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Letter from Dr. Wei to Mr. Lyford ---Received July 17

June 11, 1942
N. Y. 41

Received July 17

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

Received July 17

Dear Mr. Lyford:

My last letter to you was N. Y. 40, dated May 26, and mailed by air all the way to America.

Since then we have not received any letters from you, but on June 1st we received your cablegram dated May 27 from New York, informing us that our budget for the next academic year, 1942-43, had been accepted by the Board of Founders, acting concurrently as the Board of Directors abroad.

The situation has been quiet in our part of the country. For more than two weeks now the radio has been encouraging. There seems to be very little fighting at the Burma Border. Our troops seem to be able to hold their own, waiting for the rainy season to be over and then possibly do something else, which will depend upon the judgment of the Highest Command in consultation with the United Nations. Developments in East China, however, have not been so good. You may be able to judge better in America what the enemy is trying to do there, but we feel that the Japanese are thinking more of self-defense now than of a further attack on the Pacific or in China. Whatever territory they are trying now to occupy east of the railway is intended to eliminate as far as possible the possiblity of air attack from our provinces which are nearer to their country. Of course, our judgment may be entirely wrong, but the signs of the time seem to point that way.

Consequently, we have decided to stay here and are making plans for the operation of the college in Hsichow during the next year.

We have had during the last four weeks quite an epidemic of cholera in the valley of the lake from Hsiakwan north. There have been many deaths in our neighborhood. All our faculty families and students have been inoculated against cholera, typhoid, and para-typhoid. We are thankful to report that so far our health record has been excellent. The rainy season has already set in, and so we have to watch our medical situation more carefully.

The seniors who are preparing for their graduation examinations during the last week of this month, beginning with June 22, are now taking their term examinations, so that they may have a period of reading for the graduation examinations in between. The sophomore students are preparing for their intermediate examinations, and so they are having their term examinations next week, in order also to have a period of reading before the intermediate examinations. Commencement will be on July 2. The Chapel Committee is arranging for the Baccalaureate Service, which will probably be either the day before Commencement or on the morning of that day. An Examining Committee for the graduating class has been formed, and the recommendation has gone to the Ministry of Education for appointment. It consists of the President Ex-officio and the heads of all

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the departments in which there are graduating students, together with Dr. Wai-king Taai of the Canton Union Theological College as an external examiner. Beginning with this week, all of the officers will be busy in getting things ready for Commencement and the dose of the term.

In spite of all the rumors and panicky feeling around us during the last month, only three women students have asked for leave of absence to go back to Kunming, and two of them have since returned to the college for their examinations. The third got as far as about ten miles from Kunming, in an attempt to return to the college, but the truck upon which she was riding was commandeered, which forced her to return to Kunming. Everything goes on as usual in the college, and people are more-and-more confident that we are in as safe a place as we could find anywhere else in Free China. We are watching the situation very closely, so as not to run too great a risk as far as the safety of our people is concerned.

Prices have gone up about 10% during the last month, but charcoal, our main fuel, has taken another big jump. Other things have not changed much, except eggs which are N.C. $1.20 apiece. I have had at least one egg every morning for the last thirty-five years, but I have given it up now. Instead I am eating a potato every morning. The doctor may say that a potato is not so good as an egg, but I feel about the same!

For many days we have not had any word from Bishop Gilman. We do not know his whereabouts just at the moment, although I shall try to write to him both to Hankow and to Shanghai. Dr. Dwight Rugh has not written for at least two to three months, but we have had communications from the Reformed Church people in Lingling. The Hankow Diocesan Union Middle School has practically entirely evacuated from Chennan, although the last letters we have received indicated that the Rev. Mark Li, principal of the school, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur J. Allen and Miss Venetia Cox are still there with a handful of staff members.

Miss Cox has decided to join the Music department of the college, beginning with the next fall term, because she has little opportunity to do music work in the middle school. We hope that inspite of the changed circumstances she will still be able to come to Hsichow.

There is no telling yet where the Union Middle School is going to be located. Some of the students have got to KuKutsing, by rail from Kunming, and possible some have gotten as far as Kweiyang, but the problem of transportation nowadays is most difficult and we doubt very much whether they will be able to locate the school very far away from Kunming. This may mean that we shall not be able to get so very many students from their graduating class for our freshmen next September. Two or three may manage to come, and we hope that if the situation should improve during the next two months some of the Yali and Fuh Hsiang students will find their way here for the freshman class.

We are in close touch with the leading families of the local community. They have been very cordial and expressed their desire to cooperate with us in maintaining order, and if necessary to move together. We know practically which way we would go in case evacuation should become necessary. But up to this moment there is not the slightest reason for us to feel alarmed and to think that evacuation is necessary.

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After the receipt of your cablegram plans have been completed for the next year. Of the faculty and staff, only twelve members have served to be reappointed. Of these, eight will be reappointed for two years as they have served more than two years in the college, and the remaining four have only one year. This is according to government regulations which we have adopted. We do not feel it wise to make any alterations, since our policy is to give the impression that everything is going on as usual in the college. The appointment of many members of the faculty will expire by the end of next year. There will be no new appointments except possible a junior member in the department of Biology to fill a vacancy left by a resignation. Do you think the war will end within 1943 so that we may plan to return to Wuchang in the summer of 1944?

With the best wishes to you, your family, and to every member of the Board and friends in America and Great Britain.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) Francis C. M. Wei

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June 23, 1942
N. Y. 42

Sent to New Haven + returned

Received Aug 5

Last Yunnan letter was dated March 11

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

Dear Mr. Lyford:

I received during the week-end your letter, No. 29, dated April 24. It was a great joy to all of us that we were able to hear from you again.

I shall check over my file and see what other letters from you are still missing, and let you know later.

The first sheet of your letter deals largely with financial matters. Mr. Coe answered your letter to him of October 25 in November. In April when he discovered that you had not received his reply, he sent a copy to you. I am enclosing with this letter a report by him as to the possible balances in the various funds of the college, as of the end of July.

In your estimate of the amount to be asked from the various missions and Sustaining Fund for the new budget, there is a very close correlation with the figures that we have worked out here. There will be more about this in Mr. Coe's letter.

Prices, particularly for cooking fuel, have gone up tremendously during the last fortnight, largely owing to the general military situation and the commandeering of boats on the lake by the military. We depend upon fuel from the other side of the lake, and when the boats are not available, prices naturally go up. With the moving of troops towards our part of the country on their way to the Burma Border, and I may just as well say that our information is that these movements are pretty heavy, our prices will probably go up in the future for foodstuffs. At the same time the government universities in Kunming are increasing their salaries and subsidies for their faculty members. Unless we do something to increase ours to match their increase, it will be very difficult for us to hold our men. It is not that they are not willing to stay, but they have to make ends meet. I am calling a meeting of the Executive Committee on Thursday to consider this, and our decision may be such as to absorb the ~~total amount~~ greater part of the extra of N.C.$125,000, but we hope that this will stabilize our own situation in the college for some months. As soon as action has been taken, I shall report to the Board of Founders.

I am glad to know that Dr. Philip Greene has been appointed head of the American Red Cross in China and am glad that he is now in Chungking. I shall try to get in touch with him as soon as possible.

As I reported in a previous letter, Mr. Cressy in Chungking has informed us about Mr. Edwards as the representative in Chungking of the United China Relief. Mr. Cressy wrote sometime ago in April, asking for information regarding our financial needs in the college as far as the United China Relief is concerned. I wrote and reported to him what we were asking from our Board of Founders to make our budget meet for the next year. But he has written again that he has not gotten the full information, and so I am sending him the Summary Budget for the next year in exactly the same way as I sent it to you when I first reported by letter on our new budget.

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I was very much interested to have the whole of the Rev. William Paton's letter quoted in your letter. The whole paragraph of your letter, including Mr. Paton's letter, has been posted on the college Bulletin Board for the information of all those who had contributed to the little gift which we sent to Mr. Paton for churches in Great Britain.

The epidemic of cholera in our district is practically over. Again I would like to report that we are very thankful that our community has not been affected at all, thanks to the good care Dr. Logan Roots has taken of all the members of our students and faculty, both in our own college and in the Canton Union Theological College.

We feel somewhat depressed over the radio news about Libya, but the Chinese situation remains about the same. Fighting is going on in Kiangsi, but there does not seem to be much happening at the Burma Border. It is the rainy season, of course. Both the faculty and the student body have taken a very reasonable attitude during the last month and a half. We are finishing up the term, and Commencement will be on July 2 as I have reported. There will be a Baccalaureate Service in the morning at half past nine, with myself as the Baccalaureate preacher, and Commencement Exercises will be at two o'clock in the afternoon. We are trying to get the Military Commander in Tali to be the Commencement speaker. He is quite a Chinese scholar, as well as a soldier.

With the best wishes to everybody on the Board, your family, and other friends,

Yours sincerely,

Francis C. Wei

Enc.
FCMW/MRC

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July 6, 1942 - Letter No. 31

President Francis C. M. Wei

Dear Sir:

On June 8 I received your "Special Budget Letter" of April 7th. I had already received your N.Y. 35, 36 and 37 and therefore assume that I have received all of your clipper letters except N.Y. 31. I have held this reply for a few days hoping that the detailed itemized budget would arrive which you said would be sent in the next mail, but I will not wait any longer. No letters have come from China except clipper mail, so there is no use in sending reports at present except such as can be condensed to a few pages and sent by clipper. Your N.Y. 40 was received this morning. Your N.Y. 38 and N.Y. 39 have not been received.

I hope my letters No. 27, 28, 29 and 30 will have reached you before this arrives. I have cabled you as follows; on April 22: Acting immediately on understanding six hundred fifty thousand total new Chinese budget. Cabling today Kunming Chinese equivalent U.S. five thousand. Cable when received. On May 27: Next year's budget six hundred fifty thousand acceptable. Message received. Cabling today five thousand. We advise all possible precautions. Investigate safer locations. On June 29: April 7 letter received. Executive Committee cordially approved budget. All new money expected. Johnson intends continuance. All enthusiastically with you. - We have received no indication that any of these messages were received by you, but we assume that the first two have reached you as otherwise you would have cabled again for funds.

My letters No. 29 of April 24 and No. 30 of May 28 report our procedure previous to the meeting of the Executive Committee on June 12. I enclose herewith the minutes of that meeting, which include my Treasurer's Report. Your Special Budget Letter was read to the meeting; also the substance of the votes taken at the meetings of the Executive Comm. Pro-tem. There were a number of expressions of appreciation of the care with which the budget had been prepared and of regret that we cannot provide comforts far beyond what the budget calls for. You will see that the entire budget was approved including the emergency item and the provision for a new hostel, should this become necessary. The grant of N.C. $30,000 was not included in the income budget because we did not know of it. This will not affect the commitment by U.S. sources. We know you will be careful in the use of all grants.

We shall await with interest information regarding the western grants for scholarships. Also we need to know what balances you have to your credit with the Reformed Church Mission, the American Church Mission and whether you believe this credit will be made available in 1942-43. You see I want to know about all the money that is available to meet emergencies.

Mr. Robert Barnett, representative of United China Relif, has returned to New York after conferring with Mr. Dwight Edwards and others in China but he does not appear to have much detailed information about the finances of the colleges. I doubt if he heard anything very specific regarding Hua Chung. I hope you will be able to inform Mr. Dwight Edwards fully regarding your activities and your budget necessities, so that he can report specifically to any other representative of the U.C.R. who may appear at Chunking. Some of the other agencies associated in the U.C.R. are very energetic in demonstrating their need for more money. It is important that any information given Mr. Cressy shall be easily reconciled with the details which you send to me and which are passed along by me to the Associated Boards. I feel that you are keeping as careful control of expenditures as any other college or agency and you need have no fear that you will be accused of extravagance. I agree with you that the great bulk of your expense which is in excess of costs previous to the Japanese invasion is really for student and faculty relief.

I understand that the special appropriations requested in the votes of the Executive Comm. Pro-tem are included in the budget total of N.C. $645,554. and therefore the approval of the budget includes approval of these requests. You will note that the amounts to be received from the supporting missions are considerably higher than those suggested in

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Mr. Coe's statement, showing that these missions will carry a considerable portion of the additional cost to cover the increased cost of living. Regarding "retrenchment" and your decision to reduce the teaching personnel, please note that this does not show up in the comparative lists of personnel on Mr. Coe's statement.

Please refer to the statement of balances in the College Account in New York as this appears at the bottom of second paragraph of minutes of meeting of June 12. The remittance of U.S. 5,000 to you, as reported in my radiogram of May 27 had not been reported by the Bank when I reported these balances; therefore the amount of U.S. $5,000 must be deducted from the total of $18,435.39 in the College Account as given in the minutes. If before August 1st you have not cabled your request for first cash payment for 1942-43, I will cable N.C. $100,000 for this purpose. However I shall hope to receive from you soon a schedule of your probable requirements for the next 6 months and a statement of your balances in credits in the two missions in China. Yale-in-China is the only mission which has begun to send U.S. funds to me for depositing in the Joint or Reserve Account. Yale-in-China sent the first $1,000 of its $5,000 for 1941-42 and this appears in the item of $3,601.08 in the College Account reported in the minutes of June 12. I expect the balance of $4,000 shortly and also payments from American Church Mission and Reformed Church Mission for 1942-43. Miss Johnston sent to me on June 4th her reply to your letter of March 10 to her. This reads as follows: "I am sorry to be so slow in replying to your letter of May 22(Your letter of March 10 accompanied this) regarding the continuance of my pledge to HuaChung Arts Department. I am very much in sympathy with the way the funds are being saved as far as possible for future times and I have great confidence in Dr. Wei. I hesitate to make a definite pledge, as things are so uncertain, but my intention is to continue this grant of $5,000 a year as heretofore. Will you please convey this information to Dr. Wei with my deep appreciation of what he is doing. I am looking forward to the time when I can go out to China to see the New Hua Chung."

I have read your N.Y. 40 of May 26 with great interest and am passing it to Dr. Sherman, Dr. Lobenstine and Mr. Smith. No doubt Mr. Smith will circulate copies to all members of the Board. I will not comment on this letter at length as my letter is already pretty long. Will simply assure you of my great appreciation of the steadiness of the personnel through the recent nerve-testing months. We interpret all news from West China in terms of its effect on our dear friends at Hsichow and we hope and pray for just such a spirit in your group as we now know from your report to exist in remarkable measure. You can be sure that we shall back you to the limit of our ability in any steps which you decide to take.

Very sincerely yours,

Oliver S. Lyford

P.S. The last sentence, second paragraph, contains a mistake. We did receive your acknowledgment of remittance of $6,000 sent April 22nd.

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July 8, 1942
N. Y. 43

Received Aug 21
Sent to Hsichow and returned

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

Dear Mr. Lyford:

I sent you my last letter, N.Y. 42, dated June 23, all the way by air, and I hope it will reach you in good time. Your cablegram dated June 29 reached us on the evening of Saturday, July 4. It gave us great joy to receive it and to know that the Executive Committee had already approved our budget, that all the new monies were being expected by you, and that Miss Johnston had the intention of continuing her gift of U.S.$5,000 a year to the School of Arts as before. All that was good news, and I have shared the cablegram with members of the Executive Committee individually before we have a chance to meet to report it officially.

Commencement Day went off most successfully on July 2. We had the Baccalaureate Service in the morning at half past nine, and the graduation exercises in the afternoon at two. The afternoon exercises were exceptionally brief, but very dignified. They lasted only forty minutes with one Commencement address by one of the senior gentry in Hsichow. Practically all the members of the local gentry turned up, and they had tea with us and with the graduates after the exercises.

In my letter, N.Y. 42, dated June 23, I reported that I was calling a meeting of the Executive Committee to consider the revision of our subsidy scheme, which might absorb the greater part of the extra of N.C.$125,000 in our budget for the next year. The Committee met on June 25, with all the members present and Dean Sidney Hsiao of the Yale-in-China School of Science coopted. Our main business was to consider the revision of the subsidy scheme. We considered the necessity of giving higher subsidies, not only to enable the members of the faculty and staff to make ends meet, but also to get a scheme approaching that of the national universities and colleges.

According to the latest information received, the national universities in Kunming have been giving for the last two to three months salaries of N.C.$450 per month or more to professors; 35% of the salary per month as research subsidy; half of their rent; N.C.$115 per member of the family per month; and N.C.$70 per month for each family. For the junior members the initial salary is N.C.$150 per month; 35% of the salary as research subsidy; half of their rent; N.C.$115 per member of the family per month; and N.C.$90 per month for each family.

Inview of this revised subsidy scheme in the government universities in Kunming and inview also of the rising prices in our locality, the Executive Committee meeting on June 23 took the following Actions:

"Ex. 181 Voted that all previous schemes of subsidy be rescinded as from the end of the current financial year.
The salary as increased in Ex. 152 (September 29th, 1941) shall be considered as the basic salary.
Beginning from August 1st, 1942 the war time living subsidy shall be 50% of the basic salary; the war price subsidy shall be $65 per month for each recognized member of the family; the educational subsidy shall be $200 per annum for each child in middle school or college, and $100 for each child in primary School.
"Ex. 182 Voted that in case of new appointments the President shall inform the new appointee that the government regulation, that war price subsidy apply to a maximum of only five members of the family, shall be adhered to, unless a larger number of members of the family are actually resident in Hsichow."

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I have not worked it out with Mr. Coe as to just how much this revision of the subsidy scheme will cost the college for the whole of the next academic year, but our rough estimate is about N. C. $125,000. With the leaving, however, of two or three large families, the amount may not be so much if the vacancies should be filled by families of smaller size. I am enclosing a copy of the Minutes of the 33rd Meeting of the Executive Committee Pro-tem, held on June 25.

Practically all the members of the faculty and staff who were reappointed have accepted their reappointments, except two members of the department of Chinese Literature, one returning to his family in Kiangsi and the other accepting a government position in Kunming. It is possible that a third will go. We are trying to fill the vacancies, but it is very difficult in times like these to get qualified men.

All except about thirty students have left Hsichow to go home or to do summer work in other places. Those who remain here stay in the hostels and take care of their own expenses. But we have to advance money to most of them in order to pay their summer board, trusting that they will be able to repay their loans either from college scholarships or from government loans later. All the twenty-one graduates have had jobs offered to them, some of them have three or four to choose from. I have turned down ever so many requests from middle schools, government offices, and other organizations asking for our graduates. I wish I had at least twice as many graduates as we have this year, so as to meet all the demands.

Bishop Tsu came from Kunming yesterday, and we had a confirmation service for the Anglican Church in the College Chapel at half past seven this morning. Of the nine people who were confirmed, three are college students, one is to be a member of the freshman class next September, one is a student from the Chennan Union Middle School, and three are servants in our faculty families.

Most of the faculty and staff members are staying on here in Hsichow, but Miss Zenk has gone to Kunming for her vacation, and Mr. Walter Allen has gone to help his parents in moving the Chennan Middle School, which has not quite decided to which place they are going to move.

At the present moment there is no telling how large a freshman class we are going to get next term. It depends largely upon the situation at the Burma Border, which for at least six weeks has been quiet.

I received during the week-end Dr. Thayer Addison's letter, dated November 28, from New York, in which he wrote that the National Council of the Protestant Episcopal Church was intending to send to the college Mr. Starratt, B.A. Ed. from Boston University and a graduate of the Episcopal Theological School in Cambridge. The letter was seven months on the way, and therefore I have had no chance to let Dr. Addison know that Mr. Starratt would be accepted as a candidate for appointment to Hua Chung college for the teaching of Theology along the line of New Testament studies. I am going to write to Dr. Addison about him, since the circumstances have changed.

In the same letter Dr. Addison said that if the state of the Treasury of the Episcopal Church in February should justify their putting an additional appropriation of U.S.$5,000 for Hua Chung into the 1942 budget, we would get it for the college as added money. I do not know whether this has gone through or not. You have never mentioned it in your letters to me, but in your last cablegram your "new monies" may include this.

I have no intention of leaving Hsichow during the summer. It is very expensive to go anywhere, and I think I shall spend my vacation by staying around and doing some quiet reading, coming to the office a few times a week in the morning.

Everyone is well and cheerful. With the best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Francis C. McWilliams

Enc.
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July 14, 1942 - Letter No. 31

Received by him Aug 20

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Very sincerely yours,

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July 14, 1942 - Letter No. 31

President Francis C. M. Wei

Dear Sir:

On June 8 I received your "Special Budget Letter" of April 7th. I had already received your N.Y. 35, 36 and 37 and therefore assume that I have received all of your clipper letters except N.Y. 31. I have held this reply for a few days hoping that the detailed itemized budget would arrive which you said would be sent in the next mail, but I will not wait any longer. No letters have come from China except clipper mail, so there is no use in sending reports at present except such as can be condensed to a few pages and sent by clipper. Your N.Y. 40 was received this morning. Your N.Y. 38 and N.Y. 39 have not been received.

