:

"The Executive Committee has heard from the President that in reply to his application for government aids to members of the college faculty and staff to meet the increased cost of living, the Ministry of Education is taking up the matter with the Executive Yuen. Until definite word is received from the government

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Voted that owing to the unusual rise in prices during the last two months, the college war time price subsidy be increased from \$13 per month for each member of the family to \$28, and that the war time price subsidy be reviewed by this committee every two months from January 1, 1942, when the new rate will become effective."

I knew it would be very vexatious for the Board to have to face a situation like this, and I have hesitated for many days to mention it, even to the Executive Committee Pro-tem, until I found that something must be done in order to save some of our families literally from starvation. I studied the figures very carefully with Mr. Coe, and we found that of the forty members of the faculty and staff on our payroll (not counting the missionaries who receive their income from the missions direct), seventeen were receiving less than \$80 per month in the family per month, and \$80 we figured ought to be a reasonable quote with the present prices. But we did not dare to recommend this figure, and so we cut it down to \$70 per month, and a \$15 increase per month per month was recommended. Hence the action.

With this action there are still seven families who could not receive even as much as \$70 per month per month. I am taking steps to make special subsidies in order to bring the quota of these seven families up to \$65 per month per month. These special grants, together with the \$15 increase, will cost the college approximately \$25,000 for the seven months remaining in the present academic year from January 1 to July 31. I hope this action will meet with the approval of the Board.

Dr. Sidney Hsiao and his wife arrived safely at the college on December 18 after they had been on the way for four and a half months. They are getting settled down, and Dr. Hsiao seems to be happy.

Day after tomorrow will be Christmas. Again I would like to send you, your family, and all members of the Board and other friends greetings of the Season, not knowing when this letter will reach you. Christmas seems to be rather gloomy to me in a time like this. It happens that I have been asked by the Chapel Committee to take the Sunday service next Sunday, December 28, which is Holy Innocents Day. I cannot help thinking how it was one of the ideas of the old church that the first reaction of this evil world of ours to the Incarnation was the suffering of the "innocent." How true it sounds to our ears still after nineteen hundred years.

I hope that both of our cablegrams sent by radio from Tali have reached you and that you are taking steps to remit to us our requirements for the next eight months. In your cablegram sent from New York on December 10, you advised that we should have available in the college enough national currency for six months. The Executive Committee Pro-tem met and decided to have enough for eight months, figuring that it would cost the college approximately N.C. \$30,000 a month. Hence action Ex. 153 in the minutes of the 27th meeting of the Executive Committee Pro-tem held on December 15.

You will note that in the minutes of the same meeting we have Ex. 154, authorizing the President and Treasurer to arrange for an overdraft. Mr. Tan Jen-i went to Hsiakwan two days later and sent word back to us that the banks would not permit any overdraft at the present time.

I am enclosing herewith minutes of the three meetings, the 26th, the 27th, and 28th of the Executive Committee Pro-tem for the Board.

With the best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Francis C. M. M.

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P.S. Thank you for the pocket knife you sent me by Sidney Hsiao. Shall I send you 10 cts for it so that I may have bought it from you? But we are not superstitious!
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