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January 15, 1947

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

My dear Francis:

Your letters of November twelfth and twenty-eighth were duly received and their important contants has been noted and discussed with Mr. Lyford and Mr. Fowler, and excerpts from the first letter have been sent to all members of the Board of Trustees and copies of the latter circulated among the members of the Executive Committee. Some of the points raised therein will be answered in Mr. Lyford's communications with you such as the problem of carrying out the suggestion that the University attempt to readjust subsidies in order to give every member of the staff forty per cent of the pre-war purchasing power of their salaries. Also, the suggestion of Dr. MacMullen that you cut your budget by eleminating or reducing some department or even some faculty. Mr. Lyford is taking up this matter with Dr. MacMullen. I agree with you that having done so much along that line during the war there is not much more which can be done now.

Some of the matters discussed in your letter will await the regular meeting of the Trustees a month from now but there are a couple of items on which I can comment now.

Sabbatical leave: In regard to obtaining funds for this purpose from the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, Bishop Tucker is no longer in office but Mr. Fowler informs me that the Society has funds which can be used to back or help Sheng Kung Hui appointees. You should apply for these at once as they are already considering the allocations for the fall of 1947. In the meantime, Mr. Fowler will see that Dr. Bien is kept in mind. As for other appointees, I am informed these are considered special cases for which there is no rule. Each case will have to be considered seperately when application is made.

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The Associated Boards has a scholarship fund from which grants are made to help faculty members of the Christian Colleges in further study in America. These grants do not cover the entire expense of such study. Application should be made direct to the Associated Board by the University concerned.

With regard to the purchase of the plots of land A and B, I will bring this matter up at the February meeting. Mr. Lyford says we have no money available for it at present. We feel the weight of the argument about buying land while the price is down however. It will be easier for the Board to make a decision on this point when we know the amount we may count on from the National Council's allocation of the Reconstruction and Advance Fund and the Associated Board's accomplishment in its coming drive for the colleges in China. I have learned that Mr. Henry Luce has united a group and invited them to a dinner meeting this week to discuss this whole matter and make plans for the campaign.

You ask about Yale-in-China. You will have seen from the minutes of our last meeting that the Association has decided to remain with Hauchung for at least another five years. Mr.LLyford tells me however that Yale-in-China is interested only in supplying personnel and now in making a money grant.

We were disappointed that the National Council in the December meeting did not take final and favorable action on appropriating a large sum for Huachung from Reconstruction and Advance funds. .

I am enclosing a page from the Living Church of January third which gives an account of the discussion. The matter is still open and Mr. Fowler is very hopeful of finding a way of providing $400,000 or $500,000 at the February meeting of the Council. After the meeting at which Dr. Addison was not present he wrote a strong letter to the Presiding Bishop stating the reasons why he urged a fuller consideration of Huachung's application by the Council.

It is asked that the money be made our contribution to the fund of about $15,000,000 which the Associated Board hopes to raise. All the Mission Boards interested in Christian higher education in China are being urged to state what they can do for the total financial goal before an appeal is made to the general public. We can't expect to receive the million or more dollars we hope to receive as the result of the financial campaign for the China Colleges unless we make our own contribution a substantial one.

We are impressed with the need of scholarship aid for Huachung and I am going to emphasize this at the February meeting of the Founders.

When I spoke to Fr. Swift about the possible candidate for teaching Old Testament and Semitics he referred me to Mr. Titus who is to be his successor. Mr. Titus did not recall who the man was but with the facts I gave him about his having been a Chaplain, etc. he promised to look him up. I stopped in to see Mr. Titus this morning to get final word before writing you but he is out of town. I will keep

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on track of this however and you will hear from me again regarding this matter.

I almost forgot to mention the Annual Report which I have received and in which I am much interested, of course. It is a grand record of keeping on in spite of difficulties. It was good to hear of the spirit which marked the atmosphere of the college following V-J Day. The heros of Huachung College in the days to come will be the men and women who pass these years of ordeal clinging to their purpose and fullfilling their call so nobly.

With affectionate regards and warmest greetings to the staff, I am

Cordially yours,

Arthur M. Sherman

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OVERSEAS DEPARTMENT

January 24, 1947

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

My dear Francis:

I am very ashamed for not having acknowledged your letters much sooner. Mail from China during November and December was rather confused so that your letters from November fifteenth to December seventeenth all arrived within the week between Christmas and January sixth. I have been frightfully busy and was out of town for a week from January thirteenth to January eighteenth attenting the Foreign Missions Conference of North American meeting at Buck Hill Falls, Pennsylvania. Of course, having been away for a week hasn't helped out the congestion on my desk!