I hope my letters No. 27, 28, 29 and 30 will have reached you before this arrives. I ~~have~~ cabled you ~~as follows; on~~ April 22: "~~Acting immediately on understanding six hundred fifty thousand total new Chinese budget. Cabling today Kunming Chinese equivalent U.S. five thousand. Cable when received.~~" ~~On~~ May 27: "~~Next year's budget six hundred fifty thousand acceptable. Message received. Cabling today five thousand. We advise all possible precautions. Investigate safer locations.~~" ~~On~~ June 29: "~~April 7 letter received. Executive Committee cordially approved budget. All new money expected. Johnson intends continuance. All enthusiastically with you.~~" - ~~We have received no indication that any of these messages were received by you, but we assume that the first two have reached you as otherwise you would have cabled again for funds.~~

My letters No. 29 of April 24 and No. 30 of May 28 report our procedure previous to the meeting of the Executive Committee on June 12. I enclose herewith the minutes of that meeting, which include my Treasurer's Report. Your Special Budget Letter was read to the meeting; also the substance of the votes taken at the meetings of the Executive Comm. Pro-tem. There were a number of expressions of appreciation of the care with which the budget had been prepared and of regret that we cannot provide comforts far beyond what the budget calls for. You will see that the entire budget was approved including the emergency item and the provision for a new hostel, should this become necessary. The grant of N.C. $30,000 was not included in the income budget because we did not know of it. This will not affect the commitment by U.S. sources. We know you will be careful in the use of all grants.

We shall await with interest information regarding the western grants for scholarships. Also we need to know what balances you have to your credit with the Reformed Church Mission, the American Church Mission and whether you believe this credit will be made available in 1942-43. You see I want to know about all the money that is available to meet emergencies.

Mr. Robert Barnett, representative of United China Relief, has returned to New York after conferring with Mr. Dwight Edwards and others in China but he does not appear to have much detailed information about the finances of the colleges. I doubt if he heard anything very specific regarding Hua Chung. I hope you will be able to inform Mr. Dwight Edwards fully regarding your activities and your budget necessities, so that he can report specifically to any other representative of the U.C.R. who may appear at Chunking. Some of the other agencies associated in the U.C.R. are very energetic in demonstrating their need for more money. It is important that any information given Mr. Cressy shall be easily reconciled with the details which you send to me and which are passed along by me to the Associated Boards. I feel that you are keeping as careful control of expenditures as any other college or agency and you need have no fear that you will be accused of extravagance. I agree with you that the great bulk of your expense which is in excess of costs previous to the Japanese invasion is really for student and faculty relief.

I understand that the special appropriations requested in the votes of the Executive Comm. Pro-tem are included in the budget total of N.C. $645,554. and therefore the approval of the budget includes approval of these requests. You will note that the amounts to be received from the supporting missions are considerably higher than those suggested in

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Mr. Coe's statement, showing that these missions will carry a considerable portion of the additional cost to cover the increased cost of living. Regarding "retrenchment" and your decision to reduce the teaching personnel, please note that this does not show up in the comparative lists of personnel on Mr. Coe's statement.

Please refer to the statement of balances in the College Account in New York as this appears at the bottom of second paragraph of minutes of meeting of June 12. The remittance of U.S. 5,000 to you, ~~as reported in my radiogram of~~ May 27 had not been reported by the Bank when I reported these balances; therefore the amount of U.S. ~~$5,000~~ must be deducted from the ~~total of $18,455.39 in the College Account~~ as given in the minutes. (X1) If before August 1st you have not cabled your request for first cash payment for 1942-43, I will cable N.C. $100,000 for this purpose. However I shall hope to receive from you soon a schedule of your probable requirements for the next 6 months and a statement of your balances in credits in the two missions in China. Yale-in-China is the only mission which has begun to send U.S. funds to me for depositing in the Joint or Reserve Account. Yale-in-China sent the first $1,000 of its $5,000 for 1941-42 and this appears in the item of $3,601.08 in the College Account reported in the minutes of June 12. I expect the balance of $4,000 shortly and also payments from American Church Mission and Reformed Church Mission for 1942-43. Miss Johnston sent to me on June 4th her reply to your letter of March 10 to her. This reads as follows: "I am sorry to be so slow in replying to your letter of May 22(Your letter of March 10 accompanied this) regarding the continuance of my pledge to HuaChung Arts Department. I am very much in sympathy with the way the funds are being saved as far as possible for future times and I have great confidence in Dr. Wei. I hesitate to make a definite pledge, as things are so uncertain, but my intention is to continue this grant of $5,000 a year as heretofore. Will you please convey this information to Dr. Wei with my deep appreciation of what he is doing. I am looking forward to the time when I can go out to China to see the New Hua Chung."

I have read your N.Y. 40 of May 26 with great interest and am passing it to Dr. Sherman, Dr. Lobenstine and Mr. Smith. No doubt Mr. Smith will circulate copies to all members of the Board. I will not comment on this letter at length as my letter is already pretty long. Will simply assure you of my great appreciation of the steadiness of the personnel through the recent nerve-testing months. We interpret all news from West China in terms of its effect on our dear friends at Hsichow and we hope and pray for just such a spirit in your group as we now know from your report to exist in remarkable measure. You can be sure that we shall back you to the limit of our ability in any steps which you decide to take.

Very sincerely yours,

Oliver S. Lyford

P.S. The last sentence, second paragraph, contains a mistake. We did receive your acknowledgment of remittance of $5,000 sent April 22nd.

(X1) On June 29 I transferred $ 3,000 from the Foundation Account to the Reserve Account so that the balance in the Reserve Account is now $* 3,304.99

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July 20, 1942

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

Dear President Wei:

Your letter of May 29th addressed to Mr. Parker has been forwarded to our office by Miss Clara H. Baumann of the Church Periodical Club.

Mr. Parker has left our office to carry through some personal plans. Therefore, I am carrying on until we secure an executive to take over the position vacated by Mr. Garside.

Conditions are much worse since you wrote on May 29th as related to travel and war conditions. Of course, we all expect to have restrictions and limitations far beyond what we are now experiencing. It is all for the good of the cause.

We note that Mr. Eugene Hsu at Brown University is a former member of Hua Chung staff. If any application comes from him, we will be prepared to do whatever is possible in his particular case.

I have seen the very excellent report written to Rev. Sherman and the new Chairman of our Committee, Dr. Henry P. Van Dusen, has remarked most favorably about it.

We are looking for a very thorough-going consideration of the problems which naturally fall within the purview of this Special Committee. Dr. Van Dusen is deeply interested and will carry through with a fine spirit if we place before him a sufficiently challenging proposition. It, therefore, is up to us to so evaluate the duties of this Committee to give it the desired objective and permit it to perform in a manner in keeping with its personnel.

There are some things in your letter which we wish to pass on to this Committee and I wish to thank you most heartily for writing.

With every good wish to you, I am

Most sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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July 22, 1942

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

Dear President Wei:

I am writing you again in answer to your letter of April 14th addressed to Mr. Parker.

This letter enclosed a transcript of the work of Mr. P. L. Tang at Yenching and recommendations from the Dean of the London School of Economics and Political Science.

We have read with great interest your comments relative to his status and will file the papers for future reference.

How we wish that some way might be provided to bring to American some of the staff members for future work. In some respects it would seem to be an ideal time to advance this type of work and the one factor which hinders most seems almost insurmountable — I speak of travel.

Under prevailing circumstances, we must await the Lord's will in carrying out these projects.

Very sincerely yours,

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1118 West New Street
Lancaster, Penna.

July 25, 1942.

Dr. A. M. Sherman, President,
Board of Trustees,
Hua Chung College
281 Fourth Ave., N.Y.C.

Dear Doctor Sherman:

I have been appointed Executive Secretary of the Board of Christian Education and Publication of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, and shall be relieved of my duties as a missionary of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, on September 1, 1942.

This means that I shall have to resign from my official connection with Hua Chung College. Will you therefore, please convey this information to President Wei as soon as possible, so that he may select a new Dean. For a number of years, he and I have been trying to find a Chinese administrator to take over my work. I hope that he will be able to find one now.

This does not mean that I shall lose my interest in the work of the college. Rather, I shall be in a position to do a rather effective piece of work for the institution I love, here in the USA.

You can count on me at any time, for anything you think I may be able to do for the college.

Very sincerely yours,

(Signed) Paul V. Taylor

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Dr. Paul V. Taylor
1118 West New Street
Lancaster, Penna.

July 29, 1942.

Dear Dr. Taylor:

Your letter of the 25th presenting your resignation from the faculty and deanship of Hua Chung College has aroused mixed feelings. My first feeling is that of much regret that the College will lose your services in the capacity in which you ably served it for so many years. I know the faculty will share with me this keen sense of regret and appreciation for the sacrificial and efficient service you have given.

On the other hand, I know that you can render splendid service to the cause of missions in your new position, and I am happy that you can end the long separation of the Taylor family and especially in view of the uncertainty of the future.

I shall pass your resignation on to Dr. Wei immediately and give copies to the Board of Founders.

It is good to know that you will be near by and able to help us as we try to serve the College and the cause for which it stands from America.

With warm regard and renewed deep appreciation, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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(Signed) Arthur M. Sherman

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For many days we have not had any word from Bishop Gilman. We do not know his whereabouts just at the moment, although I shall try to write to him both to Hankow and to Shanghai. Dr. Dwight Rugh has not written for at least two to three months, but we have had communications from the Reformed Church people in Lingling. The Hankow Diocesan Union Middle School has practically entirely evacuated from Chennan, although the last letters we have received indicated that the Rev. Mark Li, principal of the school, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur J. Allen and Miss Venetia Cox are still there with a handful of staff members.

Miss Cox has decided to join the Music department of the college, beginning with the next fall term, because she has little opportunity to do music work in the middle school.

Of the faculty and staff, only twelve members have to be reappointed. Of these, eight will be reappointed for two years as they have served more than two years in the college, and the remaining four have only one year. This is according to government regulations which we have adopted. We do not feel it wise to make any alterations, since our policy is to give the impression that everything is going on as usual in the college. The appointment of many members of the faculty will expire by the end of next year. There will be no new appointments except possibly a junior member in the department of Biology to fill a vacancy left by a resignation. Do you think the war will end within 1942 so that we may plan to return to Wuchang in the summer 1944?

With the best wishes to you, your family, and to every member of the Board and friends in America and Great Britain,

Yours sincerely,

Francis C. M. Wei (signed)

N.B. Altho every effort has been made to cover all important items, it should be added that complete copies of these letters are on file and may be had upon request.

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July 28, 1942
N. Y. 44

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

Received Aug. 16

Dear Mr. Lyford:

July 26

Your letter, No. 30, dated May 28, was received day before yesterday.

My last letter to you was N.Y. 43, dated July 8. I hope it is getting to you in good time.

My cable of May 24, reading: "Remittance received. College calm optimistic. Remit Kunming Five Thousand against possible emergency," was sent in reply to your cable of April 22. It is true that the Kunming bank is sometimes very slow in sending us notification about remittances. Mr. Coe is going to write to them, asking them to be a little bit more speedyin these matters, but in these days it is very difficult for us to urge even business people to hurry up in business transactions. The only thing we can do will be to ask them to wire us whenever they receive a remittance from you. The first page of your letter No. 30 deals largely with financial questions, which I am asking Mr. Coe to answer in detail, and I shall enclose his letter in this. You may be assured that I shall not do anything about increasing the budget as approved by the Board of Directors without official sanction by the Board in New York unless the matter is so urgent that the Executive Committee Pro-tem feels it necessary to act at once or unless there is already an appropriation to cover it.

Mr. Coe is also going over your report on the Joint and Reserve Accounts, and he will make comments in his letter on these.

We have not heard anything about our account in Hongkong, but Mr. Coe hopes within a few days to salvage most of the account that was in Rangoon in Chinese or Indian currency at the official rate.

With regard to the matter of stabilizing the salaries and subsidies, we feel after further thought that the best way is to increase the subsidies from time to time as prices go up, instead of putting everything in terms of American dollars. During the last year the exchange rate on the American dollar has not gone up, and it is now standardized by the Chinese government, while prices on the average here in Hsichow have increased about three times. At the present moment our main problem is not the rising prices, bad as they are, but the general situation in the world and at the Burma Front. You may realize how vexing it is to have to keep one's ear on the ground all the time to decide whether the situation is bad enough to demand taking steps about the safety of our community here, but we have left no stone unturned to be sure that we are not taking unnecessary risks.

I wish to report that a letter from Dr. Addison of the National Council of the Episcopal Church in the United States, dated June 1, has been received, saying that U.S.$5,000 has been added to the appropiation of the mission for the college for the year 1942, chiefly for the purpose of developing Theological Training in the college. He also writes that the Rev. Alfred B. Starratt, B.A. Boston University, and B.D. Episcopal Theological School, Cambridge, has been appointed to teach Theology in the college. Owing to the war, Mr. Starratt is unable to come out at once and is therefore doing postgraduate work in the Harvard Divinity School. With regard to the U.S. $5,000 as additional grant from the Episcopal Church in the U. S. for the college, I am writing

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. Addison that I shall recommend to the Board of Directors, which is the Board of Founders the present moment, through its Executive Committee Pro-tem in the college that U.S.$3,000 invested at once in books to be held in America for the duration of the war, and the remaining U.S.$2,000 be turned over to you to be held as Hua Chung Theological Department Fund. If Mr. Starratt's salary is to be paid out of the U.S.$5,000 while he is doing postgraduate study, I am recommending that half the balance be invested in books and half be held in your office. I have had no chance as yet to report the matter to the Executive Committee Pro-tem, and as soon as it has met and action been taken, I shall report to you again. We have lost practically our whole library in Wuchang, including our theological collection, and so it has to be replaced. At any rate, most of the books would be out-of-date, since the collection has not be increased for the last fifteen years. It is our hope that luck may come our way and we may be able to find one or two qualified theological teachers to be appointed on the field within the year, and in that case research work may be started at once along theological lines or at least preparation could be made for teaching as soon as the situation warrants the starting of our Theological Training in the college.

I have noted that your fear is that New Haven will be able to supply only U.S.$5,000 for the support of the Yale-in-China School of Science in the college, thus leaving a large deficit for the Founders to find elsewhere. That problem has been on our minds also, and I am going to discuss it carefully with Mr. Coe and ask him to answer that question in his letter, which will be enclosed in this.

Professor Elisseeff of the Harvard-Yenching Institute at Harvard University wrote me under date of December 22, 1941 that U.S.$5,000 has been turned over by the Harvard-Yenching Institute Board to you for our Chinese department, in accordance with the terms of their grant to the college for three years, beginning with 1940-41. The letter enclosed a very detailed report on the work of the various colleges receiving Harvard-Yenching grants, giving excerpts of the meeting of the Trustees of Harvard-Yenching Institute, held on November 17, 1941. The letter was not transmitted to China by Mr. Evans of the Associated Boards until May 25, and it was received only during the last week-end from Chungking. The Founders will be interested to note the comments made by Professor Elisseeff on the work supported by the Harvard-Yenching Fund in the different colleges. Professor Elisseeff seems to be very favorably inclined towards our work, and you may be intersted to know what he says in the last page and a half of his thirty-four-page report.

Before I close, I wish to report that we have just received permission from the Ministry of Education in Chungking for our School of Education to continue as it is. This has settled one of the problems which have troubled our minds for many months. As I wrote previously, our School of Education has been the only School of Education in a privately-supported college. A year ago we received the order not to take in new students any more. I had been waiting to go to Chungking if the People's Political Council should meet, but it has not met for over a year and a half, and so I have been writing to the Minister and Vice-ministers and to the Director of Higher Education, pointing out to them how very unreasonable it would be for our School of Education to close down after our present freshman class has graduated from the School. There has been quite a bit of wire pulling and lobbying, and now the order has come that we have permission to continue, and it is an order without any conditions or reservations, ~~which~~ which cheers the faculty here very much, particularly members of the faculty of the School of Education. We consider it a great victory, and it is largely due to the good name of the college and to the splendid work that is being done in the School of Education by Dean Huang, Professor Anderson, and others. Will you please relay this news to the missions, particularly to the Reformed Church Mission which is very much interested in the work of our School of Education.

There is no telling yet what our student enrollment will be at the end of September. It depends largely upon the situation at the Burma Border, which in turn depends upon the India situation.
With the best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Francis C. M. Wei

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ANNUAL REPORT ON THE WORK OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CHINESE LITERATURE AND HISTORY IN HUA CHUNG COLLEGE FOR THE YEAR 1941-42

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To the Board of Harvard-Yenching Institute
C/o Professor Serge Elisseeff, Director
17 Boylston Hall
Cambridge, Massachusetts
U.S.A.

Dear Sirs:

I have the honor of submitting to you on behalf of our department of Chinese Literature and History the report on the work of the department in the college for the year 1941-42.

For the last two years money from the grant of your Board has been administered by a committee appointed by the Executive Committee Pro-tem of the Board of Directors, which is now the Board of Founders in New York, of the college. This committee consists of the president of the college ex officio as chairman, Professor Yuh and Professor Pao of the department of Chinese Literature, Dean Huang of the School of Education, and Professor Bien of the department of Physics in the Yale-in-China School of Science.

We were very happy to receive the letter, dated December 22, 1941, from Director Elisseeff, informing us that by vote of your Board the grant of U.S.$5,000 for theyear 1941-42 had been paid to Hua Chung College on the same terms as were applied to the grant for the previous year. This report is on the expenditure of that grant for the year.

Professor Elisseeff's letter was sent by Mr. C. A. Evans of the Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China from New York, under date of May 25, 1942, via Chungking, and was received here only late in July. The letter, together with enclosures containing excerpts from the minutes of the meeting of the Trustees of the Harvard-Yenching Institute held on November 13, 1941, was reported to the committee on the use of the Harvard-Yenching Board grant, and it was received with great pleasure. The same letter and enclosures have also been reported to the Executive Committee Pro-tem and to the Senate of the college. All of us are very happy to have such cordial comments by Professor Elisseeff on our work in the department of Chinese Literature and History and on the way we have been using the money from the Harvard-Yenching Board grant.

With regard to the work of the department for the year 1941-42 I beg to use the following headings:

A. Faculty, Courses, and Finance.

1. Faculty. The staff of the department remained practically the same as the previous year with Professor Yuh as head of the department and Professor of Chinese Literature; Professor Pao, teaching mainly Chinese Classics and Chinese Philosophy; Assistant Professor Ling teaching poetry, drama, and fiction; Mr. Li, lecturer in Chinese Literature, responsible mainly for the teaching of Modern Chinese Literature. Mr. Hu, to whom reference was made in my last report, under date of July 31, 1941, reached the college from Kiangsi last September and taught mainly Chinese poetry.

Mr. Fu Mou-chi, promoted at the beginning of the last academic year to be lecturer after two years of teaching in the college as junior lecturer (instructor) was called in September of last year to be Assistant Professor of Chinese Literature and Linguistics in West China University, in spite of my protest to President Chang of West China, and his vacancy was not filled for the first semester, but Mr. K'o Yi-ching came to take his place after the winter vacation in February and has been teaching the courses left by Mr. Fu. Mr. K'o graduated from the National Chung Shan University ten years ago, and has been since then research fellow in the Institute of Linguistics of the Academica Sinica and then editor of Chinese Linguistic Materials under the Ministry of Education in Chungking. Mr. K'o's special line of investigation in Chinese Linguistics has been mainly the language and folk lor

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of the Min Chia tribes in our particular district. He was sent by the Ministry of Education three years ago to study this field, and since he came to us he has been continuing that work.

Mr. Wen Hsien-fa remained for the year as research instructor.

Mr. Ma Fung-shen has been promoted to Assistant Professor of Chinese History since the beginning of the academic year. Before that he had been lecturer in Chinese History in the college for five years.

We have had only one research assistant, Mr. Wen, instead of two as in the previous year, because we felt that unless we could get well-qualified men to be assistants in research, it would not be of great value to the work to have people too immature for such positions. We would like to appoint more promising young people to help in research, but such people are not easy to find.

2. Both the courses offered in the department during the current year and the courses to be offered during the next academic year are listed on a separate sheets as a part of this report.

It may seem that we are offering many courses for a comparatively small student body. But as long as we maintain the department of Chinese Literature and History we must comply with the requirements of the Ministry of Education for such a department, which include courses in Chinese Literature and History as general requirements for all students in the college whatever their major departments may be and special requirements for students majoring in Chinese Literature or History.

The number of students taking Chinese as their major in the college is indeed small, but that is a general phenomenon all over the country. Even in the national universities with large enrollments the number of students majoring in Chinese Literature or Chinese History has been reported in some places as less than 1%. This is to be regretted, and it constitutes a greater reason for us to do our best to encourage the study of Chinese by maintaining a good staff in the department of Chinese Literature and History.

3. Finance. Our Financial Report for the year, as prepared by Professor Coe, the treasurer of the college, includes as required by your Board:
(a) Statement of accounts for the year 1941-42;
(b) Budget for the year 1942-43.

The statement and the budget are enclosed herewith on separate sheets as parts of this report.

Our total expenditures for year 1941-42 are a little over Chinese $61,000, which at the rate of exchange of 18.25 to one is equivalent to U.S. $3,379.50. You will see that the greater part of this amount goes to salaries and subsidies for members of the teaching staff in the department of Chinese Literature and Mr. Ma, Assistant Professor of Chinese History. The amount has been much over our budget figure as submitted at the beginning of the year, because of the necessity of increasing subsidies for war-time living and war-time prices, according to the subsidy scheme revised from time to time for all the members of the college faculty and of the college administrative staff by the Executive Committee Pro-tem of the Board of Directors, and approved by the Board of Founders. The revision has been made according to the rise of prices, which is to be expected in a country at war. For the last year this part of the country has been most seriously affected by the rise in prices. Our increase of subsidies, which are always counted as a part of the salaries, was made in order to enable our faculty and staff make ends meet, particularly those with large families, and to keep more-or-less on a par with the compensation given by other educational institutions in the country. Only about one-fifth of the total expenditures have gone to the purchases of books, research work, and administrative expenses of the department. Under ordinary circumstances the proportion ought to be quite different, but conditions have not permitted it.

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The budget for the year 1942-43 will have to be increased over the budget we reported to our Board of Founders in New York, acting at the present time concurrently as the Board of Directors in war time, in April. If all our vacancies in the department should be filled, which does not seem likely, the total budget will have to be Chinese $83,170, which at the rate of exchange of eighteen to one will be about U.S.$4,600. The salary item will be Chinese $70,170, whereas in our original budget as approved by the Board of Founders in June, it was Chinese $53,000. The other items in the budget remain about the same as the year 1941-42, because while it is desirable to put money into books, conditions during the past year have made it increasingly difficult to purchase books. Therefore, no item for the purchase of books has been put into the next-year's budget, but if it should be possible to purchase them, funds will be drawn from the balance on hand. It is practically impossible to import any foreign books from abroad, and they are not purchasable in China. After December Seventh of last year the two largest publishing companies, viz.,The Commercial Press, and the Chung Hua Book Company, fell into the hands of the Japanese both in Shanghai and in Hongkong, and therefore our supply of reprinted standard works in Chinese is entirely cut off. In our isolated location in Western Yunnan, it is difficult to obtain books from the old printing presses of Szechwan or Hunan, owing to the uncertain transportation. The Chinese Post Office has already stopped receiving book post.

I must turn now from Finance to the problem of Faculty. It has always been difficult to secure well-qualified men for teaching or research in the field of Chinese studies. But during the last three years the situation has been aggravated. Professor Yuh has been called to teach Chinese Literature in the National South Western University in Kunming, which consists of the three former universities, the National University of Peking, the National Tsing Hua University, and Nankai. He has gone from the college on leave-of-absence for one year and expects to return a year from now. Mr. Li has accepted a position in the Government Bureau, and Mr. Hu has returned to Kiangsi to take care of his parents and his own family as their part of the province is being seriously threatened by the enemy.

We have, therefore, three vacancies to fill, and even with Professor Yuh's help in Kunming, we may not be able to fill all three in the near future. Fortunately or unfortunately, we may not have any major students in the department for the junior and senior years, and therefore the "shorthanded staff" may be able to carry on the necessary work, but it is our desire to have as many of the vacancies filled as possible. It is better, however, to leave one or two vacancies than to appoint men who are not up to our standard.

B. Research Work.

As Professor Elisseeff is aware, research by our department of Chinese Literature and History while we remain in this interior, isolated place is difficult, owing to our limited library facilities. Particularly during the last year the difficulty has been serious. When the Japanese attacked Hongkong, then the Malay States, and then Burma, it was difficult to get people to settle down to any kind of serious research work. Prices kept rising. Rumors were rampant. The Yunnan Border was attacked early in the spring. The question came up again and again as to whether the college should move to another site and set up for operation or whether we should remain here, trusting that our army with the help of the Allies would be able to stem the tide of invasion. For several months the question was uppermost in the minds of most of our people. In May the Executive Committee Pro-tem and the Senate decided not to move and that kept the faculty and students quiet. Recently the question came up again, and after careful consideration of all the factors involved we have decided finally to stay here.

It is under conditions like this that we have been trying to carry on our work. I am amazed myself to see how calm the bulk of the faculty and students have remained, and I trust

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that we shall be able to hold the college together and do the best we can in all the different departments, including particularly that of Chinese Literature and History, until we shall be able to move back to our original site in Wuchang.

Some research work, however, has been done, and I am sending under separate cover five manuscripts as follows:

1. The Torch Festival in Western Yunnan ( ) by Professor Yuh Kuo-eng.

This is an historical investigation of a very famous festival in the Tali Valley, which has spread to other parts of Western Yunnan. It attempts to trace the origin of this festival, the various traditions in connection with it, and its real meaning. Mr. Yuh's conclusion is that it was originally an important festival of the southwestern tribes.

2. A Historical Study of the Erh-Hai ( )by Professor Yuh Kuo-eng.

This includes an investigation of the real meaning of the name "Erh-Hai," its various names as they have occurred in history, and the significance of those names. Mr. Yuh concludes that the name "Erh-Hai" is a translation from a term used by one of the tribes, following very closely the sound of the aboriginal name.

3. Was Nan-chao ( ) Annexed by the Mung? ( ) by Professor Pao Lu-ping.

This essay is an investigation of an historical question to which there is yet no definite answer.

4. When was Han Yu Born? ( ) by Professor Pao Lu-ping.

This is the second chapter of a longer treatise by Professor Pao on the chronology of Han Yu, based upon the investigation of Chinese documents.

5. The Lip's Language. Part III, Vocabulary 2. English-Lip's, by Mr. Fu Mou-chi.

This is the result of investigation done by Mr. Fu when he was in the college and was not completed until the end of September before he went to West China University.

Mr. Pao has been at work during the last year, completing his manuscripts for two books. One is "The Introduction to the Chinese Classics," which consists of seven chapters and approximately 70,000 characters. As far as I am aware, Professor Pao's book is ~~the best~~ better one that any I have seen in print as a general introduction to Chinese Classics for university students. I have been urging him to get it to press, but he is a careful scholar and has been revising it for the third time, although he started it several years ago. He resigned from his chairmanship of the department of Chinese Literature in order that he might be able to revise this manuscript, as well as the other, for publication at my request. His second manuscript is on "The Chronology of Han Yu," on which he has also been at work for several years since the Wuchang days, and again at my request he is preparing it for publication. It consists of about 150,000 characters. I am enclosing on separate sheets the Table of Contents of Professor Pao's two books.

Assistant Professor K'o is spending his summer vacation in Tali, checking over the results of his investigation concerning the folk lore and language of the Min Chia tribes. I am afraid he will not be able to send in his final report until the next year, because he will be working at it until the term begins again late in September.

I am sending this report with enclosures by air all the way to America, hoping that it will reach your office about the middle of October. The manuscripts are being sent by air

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to Durban and from there by surface transport to America to save the heavy postage.

Respectfully submitted for the department.

President,
Yen Ching College.

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Francis C. M. Wei

COMPOSITE OF RECENT LETTERS FROM HUA CHUNG COLLEGE

Yale-in-China Assoc.,Inc.
905-A Yale Station
New Haven, Conn.

July 31, 1942

Letter from Dr. Wei to Mr. Lyford dated May 26, received July 6 (No.N.Y. 40).

On May 23 we sent you a radiogram from Tali as follows:
"Remittance received College calm optimistic remit Kunming five thousand against possible emergency."

Around May 9 rumors in Hsiakwan and Tali were simply rampant, brought back from the front by troops who had been forced to retreat and by refugees coming from Burma and places near the Border. For a little while it looked as if the bottom was being knocked out, but we were able to hold together here, and more encouraging reports began to come in and the crisis passed quickly.

According to the radio news during the last week or longer, the danger of emergency in this part of the country for the moment is not so great as it looked two weeks ago. The Chinese troops seem to be able to hold at least at the Salween River inside the province of Yunnan near the Border, and reports have it that the Central Government is sending a large number of troops to recapture the Burma Road in order to keep communications with India open. If and when America is able to reinforce its air force in China and if the British from India should be able to strike back, it will be quite possible for us to recapture the road and hold it. The troops going west to the Burma Border are about the best that the Generalissimo is able to send at the present time. He is attaching a great deal of importance to this campaign, and all of us feel confident that he will be able to accomplish his objective sooner or later. However, many of us may not feel at ease until our troops have crossed the Border again, driving the enemy further down into Upper Burma, if not dislodging them entirely from that country.

The Diocesan Union Middle School, formerly Boone and St. Hilda's from Wuchang, located for the last three years at Chennan, had a very bad time. They were right on the road, and rumors were too much for them. Both faculty and students are young, and the principal, the Rev. Mark Li, had been away in Kweiyang for almost the whole term after a car accident near Kweiyang. He got back on crutches just when the situation was at its worst. The School had too many students. Quite a number were from families of the highway engineers and other people. When the crisis came, they were the first to leave the School, causing a panic among the faculty and students. When Mr. Li returned on May 9, he was simply overwhelmed by all the panicky people in the School, and so on May 13 the School authorities practically sent all the children home. The latest word from Chennan is that some attempts are being made to gather some of the children who are not able to go home, in Kunming while the School is looking for another site to reestablish itself. Their plan is to go to Kweiyang, but they may be forced by circumstances to find some location near Kunming. Our work has been going on as usual and we expect to finish the term according to schedule. The greatest uncertainty is the number of new students in the fall unless the situation on the Burma Border should improve considerably and quickly, which may not be likely.

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While we have remained very calm during the last two weeks, we have not been negligent about developments at the front. We listen to the radio every evening, and Dr. Logan Roots is able to get radio information with his private set every morning. We keep our ears open to all reports coming from Hsiakwan and from other points on the highway, weigh them carefully, and evaluate them in the light of news that we are able to get from day to day. It looks as if we ought to take some precaution, although there is no cause for alarm at the moment. So when the situation seemed to be at its worst, we managed to get a reasonable amount of cash from Hsiakwan in case the banks should move away with very short notice. The Executive Committee Pro-tem has had three meetings and the Senate also met yesterday. The treasurer has been advised by the Executive Committe Pro-tem to have sufficient cash on hand for three-months' expenditure and for a possible outlay to meet an emergency such as transportation. Also, if we should have to retire for some weeks to an isolated place further away from the line of communication, we might not be able to get in touch with a bank, and so more cash on hand would be necessary. This is the main reason why we have sent the radiogram for the further remittance of U.S. $5,000.

The Executive Committee formulated the following statement of policy, which was concurred in by the Senate yesterday afternoon and was then announced officially to the whole faculty and administrative staff:

1. In any emergency the first concern of this college is to maintain the loyalty and esprit de corps of the institution as a whole, and to ensure, if possible, its future continuance.

2. In the present circumstances, the College authorities, after careful consideration, have decided that it is not feasible to move the college again and set it up for operation in another locality.

3. In case of immediate danger, plans have been laid to evacuate members of the College towards the North for safety.

4. In case of loss of personal property, the authorities of the College will petition the Board of Founders for compensation pro rata for losses incurred by Faculty and staff families, and students.

5. The College plans to move back to Wuchang as soon as conditions permit, and to transport all members of the College Faculty and staff families, and students at College expense.

By action of the Executive Committee Pro-tem, wartime subsidy for the members of the faculty and staff has been increased from this month on, costing the college approximately N.C. $1470 a month extra. The actions taken by the Executive Committee Pro-tem and announced yesterday after the announcement on the statement of policy are as follows:

1. Voted that in view of further rises in the cost of living the wartime price subsidy to members of the Faculty and staff be increased by amounts equal to two steps of increase in the salary scale, beginning with the salary paid at the end of May.

2. Voted that action of the Executive Committee Ex. 156 providing that the wartime price subsidy be reviewed every two months, be rescinded.

"Two steps" in the salary scale means N.C. $50 a month for the professors and assistant professors, and N.C. $30 a month for lecturers and junior lecturers or staff members of the same ranks. I hope the Board of Founders, acting concurrently as the Board of Directors, will approve this action.

The Canton Union Theological College, which for the last three years has been our guest institution, is making plans to move back to North Kwantung and to cooperate possibly with Lingnan University, which is being established in North Kwantung after the fall of Hongkong. The Theological people simply feel that they have to

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get back to the churches for which they are training their students. We feel sorry that they have to go away, but we sympathize with their desire to get back to their own province. Dr. Kunkle is having difficulty in arranging transportation even for their small faculty and student body, altogether not more than thirty people, with practically no equipment except a few cases of books.

Please ask the Board members not to worry too much about us here. The local people are very cordial. There does not seem to be any danger of local disturbance. Even if the situation should come to the worst, we would not take any steps to evacuate our people until at least after the Mekong River has been crossed by the enemy. In that eventuality we would still have two or three days to walk slowly up north.

I must not forget to report that in reply to my petitition sent to Chungking in April, the Ministry has increased our annual grant for three chairs, one in each school, and equipment for the School of Science from N.C. $20,000 to N.C. $30,000. Half of this amount has already been received, the government fiscal year starting from January 1. I have sent a petition to the Ministry of Education for permission to continue admitting new students into the School of Education, but no reply has been received so far.

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Letter from J. S. Kunkle, President Canton Union Theological Seminary to Dr. Wei dated May 10, received in New York July 6.

To clear up any possible misunderstanding in regard to the plans of the Canton Union Theological College to move from Hsichow, I should like to make the following statement.

The proposal to move the Theological College did not arise out of the present situation in this province and has very little to do with it. It is not entirely new and did not come from our staff or students. We do not plan to move before the end of the term.

The motive is not fear. We are going to Kukong on the Canton-Hankow railroad between centers of hard and continuous fighting.

In considering the plan we have had to have more regard for the future of our school than for it is present, more regard for permanent relations than for temporary ones, more regard to practical training than for academic. After all we are a school whose task is to prepare students for the actual situation in our specific field in east China as soon as it too is free.

I think I need not assure anyone that our moving is not out of want of cordiality in our relations to Hua Chung University. These years as its privileged guest will remain a precious memory. Wherever we go we shall sound the praise of the good work of Hua Chung. Ties of fellowship have grown between our institutions, their teachers and students, that will never be broken.

With best regards, yours sincerely, J. S. Kunkle (signed)

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Letter from Dr. Wei to Mr. Lyford dated June 11, received July 17 (No. N.Y. 41).

On June 1st we received your cablegram dated May 27 from New York, informing us that our budget for the next academic year, 1942-43, had been accepted by the Board of Founders, acting concurrently as the Board of Directors abroad.

The situation has been quiet in our part of the country. For more than two weeks now the radio has been encouraging. There seems to be very little fighting at the Burma Border. Our troops seem to be able to hold their own, waiting for the rainy season to be over and then possibly do something else, which will depend upon the judgment of the Highest Command in consultation with the United Nations. Developments in East China, however, have not been so good. You may be able to judge better in America what the enemy is trying to do there, but we feel that the Japanese are thinking more of self-defense now than of a further attack on the Pacific or in China. Whatever territory they are trying now to occupy east of the railway is intended to eliminate as far as possible the possibility of air attack from our provinces which are nearer to their country. Of course, our judgment may be entirely wrong, but the signs of the time seem to point that way.

Consequently, we have decided to stay here and are making plans for the operation of the college in Hsichow during the next year.

We have had during the last four weeks quite an epidemic of cholera in the valley of the lake from Hsiakwan north. There have been many deaths in our neighborhood. All our faculty families and students have been inoculated against cholera, typhoid, and para-typhoid. We are thankful to report that so far our health record has been excellent. The rainy season has already set in, and so we have to watch our medical situation more carefully.

The seniors who are preparing for their graduation examinations during the last week of this month, beginning with June 22, are now taking their term examinations, so that they may have a period of reading for the graduation examinations in between. The sophomore students are preparing for their intermediate examinations, and so they are having their term examinations next week, in order also to have a period of reading before the intermediate examinations. Commencement will be on July 2. The Chapel Committee is arranging for the Baccalaureate Service, which will probably be either the day before Commencement or on the morning of that day. An Examining Committee for the graduating class has been formed, and the recommendation has gone to the Ministry of Education for appointment. It consists of the President Ex-officio and the heads of all the departments in which there are graduating students, together with Dr. Wai-king Tai of the Canton Union Theological College as an external examiner. Beginning with this week, all of the officers will be busy in getting things ready for Commencement and the close of the term.

Everything goes on as usual in the college, and people are more-and-more confident that we are in as safe a place as we could find anywhere else in Free China. We are watching the situation very closely, so as not to run too great a risk as far as the safety of our people is concerned.

Prices have gone up about 10% during the last month, but charcoal, our main fuel, has taken another big jump. Other things have not changed much, except eggs which are N.C. $1.20 apiece. I have had at least one egg every morning for the last thirty-five years, but I have given it up now. Instead I am eating a potato every morning. The doctor may say that a potato is not so good as an egg, but I feel about the same!

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HUA CHUNG (CENTRAL CHINA) COLLEGE
WUCHANG, CHINA
TEMPORARILY IN HSICHOW
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YALE-IN-CHINA COLLEGE

August 6, 1942
N. Y. 45

Received Oct 5

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

Dear Mr. Lyford:

My last letter to you was N.Y. ~~45~~ 44, dated July 28.

During the last week I have had a hectic time because owing to the premature judgment of some of the younger members of the staff, the question of moving the college was raised again, so much so as to stir up the rest of the faculty and students who remain in Hsichow during the vacation.

I have reported to you already in a previous letter that on May 21 the Executive Committee Pro-tem in action Ex. 178,2 decided on five points, one of which was not to move the college and set up for operation again in another locality for the duration of the war. Another of the points was that we would evacuate our faculty, staff, families, and students to the north for the safety of human life in case of emergency. We came to the decision in May, feeling that the situation, bad as it was at that time, did not warrant any hasty action, and that any moving of the college to a new site with equipment and books would be too expensive for the resources of the college and entirely impossible under the present circumstances of transportation in this part of the country.

When the question was raised again during the last week (July 28-30), I called a joint meeting of the Executive Committee Pro-tem and Senate, and we had two meetings on two consecutive days, spending three full hours at each. The question was discussed thoroughly, and we considered every factor involved. Then on Saturday, August 1, we called a general meeting of the faculty and staff inviting free expression of opinion and any light which our colleagues might be able to throw on the whole question. After a short resume of our consideration in the joint meetings of the Executive Committee Pro-tem and Senate, I threw the meeting open to free discussion and many opinions were expressed, generally in favor of moving the college, regardless of expense, but no suggestion was ever made as to how we were ever going to overcome the difficulties, financial or otherwise, in moving the college and setting it up again in another locality for operation with its own equipment.

Then on Monday afternoon, August 3, the Executive Committee Pro-tem and Senate met together again for three hours and a half. We considered that all our resources in the Reserve Funds held in New York by our Board of Founders would not amount to more than U.S.$55,000, which at the present rate of exchange would be the equivalent of N.C.$1,000,000. We would be willing to recommend to the Board of Founders, acting concurrently as Board of Directors, to spend three-quarters of this amount for moving the college and setting up again, if the situation should warrant such a move and transportation for the moving of 160 people and 80 tons of books and equipment could be found within our financial limits. 50 trucks would be necessary for such a move, and gasoline alone would cost over a million dollars -- a million and a half to be exact at the present official price of gasoline, counting 150 gallons for each truck from Hsiakwan to Kweiyang which was the place mentioned by the people who advocated moving. Setting up the college alone at the present rate anywhere in Free China would require at least a quarter of a million dollars Chinese. There are other expenses besides. So the estimate cost would be at least twice as much as our reserve funds. It seems impossible, as well as unwise, to contemplate moving.

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If there is an absolutely safe place to move to and to set up the college, we may entertain the proposition of moving, providing the expenses could be found, but it is the judgment of everybody here, as well as that of the Executive Committee Pro-tem and Senate, both in meeting and individually, that if we should move to Kweiyang (600 miles) we might have to move again. Kweiyang is not a safe place, certainly not safer than Hsichow if the Japanese should make another push into Free China. Wherever we might go, one move would not be sufficient to guarantee our safety and undisturbed operation until we move back to Wuchang after the war.

People do not feel satisfied, of course. Who can feel satisfied as long as the war continues? There is always uneasiness, which is largely psychological, due perhaps, at least partly, to the monotonous life in a place like Hsichow. Living conditions are difficult, but they may not be less so in another place, so we simply have to accept our fate as a part of the war. People do not always realize it, so subconsciously at least they rebel against the situation. We must do everything possible to alleviate the suffering and to make life more interesting if possible, but that is by no means easy.

While we feel that the present situation is not so bad as many people think, that is we do not feel that the Japanese are pursuing us yet fromthe Burma Border, we are taking every precaution so that in case of real emergency we may be able to evacuate to the north. We are sending a scouting party to the north to scout out the roads, to find out the conditions of travel, means of transportation, supply of foodstuffs, banking facilities, etc., and to make connections with the local authorities and to set up wayside stations by renting some houses or getting in touch with some local school. We feel that whatever money is spent in this way is wise and necessary.