Your letter of November fifteenth in which you refer to your kerosene stoves and the arrival of your son John has been received. The heaters were shipped to you, having left New York on the S.S. TREIN MAERSK in early October. The case was labeled #2092. I hope they have been received and that you are getting maximum use of them.

I am very sorry but Mr. Dietz has no record of your radio. I remember your talking about having purchased one but you did not give me any details regarding the shipment of it. I hope you have some record of this and that you will send it on to me so that I can look into the matter and see whether it has been shipped or not.

Mr. Titus is doing a splendid job of recruiting. I referred to him your statement about Dr. Yates and I am very sorry we have no record of him and have had no correspondence with him. I presume he was a friend you met in England.

I was very much surprised to learn from your letter of November thirteth that the temperature had dropped so low so early in the season. Thirty-eight for November is most unusual. I hope you were able to obtain some fuel and at least have some heat and comfort in your study. I have just received a letter from Paul Ward this week in which he mentions having met you in Shanghai early this month.

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Carl Liu and the Misses Tai and Hwang arrived in San Francisco about a week ago. Carl is arriving here in New York at noon on Saturday. The two young ladies are leaving San Francisco today so ought to arrive here Monday or Tuesday of next week. I have just received this information by telegram from Canon Gordon Reese who is acting as my assistant on the west coast.

I presume that after you finish your business in Shanghai you will go on from there to Canton to visit your mother. I hope you find everything satisfactory and that your family are in good health.

I was amazed to learn you had accepted four hundred and forty-six students this year. I was under the impression that it was understood Huachung would not accept more than three hundred and fifty. However, I can understand the pressure you are under and if qualified students present themselves it is very hard to turn them down. There is always a large casualty list. No doubt, by now you have no more than four hundred at the very most.

I am always comforted by your reports regarding the political situation in Central China. I hope things continue peaceful and that what you consider a surfact properity will develop into real settled prosperity.

I do not know whether I mentioned in my former letter or not that Jim, your Godson, re-enlisted for another eighteen months in the Army. He did this because it was impossible for him to register at Harvard this past summer and there was little hope of his being accepted for the summer of 1947. He has been negotiating for some time for registration in the summer of 1948. The extra time in the Army will give him four complete years of the G. I. bill of rights. This means an educational allowance for a full four years which will take considerable burden off of my shoulders. He has been attending an Army school in Baltimore and is doing very well. He has been standing at the head of his class of about three hundred and fifty, including enlisted men and officers up to the rank of Major. This training is very worthwhile even though he may never use it. Some parts of the training is very vigorous. He broke the bone in his right hand just back of the little finger joint twice within one month. This has recovered and he is quite all right again. It happens today is his birthday. He ceases to be a child any more and has arrived at the ripe old age of twenty-one. We expect him home for this weekend.

Referring to your letter of December seventeenth, thanks for correcting our spelling of Miss Wai King Taai's name. We will make this correction in our minutes of the Board of Founders meeting of October thirty-first. I was mighty sorry regarding the change in arrangements with Yale-in-China. That is, after this academic year they are withdrawing their five thousand dollar appropriation towards the operating expenses and sending only personnel. However, I feel very strongly that this arrangement will so revive interest in Huachung that it will not be too long before they will also be able to make a very substantial cash appropriation towards the operating expenses. The new secretary of the Yale-in-China Association

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Mr. Kenneth Morland, is personally very much interested in Huachung and I am sure will do everything to promote their interest. Having Dr. Fulton and Mr. Rogers on the faculty are also going to promote interest in the University. I will take up the matter at once regarding cutting down on our personnel on the faculty and increasing our cash appropriation. I will try and get the matter in shape before the next meeting of the National Council which will be February 11th, 12th, and 13th.

I am also working on a grant for Dr. Richard Bien for his sabatical leave. As you probably have already heard, Dr. Addison resigned from the National Council. His resignation took effect on December thirty-first. The new Presiding Bishop is not going to be in any hurry to fill this position and we do not know who he is considering for the job. Dr. Addison's father passed away on Sunday evening, January twelfth. Fr. Swift's mother passed away at his home in Oklahoma on January sixteenth. He has been away and has just arrived back in New York today. I will try and get these two pieces of business straightened out within the next few weeks. I expect the next Board of Founders meeting will be held on Friday, February fourteenth.