It happened that yesterday General Soong, the Field Commander of this sector, came to pay us a friendly call with Mrs. Soong and two of their elder children. I had General and Mrs. Soong, their aide, and two missionaries coming with them, Mr. and Mrs. Kohns of the C.I.M. from Pennsylvania, meet in my office with the deans and other administrative officers. We had more than an hour together. Although it was the first time I had met him, the General was very cordial and made a good impression upon us all. Then he addressed the faculty and students, who remain here, for an hour, analyzing the world situation and the ~~world~~ war conditions in China. The Rootses entertained them at lunch, because I could not get any lunch ready at such short notice myself. I talked with them at the Rootses' house after lunch, and he showed an even more friendly attitude. Then I walked around with him to see some of the local gentry, and on the way I could assume more familiarity with him.

He assured us, both publicly and in private conversations, that there is nothing to fear about the situation. Even if the worst should come to the worst, we in Hsichow would be in as safe a place as anywhere else. Of course, he said, "War is war." If there should be any real emergency, it would be all right for us to move northward. He even promised help in evacuating our equipment in the eventuality of real danger.

Remaining here, our main problem is how to transport students from Kunming to Hsiakwan. General Soong definitely promised to help in this matter, and he is going to give us official introductions to government transportation agencies in Kunming. His visit was most reassuring and opportune. I am going to return the call at his headquarters in Tali and cultivate further the connection that we have already established between the college and the army. As a native of Hunan he had known about the college before the war.

It is just impossible to tell what kind of enrollment we are going to have. It depends upon the situation in Western Yunnan in the latter part of September. The autumn term will begin on September 28. We have put the date as late as that, because it is of little use to open the college earlier as the government universities will not start until the first week in October.

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Preparing for an emergency, we feel that the most serious matter is banking facilities. If this section of the country should be involved in fighting, the banks would be moved away. Whatever cash we may have on hand, and we are taking care to have sufficient on hand, may not be able to last very long. Banks in the interior would not do foreign exchange. So we are writing to Mr. Cressy in Chengtu to see whether he would agree to advance us money by remitting to banks in the interior, and then have refunds sent from you in New York to Szechwan. It is difficult to estimate how much such an emergency would cost us for the evacuation and to estimate how long we would have to draw from Szechwan before we could get in touch with you again. I am writing to E. H. Cressy, C/o West China Christian University, Chengtu, Szechwan, asking whether he would be prepared to advance up to the equivalent of U.S.$30,000, on the understanding that he could draw on you either directly or through the Associated Board in New York. I will let you know the progress in our negotiations with Mr. Cressy, and trust that this arrangement will be satisfactory with you. This is no proposal to spend that much money, but we would like to have the authorization of the Board of Founders and to have that understanding with some person like Mr. Cressy, so that we have in a crisis something equivalent to a Letter of Credit.

Before closing I will give below the action of the Executive Committee Pro-tem and Senate taken at the meeting on August 3:

> "Whereas, the total resources of the college, even if permission were obtained from the Board of Founders to use them, for moving the college and setting it up for operation with its own equipment at some safer and more suitable site beyond Kunming, are in our judgment inadequate in view of the present excessive costs of transportation and setting up, be it
> Voted that the Executive Committee Pro-tem and Senate reaffirm the action already taken by the Executive Committee on May 21st, 1942 (Ex. 178,2) and later confirmed by the Senate, not to move the college again and set it up for operation in another locality with its own equipment.
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> The action was passed by unanimous vote of theExecutive Committee and Senate."

With the best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Francis C. McWei

Enc.
FCMW/MRC

August 7, 1942

Rev. E. H. Cressy
C/o West China Christian University
Chengtu, Szechwan

Dear Mr. Cressy:

While the present situation in this part of the country is quieter than it was in May, still we feel that the college should consider the possibility of an emergency. It does not seem wise to us at the present time to attempt to move the college and its equipment to a new location setting up for operation. On August 5 the Executive Committee Pro-tem and Senate passed the following action:

> "Whereas, the total resources of the college, even if permission were obtained from the Board of Founders to use them, for moving the college and setting it up for operation with its own equipment at some safer and more suitable site beyond Kunming are in our judgment inadequate in view of the present excessive costs of transportation and setting up, be it
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However, we are making tentative plans, so that if an emergency should come up to make it necessary for the faculty, staff, their families, and student body to evacuate, we are considering moving in a northeast direction towards Szechwan. One of the problems which will be most serious is that of banking facilities to get cash. We are keeping a certain amount of money on hand in cash, but in case of emergency we would eventually have to replenish that, and we might be cut off from Kunming. I am writing to ask if you or some one else in western Szechwan would be in a position to remit from time to time to banks in Sikang or Yunnan (after our investigation we will let you know the location) sums up to half a million dollars Chinese currency, which could be covered by cable to Mr. Oliver S. Lyford, Treasurer of the Hua Chang Board of Founders, 230 Park Avenue, New York City, or to the Associated Boards. If this can be done, please let us know, and we will so notify Mr. Lyford. This arrangement is only to be used in case we are not able to obtain money through our usual channels.

Thanking you for your kindness in this matter, I am

Yours sincerely,

FCMW/MRC

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230 Park Avenue,
New York, New York

August 25, 1942
Letter No. 32

President Frances C. M. Wei,

Dear Sir:

My last lettertto you was my No. 31 dated July 14. On that day I received your N.Y. 40. On June 20 I received your N.Y. 38. On Aug. 4 your N.Y. 39 - On July 17 your N.Y. 41 - On Aug. 5 your N.Y. 42 - and on August 21, your N.Y. 43. Therefore I appear to have all of your letters sent during the last year up to and including July 8. This is remarkable proof of the continuity of airmail.

I also have Mr. Coe's letters of April 16, April 22 and June 23. All have come through with nothing censored out.

It seems advisable for me to include in my letters to you all that I have to say in answer to Mr. Coe's letters. Therefore I will take up financial matters first.

In my letter of July 14, I said that if I had not received before August 1 a request from you for the first cash remittance for 1942-43, I would cable N.C. $100,000 to you for this purpose. This was because the necessary increases in salaries and subsidies looked as though your available cash would be running low and I was afraid that you might have cabled for funds and the cable would have been intercepted. However it is much better for you to have complete control of your funds and for me to simply carry out your expressed wishes; therefore as everything seems quiet on the Burma Road, I did not cable any funds but did cable on August 7 asking what funds are wanted from here in August. I have not received an answer, but now I have Mr. Coe's letter of June 23rd from which I deduce that you must have considerable sums available and may not call for any more at present. In Mr. Coe's letter he lists estimated balances in various funds totaling U.S. $50,000 as of July 31st, 1942. The only operating funds available in the U.S. as of that date were as follows:

Joint and Reserve Accounts in Nat.City Bank	6,906.07
Receivable from National Council-Johnston Grants	20,000.00
" " Foundation - Ass.Boards Sustaining Fund	7,000.00
" " Yale-in-China - 1941-42 Grant	4,000.00
	$37,906.07

This must mean that you have in China either credits with Mr. Allen of the American Church Mission and with the representative of the Reformed Church Mission, or in Chinese Banks, totaling at least U.S. $12,100. After talking with Mr. Whitney of the National Council, I conclude that you must have available even more than this and do not know it. The appropriation of the National Council for the calendar year 1942 for Hua Chung, exclusive of western salaries, is U.S. $7,000 as compared with U.S. $2,000 for the previous year. Reports from Mr. Allen have come through recently indicating that you have not drawn much on this fund. This alone with your reserve cash fund should account for the additional $12,100 estimated by Mr. Coe. I do not have any corresponding information from the Reformed Church Mission.

Mr. Whitney advised that he has received no report from the American Church Mission in Shanghai since December 7 and therefor cannot tell how much of the credit held in New York for the account of the American Church Mission is a credit available for you, but this must be considerable.

In my letter No. 28 of March 11, I included a report of the operations of the Joint and Reserve Accounts from August 22, 1941 to March 9, 1942. You have reported the receipt of this letter and therefor must have these figures. The operations since March 9 are as follows:

Joint Account

1942	
March 9 - Balance carried forward	$2,601.08
June 5 - From Yale-in-China on 1941-42 account	1,000.00
July 21 - Balance on hand	3,601.08

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Reserve Account

March 9 - Balance carried forward		10,347.22
June 30 - From Foundation on 1941-42 Sustaining Fund		3,000.00
		13,347.22
April 23 - Remittance to Kunming-N.C. $90,909. plus expense	$5,012.91	
May 29 - " " " " 90,909. " "	5,012.91	
June 2 - Exchange of cables regarding last item	16.41	10,042.23
July 21 - Balance on hand		3,304.99

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There have been no changes in either account since July 21. I note that your drafts #34,43 and 44 were destroyed in the truck fire and that Draft #58 was returned to you by Bishop Hall's secretary, this being the last draft which you have issued. This leaves the following drafts unaccounted for:

Draft 31 -	Johns Hopkins Press	8.00
43 -	Paul V. Taylor	500.00
44 -	" "	500.00
46	?	?
54	?	?
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Dr. Taylor advised me on Nov. 27,'41 that as far as he knows Drafts 43 and 44 were not cashed but were returned to Mr. Coe. Were they also destroyed in the truck fire? We have no information regarding 46,54 and 55.

I note that you already have had to increase salaries and subsidies sufficient to absorb the emergency fund of N.C. $125,000 in the 1942-43 budget. This is not at all surprising, considering the great increases in the cost of living. I hope these costs will not continue to mount, but if they do we shall do all we can to help you meet them.

Mr. Coe's figures give sufficient detail for our purposes, but we shall be interested in the final figures for 1941-42 which he is now preparing.

We are all highly gratified in learning that Mr. Coe has made adequate arrangements for local funds sufficient for any kind of eventuality.

With the next remittance of funds to you I will send the equivalent of U.S. $200.00 which Mr. Eugene T. Hsu has deposited with me for the account of his family and U.S. $10.00 which Mr. Herbert Haskins has deposited for the account of Dr. Bien.

The National City Bank has asked for the return of the letter of credit given to Mr. Coe before ~~he~~ left New York. This letter of credit has expired but they want it back to insure that it will get out of Mr. Coe's possession and be used wrongfully. Perhaps this also was destroyed in the fire. If it is available I suggest that it be destroyed and Mr. Coe make an affidavit that this is the case. This is safer than to sendit back as ordinary mail. How much was the balance unpaid on this letter? What about blank checks? Have you enough on hand for a return to the old procedure if, as and when this shall be possible?

We are awaiting with interest a report of the number of students matriculated for 1942-43 and will also be glad to have a revised list of the faculty and staff, both Chinese and Western.

See Hsiao's file

I received Dr. Hsiao's letter of July 4 which supplements your letters very effectively. His spirit is fine and I am sure he must have a strong influence for good with the faculty and students. It was fortunate that my family and I had the opportunity to get acquainted with him and Mrs. Haiao. We shall follow with much interest the record of his success which I am sure will be great. Please tell him I will make the payments for annual dues which he requested. It is sad that Mrs. Hsiao has found it hard to meet the physical strains to which she was subjected. I feel sure that with half a chance her bright spirit will win out. I will include with this letter a brief reply to him.

Dr. Hsiao reported the receipt of a letter from Dr. Lin which he had turned over to you. I certainly am disappointed in this fellow and am glad he never came to you. I am glad he had the decency to return U.S. $200. which I advanced to him from the account of the Foundation. It is indeed fortunate that you engaged the other man to teach sociology and I hope he is making good.

I note that the books which Dr. Lin purchased from the History-Sociology Dept. never arrived. I have held up the payment for these books pending the receipt of evidence that you authorized this purchase which he made through Dr. Kai-ming Chu. I now have Dr. Lin's letter of August 10, 1941 to Dr. Chu in which he said you had informed him that you had written to

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Yale-in-China Office that he might draw as much as U.S. $100 for these books. That office does not have such a letter from you but I had your report that you had employed Dr. Lin. G. E. Stechert & Co. of New York shipped the books on the order of the Chinese-Japanese Library. I believe the books were taken to Rangoon by a Mr. Wu Fu-heng. As they never reached you, I suppose they were lost or destroyed in Burma. At any rate, it is obvious that neither Stechert nor the Chinese-Japanese Library should stand this loss. Therefore I am paying the bill of $48.89 for the 14 books, using the funds of the Foundation and will charge the College with this amount. I hope you will find this procedure acceptable. The list of books shipped is as follows:

1 Lowie, Primitive Society (out of print)	$2.63
1 Allee, The Social Life of Animals	2.63
1 Boas, The Mind of Primitive Man	2.41
1 Childe, The Dawn of European Civilization new and enlarged	4.38
1 Evan-Pritchard, The Nuer ...	4.40
1 Lattimore, A Inner Asiatic Frontiers of China	3.50
1 Lynd, Middletown in Transition	3.60
1 MacCurdy, Early Man	3.60
1 Mead, From the South Seas: Studies of Adolescense & Sex in Prim. Soc.	2.88
1 Richards, Land, Labor & Diet in Norh. Rhodesia	6.60
1 Mirza, Stripling	1.80
1 Smith, The Sociology of Rural Life	3.06
1 Walpole, Semantics	2.19
1 Warner, A Black Civilization: A Social Study of an Australian Tribe	4.38
Postage & Special Delivery	.83
	$48.89

Sent to: Dr. Yueh-hua Lin, c/o Java Pacific Line, 681 Market St., San Francisco, California

I have had no word from the two English missions for many months. Am wondering whether you are receiving funds from them and whether their representatives are being paid.

The raising of over N.C. $2,000 by the faculty and students for relief in China and elsewhere is a remarkable demonstration of Christian good-will, which will have an effect far greaterthan is measured by the actual figure.

It must be a source of gratification to you and the other members of the faculty that you have been able to take a position of leadership in steadying the people of your community. We also appreciate the good news that the cholera is practically ended.

The Swedish ship Gripsholm has arrived in New York with over 1400 American and Canadian refugees who have been released from China and Japan. Bishop Gilman is among them. Everybody is waiting anxiously to hear of their experiences. There are 22 other Episcopalian persons in the party and about 150 Presbyterians, mostly from Shanghai and Yangste River points and from Japan.

Since dictating the above Mr. Whitney has telephoned me of the receipt today of a letter from Mr. Allen in which he reports that he is paying the salaries of Walter Allen, John Coe and the Millers and that John Coe had on hand on June 30 N.C. $34,212.72. He does not say whether this is on hand in Hsichow or in Chunking. Mr. Whitney has also received a cable from Allen dated August 20 in which he states that the Millers desire to return to America immediately. I am exceedingly sorry that Mrs. Miller's condition seems to make this necessary and I hope that the arrangements can be made for this trip at an early date.

Everything goes along about as usual here. The vacation season is about over and everything connected with the Christian Colleges will become active in a few days. Dr. Sherman will be back on Monday. Mrs. Lyford and I had three weeks in the Adirondacks which passed very quickly.

The people in charge of the activities of the United China Relief are very energetic and apparently will be governed largely by the reports that they receive from their committee in China. It is therefore very important that you keep that committee fully advised of developments at Hsichow and that the information be quite consistent with what you are sending to me.

In a recent letter you asked my opinion as to whether the war will be over in time for you to move back to Yushang before July,1944. This is beyond my power to guess but my feeling is that in the Orient the sudden change may come at any time now and favorable results may begin to happen. The news in our morning paper today indicates that some of the most favorable developments are in East China; I hope this information is correct.

As always, we are deeply impressed with the loyalty and devotion of all of you who are carrying on in the face of these very difficult circumstances.

Yours very sincerely,

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N. Y. 45
August 28, 1942

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

Received Oct 26

Dear Mr. Lyford:

I received on August 20 your letter #31, dated July 14, all the way by airmail.

I was going to Tali on August 21 to spend a few days there in order to return the call of General Soong, as well as to see the other military officers and officials in the city, so I had only time to show the letter to Mr. Coe. I am now writing this with his help and advice in reply.

We are very much encouraged to have your cordial comments on our budget for the year 1942-43, which has already been approved by the Board of Founders and under which we are now operating.

I have noted that the censorship will not permit confirmation of radiograms by letter. I hope, however, that all my previous letters confirming radio messages have reached you.

We are studying with interest and care the Minutes of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees held on June 12, 1942 and your reply on our budget, which we greatly appreciate.

Mr. Coe has gone over very carefully the comments you have made on the budget, and I am answering a few of the points after consultation with him.

We call our budget for the year a Retrenchment Budget although the personnel items may not show that we have had any severe retrenchment. For maintenance you will certainly have noticed that we have cut down to a certain extent as far as the figure goes, but if you should compare the prices now in China with the prices prevailing a year ago, it would show that the maintenance budgets have been really severely cut. By action of the Executive Committee Pro-tem in preparation for the budget for the year 1942-43, the College is not to have more than three full-time teachers in each of the departments, except in the departments of English Literature and Chinese Literature which have to provide courses required by the Ministry of Education for all the departments, and are therefore allowed to have as many as six full-time teachers in such departments. This is also retrenchment. We appreciate your comment that the budget has been prepared with great care, but I am making these observations in order to explain why we have called our retrenchment budget a retrenchment budget. With regard to grants for scholarship from the west, I have had no word so far from the donors, although I have written to everyone of them before the end of June. It may possibly be sometime before word will get through.

Everything due from the Reformed Church up to the 1st of July of this year has been received. There is a balance of U.S.$2,816.00 in the Practice School Fund, which appears on the U.S. Balance Sheet sent you by Mr. Coe, and is in the College Account in New York. In addition there is an item of U.S.$418. received from the Reformed Church for Education books; however, bills outstanding against this amount to U.S.$188.

I have just received a letter from the secretary of the Reformed Church Mission in China, giving information as to the action taken at their mission meeting this summer in regard to their grant for the College for the calendar year 1943. I was very much pleased to learn that they are granting all that the College asked of them for that year. This in-

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cludes the salaries for Dr. Huang, Dr. Hsiung, their appropriation for the School of Education, the grant of U.S.$250 for the School of Education books, and U.S.$1,250 for the Practice School. All of the above are the same as for the previous year. In addition, they are giving a sum which covers the subsidies for Dr. Huang and Dr. Hsiung, as they were estimated in April. They are also giving us an extra grant for the fall term to help with the subsidies for Dr. Huang and Dr. Hsiung. As the Reformed Church has been prompt in their payments to the College in China and for other reasons, it seem wisest to continue the present practice of having their treasurer in Yuanling make remittances rather than the suggested procedure in your letter that Dr. Castleman pay over to you in New York.

Because of the lack of communications between us and Shanghai, we do not know how much balance there may be from the calendar year 1941 due to the College from the American Church Mission. In any case, that balance would not exceed U.S.$1,000, which if needed would probably be available for emergency purposes.

For the current year the payments from the American Church Mission for the salaries which they are paying are up to date. Mr. Allen, treasurer of the American Church Mission for West China now in Kunming, has full authority to continue these payments for the balance of the year.

The Yale-in-China Association appropriation for the College has certainly been severely cut. U.S.$5,000 would not be sufficient to cover the Yale-in-China School of Science budget for the year. After consultation with Mr. Coe I am making the proposal as follows to meet the situation: all subsidies for faculty and staff members of the Science School be paid from the Sustaining Fund; and that one-half of the School of Science Budget for Power be paid by the Sustaining Fund. This leaves only the regular salaries and equipment items of the School to be carried by the Yale-in-China School of Science appropriation, totaling approximately Chinese $99,500 for the year, which at the rate of twenty to one will be just about U.S.$5,000. We hope this cut of appropriation made by the Yale-in-China Association will be only a temporary measure necessitated by the unusual circumstances, and that as soon as conditions improve the Association will find it possible to increase it again.

It is certainly encouraging to know from your letter that Miss Johnston has already replied to my letter of March 10 to her, assuring us of her intention to continue her grant of U.S.$5,000 a year to theSchool ofArts in the College as heretofore. I am going to write to her very soon to thank her for this message as conveyed through your letter, but in the meantime please inform her of our deep appreciation. Let us hope that the time will soon come when she will be able to come out to China to see the new Hua Chung built largely with her generous gift.

As Mr. Coe wrote you earlier, he now reports the successful completion of the negotiations, so that the bulk of the College account in the Bank of China in Rangoon has now been converted into national currency, at a rate which in relation to the U.S. dollars originally sold in Rangoon nets the College about Chinese $19.50 to U.S.$1.00. A small sum is being left in this account to facilitate the possible transfer of an account to Calcutta.

Mr. Coe wrote you under date of April 22 in regard to the Hongkong account and wondered if you have succeded in making any progress in this matter with the National City Bank of New York, particularly in reference to the U.S.$1,000 cabled from you to the National City Bank in Hongkong in November and about which the Bank never notified us.

You raised the question in your letter about the schedule of our probable financial requirements for the next six months. We are keeping a certain amount in cash on hand to meet any possible emergency. If the situation does not take a sudden turn for the worse, our money in China would be sufficient to carry us through for at least three months. If the signs of the times show that we may have an emergency, we would cable at once for more money. If an emergency should come, it would probably be late in September. As the rate of exchange between America and China is a bit uncertain, we hesitate to ask you to make any large remittance for the present. Because of the reasons mentioned above, we feel it wise to have available either in cash or in the local banks a sum of Chinese $100,000 to Chinese $150,000. At the moment we expect to ask for a remittance of Chinese $100,000 sometime in

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September and probably the same amount early in December.