The order for ten copies of Hoching's Types of Philosophy and ten copies of Randall and Bucller's Philosophy have been placed. Ten dollars towards this order is being charged to your personal account and the balance to the Huachung University Library Fund.

I know there are probably many other things I ought to mention but I am so pressed for time I will have to close.

I do not know whether I have mentioned it to you or not but Dot was taken very ill early in November and had to go to the hospital for an operation. After being discharged from St. Luke's she went up to St. Luke's Convalescent Home at Greenwich, Connecticut for a few weeks. She just got back from the hospital last Friday. She is making a splendid recovery and I hope from now on she will enjoy good health. I spent a weekend in New Haven early this month and had the pleasure of an afternoon and dinner with John. He is a mighty fine boy and we are looking forward to seeing more of him. I am sure he will make the best of his time here in America. Larry Rose is very much interested and I am sure will do everything possible to keep him comfortable in New Haven. As soon as Dot gets on her feet we expect to have him down for a weekend.

Dot joins me in love and very best wishes.

Affectionately yours,

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J. Earl Fowler
Assistant Secretary

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HUA CHUNG (CENTRAL CHINA) COLLEGE
Wuchang, China

February 5, 1947

Mrs. Arthur M. Sherman
281 Fourth Avenue
New York City 10, N.S.A.

Dear Mrs. Sherman:

I have just returned from a trip to Shanghai to attend the meeting of the Standing Committee of the General Synod and the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Central Theological School with a subsequent visit to my old home in the south and to Canton. I was so glad to find on my return Dr. Sherman's letter, dated January 15, enclosing a clipping from "The Living Church," giving the account of the meeting of the National Council which heard the report of the delegation to the Orient. It was certainly very good of you to plead the case of Huachung, and your arguments ought to have been convincing. We are most grateful to you, although we were sadly disappointed to know that the delegation should have reported against allocating any of the RAF money to Huachung for reasons with which we could not agree.

In addition to your arguments, I would like just to say that during my eight-months' stay in America this time, I was not permitted to solicit any funds from Episcopal sources for Huachung because the RAF campaign was on. I put in every bit of energy I had to raise money for that campaign, and the appropriation of US$105,000 for the rehabilitation of the college should not be considered adequate.

I am one of those who believe in the future of the Wuhan center, which should not be anything less than the second important city in the whole country, and perhaps the first when China is fully developed. To have a small weak college under Christian auspices holding forth in this center is not worthy of the Christian name. The last Reverend Henry W. Luce, father of Mr. Henry Luce of Time Magazine, used to say to me twelve years ago that we ought to have the largest Christian university of China in Wuchang, but at that time prospects were so poor for the realization of such a vision that we did not dare think of it. Now that all the Christian colleges are developing along side of the strong national universities, our alternative is either to become stronger or else be eliminated, and it would be a pity øf Huachung should go off the mpa. Certainly it will go off the map if people in America should continue their present mentality about Christian education and the distribution of Christian colleges in China. The fact that we have not got a 1,000-student enrollment or that we do not possess at present a campus of 100 acres should be no argument for our remaining forever as we are. Unless we are to serve only for a few years and then go out of existence, we ought to have at least our own campus and buildings. Even when Boone Middle School moves out of this part of the city, our buildings will still be very inadequate and certainly out-of-date. Dr. Franklin and Dr. Magill agree with me that our most presentable building on the campus is the library building, and yet it is the least suitable for its purpose.

Mr. Bergamini's plan for a college of 600-800 students would require at his estimate S1,500,000. Unless our own mission gives us out of

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RAF money one-half of that amount, we have no prospect of raising the rest. So the whole future of our development depends upon the generous allocation of the RAF money to Huachung.

Of course, my years are numbered, as far as active service for Huachung is concerned, but I am very eager that some kind of future may be assured to my colleagues and to future generations of students before I leave my post. I look to the mission, which I have served for thirty-six years now, for generous reconsideration of their decision with regard to allocation of money for Huachung's new buildings.

I am very sorry indeed that Thayer Addison did not get to China to look us over, so as to understand our case and to present it to the National Council in support of your pleading, but I trust that Dr. Franklin and Dr. Magill will have at least some way of helping us, although their first reaction to the whole situation is such as not to permit them to be 100% generous to our institution.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

FCMW/MRC

s/Francis C. M. Wei

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February 7, 1947

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

My dear Francis:

I am frightfully busy so this will just be a short note. I feel that I ought to let you know just as soon as possible that your proposal in your letter of December 17th regarding having salary items in our schedule transferred to your General Budget Account, cannot be done. It is sad to relate, but the Church is falling short of raising the budget decided on by the General Convention by about $300,000. This means that about $150,000. of our Overseas Department budget will have to be cut. As far as possible, so as not to interfere with the work, we will have to lapse items in the budget for personnel. This will mean that any items in the budget for new missionaries for the Hankow Diocese, as well as all the others that are not filled, will be lapsed. In fact they are being cut out of the 1947 Schedule with the understanding that as many as possible will be returned in 1948.

I am working on a fellowship for Dr. Bien and anticipate no difficulty in getting the money. I will know definitely in a week or ten days. We have not received the request that you said in a former letter that you were having him sent. We would like to know as much as possible regarding his plans for study or other work while in the U. S.

I was terribly disappointed that the Reconstruction and Advance Fund Committee did not put anything in their report for Huachung at the last meeting of the National Council. I have been doing everything possible in the last two months to suggest ways to convince the Committee of the importance of a substantial appropriation for Huachung. I hope some action will be taken next week on

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this matter. Rest assured that I am doing everything that I can for the University. The Board will meet on February 14th. We are anxiously awaiting word as to when the Coe's will leave for furlough.

In talking with Mr. Lyford the other day, the question came up as to housing for missionaries representing the various cooperating boards in the University. We were thinking about the house of the new man on the faculty that is to represent the Evangelical Mission Board, which is cooperating on a trial basis. It is the feeling of the members of the Board of Trustees that I have talked to that any mission board appointing members to the faculty should be required to furnish their own house. I would be very glad to have any comments on this matter that you would like to make.

Dot is making very fine recovery from her sickness and she joins me in very best wishes and kind regards.

Affectionately yours,

J. Earl Fowler

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February 12, 1947

The Rev. Arthur M. Sherman, S.T.D., President
Huachung Board of Founders
281 Fourth Avenue
New York City 10, N. S. A.

Dear Dr. Sherman:

I received your letter of January 5 after my return to the college from my home in South China, which I visited after my trip to Shanghai.

It looks as if no Christian college in China is trying to carry out the idea of the Associated Boards of giving their staff 40% of the pre-war purchasing power of their salaries. They are now falling more and more into line with our method of adopting the government plan of subsidies according to official price index number in the different areas. Mr. Coe has already written to Mr. Lyford, reporting on our recent increase of subsidies, which is 750 times the basic salary, plus $11,000 general subsidy, and $5,000 research subsidy for the professors, and less for the people of the lower ranks in the last two subsidies. The increase of the index number from 540 to 750 and the other subsidies means an increase of about 29% on our payroll every month.

Since the Chinese New Year, which was January 22, prices have been jumping, particularly during the last week. Rice is practically double, and other commodities are going the same way. Unless the market becomes stabilized very quickly, it may become necessary for us to increase our subsidies again. Otherwise our people will not be able to live at all. We shall report from time to time.

At the present time Mr. Coe estimates that we may have a definit of US$10,000 at the end of the academic year, July 31, if our payments and our proceeds from exchange should follow somewhat the same pattern during the balance of the year. That means if we should have to increase our subsidies again, the deficit would be correspondingly increased, unless our exchange should increase proportionately. As far as the situation goes at the present time, there is likelihood of both.

Sabatical leave. I am glad to know that our own mission has definitely got funds which can be used to back or help Sheng Kung Huei appointees for their sabatical leave. Dr. Richard Bien has not taken his sabatical leave since 1935, and he is eligible for such leave and so on my suggestion he has written to the Overseas Department of the National Council applying for financial assistance, in order to take his sabatical leave next summer.

We should like very much to have more particular information about the Associated Boards scholarships to help faculty members in Christian colleges in China to further studies in America. Some of our people may wish to apply for such scholarships.

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Huachung Fellowship Grants. You will recall from year to year we have been reporting to the Board of Trustees our plan of granting one Huachung fellowship of US$1200 a year, for only one year, to one of our younger members of the faculty. We granted one last year to Mr. Paul Wu, a member of our church, who had been serving the college for almost ten years including his teaching in the Practice School. This year, Mr. Donald Wang, son-in-law of the Rev. Mark Li, is in line to receive the same fellowship, but there is no way of securing a passport for either of them. Certainly Mr. Wu failed to get it, and now we are facing the problem for Mr. Wang.