I sent day before yesterday to your office my Annual Report for the year 1941-42, addressed to Dr. Sherman as President of the Board of Founders, acting concurrently as the Board of Directors, trusting that in case Dr. Sherman should be absent from the city when the report arrives, you will give it your own attention. I am sorry that I have not been able to get the report ready earlier this year, because after Commencement I felt that I ought to relax a little bit and then during the latter part of July the question of moving the College or staying on here occupied most of my time. Please ask the Executive Committee of the Board of Founders to do whatever they want with my annual report. I think it is not of much use to try to send any copies to China as we have not received yet the mimeographed copies sent by Mr. Smith more than a year ago.

You will probably remember that the ExecutiveCommittee Pro-tem resident in the College has to be reappointed for the next year. The membership of the Committee for the past year has been president and treasurer ex officio, Professor David F. Anderson, Acting Dean Leonard Constantine, Dean P'u Huang, Professor Richard T. Bien. Dean T. W. Zee used to be on the Executive Committee, but since his resignation his vacancy has not been filled. I would venture to suggest that Dean Sidney D. Hsiao of the Yale-in-China School of Science be appointed in his place. Ever since his return to the College, the Executive Committee Pro-tem has been coopting him to its meetings. For a committee like this, it seems wise to have continuity of thought and policy.

Before closing, I would like to say that my three days in Tali gave me the opportunity of seeing all the important people in the city. They were as cordial and friendly as ever, and their feeling of the situation is about the same as ours, i.e., that there is very slight possibility of the enemy trying to push into Yunnan and therefore it would not be necessary for us to make any plans for immedia te evacuation.

With the best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Francis C. Wei

Enc.
FCMW/MRC

P.S. Since I mailed my annual report, I have detected a typographical mistake which please correct. It is page 2, line 6: Instead of "Majority" it ought to be "minority"

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September 2, 1942

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

Dear Dr. Sherman:

Your Clipper letter with enclosures, without date but bearing the postal mark of July 31, New York, was received during the last week-end.

We are very sorry to know that Dr. Paul V. Taylor has resigned from his official connection with Hua Chung College to assume duties as Executive Secretary of the Board of Christian Education and Publication of the Evangelical and Reformed Church in the United States, as from September 1.

Dr. Taylor has served the College faithfully since 1929 both as dean of the General Faculty and as Professor of Education. We shall miss him greatly in these difficult times, particularly if in the near future we should have to move back to Wuchang and rebuild the College. His practical ability and vigor for any kind of emergency, of course, would be of great help to us. When upon several occasions during the last year we thought of the possibility of an emergency here, we all missed Dr. Taylor's counsel and help. But as Dr. Taylor says in his letter, possibly he will be able to serve the College under the present circumstances from the other end better, and it is our hope that before very long he will be able to return as a missionary again to rejoin the College faculty.

I sent you my Annual Report for the year 1941-42 a week ago, addressing it to the care of Mr. Lyford at 230 Park Avenue with the notation on the envelope that in your absence it may receive his attention. I thought it possible that you might be absent from New York in October when the report should arrive.

It was just yesterday I received an unexpected gift from a Chinese friend of mine for the aid of poor students in the College. It was a very handsome gift of N.C.$30,000. I hope this will lead to other gifts, and if should be able to get more, I would like to have some of them applied to the relief of the faculty members here. A more definite report on this gift will be sent to you after I have reported it to the Executive Committee Pro-tem. It is very encouraging that our work is appreciated by friends in China so as to lead to a gift by one of them of such an amount.

With affectionate regards,

Yours sincerely,

Francis C. Wei

FCMW/MRC

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September 8, 1942

Mr. C. A. Evans
Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City, U.S.A.

Dear Mr. Evans:

I have received your letters of July 20 and July 22, 1942.

I have noted that Mr. Parker has left your office to carry throughsome personal plans, and I hope you will be able to find his successor very soon, so as to relieve you of the extra duties.

I am glad you have received the transcript of the work of Mr. P. L. Tang at Yenching, as well as recommendations from the Dean of the London School of Economics and Political Science. I would like to report that since I wrote you last, Mr. Tang has received his degree of M.Sc. (Econ.) from London University. I quite understand that under the present circumstances it would not be possible for any of our staff members to go to the United States for further postgraduate work, but I hope that a chance will be given to Mr. Tang or some other member of our faculty for studies in America as soon as conditions permit.

Yours sincerely,

Francis C. Wei

President

FCMW/MRC

P. S. Please forward the enclosed letter to Miss Terry to save us postage.
F.C. Wei.

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Dear Mr. Evans:

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

Received Nov 5

Dear Mr. Lyford:

My last letter to you was dated August 27. It should be numbered N.Y. 46, instead of N.Y. 45, which was the number written on it by error. Please make the correction in your file.

Since I wrote last, I have received no more letters from you, but I have received during the last week-end Dr. Lobenstine's letter of November 8, 1941. His office secretary put a five-cent stamp on the envelope, and it took actually ten months to reach us here. I am answering his letter in the same mail as this one.

The Executive Committee Pro-tem met yesterday, and I reported to them pertinent matters contained in your letter of May 28 and July 14.
(to the Exec. Committee Pro-tem)
I reported also a gift of N.C.$30,000 for Scholarships for Student Aid from a Chinese friend of mine who does not wish his name revealed. By action of the ExecutiveCommittee Pro-tem taken yesterday, this gift was divided so as to place N.C.$10,000 at the discretion of the President for students' aid which might not be within the regulations of the Committee on Scholarships and Student Aid; one-third is to be credited to the Budget Item for Scholarships and Student Aid in our budget for the present year; and the remaining third is to be an additional grant for Scholarships and Aids as maybe administered by the Committee on Scholarships and Student Aid. So far only $10,000 National Currency has been received, but we trust that the remaining N.C.$20,000 will be forthcoming. It is quite an unexpected gift, and it is most encouraging to us all.

I am enclosing herewith the Minutes of the 34th and 35th meetings of the Executive Committee Pro-tem without any comments on the actions, as most of them are self-explanatory.

Mr. Coe has written to you about the exchanging of U.S.$5,000 into Chinese currency in Kunming, and he has reported to you on the arrangement which is in our favor.

I am very sorry to report to the Board of Founders that Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Miller of the American Church Mission have been forced by the condition of Mrs. Miller's eyes to go home by plane to India and then by whatever means of travel is available to the United States. Mrs. Miller was lecturer, then assistant professor, and lately Professor of EnglishLiterature, and ever since 1938 Mr. Miller has been Visiting Lecturer from the Boone Middle School. To lose both of them from the services of the college with such short notice means a severe blow to our department of English Literature which is already shorthanded. We are appointing one of our own graduates as instructor in English Literature in order to help out. Miss Bleakley, professor of English Literature and head of the department, has been asked by the London Missionary Society in London to go home on furlough, but after consultation with her it seems quite impossible for her to leave at this juncture, and so I have written to Mr. Cocker Brown in London, asking for his permission for Miss Bleakley to stay on for at least another year or until better arrangements could be made for the staffing of the department of English Literature. Even with our smaller enrollment in Hsichow, her department is heavily taxed for class instruction and individual coaching as many of the students entering the college fall below our standard owing to poor preparation in the middle schools, particularly when we have to take in an increasing number of Yunnan students whose English standard is far inferior to that of the students from other provinces.

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It seems quite impossible for the cooperating missions in America or Great Britain to send us qualified teachers of English Language and Literature at a time like this. It is not possible to appoint several of our own graduates to staff the department, because they are not quite ready to undertake the teaching of advanced courses which are required by the Ministry of Education. There is the slight possibility that we may be able to run into some English-speaking person for appointment to our department of English Literature. In that case we may petition one of the missions to allow us to have such a person appointed in the field as a member of the mission, but we should not put too much stock in that possibility.

During August we sent two of our staff members to scout out the route towards the north and east in case we should have to evacuate in an emergency. They have brought back the report that there is no very encouraging route although if necessary we may be able to move either across the lake or around it and then strike the highway northeastward into Szechwan. I have reported that to the Executive Committee Pro tem, and there will be another meeting of the committee next Monday to consider ways and means of evacuation in case of an emergency. Conditions are such that we think an emergency less possible in the near future, but we have to be prepared for the worst.

The recent letters from Szechwan and Kunming show that the other Christian colleges are giving much higher subsidies to their faculty and staff members, although prices in Szechwan are about the same as ours upon the whole. Further, the national universities have been increasing their subsidies and salaries considerably during the last three months, and they are expecting another increase at the opening of the term. Owing to this, we have found it very difficult to get any well-qualified teachers to fill our vacancies on the faculty, and as prices continue to rise here we may have to consider further increase of our subsidies. Should this become necessary, we are thinking of something like N.C.$50,000 for this increase. With the releasing from the scholarship item of N.C.$10,000 from the recent gift and with the higher rate of exchange from 18 to one to probably 20 to one, we may be able to realize from at least a half of our budget items and from salaries and subsidies something like N.C.$25,000. In case we should not be able to fill all of the vacancies there will be probably another N.C.$10,000 from the budget items of salaries and subsidies, thus making up approximately N.C.$45,000 for the increase of our subsidies. However, the Executive Committee Pro-tem will give further consideration to the matter, and as soon as a decision is reached, we shall report it to the Board.

It is very annoying, I know, to have to bring up the question of increasing subsidies all the time, but as the Chinese dollar becomes more-and-more depreciated and prices of daily necessity higher and higher, we have to entertain the consideration of such questions whenever necessary.

A letter from Mr. Eugene Hsu, now in Brown University, to Professor Richard Bien says that Mr. Hsu has sent to you U.S.$200 for his family, which is now staying with his brother-in-law, Asst. Professor Cheng Chien-kuo of our Physics department here. If you have received the money, will you please let us know, and we shall allow him to draw in China the equivalent amount in Chinese currency at the rate of exchange at the time. I hope this will not cause you any difficulty.

We are watching the general situation with a great deal of anxiety and care, hoping that it will continue to improve. Chinese troops seem to be doing much better in east and south eastern China, according to newspaper reports. We are very much puzzled as to what the enemy is planning to do, but we hope that the Western Yunnan front will not be threatened again by invasion.

The college is opening on September 28. With the present conditions of transportation there is absolutely no telling what kind of enrollment we shall have. We would be encouraged if it should be not fewer than 120. But it may be larger with the assistance given us by General Soong in charge of all the troops in Western Yunnan for the transportation of our students and faculty from Kunming. I have just received another letter from him, saying he would do his best to help us in this respect. With the best wishes,

Enc.

Yours sincerely,

Frances C. McMillan

FCMW/MRC

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Letter No. 33 - September 25, 1942.

President Francis C. M. Wei

Dear Sir:

In this instance I am departing from my usual procedure by putting my discussion of financial matters in an accompanying letter to Mr. Coe. This is in order that I amy devote this letter to matters of even greater importance; namely, the cultural,educational and religious motives which govern all the relationships between the faculty, officers and trustees of our institution. It is because of these motives that I, an engineer and industrialist, am greatly interested in the College and in its staff. It is because my experience in engineering and in business convinces me that the only way the Democracies can establish a permanent peace is through the wise application of Christ's teaching and example and in building on the best which has been brought about in nations, more or less Christian, in the 19 centuries since Christ came.

Many in Great Britain, Canada and the United States are thinking and speaking along this line and the conviction is growing. With it is a sense of humility and a consciousness of the great mistakes which have been made in the past and undoubtedly will be made by those in authority when the organization for peace is being planned and put into execution; but I hope and pray that the spirit of Goodwill will grow tremendously among the people of our country and yours before the negotiations for peace begin.

I would give almost anything I possess for the privilege of sitting down with you for long quiet talks about these great matters. It seems so obvious to me that Chinese philosophy and expe?ience should and can contribute a great deal to the people of the West, and, THAT YOU especially, are right in your philosophy and that your kindly and sympathetic way of presenting it is a force which we greatly need. I look forward to the very first opportunity after the war when you can come to the United States again. In the meantime, I am wondering whether the thinking which you have been doing since you were here last could not be expressed in a paper which would help me and many others.

In 1940 you wrote a statement on "Education in Wartime China" which was printed in Hongkong and circulated in this country. I refer to it whenever I want to formulate an opinion regarding any step which the Associated Boards may be contemplating in connection with the relations between the Colleges and the Trustees. Of course I bring to such a discussion practical business experience rather more than educational or missionary point of view, but this makes me appreciate all the more the need for a spiritual background, such as you have. If you feel like writing a message to us which can be used with our board members and with our supporters, I am sure it will do a great deal of good. We have a communication from President Yang of Soochow University, a part of which is written in a lighter vein, which will be used with very good effect.

It is hard for me to understand how you and our other teachers have been able to carry on your work with so few books and practically no current literature. That you can do so means a remarkable resourcefulness. Possibly the challenge to your ingenuity is what keeps you awake. Anyway it is quite remarkable. In this connection, I can report something which I know will interest you greatly; possibly you have heard something about it already. The United States Government, in its general plan for interchange of cultural information between China and the United States is perfecting arrangements for sending current literature from this country to the China colleges and universities. The principal universities and research organizations of this country have been asked to recommend the most outstanding periodicals in science and other subjects. After these recommendations have been studied a selection of 20 or 30 will be selected and arrangements made to have them photographed on micro films and to send five copies of each to the American Embassy in Chungking to be made available to the colleges and universities under some practical working arrangement. These of course will be useful only in such institutions as have reading machines for these films. Such reading machines have thus far been very heavy and expense. Now, however, one is being perfected that weighs less than 4 pounds, uses a 100 watt bulb, and is not expensive. It looks as though this will solve the main problem, as they can be sent a few at a time by air transport.

Our information indicates that the U.S. Government may arrange for the transportation and pay the expense which might be prohibitive for the College Trustees. Of course it will take some months to perfect this plan, but at least it is something which you may look forward to with considerable hope.

I have not seen the letter from Prof. Elisseeff of the Harvard Yenching Institute but will get a copy from Mr. Evans. I have been told that your work has been commented on very favorably at the Harvard Yenching meetings which are attended by Dr. Hume and Dr. North.

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The permission of the Ministry of Education to continue your School of Education is very gratifying. I hope this will be the future policy of the Government.

With warmest regards to all my friends.

Yours very sincerely,

Oliver S. Lyford.

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Mr. Oliver S. Lyford, Treasurer
Hua Chung Board of Founders
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Dear Mr. Lyford:

My last letter to you was N.Y. 47, dated September 8. I have been waiting until today before writing to you again so that I would have some idea of the enrollment for the new term. I enclose the Minutes of the Thirty-sixth Meeting of the Executive Committee Pro-tem.

The old students registered yesterday, and the new ones are being registered right now. The number of each group is encouraging. There will probably be seventy-eight old students, five or six transfers to the sophomore class from the universities in Kunming, and over seventy new freshmen, making a total of over one hundred and fifty, probably up to one hundred and sixty. Our highest enrollment since moving to Hsichow was a year ago when one hundred forty-eight registered, so we are breaking the record this year in spite of our apprehension for a reduced enrollment of a month ago. In my last letter my estimate was only one hundred and thirty students, but the enrollment has already exceeded that ~~already~~ up to the present moment.

On account of transportation and war conditions, the number of women students is not so high as it ought to be, so the Women's Hostel is not fully occupied, but the three men's hostels are already crowded, and we are opening a fourth hostel for men.

As far as the faculty is concerned, ~~two of~~ the three vacancies in the department of Chinese Literature have been filled. ~~Both~~ All of the appointees are promising scholars and are now on their way to the college from Kuhming. We have had to appoint our own graduates to help out in the department of English Literature after the departure of the Millers. So far there does not seem to be any possibility of finding a suitable person to fill the chair of Sociology.

I may not have written you directly that Dr. Lin Yueh-hua from Harvard never turned up at the college. I have been in communication with him, but he always dodged the issue of his appointment here. After Dr. Hsu Liang-kwang had resigned from the college, Dr. Sidney Hsiao wrote to Dr. Lin again, and he replied that he could not come to us. We are making some readjustments in the department of History-Sociology for the present year.

From the Minutes of the Executive Committee Pro-tem you will see (Ex. 192) that since I wrote you last, I have received another gift of N.C.$10,000 from our old friend, Mr. Li Jui, who has been always generous to the college ever since our Wuchang days. The gift is again for student relief.

Ex. 193 is self-explanatory.

Ex. 194 indicates that N.C. $4,000 has been received from the Ministry of Education for faculty relief in reply to a petition from me to the government, but no details have yet come from the Ministry as to whether this amount is a flat sum for the purpose or whether it is only one installment and more is to come.

Ex. 195 reports the receipt of N.C.$5,469.51 from the United Committee for Christian Universities in China, London. Again, no details have come through with regard to the nature of the gift.

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Ex. 197 is an action giving a special subsidy in the form of a lump sum to the members of the faculty and staff. Times are hard, and we have been thinking of some substantial subsidy like this for the repayment of debts which many of the faculty members have incurred or for the replacement of worn-out clothing and shoes. The total amount for this special subsidy is approximately N.C.$40,000. We are figuring that this will be quite within our budget as approved by the Board of Directors and the Board of Founders, as the Treasurer has been able to report that the average exchange for the American dollar is over twenty to one, and so from this favorable exchange alone we ought to realize enough to cover this special subsidy even though exchange for the balance of the academic year would not be better than twenty to one, which is now the government rate. Our budget for the year has been on the reckoning of eighteen to one, and you have given us the authorization to increase the budget in case exchange should move more in favor of the American dollar. From the Minutes of the Thirty-fifth Meeting of the Executive Committee Pro-tem you will see that from a special gift, N.C. $10,000 will go to release this amount from the item in the budget for Scholarships and Students Aids, and this sum ought to be available for general purposes in the college such as increase of subsidies.

Action Ex. 198 will be covered by the regular subsidies since two or three faculty members with larger families have left, and the new appointees are limited to subsidies for five members in the family each.

News from the Burma Border continues to be encouraging. Rumors are not so common nowadays. This accounts for the larger enrollment in the college. Prospects for a very excellent rice crop are good. There may be a drop in the price of rice, but other things still remain high, and some are even going up.

Lectures will begin on Friday, October 2. We have sufficient faculty strength to meet all the government requirements in all the departments.

With the best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Francis C. McWilliams

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Dear Mr.Lyford:

My last letter to you was N.Y. 48, dated September 29. Even as late as when I dictated that letter my estimate of the enrollment for the term was 130. Registration began on September 28, and classes were started on October 2. The enrollment has been very encouraging. According to the report from the Registrar's Office, up-to-date there are already 143 students in the college, of whom 38 are women and 107 are men. 70 are new freshmen, and there are 3 transfer students in the sophomore class. The Dean's Office reports that 12 students have asked leave-of-absence and are on their way from Kunming, and 2 are waiting to complete their registration. That will make 169. Every term a few students drift into the college without asking for leave-of-absence and present excuses for the delay, which the Dean may accept. Hence in reply to Mr. Evans' cable enquiring about our number of students and faculty in the college, we wired two days ago to you that there were 120 men and 40 women among the students. We reported 30 men and 5 women on the faculty, but we miscounted the number on the staff. We forgot to count in Dr. Roots and the Library Assistant and a half-time librarian. Therefore the staff should be 7½ instead of 5. The other figures are correct. Please inform Mr. Evans of this.

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Conditions at present are favorable. Nobody is talking about rumors any more, and the radio news from Chungking and elsewhere seems to be encouraging. Some prices are going up, but most of them seem to be steady. In spite of the good crops the price of rice will not drop considerably, because the farmers have had to pay high prices for labor during the last five months, but it will drop a little bit.

We have been able to fill two vacancies in the faculty for the department of Chinese Literature. Dr. T. Y. Tsang of the department of Economics-Commerce may not be able to return on account of his wife's health. It is very embarrassing to have to fill a vacancy after the term has already started, but we have wired to Dr. Tsang in Kunming to get one of his friends to come and teach Sociology and Commercial Law. We are also trying to contact a man in Tali with a Ph.D. from Columbia in Economics twenty years ago to be Dr. Tsang's substitute. If both men should be appointed, we are still within the budget for the department of Economics-Commerce and that for the department of History-Sociology. Dr. David Hsiung has returned from Szechwan, but Dr. Wesley Wan has had leave-of-absence until the middle of the month. He left Hsichow about the middle of September to send his wife and child by plane to Wanhsien down the river from Chungking where Mrs. Wan's mother and uncle live.

Dr. W. K. Taai of the Canton Union Theological College, who is staying to take care of the seven joint students and to teach some of the theological courses, is offering for us an outline course on the Bible for juniors and seniors, and five or six students have registered for this course from the two upper classes. The Rev. Leonard Constantine, the Rev. Carl Liu, and Professor Anderson are conducting three religious discussion groups for the freshmen and sophomores, and 62 students have registered for the three groups. It is a very encouraging number. Last Saturday evening we had a Rally Meeting in the chapel to present to all the new students the religious purpose of the college and our religious program under the college Chapel Commitee and the three denominational fellowships. The meeting was well attended, and the result was this encouraging registration for the religious study groups.

I have already reported in my last letter the receipt of N.C.$4,000 from the Ministry of Education for faculty relief. Instructions have now come from the Ministry that this sum is to be

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administered by the President for the relief of assistant professors or professors who have more than five in the family actually on their support and who are not able to make ends meet on account of the high prices. I have not decided how this is to be distributed. I shall report it to the Executive Committee Pro-tem and ask its advice as to how this can be administered.

You will remember that I received during the summer an anonymous gift of N.C.$30,000 for student relief, and we have reported the receipt of N.C.$10,000 and how the whole gift was to be used by action ofthe Executive Committee Pro-tem. The remaining N.C.$20,000 has also been received and turned over to the treasurer. The N.C.$10,000 gift from Mr. Li Jui in Chungking for student relief has also been received and reported to the Board in one of my previous letters.

Prices are soaring in Kunming. My son John, who graduated from the department of Physics in the Yale-in-China School of Science two years ago, has been research instructor in the Tsing Hua Radio Institute near Kunming. Last month his salary and subsidies were altogether N.C.$540, and I have just received a letter from him that the total has been increased to $740, but he has to pay $450 for his simply board at the Institute. That is an indication how prices are going up in Kunming, and they may affect us here for reasons beyond our comprehension -- profiteering perhaps.

Owing to this situation, the local middle schools in Hsichow and Tali have to pay high salaries even for graduates fresh from college. Three of our graduates from the 1942 class are teaching in the Hsichow middle school, and theyreceive N.C.$1,000 a month for salary. Two of our faculty wives are also teaching there this term, and one I know for certain is getting N.C.$1,175 a month. We may say that such figures are near absurdity, but it is a fact. The schools must bring teachers from Kunming, and unless they pay such high salaries, the teachers will not come. It affects our program, of course. Imagine a fresh graduate getting more than I am receiving now from the college as president! We do not complain, but the contrast is embarrassing. The last lump-sum subsidy, as reported in my last letter, has produced a wholesome effect, and that at least indicates our seriousness in thinking of the welfare of the faculty families allthe time.

Mr. Coe is writing to you about our exchange for the last U.S.$5,000. That action alone has cleared for us N.C.$60,000 over and above the 18 to one rate on which our budget for the year was originally calculated. Of course, the official rate now is 20 to one, but somehow some people are able to get higher.

If it is the instruction of our Board that whatever exchange we may get over 18 to one as a favorable balance may be applied to subsidies we may have a decent sum for this purpose when prices go up or when circumstances make it necessary to increase our subsidies.

As soon as the Registrar's Office has been able to compile its simple statistics, a copy will be sent to you, reporting on the detailed enrollment, but you may take it roughly as 160, of whom 40 are women. If we should go up to 164, we would be breaking our record in enrollment since Wuchang days. Our highest enrollment in Hsichow was 148 of a year ago. We have broken that record already.

With the best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Francis C. Wei Wei

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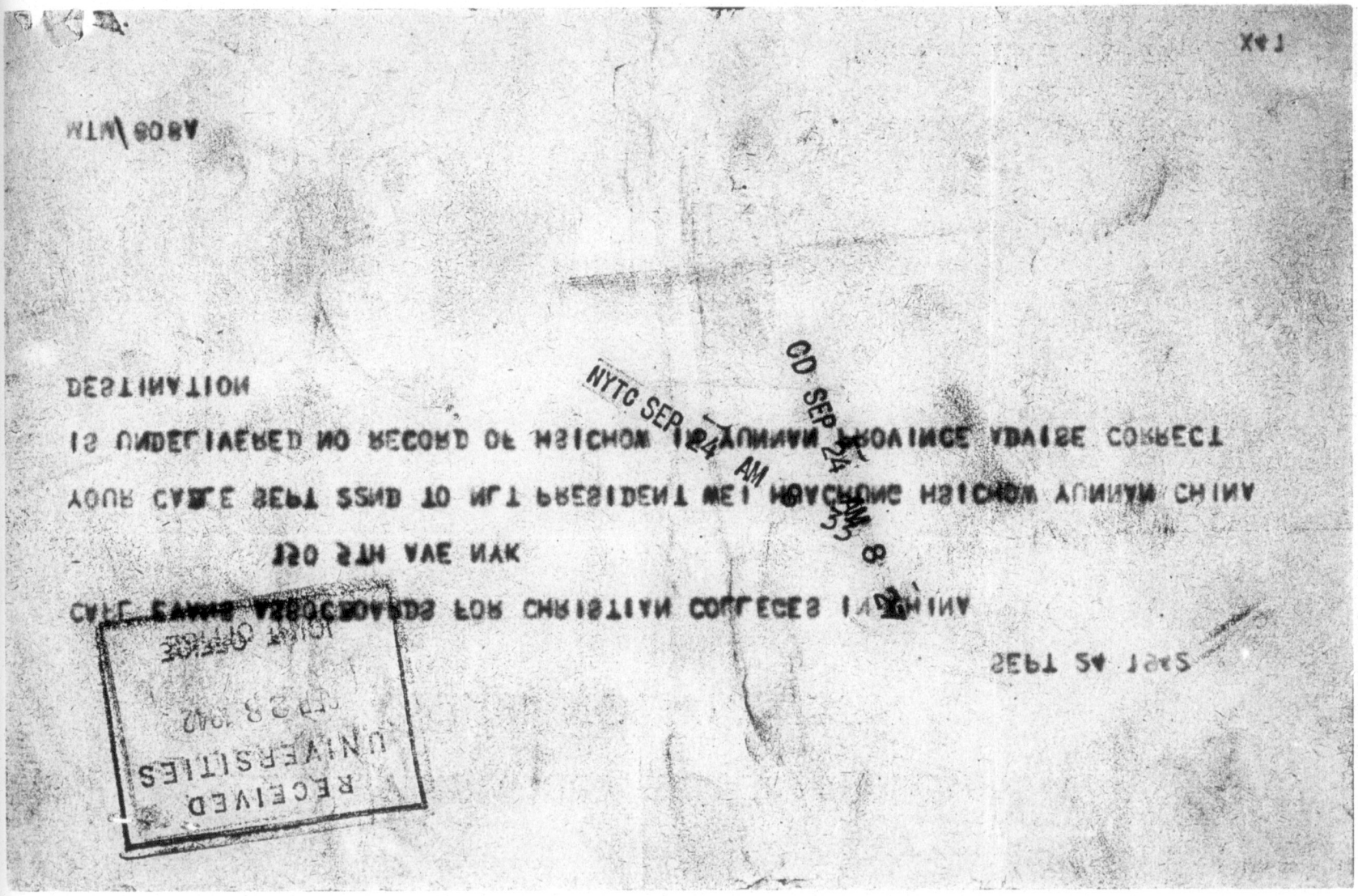

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Dear Mr. Lyford:

I received your letter #32, dated August 25, 1942, day before yesterday.

Mr. Coe has written you a letter enclosed herewith in which he answers all your questions concerning college finances. I hope his letter and the one he wrote to you in August will clear up all the questions you have raised.

I do not blame you for feeling disgusted with Dr. Lin. Dr. Francis Hsu, the sociologist we got a year ago to take Dr. Lin's place, has left us, as I have already reported in my previous correspondence with you. Now we are trying to get a man as late as this from Kunming to take his place. He is Dr. Tao, a returned student from France with a doctor's degree from a French university. Dr. T. Y. Tsang has written that he is not able to return because his wife's health needs medical attention in Kunming; this may be only an excuse, but we have to accept it because there is no way out. It is very annoying that some people do not have any sense of obligation, and notify us of their inability to return to the college even after the opening of the term. We are negotiating with a man in Tali, a returned student from America of twenty-years' standing, to carry on Dr. Tsang's courses in Economics, and there is every possibility that he may come. Two teachers of Chinese Literature have just arrived, and so we should be able to set up a well-balanced faculty again for the year.

As to registration, we have at present only 150, of whom 38 are women, but 10 are on the Dean's "leave-of-absence" list, and they may be here in a day or so. Transportation is difficult, but that does not account for every case of late registration. Many of the Yunnan students have not gotten into the habit yet of being prompt. Three students from Hunan are on their way, but they may be delayed at Kweiyang.

I have just heard from the Rev. E. H. Cressy, secretary of the Council of Higher Education of the China Christian Educational Association, who has written, under date of September 30, from 10 Dai Chia Hang, Chungking, that he has already referred our request to Mr. Glenn V. Fuller, treasurer of the Christian Educational Association, about ~~about~~ arrangements for transfer of funds if the situation here in Hsichow should necessitate it. As I have written you before, we took this step in writing to Mr. Cressy because we thought we might have to evacuate northward, and then we would want to have some funds transferred to us from Chungking. As the situation is at present, the emergency may not arise, but it is always wise to make arrangements ahead of time. Mr. Cressy says, "Your judgment is wise in staying where you are so long as possible." That seems to be the feeling of everybody at present.

I have reported receipts of other funds in China, and Mr. Coe in his enclosed letter will give the other necessary information.

With the best wishes,

Yours sincerely,
Francis C. Wei Hsi

P.S. The letter you enclosed for Dr. Hsiao has been turned over to him.

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President's Office
Hua Chung College
Hsichow, via Tali
Yunnan, China
November 5, 1942 N.Y. 51

Received Jan 4, 1943
Answered on Jan 7 in my letter of Jan 3 to Mr Coe

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

Dear Mr. Lyford:

My last letter to you was N.Y. 50, dated October 13. For some days we have not had much American mail. Possibly some will come in before this week-end.

November First is the usual day of our Founders Day. This year it came on Sunday, and so we had a Thanksgiving Service Sunday morning, conducted by the Rev. Leonard Constantine, dean of the General Faculty, and Dean P'u Huang gave the address as one of the alumni. We remembered our Founders and all those who have worked in Hua Chung or for its maintenance during the last eighteen years ever since the college was founded by the amalgamation of the existing Christian colleges in the Central China region. We remembered particularly all our supporters and friends who are now being affected by the war either in China or abroad in America and Great Britain. On Monday, the Second, we had the annual Founders Day and Matriculation Day exercises. The Senate asked me to speak briefly on the history of the college on Monday morning, as I am now the only one who has been with the college ever since its inception in 1924. We invited no outside guests because we tried to make it more-or-less a family affair, as we used to do in Wuchang. After the exercises all the hostels were thrown open to inspection by the faculty and students. The boys and girls had a grand time in inspecting each others hostels.

On Monday we had a distinguished visitor to Hsichow from the provincial government in Kunming. He was Mr. T. H. Li, commissioner of Civil Affairs in the province, and one of the multimillionaires in the province. I spent almost two days with him, attending lunches and dinners given by the local gentry. He came to address the college students on Tuesday morning, and in the evening he addressed the students in the primary and middle schools in the town, as well as the gentry and representatives of the people. The college only joined in with the other organizations in giving him a reception Tuesday evening.

The commissioner seemed to have a good impression of the college. Both he and the two or three people who came with him expressed their desire that we might at least have a branch institution in Western Yunnan after the war. Of course, that may have been just courtesy. I had many opportunities during the two days to talk things over with him, and the result may be that he will raise some money for the subsidy of faculty members in the college. How much he will be able to raise it is difficult to tell, but I believe it will be one of the largest sums that I have been able to raise in China. I am working over with Mr. Coe a budget which I am going to present to him.

I received from Dr. Cressy a telegram from Chungking, asking us to send before the end of January to the Associated Boards in New York, with a duplicate copy to Mr. Edwards in Chungking, our askings from the United China Relief Committee for our new requirements for the year from March 1943 to March 1944. As these askings have to be in the hands of the Associated Boards before the end of January, we may have to get them ready this month and send them by airmail to New York before the first of December. Whatever we send to the Associated Boards and to Mr. Edwards in Chungking we shall have copies for you.

It is very difficult to estimate what our requirements will be half a year from now, as prices may jump again and as the general situation also may change, making a great deal of difficulty in drawing up a budget. Further, I have not been able to discuss with the Executive Committee Pro-tem as to how our budget, which begins every year from August 1st, will fit in with the new fiscal year of the Associated Boards beginning with March 1st. This will require some readjustment.

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After some preliminary talks with Mr. Coe we feel that the only way to present our requests for the next year to the Associated Boards will be by taking the percentage of increase in the budget of each year over that of the previous year, and then make our estimates accordingly for the year beginning March 1943. There is no other way to prepare the budget. As soon as everything is ready, we shall communicate with Mr. Edwards in Chungking, with the original sent to the Associated Boards in New York and a copy to you.

There has been no change in our enrollment. It is 152, because after October 16 we refused to register new students who came late. So the figure has not come up to ~~the figure of~~ 160, as I radioed to you before registration was completed. There are at present 114 men and 38 women students.

As to the faculty, Professor Wesley S. W. Wan has not yet returned from Szechwan. Dr. T. Y. Tsang of the department of Economics-Commerce has asked for leave-of-absence for half a year to stay in Kunming because of Mrs. Tsang's health. His vacancy has not been filled, but we are trying to get another teacher of Economics to teach his courses for the next term, in case he should fail to return after the winter vacation. We have been able to carry on the work in the college even with a weakened faculty.

Miss Gertrude Zenk of the Reformed Church Mission, who has been teaching Piano in the college ever since we came to Hsichow, and Mr. Walter Allen of the American Church Mission, who has ~~been teaching~~ taught English Literature here for a year, announced their engagement on October 31. The missions concerned will have had the news by the time this letter reaches you. It is very good news to us all. Particularly it means that Miss Zenk will not be going home next summer, as she had been planning to do.

With the very best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

Frances C. Wei

FCMW/MRC

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November 5, 1942.
Letter No. 34

President Frances C. M. Wei
Dear Sir:

My last letter to you was my No. 33 of September 25. With that letter I included a letter of same date to Mr. Coe. My last letter from you was your N.Y. 45 of August 28 which was received on October 26. Your letter of August 5, also numbered 45, was received on October 5th. Your N.Y. 44 was received on Sept. 18; therefore I appear to have all your letters written in 1942. I have Mr. Coe's letters of July 29 (received Sept. 18); August 12th with enclosures (received Oct. 5); August 19 with enclosures (received October 10); August (received Oct. 26).

The October meeting of the Trustees occurred on October 15, so you will see that I had all the necessary financial information to place before that meeting. Mr. Coe, in his letter stated that adjustments would have to be made in his U.S. Balance Sheet as of August 1, 1942 after he received my final report. These adjustments were made in my report, which I will refer to in my letter to Mr. Coe, sent herewith.

Your annual report dated August 18 was received on October 26; therefore after the October meeting. Dr. Sherman was in New York and he and I read it hurriedly and sent it to Mr. Smith at once to be mimeographed and circulated, after which we shall study it carefully. I read enough to be deeply impressed with the steadiness and fine Christian spirit of all of the College Staff. The brief periods of tense disturbance are not surprising, but the return to steadiness is the outstanding characteristic. We all feel very humble when we read such a record and realize how easy life is for us in comparison. Actual physical danger seems to become more remote for those of us who stay at home, but we are beginning to realize what financial stringency means, and our boys, of whom millions are now fighting or getting ready to fight for freedom, are facing the same kinds of suffering and death as are yours. So the sympathies of our people with the Chinese are increasing and are becoming more realistic.

The meeting of our Board on October 15th was with an almost full attendance including Miss Johnston and Mrs. Sibley. Bishop Gilman and Dr. Taylor were present. Most of the time of the meeting was devoted to the reports of these two men and the discussion of the difficulties under which the College, in common with all the others, is working. Greatest concern was expressed for the health and comfort of the members of the faculty and staff, both Chinese and western. I reported the assurance expressed in your letters that your supply of funds was sufficient for the present, but that we have heard that inflation has increased greatly since September 1st, and it now seems that living costs simply cannot be met with the present Chinese currency. We were about to cable you urging that you go to Chunking and confer with the Chinese Government and the Coordinating Committee of the United China Relief, of which committee you are a member. Somebody who was present reported that a meeting of the Peoples Council had been called and that you therefore would go to Chunking without any urge from us. Somebody else reported that the United China Relief has cabled the Coordinating Committee at Chunking to cooperate with the Chinese Government as to ways and means of providing for the hospitals, colleges, schools etc. in this grave emergency. Therefore it seemed unnecessary to cable you, but obviously there is little use in exchanging U.S. funds into almost useless dollars. We have full confidence in the ability of yourself, Mr. Coe and the Executive Committee Protem to adopt the wisest procedure possible under the circumstances, but we are distressed that we cannot immediately do something to bring relief to you all. We cannot seem to do much but hope that the situation is not as serious as our present information indicates.

Chinese

It is very fortunate that Bishop Gilman is here and his wisdom and experience will be very helpful. With his assistance, we hope we shall be able to do our part when we know what that part is.

I appreciate the comments in your letter of August 28 and shall quote to Miss Johnston and the contributing missions the paragraphs which are of particular interest to each. We did not receive in time for the Trustees' Meeting your recommendation for the membership of the Executive Committee Protem for 1942-43. The matter will have to be acted upon at the next meeting of our Executive Committee and in the meantime I am sure it will be proper for you as President to make these appointments subject to such approval.

I am making the letter short because of the enclosures which must go with it. Am sure you will be interested in the reports from the Associated Boards.

Yours very sincerely, Orvin S. Lyford

P.S. Your N.Y. 47 of Sept. 8 with enclosures was received after dictating the above. I have noted contents carefully. The loss of Mr. and Mrs. Miller is indeed a heavy blow.

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November 5, 1942.

Mr. John L. Coe, Treasurer,
Dear Mr. Coe:

Your letter of August 12, with its enclosures, was received October 5 and your letter of August 19, with its enclosures, was received October 10. On receipt of the first I was able to start on my report and the second came in time for me to be ready for the meeting on Oct. 15th. I want to thank you again for the promptness with which you were able to complete your annual figures and forward them in the nick of time.

I submitted with my report to the Trustees on October 15 a comparative sheet showing how the 1941-42 actual operating figures compare with the budget approved by the Trustees on October 16, 1941 using for the budget figures those which you submitted with your letter of Aug. 19, 1941 plus N.C. $57,142 which the Trustees added to meet the emergencies which had already developed by October. The actual figures of expenditures for 1941-42 were those which accompanied your letter of August 12, 1942 (a copy of this sheet for you seems unnecessary). The total of actual expenses shown on this sheet was N.C. $473,640.32 as compared with a budget total of N.C. $418,991. This difference is recognized to be a measure of the growing inflation and not in any sense an indication of less of control of expenses by you or the college Administration. On the other hand the fact that you are steadily proceeding with the established method of accounting during these times of great disturbance is greatly appreciated. In this connection I might say, that United China Relief is calling on us for a certified accountant's report of financial operations of the College and the Foundation. I have thus far considered that in a sense I have been checking your accounts and you mine, but I believe our position will be stronger if we do have an audit and incidentally this may save me a lot of grief hereafter, for you know what agony I have to go through in preparing reports because I am not an accountant.

For your guidance I am enclosing a copy of the statement of comparative summaries of expenditures and income for the years 1940-41, 1941-42 and 1942-43 as they will appear in the papers which I shall submit to the auditors. I also hand you a copy of the U.S. Balance Sheet for Aug. 1, 1942, with the adjustments which I have made and the sheet showing comparative figures of operating cash at the beginning of the three years. I call your attention particularly to the note under "Sustaining Fund" - $6,219.41 on page 5 hereof. The Associated Boards have established the following conditions:- First, that the grant by them in any year shall be used only for expenses which are due to the Japanese Invasion and due to the necessity of operating away from the regular campus: Second, that any balance in the Sustaining Fund left at the end of the one year shall be used in the next year or returned to the Associated Boards. Third, that any funds received from sources other than the regular supporting missions, for emergency purposes similar to those of the Sustaining Fund, shall be considered as a part of the Sustaining Fund. (In other words they do not propose to duplicate emergency funds provided from other sources.) These conditions should be govern our practice in distributing the extra costs due to the present abnormal conditions. I find that the total actual expenditure of the College in Chinese money in 1937-38 was N.C. $167,435 of which 55% came from Chinese sources. Therefore it may properly be said that the major part of the increase from about N.C. $75,000 to about N.C. $600,000 in the years since 1937-38 is due to the Japanese Invasion. Based on this fact I have charged the excess over $5,000 in the expenditures of the School of Science to the Sustaining Fund. This is substantially the same as proposed by Dr. Wei in his letter of August 28. I see no particular reason for subdividing the total expense as he proposes, but if this is more in keeping with your practice in the past, it suits me. In my sheet of comparative figures, I used for 1942-43 an exchange rate of 18 to 1. I shall appreciate your advice as to any changes which should be made in this sheet.