There are two possible way of getting around this technicality. One is for the mission in China to send our young man abroad, as the Rev. Carl Liu has gone to America, but that will require the consent of the Bishop with whom I have not discussed this question. I intend to do so as soon as I have an opportunity.

If this should not work out, another possibility is for one of the cooperating missions in America to grant the fellowship on our behalf, using Huachung funds for the purpose, that is, US$1200, and let the recipient of this fellowship apply to the government for a passport on the grounds of a fellowship granted by an organization in America. I wonder if you will take this matter up with the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees, so as to help the recipient of the Huachung Fellowship get a passport by making it a fellowship granted by one of the cooperating missions or by the Associated Boards.

Allocation of RAF money to Huachung. I am very thankful to you for sending me a page from "The Living Church" of January 3, which gives an account of the discussion of the allocation of money from the RAF. I have written on this matter to Mrs. Sherman and to Bishop Sherrill. To save space in this letter please ask Mrs. Sherman to show you the letter I have written to her. Certainly it would not be fair for the National Council not to give Huachung any money for the permanent buildings. The US$105,000 was only for rehabilitation. Rehabilitation without a future would be poor rehabilitation indeed. Of course, if any money should come from the RAF towards our building fund, it would have to go through the Associated Boards as a contribution to the Associated Boards from the National Council, allocated for Huachung Building Fund.

The Rev. H. B. Rattenbury of the Methodist Missionary Society is visiting the Wuhan center, and last week I had a chance to discuss the Huachung problems with him. There seems to be some possibility of the British missions making some contribution towards our building fund, if the missions in the United States would also chip in, according to their respective strength. Mrs. Sherman's argument that unless the National Council would make its own contribution in a substantial way towards the Huachung buildings, there would be little hope of the Associated Boards giving any considerable assistance, is very true.

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Need of Scholarship Funds. I have already reported in a letter to Mr. Lyford for the current year. We have appropriated NC$14,000,000 for scholarships for students in the college. US$2,000 has come from the Reformed Church with preference for Yunnan students studying in Huachung, second preference to Hunan students, and failing both, for other students. We are applying this fund accordingly, and the rest has come mainly from gifts I have received from friends in America for my discretionary use, and the balance from college general funds.

Teacher of Old Testament and Semitics. I am glad to know that Father Swift and Mr. Titus are on the track of someone to fill this post and hope they will succeed. I am very sorry indeed that the candidate whom the London Missionary Society had in mind has withdrawn his offer, and the L.M.S. is not interested on considering another candidate.

The financial situation in China at the present moment is very scaring. We do not know how things will shape up, but we at least hope that it may mean the beginning of the total collapse of the economic structure in the country. We shall keep you informed from time to time.

I have written to Mr. Lyford that we are expecting an enrollment of 380 this term. This would mean a drop of 15% from the enrollment of the first semester in September, but that usually is the case every year in the college.

With affectionate regards and best wishes to you and Mrs. Sherman, I remain

Yours sincerely,

(signed) Francis C.M.Wei

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February 13, 1947

Mr. Oliver S. Lyford
54 Dana Place
Englewood, New Jersey, U.S.A.

Dear Mr. Lyford:

I received your confidential letter of December 5, 1946 just a few days before I was suddenly called by telegram to go to Shanghai for two important meetings of the Episcopal Church group there. I left the college on December 31, and after the meeting in Shanghai it would have been of little use for me to return to Wuchang before I went off again to Canton and to my home to see my folks in South China. So I went straight from Shanghai by boat to Hongkong, and then to Macao, and finally home. I spent Chinese New Year at home with my people, and then came back to Wuchang by rail from Canton, reaching here on February 1, delayed because of long waits on the railroad en route.

Since my return I have had a great deal to attend to, and two hundred and fifty examination papers are still waiting for me to correct. The college reopened on February 6, and so far we have about 365 students registered, with probably 30 more to come. I would estimate the total enrollment this term as about 385. That means practically a 15% drop in enrollment from the first term, which is not unusual.

In answer to your two questions raised in the letter of December 5, I would like to say that none of the proposals from Dr. Lo, enclosed in his letter of November 20, would work at all.

If we should adopt Proposal A, it would upset your plan for sabatical leaves for members of the Huachung faculty.

His Proposal B would set a very bad precedent, because that would mean permission for him to do rmunerative work outside the college, which we have never permitted.

Proposal C sounds to be the most acceptable, but I sincerely doubt if he will be able to repay all the money he owes the college, even if we should give him a seven-years' leave of absence from the college. Besides, for a man to leave our service immediately after his sabatical leave would also set a very bad precedent.