In my request to the Associated Boards for U.S. $21,000 for the Sustaining Fund for 1942-43, I did not take into account any balance in the fund on August 1, 1942. I feared that you might have been obliged to use this to meet the costs of living in the previous months. $1,000 of this is for expenses of the Trustees' Office, and $20,000 for the College. It looks as though all of this together with the October balance may be necessary to use in the current year, unless the Chinese Government shall find some way to check inflation. I believe you have been advised that the National Council has agreed that its additional U.S.$5,000 may be used for sustainance if you find this necessary. To avoid getting this mixed up with the Sustaining Fund, I recommend that all of the Sustaining Fund of the Associated Boards be used first and that the National Council Fund be allowed to remain in Mr. Allen's hands until you find it necessary.

Your U.S. Balance Sheet shows $5,889.89 in funds held by the American Church Mission. On the other hand Dr. Wei, in his letter of August 28, says that the Shanghai balance of the American Church Mission "would not exceed U.S. $1,000. Please explain. I would suggest that in future reports you make a distinction between the Shanghai balance and any funds held by Mr.Allen for your account.

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The grant of $5,000 from Yale-in-China is probably all that can be expected while the present conditions in China continue, and the difficulty of securing this amount from the Yale-in-China constituency will grow worse as the war proceeds. This is due to the limited constituency, the competition of the U.C.R. drives and the demands of the middle school and the hospital which are not met by church missions or otherwise. Possibly the assistance to these institutions by U.C.R. and the Chinese Government may modify the budget of Yale-in-China somewhat hereafter.

I am wondering what attitude Dr. Wei is taking with Harvard Yenching Foundation regarding the growing surplus in that account? I should have a copy of Dr. Wei's report to Harvard-Yenching in order to meet any questions which may arise. You did not include the summary of the operations of the Harvard-Yenching Fund with the other figures which accompanied your letter of August 19.

I would also like a general statement about the purchases of equipment and books in 1941-42. I have noted the statements in your letter of August 19, but I do not understand where you were able to obtain these things. I assume that the Science Purchases amounting to N.C. $91,286.64 must include purchases which have probably been lost in transit. What a job we shall have to provide you with adequate equipment, etc. after the war! We shall do our best. The other statements in your letter of August 19 are clear. My report to the Trustees which included your summaries, modified as mentioned above, was well received. Your detail figures will enable me to answer any questions which may arise later.

I received the draft on the D. & F. M. Society, payable to Mrs. Lee. I will proceed with Mr. Whitney as you request. I have no further information regarding the U.S. $1,000 which I cabled to Hongkong.

With kindest regards to all, as always,

P.S. I note your request that no funds be cabled to you unless requested by Dr. Wei or yourself. I have only been tempted to do this when information requested from you had been long delayed at a time when war news was ominous. It of course is much better to leave you in full control of the funds of the college. I note that the control of exchange has begun to weaken and shall arrange with Dr. Franklin to reimburse his treasury with any funds which he may be requested to send to you. This has been done with the two requests for U.S. $5,000 already received through that channel.

The operations of the Joint and Reserve Accounts from March 9 to Oct. 21, 1942, have been as follows:

Joint Account

1942		
March 9 - Balance carried forward		2,601.08
June 5 - From Yale-in-China on 1941-42 account		1,000.00
Oct. 21 - Balance on hand		3,601.08

Reserve Account

March 9 - Balance carried forward		10,347.22
June 30 - From Foundation on acct. 1941-42 Sust. Fund		3,000.00
Sept. 24 - Bal. from Yale-in-China 1940-41 account		3,604.15
Oct. 3 - Associated Boards on acct. 1942-43 Sust. Fund		5,250.00
		22,201.37
April 23 - Remittance to Kunming N.C. $90,909 plus expense	$5,012.91	
May 29 - " " " " 90,909 " "	5,012.91	
June 2 - Exchange of cables regarding last item	16.41	
Oct. 15 - Paid Franklin to reimburse National Council	5,000.00	15,042.23
Oct. 21 - Balance on hand		7,159.14

On September 15, 1942 I paid Franklin U.S. $5,000 from the Foundation Account to reimburse National Council for corresponding amount sent to you through Allen. This left $2,000 in the Foundation Account as the remainder of the 1941-42 Sustainance Fund from the Associated Boards. Hereafter I will pass all Sustaining Funds through the Foundation Account.

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HUA CHUNG COLLEGE

Comparative Costs of Operation

Year ending July 31

(See Notes 1 to 3)

October 15, 1942.

	1942-43 Budget	1941-42 Actual	1940-41 Actual-Revised
Expenditures			
Administration	N.C.$ 72,166	N.C.$ 63,042.38	N.C.$ 32,001.73
Operation & Maintenance	29,800	28,017.17	16,774.28
School of Arts - Personnel	103,764	89,216.85	43,501.40
Equipment & Books	17,500	19,392.48	13,500.00
School of Education - Personnel	20,964	21,071.16	10,713.00
Equipment & Books	7,820	9,397.28	7,466.02
School of Science - Personnel	87,496	78,681.90	47,321.72
Equipment & Books	70,700	91,286.64	62,000.00
Physical Education & Military Training	15,284	7,166.45	4,388.39
Scholarships	19,500	13,889.26	8,299.60
	444,994	421,161.57	245,966.14
Extras due to location at Hsiehow	60,560	52,418.85	41,948.65
Emergency Fund	125,000	In above total	In above total
New Hostel for Men	15,000	-	-
N.C.	$645,554	N.C.$473,640.42	$287,914.79
Income Used in Operations			
Western Sources			
London Missionary Society	N.C. 1,000	N.C. 1,000.00	N.C. 1,000.00
Methodist Missionary Society	3,400	3,400.00	3,854.00
American Church Mission	35,000	16,535.00	10,870.00
Miss Johnston's Grant	50,000	25,715.33	17,797.33
Reformed Church Mission	30,000	27,794.38	16,648.06
Yale-in-China	90,000	90,000.00	101,511.72
Total from Contributing Missions	209,400	164,444.71	151,881.11
Scholarships from Abroad	6,400	4,243.75	2,130.00
Harvard Yenching Grant	60,000	61,055.46	24,644.70
Associated Boards - Sustaining Fund	342,754	211,556.34	89,401.15
Total from Western Sources	618,554	441,300.26	268,056.96
Local Sources			
Chinese Government Grant	20,000	17,491.81	11,555.33
Local for Scholarships	2,000	5,400.00	3,100.00
Bank Interest & Remittance Fees	4,000	4,089.80	4,253.00
Miscellaneous Fees	1,000	1,673.75	949.50
Unspecified	-	3,685.00	-
N.C.	$645,554	N.C.$473,640.42	N.C.$287,914.79

Note 1 - These figures do not include the salaries and expenses of western personnel which are paid direct by the respective missions.

Note 2 - All items budgeted in U.S. currency have been converted to Chinese National Currency at rates current in each year.

Note 3 - The figures of 1942-43 budget expenditures are taken from Mr.Coe's figures dated April 1942. The 1942-43 budget income figures are substantially the same as those approved by the Founders' Executive Committee. The 1941-42 actual figures are as reported by Mr. Coe on August 11, 1942. The 1940-41 actual figures are the corrected figures reported by Mr. Coe on April 22, 1942.

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U.S. Balance Sheet as of August 1,1942
Mr. Coe's figures in his sheet dated August 11, 1942
with adjustments by Mr. Lyford

	Dr.U.S.$	Cr.U.S.$
Sustaining Fund		6,219.41
Board of Founders Special		278.57
Johnston Fund for School of Arts		18,044.68
Harvard-Yenching Fund		9,774.92
Yale-in-China School of Science Reserve		15,744.06
President's Discretionary Fund		219.99
Practice School		2,816.13
Relief Fund		252.00
Scholarships		75.99
Theme Fund		461.42
Science Museum		200.00
Arts Book Fund		441.30
Biology - China Foundation		219.42
Music		635.78
Education Book Fund		418.67
Deposit Account		607.02
Procter-Johnston Land & Bldg. Fund		1,207.43
Joint and Reserve Accounts in New York	6,893.16	
American Church Mission (Sp.Ch.Funds)	5,889.89	
Domestic & Foreign Miss. Society	20,000.00	
Central China College Foundation	7,000.00	
Receivable from Yale-in-China	3,604.15	
Drafts on Hand in Hsiehow	1,441.17	
Equivalent of deposit in Hongkong	1,580.00	
" " " " Rangoon	483.00	
" " " " Kunming, Hsiakwan and Cash	10,725.44	
	57,616.81	57,616.81

All of the funds in the above statement are Operating Funds except the last credit item of $1,207.43 which is a balance held by the American Church Mission for building purposes. The item contra to this appears in the second item, $5,889.89, on the debit side of the above statement.

The following paragraphs explain the differences which appear in the above statement, as compared with the corresponding statement of Mr. Coe, dated August 11, 1942 in which he said "When the final report is received from Mr. Lyford, an adjustment will be necessary."

Joint and Reserve Account in New York $6,893.16

Joint Account

1942		
May 21 - Balance		2,601.08
June 5 - Deposit - Yale-in-China Acct.		1,000.00
July 31 - Balance		3,601.08

Reserve Account

1942		
May 21 - Balance		5,334.31
June 30 - Deposit - Central China College Foundation		3,000.00
		8,334.31
May 21 - Cost of Cabling U.S. $5,000 to China	5,012.91	
June 2 - Cost of exchange of cable messages (N.C.B.Co.)	16.41	6,029.32
July 31 - Balance		3,304.99
July 31, 1942 Combined Balance as per bank statements		6,906.07
Deduct from Joint Account outstanding checks #51- $8.00 and #52 - $4.91		12.91
		6,893.16

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Receivable from Yale-in-China $3,604.15

June 1, 1942 - Grant for 1942-43			$5,000.00
5, Check of Yale in China deposited in Joint Account			1,000.00
			4,000.00
Payments made by Yale-in-China for account of College			
Aug. 1941 - Books ordered by Dr. Hsiao		$144.51	
Sept.1941 - Central Scientific Co.for science equip't.		186.63	
Nov.1941 - LeJay Manuf. Co. for books		19.77	
Dec. 1941 - Universum Book Export Co. - books		44.94	395.85
			3,604.15

This balance was paid into the Joint Account on Sept. 25, 1942.

Sustaining Fund - $6,219.41

The changes in Joint & Reserve Account item, Central China College Foundation item and Yale-in-China item, as compared with corresponding items in Mr. Coe's report, result in a net increase of $384.92 in the total of debit items. This should be added to the credit figure of the Sustaining Fund. The Yale-in-China contribution for 1941-42 was necessarily limited to $5,000. The reason is that the emergency demands of the Yale Middle School, which have not been provided for by the Associated Boards have had to be met by Yale-in-China. Furthermore, it is important that the School of Science Reserve be held at the Aug. 1, 1941 figure if possible. On the other hand, the Sustaining Fund received from the Associated Boards is for use in the year in which contributed or in the next year. This fund is not otherwise restricted. In Mr. Coe's figures, Yale-in-China was assumed to have paid $8,527.28 towards the operating cost of the School of Science. For the above reasons the excess in this item over $5,000, or $3,527.38 has been transferred from the School of Science Reserve to the Sustaining Fund, thus reducing the balance in this fund, as of August 1, 1942, by this amount. The change in the Sustaining Fund item is therefore a reduction of $3,527.38 plus an addition of $384.92 as compared with Mr.Coe's figure of $9,361.87.

School of Science Reserve

For the above reasons Mr. Coe's figure of $12,216.70 has been increased to $15,744.08 which is the same as on August 1, 1941.

HUA CHUNG COLLEGE
Operating Cash on Hand
U.S. Currency

	Aug.1, 1942	Aug.1, 1941	Aug.1, 1940
Associated Boards - Sustaining Fund	$ 6,219.41	$ 6,219.34	$ 6,145.00
Board of Founders - Special	278.57	278.57	279.00
Johnston Fund for School of Arts	18,044.68	14,458.54	15,314.00
Harvard-Yenching Fund	9,744.92	8,218.27	4,801.00
Yale-in-China - School of Science Reserves	15,744.08	15,744.08	15,720.00
Yale-in-China - School of Sabbatical Reserve	-	607.50	607.00
President's Discretionary Fund	219.99	1,043.14	102.00
Practice School	2,816.13	1,988.34	245.00
Relief Fund	252.00	252.00	252.00
Scholarships	75.99	75.99	76.00
Theme Fund	461.42	858.76	973.00
Arts Book Fund	441.30	420.05	436.00
School of Science Research & Book Fund	-	640.83	583.00
Science Museum	200.00	200.00	200.00
Biology - China Foundation	219.42	219.42	219.00
Music Fund	635.78	695.02	710.00
Chemistry - China Foundation	-	-	702.00
Education Book Fund	418.67	-	-
Deposit Account	607.02	37.91	
	$56,409.38	$51,867.76	$47,364.00

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November 13, 1942

[Second Duplicate to Founders]

First duplicate sent to Ass. Boards Jan 18, '43

Dr. E. H. Cressy
China Christian Educational Assoc.
10 Daichiahang
Chungking, Sze.

Dear Dr. Cressy:

I received about ten days ago your telegram, bearing the date of October 26, asking me to send to you before the end of November our requests from the United China Relief for the requirements to meet our budget from March 1943 to March 1944, emphasizing that the requests should get to New York before the end of January, with a duplicate copy for Mr. Edwards' Committee in Chungking representing the Associated Boards in China.

With the uncertainty of the future and the changing prices which are apt to jump almost any moment, we have found it very difficult to prepare any detailed budget as far ahead as this for the year 1943-44. But I have been studying the question with Professor John L. Coe, the treasurer of the college, for many days ever since your telegram came. After having arrived at a conclusion with Mr. Coe, I presented the matter, on Mr. Coe's recommendation, to the Executive Committee Pro-tem, resident in the college, of the Board of Directors, and our decision is as follows:

First of all, the only basis we have to judge our requirements for the next academic year is the way our budget has been increasing from year to year for the last three years while the college is in Hsichow. Some items, of course, have been affected by the rising prices more than others. We can only take the total budget for the college as a whole.

There is always the danger of further inflation or at least further depreciation of the Chinese dollar aside from the rising of war prices. While we may base our estimates on American currency, the American dollar is also becoming depreciated. The government may have a fixed official exchange between the American dollar and the Chinese dollar; that rate may change also, but when it does change, it does not change proportionately with the rising prices. This complicates our estimates.

Considering these two factors alone, not to mention others, the Executive Committee Pro-tem in the college agrees with our judgment that the only way to present our requests to the United China Relief through the Associated Boards in America is to take the rate of increase of our entire college budget from year to year during the last three years. The increase of the year 1940-41 over the year 1939-40 was 50%; that of 1941-42 over 1940-41 was 90%; and the estimated increase for 1942-43 over 1941-42 is 50%. We have the reputation with our Board of Founders in New York of being always very careful and conservative in our estimates and therefore in our budget. We do not want to spoil this reputation on which we are banking for our future. Therefore, our forecast of the college budget requirements for 1943-44 would be 50% over our budget for the current year, which with all the probable increases before the year is through will be approximately N.C.$720,000. Adding 50% to that figure, our budget for the year 1943-44 ought to be N.C.$1,080,000. But this may be over-conservative, and therefore the action of the Executive Committee Pro-tem after very careful consideration is to present two budgets, one of 50% and one of 70% over our budget for the current year. Putting it in figures, we would ask for the year 1943-44 a budget of N.C. $1,080,000 as the first budget, and as a second budget the figure of N.C.$1,224,000. It is our decision not to ask for the second amount if conditions should be as we are now forecasting them. But we wish to keep the second budget as a margin to meet conditions which cannot be predicted from the present situation.

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If our income from the cooperating missions, the government, various foundations, and other known sources should come in as we expect, we would need for the first budget N.C.$600,000 from the Associated Boards, or U.S.$50,000 at the present rate of exchange; but to meet the second budget, which we would like to keep before our own Board as well as the Associated Boards to meet possible changed conditions, we must have from the Associated Boards N.C. $744,000, or U.S.$57,200 at the present rate of exchange.

Of the amount that we are asking from the Associated Boards either for the first budget or for the second budget, 80% may be counted as faculty relief and 20% as student relief. The normal items of the college expenditure, even with increased prices owing to the war, do not come in these askings.

I am sending a copy of this letter to our Board of Founders in New York with explanations. Please give the enclosed extra copy of this letter to Mr. Edwards in Chungking.

With the best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

President

FCRW/MRC

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November 17, 1942
N. Y. 52

Received Jan 15, '43

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

Dear Mr. Lyford:

My last letter to you was N.Y. 51, dated November 5. Since that letter I have received your letter #33, dated September 25, with one enclosed for Mr. Coe which has been handed to him.

Mr. Coe will be writing very soon to answer the questions raised in your letter concerning our college finances.

It is very good of you to have written to me at length in your letter #33 (see copy herewith) about the cultural, educational, and religious motives which should govern the operation of the college and the relationships between the faculty, officers, and our trustees. I agree entirely with you that we ought to keep these motives constantly in our minds and remind our faculty and students of them all the time. Certainly it would be a great privilege to me if before very long I could have the opportunity of sitting down with you and talking matters over concerning the future of the college and its cultural, educational, and religious developments, which always concern me as well as people like yourself who have the interest of the college close at heart. I am glad to know that the little pamphlet published in Hongkong on "Higher Education in Wartime China" has been found useful. When I wrote that, I made practically no reference to Christian higher education in the country , as the problem that they asked me to face at that time was Higher Education in the country as a whole. As soon as possible I shall try to write a paper on the "Christian Higher Education" as I have seen it during the last generation or longer, and also on the ideals I have for it both for our own college and for the others.

In your letter #33 you refer also to our need for reading material, which we have felt most keenly for some months already. Writing to Dr. Lobenstine, (in the last mail) I reminded him of the necessity of securing for us as soon as possible a microfilm reading desk, so that when the microfilms of books and periodicals should come out to China, we may be able to make use of them here in Hsichow. It is necessary, however, to remember that while here in Western Yunnan, we are quite isolated and remote from the center of things in Chungking. If the microfilms and the reading desks should come to China, the chance is very little of our getting our share here. Reports have been received here that the American government and people have sent clothing material to faculty and students in schools and colleges in the country and that some of the Christian colleges in Chengtu have had their share, but we have heard nothing about it. It is not so much the material things that concern us, but we do want to be remembered in America whenever tokens of good-will are being sent to people employed in educational work at a time like this. I hope you will find it possible to keep the Hua Chung name before the authorities in the United States who have anything to do with sending things to meet the needs of the educational institutions in China.

I am sending you herewith a copy of my letter to Dr. E. H. Cressy in Chungking in reply to a telegram from him asking us to send to him before the end of November our requests from the United China Relief for the requirements to meet our budget needs from March 1943 to March 1944. The letter has been written in close consultation with Mr. John L. Coe, our treasurer, and on the basis of an action taken by the Executive Committee Pro-tem of the Board of Directors in the college. As the letter is self-explanatory, I will not go into details about it.

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One thing, however, has to be stressed, and that is while prices in Szechwan seem to be getting under control as the Central Government is there and the Provincial Government has been better organized, prices in Yunnan, particularly in our part of the province, keep going up with no indication that there is any attempt to bring them under control. So a year ago our prices here tended to be lower than in Szechwan and even in Kweiyang, but for the last year our experience has been just the opposite. This makes it very difficult for us to estimate our budget needs for the academic year 1943-44. But we have considered the question very carefully and at great length, and we believe the statement we are making to Dr. Cressy and to Mr. Edwards' committee in Chungking is both reasonable and conservative.

As I have just written to Dr. Cressy, sending him a financial statement for the year 1941-42 and a statement of our estimated expenditure for the current academic year 1942-43, we have found it very difficult to conform with Dr. Cressy's request to prepare our financial statements or estimates for the year ending on March 31, as our fiscal year is from August 1 to August 1. These statements are required by Dr. Cressy, according to his letter of October 28 received here after I had sent him my last letter concerning our requests for meeting the budget for the next academic year. I am sending you also the two statements that we are sending to Dr. Cressy, although our financial statement for the last academic year has already been sent to you. We are sending to Dr. Cressy a copy of our revised financial statement for last year; this revised statement is also being sent to you; these revisions have been made by Mr. Coe following out the suggestions made in your letter of September 25 to him. I hope you will note the revisions and check them with the statement that we have already sent to you in the summer.

In Dr. Cressy's letter to me, he asked that these requests and statements be sent to the Associated Boards. I am sending them not directly to the Associated Boards, but am asking you as treasurer of the Board of Founders to deliver them to the Associated Boards instead.

I wish to add that the students published five of their periodicals by posting them on the Bulletin Boards as usual. The Erh Hai Echo has dedicated this last issue to the Founders as all these periodicals were published on Founders Day, November 1. The five periodicals published this time are under the department of Chinese Literature, the department of English Literature, the department of Economics-Commerce, the department of History-Sociology, and the Science Club. We have in the college over ten of these periodicals. Some of them are published monthly, and others every two months.

I am also glad to say that after a period of interruption we have our radio again giving us news every evening about the wide world. For almost four months now we have not had the power plant, but the Physics department has been trying to get the old truck in repair so as to give us light and power again.

With the best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Francis C. M. Wei

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THIS COPY FOR: MR. C. A. EVANS, 150 Fifth Ave., N.Y.C.

HUA CHUNG (CENTRAL CHINA) COLLEGE

WUCHANG, CHINA

Temporarily in Hsichow

Via Tali, Yunnan, China

November 26, 1942.
Received by C.B.F. Jan 19. '43

To the
Board of Founders and Directors of Hua Chung College and the Co-operating Missions
c/o Mr. Oliver S. Lyford, Treasurer,
230 Park Avenue
New York City, U.S.A.

Dear Friends:

As Christmas is drawing nigh once again, our thoughts here at Hua Chung College in Western Yunnan turn to all of our friends in every part of the world, particularly to the members of our Board of Founders and Directors, the Co-operating Missions, and to all those who are interested in our work and who must have been praying for us in these difficult times. Greetings to you one and all for Christmas and the New Year. While we celebrate the nativity of the Prince of Peace, let us pray more earnestly for the world peace that will be the result of Righteousness and for the alleviation of suffering that has afflicted the world because of the war.

For five years and a half China has been struggling against aggression. For three years and a quarter Europe has been involved in bloodshed. For almost one year, and by the time this letter is read, for more than a year, the darkest war clouds have been hanging over the Pacific.

Suffering has drawn us more closely together, because it has revealed more clearly the infirmities of mankind, which call for repentance and for greater efforts to follow more faithfully in the footsteps of our Common Master. All those who have been working for the Kingdom realize how discouraged sometimes we feel, but when Christmas comes around again and when we adore in the churches, as well as in our hearts, the Infant Jesus, we take heart again. It is in meekness that our strength lies, for while Christian love seems meek, it is the strongest thing that Jesus has revealed to the world.

We feel that in Hua Chung College we have the privilege of participating in the great historical movement which is intended to bring peace to the world through the Gospel of Peave, and as we labor along, our goal will be reached in God's appointed time. As our Christian message to all our friends we quote with humility, yet with courage, the words of the prophet Isaiah which were used by our Lord in his early ministry:

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
Because He has anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor,
He hath sent me to heal the broken-hearted,
To preach deliverance to the captives,
And recovering of sight to the blind,
To set at liberty them that are bruised,
To preach the acceptable year of the Lord."

All members of the Faculty and Staff join me in these greetings.

Yours sincerely,
(signed) Francis C. M. Wei
President

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December 8, 1942
N. Y. 53

Received Feb 20

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

Dear Mr. Lyford:

I sent you my last letter, N.Y. 52, on November 17. I have already acknowledged the receipt of your letter, No. 33, dated September 25.

Looking over the files, Mrs. Coe has been able to tell me that of all your letters, including No. 33, only No. 26 of November 24, 1941, has not been received; and that of my letters you have acknowledged all, including N.Y. 43, except N.Y. 31 dated December 11, 1941. Only one letter lost from each end makes quite a remarkable record considering the circumstances, particularly during the period of November-December of last year.

On November 26 I sent you for the Board of Founders and Directors and for the cooperating missions my Christmas letter, which I hope will reach you in good time. circulated - U.B.F.

Since my last regular letter, dated November 17, there has not been a great deal on which I ought to report. I wrote to you about the possibility of Mr. Li, the Commissioner of Civil Affairs in the Provincial Government in Kunming, possibly making a contribution to the college for the increase of subsidies for the faculty and staff members. I wrote to him a long letter just a month ago, presenting to him our needs in this respect, but I have had so far no reply from him. He will need sometime, of course, to consult friends in Kunming before he can give us a definite reply, and he returned to Kunming from his tour through the different districts in the province only about the middle of last month. Mails from Kunming are very slow nowadays on account of the lack of gasoline.

I have received, however, a letter from Dr. E. H. Cressy in Chungking, saying that Madame Chiang has given to the college from the British United Aid to China Fund the sum of £1,000. The money is on the way, being transmitted from the bank to Kunming. We do not know what kind of exchange we are going to get; at the present rate it ought to be something like N.C.$75,000. We assume that it is for the subsidy of faculty and staff, and I am calling a meeting of the Executive Committee Pro-tem this coming Friday to consider how it may be used. As soon as a decision has been reached, I shall report to you.

Prices keep going up, and for sometime I have been considering with Mr. Coe the advisability of increasing the subsidies for the faculty and staff members, and before we knew anything about Madame Chiang's gift or even the possibility of a contribution from Mr. Li in Kunming, we had been thinking of using the money accrued from favorable exchange on U.S. dollars. We had estimated that we might be able to spend up to N.C.$75,000 from this favorable exchange balance alone. All these considerations will be presented to the Executive Committee Pro-tem, and whatever we do will be within the U.S. dollar budget, as approved by the Board of Founders and Directors last June, and within the gift from Madame Chiang. If Mr. Li's gift should come later, we may budget it through the calendar year of 1943.

We have already heard from Dr. Thayer Addison that the U.S.$7,000 from the National Council of the Episcopal Church in the United States for the Hua Chung budget for the year 1942 is not earmarked, but may be spent for salaries and subsidies. Dr. Addison adds further that as far as he knows, the budget for Hua Chung College for 1943 from the National Council of the

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Episcopal Church in the United States may be the same as this year, and we may therefore plan accordingly. The information about the increased appropriation from the National Council reached us too late in the year for us to include it in our budget of last spring, but I am consulting with Mr. Coe as to what readjustments may be made so as to do full justice to this generous increase of appropriation.

I have not heard from Dr. Sherman for a long time. It is entirely my own fault that I have not written to him for some months. I hope he is well and that he is not working too hard.

Christmas is rapidly approaching. The different Christian fellowships and the Chapel Committee are getting busy making plans to celebrate the season. We shall have a week's holiday from Christmas to New Year's Day. During that period I may make a short visit to Tali, because when I was there last Friday to attend the formal opening of the Training Institute of the Eleventh Army Corps under General Soong, they asked me to go to Tali again and give a series of lectures for the general public there. The winter vacation will be from January 29 to Februrary 24, and it may be necessary for me to take an official trip to Kunming in order to renew some of my contacts and possibly to canvass for new teachers for the next year.

The Alumni Association has been very active. They are publishing three issues of the Hua Chung News in Chinese each term to keep in close touch with all the alumni, as far as their addresses are known to us. Paper and other printing materials are so very expensive that we have to subsidize the Alumni Association for this purpose. This expenditure seems to be justifiable at this first stage of the development of the Alumni Association, particularly in time of war, until the alumni are strong enough to be responsible for their own expenses.

A week ago on Saturday we had a Faculty Tea, and I took the opportunity of outlining to the whole faculty and staff assembled there my own dreams about the future development of the college after the war, including the project of getting some of the younger members of the faculty to America for postgraduate studies. This seems to have caught the fancy of the faculty , and they asked me to go ahead at once in planning for it.

I realize how difficult it is at the present time to make any such plan for sending some of the younger members of the faculty , particularly our own alumni who have worked in the college very faithfully and loyally during the last five years of war, but it is a desirable thing. The Associated Boards wrote me before the war broke out on the Pacific for possible faculty members from the college to go forfurther studies in America. I have, however, heard from the Associated Boards that this plan will have to be held up for the balance of the war. But if we are going to make any plans at all along this line, we must not wait until the war comes to a close. I am thinking, therefore, of two possibilities: one is to lay aside, say, U.S.$500 a year to cover the travel of younger members going to America for further studies; and the other is to write to some of the universities such as Yale, Harvard, Columbia, Chicago, and Michigan to see whether they would be interested in helping us in this scheme by being willing to consider granting us a fellowship for our graduates for further study as soon as travel on the Pacific approaches normal. All this may be just "Castles in the Air," but when the future is so uncertain, something that holds out some hope to the younger members of the faculty may be a stabilizing factor.

The Episcopal Church Fellowship in the college asked me to talk to them last Sunday on my proposed plans for the development of Theological Training in the college. I talked to them, and they were all very much interested in the ideas for thedevelopment of such a department in the college. Some of the students came to me afterwards to ask about possibilities of their studying Theology. I was very much pleased with this, for the first thing is to get some of the young people interested in the ministry and in work directly for the development of the churches in China,in order to meet the great need that is bound to confront us after the war. Somehow, my thoughts have been turning in this direction during the last three or four years, and I hope it may be possible for some of my dreams to materialize. Of the things for which I would like to spend the rest of my life this would be one of the most important, and my limited years may permit me possibly to do one thing only.

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Next Sunday I am going to read a paper to the Faculty Christian Fellowship on the "Alleged Pacifism in Chinese Ancient Philosophy." When I have gotten that off my chest, I shall begin to prepare a paper, also for the Faculty Christian Fellowship, on the very queer subject which I have chosen to entitle, "Now We May Whisper It,"-- a critique of the Christian movement in China. I am using the material collected by the Fact-Finding Committee of the Laymen's Commission ten years ago, and some of my observations will be rather critical of the report of the Appraisal Commission published after their visit to China. Out of this paper I may be able to get an article for you on "Christian Higher Education in China after the War."

My factual observation of Christian Higher Education in China is not pure encouragement. There are so many things which seem to be disappointing. Perhaps my ideals are too high, but being trained in Philosophy, I like to dream dreams and see things as they ought to be and not as they are.

With the best wishes and greetings for the Christmas and New Year Season,

Yours sincerely,

Francis C. M. Wei

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December 15, 1942
N. Y. 54

Received Feb 23

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

Dear Mr. Lyford:

My last letter to you was N.Y. 53, dated December 8. So far I have not received any letter from you since your #33, dated September 25.

In my last letter I reported to you that Dr. E. H. Cressy in Chungking was transmitting to the college a gift of £1,000 by Madame Chiang from the British United Aid to China Fund. The money has already been received by our bank in Kunming, amounting when exchanged to N.C. $79,585.00. The receipt of it was reported to the Executive Committee Pro-tem of the Board of Directors at its 38th Meeting, held on December 11, 1942. Enclosed I am sending to you herewith the Minutes of that meeting, and will you please note that the gift of £1,000 from Madame Chiang was received by the Executive Committee Pro-tem for the Board of Directors. As the Committee took it that the money was given for the aid of the college mainly to subsidize further the members of the faculty and staff, the action was taken as you will find in Ex. 206 of the Minutes.

The Executive Committee Pro-tem has felt it wise to double the salary and subsidy for the month of January 1943 for all the members of the faculty and staff receiving their salaries, etc., from the college, because at the end of January will be very near to the Chinese New Year when most of the Chinese members of the faculty will have to pay bills and wind up the old year.

February to July inclusive will be the second half of our fiscal year, and the Executive Committee Pro-tem considers it necessary to increase further the two subsidies, already explained to you in my previous letters, so that the families may be able to meet better the rising prices and to approach more closely the subsidy scheme of the national institutions. From our isolated situation it is very difficult to keep up with the information concerning the constantly changing subsidy scheme of the national institutions. Our latest information is that an assistant professor in a national university with an ordinary size family, which is around five, is receiving a total monthly income of about N.C.$1400. With our increased subsidies the income for an assistant professor will be only about N.C.$1100. People teaching in Kunming have to pay part of their own rent, and therefore approximately N.C.$100 should be added to our pay in order to compare with the salary figures in Kunming, but even then there would be a discrepancy of 20% in favor of the people in Kunming. Of course, it must be said that prices are much higher in Kunming, possibly more than 20% higher than ours, but in these days many people do not compare prices so much as they compare the figures reporting their income, and that makes it difficult for us to get new teachers to come to join the faculty.

Personally as an administrator, I do not consider so much the irrational comparison of just income in figures, regardless of actual prices, but prices in Hsichow are high although we do not have index numbers to go by. My general impression, confirmed by other members of the faculty including missionaries and Chinese, is that the general level of the cost of living is at least thirty times, and the general level of prices is more than that -- probably thirty-five to forty times -- but we can consider only the cost of bare living. A professor in the college used to get N.C.$350 a month, and that was approximately U.S.$115. The same professor will be

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receiving, with the new increases during the next half year from N.C.$1150 to N.C.$1665, according to the size of the family -- from three to nine. Exchange for the American dollar is about thirty now, and our highest pay therefore to a professor would be U.S.$55.50 a month. But even the purchasing power of the American dollar in our part of the country is only about 40% of its pre-war value in China. Therefore, the highest paid professor would be getting only about U.S.$22 reckoned in pre-war currency, whereas before the war he would be receiving U.S.$115. No one is complaining, certainly not among the senior people who understand the policy and problems of the college administration. As a matter of fact, many suffer without a murmur, because they know that it is war and China is economically a weak nation; but representing the Board of Directors and the Board of Founders, the Executive Committee wants to do its best in order to alleviate the war suffering of people who have stood loyally by us.

I hope the action of the Executive Committee Pro-tem taken at its 38th Meeting will meet with the approval of the Board, as we are still keeping within our budget as approved in the summer.

Enclosed I am also sending you a copy of the Minutes of the 37th Meeting of the Executive Committee Pro-tem, held on October 26, which ought to have been sent to you earlier. Please excuse the delay. The copy was given to me only yesterday by the secretary.

With the best wishes and greetings for the season,

Yours sincerely,

Francis C. M. Wei

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P.S. Mr. Coe estimates that the increases by Ex. 206 will amount to approximately N.C. $81,000 but part of this may be found from the A.C.M. or not used at all.
F.C.M.W.

[No Enclosures to
letter of Dec. 28, 1942.]

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Copy for Mr. Sherman

December 28,1942
Letter No. 35

President Francis C.M. Wei
Dear Sir:

My last letter to you was my No. 34 of November 5. With that I enclosed my letter of same date to Mr. Coe. I trust that both were received. I do not know what report was sent to you by Mr. Smith after the Trustees meeting of October 15, but I trust that you are now sufficiently familiar with the procedure at that meeting. In a word I might say that everybody was fully satisfied with the reports from the College and deeply impressed with the courage and steadfastness of all concerned, Since my last letter I have received your Nos. 48, 49 and 50, and Mr. Coe's letter of October 2 and 12. The last four of these letters all arrived on December 14.

Our misgivings regarding the state of your cash was relieved somewhat by your report of relief funds from other sources which I understand were, for the faculty, from the University of Education N.C. $4,000 and extra from exchange N.C. $60,000. Also, for the students, two contributions from Chinese individuals totaling N.C. $40,000. This was material help and is duly appreciated, but judging from what we have heard of conditions which have developed since October, they are far from sufficient to provide for necessary nourishment, to say nothing of other costs of living. You need have no hesitation in applying all benefits of favorable exchange to subsidies. As I wrote you before, the contribution of the Associated Boards, Yale-in-China National Council and Mrs. Johnston are all in U.S. funds and are available for your use to whatever extent exchange may make possible. In the Sustaining Fund on August 1st there was a balance of U.S. $6,219. and you can count on the entire additional amount of U.S. $20,000 from the Associated Boards for the current college year. There is also the additional U.S. $5,000 granted by the National Council. I think you should use all the excess of exchange in these sums for relief, according to your judgment, with full assurance that your action will be approved. We are only concerned because there is not more available. I hope the donations of N.C. $5,469.51 from the United Committee of London was granted unconditionally.

Your statement regarding the salaries being received by your recent graduates now employed by the schools in Hsichow and Tali means something more to me than the mere figures indicate. This is the positive evidence that the Chinese local or national governments are determined to keep up the educational programs in spite of the money inflation. These governmental sources are the only ones that can meet this emergency. American dollars would have to receive exchange of about 200 to 1 to meet the conditions as I now understand them. Our contributors will not continue to provide, under these conditions, U.S. money which receives only 20 or 30 to 1 in Chinese dollars. This condition seriously affects the success of the campaign of the United China Relief, which is endeavoring to secure many times the amount which the Colleges receive and strong representations are being made to the Chinese government through proper channels. I do hope that you attended the meeting of the Peoples Council at Chungking and conferred with Mr. Dwight Edwards and Mr. William P. Fenn. Your standing with the Government must enable you to give material assistance in securing such government action as appears to be absolutely necessary. In this connection it is gratifying to know that the prospects were good for an excellent harvest in your locality. I trust that the College will be fully able to get your share of this food.

I am not surprised at the difficulty which you had in securing a balanced faculty for this year, but congratulate you on the success which you have had in accomplishing this; also for the number of students that have matriculated.

The war news of the last few days indicates that the Japs are making another drive at Yunnan Province and I presume the people of your vicinity are getting nervous again. However, there is a general feeling here that the new drive into Burma by Wavell's Army will stop the Japanese attack. I have noted the steps which you have taken to secure help from Chungking, should this be necessary, but I sincerely hope that you will not have to make such a move as you have corresponded with Mr. Cressy about. Mr. Cressy is carrying so many responsibilities now that we are hopeful that the appointment of Mr. Fenn as the special representative of the Associated Boards will result in considerable relief to Mr. Cressy.

I have notified Mr. Evans of the correction in the number of persons on the staff of the College.

There was a meeting on December 21 of the Committee on Christian Character, Staff and Curriculum of the Associated Boards. It would have done your soul good to have been there. I will send you a report as soon as the minutes were issued. Dr. Searle Bates very ably interpreted to us the present problems which the Colleges are facing and President Y.C. Yang

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and Mr. Decker made equally clear statements of the problems to be faced after the war. All agreed that China will expect to solve her own problems and our job will be to advise and assist but with no thought of dictation. It was recognized that we and you must be quite prepared to consider new relationships and new combinations of colleges. The principal concern is for the character building foundation of these Christian "international" institutions. To this end the Christian tone of the institutions and of the individual instructors is of utmost importance. Incidentally, it was noted with much admiration the Chinese attitude that education of young men and women must not be interfered with by the war, which is in marked contrast with a recent decision by the U.S. Government that all able bodied boys of 18 years and older must enter the army, with no reservations of those in the colleges. This means that the colleges will be used mostly for preparing the boys for the army and they will be deprived of a liberal education, at least until the war is over. This is because of the decision to raise an army of seven millions to fight the war to a speedy conclusion. Like any democracy, we were slow in deciding that we had to fight, but now we are in it to the last available man and woman. The volume of planes, tanks, guns, ammunition, ships and supplies which are accumulating is simply tremendous. We are beginning to experience the shortage of supplies for the non-combatants, but of course it is nothing compared with what you are enduring. All this will have a very detrimental effect on the moral and general balance of the young generation and we can only hope that the war will be short and that leaders will be developed in the hard way that will be competent to take the responsibilities of establishing a righteous peace. There are many indications that faith in a Divine Power is growing, not as a fear of punishment but as a realization that the life and teachings of such great persons as Confucius and Christ show the only practical way for the people of the world to live together in peace and justice. Many who know China believe that much of the right kind of leadership will appear in your country. The message of Generalissimo Chang Kai Shek was a fine presentation of such a spirit as will bring about these things.

Please advise Mr. Coe that the balances in the Joint and Reserve Account in the National City Bank as of November 21, were the same as on Oct. 21, viz. Joint Account $3,601.08; Reserve Account $7,159.14. I have not received the December report, but have no doubt it is substantially the same. In addition I am holding in the Foundation Account, for the use of the College, about $7,000. I have noted his request that we pay Mr. & Mrs. Miller, on their demand, U.S. $1,250 for their household goods. I will pay this out of the Reserve Account with the understanding that this is equivalent to sending this amount to you for expenses. I will pay in the same manner such additional amounts as Mr. Coe shall direct. I will also pay from the Reserve Account the amount of $125 to Miss Daphne Dunbar. I have noted the correction which Mr. Coe has made in the preliminary report for the year ending July 31, 1942 and shall have some other questions from our Auditor to be included in my next letter to him. Mr. Whitney has not received the report of the Shanghai Treasurer of the American Church Mission, but he believes that Mr. Coe's figure will be found correct. I note with interest that the grants of the respective supporting missions are up to date, and also note the explanation of the amount which Mr. Coe was holding on August 1 for the account of Mr. Allen.

I enclose a copy of a circular letter by Mr. Corbett of the Associated Boards, to all the college presidents.

I hope you received Dr. Sherman's Christmas message, in the spirit of which we all joined. I have great faith that whatever may happen in the near future, we may be sure of splendid results eventually from the sacrificial efforts which you and the other members of the faculty are putting forth in the face of great discomfort and uncertainty.

I received this morning from Dr. Hsiao a brief letter dated October 25th and including personal letters to two of his friends. In his letter he tells me that he has resigned from the Deanship of the School of Science and also desires to be relieved from the Chairmanship of the Department of Biology. Considering his inability to secure equipment for his scientific work, I am at a loss to understand his action unless it means that he is planning to terminate his connection with the college for the present at least.

The news in the paper this morning indicates that the fighting is going on in your general vicinity but apparently General Wavell's Army with the support of the air service is holding the situation well in hand.

With continued sympathy and enthusiasm for the officers and the entire staff of the college, I remain

Very cordiall y yours,

O. S. L.

P.S. I have sent the check to Miss Daphne Dunbar today

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