Therefore, I would suggest that the best way is for us to carry this loan on our books and let him pay it back from whatever royalties or money he may earn from his writing after his return to the college, and then we may ask him and his wife to consider the possibility of waiving their next sabatical leave so as to count part of that money towards this loan.

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With regard to your memorandum on sabatical leave, I do not have much to suggest. Mr. Coe has also looked it over, and it seems to be in line with your general ideas for sabatical leave, but you have to consider whether in the long run the college will be able to spend so much on sabatical leave when our Chinese staff becomes larger, and may be two men take sabatical leave in the same year, instead of one. It would be very nice to be generous, but generosity costs money.

I have not written to Dr. Sidney Hsiao. Before he left Wuchang, he left a letter for me to which I ought to reply. There does not seem to be much possibility of his returning to Wuchang and joining our faculty here again. He finds it difficult to get along with other people except with those who are above him or much senior to him. I do not know how he is going to persuade his wife to return to China. I shall write to him later and send you a copy of my letter.

I ought to discuss with you in greater detail our financial situation, but just at the present moment the market is so hectic that we do not know what to think. The quotation in the Black Market in Hankow for the American dollar is 14,000, and yet we have not been able to persuade the American Church Mission in Shanghai to get exchange for us except through official channels which pay 3350, but there may be a change in the near future. If not, our financial difficulties will be very great. Mr. Coe has written you already about the increase of subsidies which took effect as from December 1. Before I left we were considering it, but we did not get any official notice about it until I had gone to Shanghai. If prices should keep up like this, another increase would be imminent.

I heard from my son John that you gave him a grand time at your home during Christmas and I am most grateful to you for your kindness.

With kind regards to you and your family, I am

Yours sincerely,

(signed) Francis C. M. Wei

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February 14, 1947

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HUACHUNG UNIVERSITY, WUCHANG, HUPEH. 25 FEB. 1947.
Fall Term - 1946-47

	MEN	WOMEN	TOTAL
SENIORS	24	1	25
JUNIORS	23	6	29
SOPHOMORES	70	21	91
FRESHMEN	190	112	302
	307	140	447

Christian Students	177
Non-Christian Students	270
Total	447

	Christian Middle School	Non-Christian Middle School	Total
GRADUATES:-	130	317	447

GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION

Anhwei	9
Fukien	6
Chekiang	19
Hopeh	3
Honan	3
Hunan	160
Hupeh	100
Kiangsi	13
Kiangsu	12
Kwangsi	1
Kwangtung	36
Kweichow	2
Shansi	1
Shangtung	1
Sinkiang	1
Szechuan	12
Yunnan	68
Total	447

MAJOR	SENIORS	JUNIORS	SOPHOMORES	FRESHMEN	TOTAL	TOTAL
Chinese	4	3	7	13	27	
English	5	5	11	78	99	
Economics	3	6	32	89	130	
Commerce	1	1	1	-	3	
History	2	3	7	12	24	
	15	18	58	192	283	 283
Biology	-	2	3	8	13	
Chemistry	5	1	7	27	40	
Physics	3	3	11	40	57	
	8	6	21	75	110	 110
Education	2	5	12	35	54	 54
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HUACHUNG UNIVERSITY WUCHANG 華中大學武昌私立 註冊處 REGISTRAR'S OFFICE

L. T. Doe

Assistant Registrar.

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Mr Lyford.

February 27, 1947.

Dear Francis:

The minutes of the meeting of the Board of Trustees on Feb. 14th will shortly be sent to you. I write now to give you information on the action of the National Council appropriation.

As I announced at our meeting the Council voted $200,00. from the Reconstruction and Advance Fund for Hua Chung at this time. They also appropriated $305,000. for land and buildings for Boone Middle School which will mean the turning over of all School property to Hua Chung University. This makes a total of $505,000. voted to aid Hua Chung directly or indirectly. In addition to this we have on hand $101,566. in the Proctor-Johnson building fund beside the money in the Moving and Rehabilitation funds which you will see in Mr. Lyford's report. (Much of the last will be needed I presume to pull down inadequate buildings.)

This is a fine start for the new Hua Chung. It would have been a larger sum had the Episcopal Church succeeded better in the R. & A. fund asked from it. More may come in to this fund later and if so we may hope for an increase in the grant from it to the college. Another possible source of revenue is from the other mission boards participating in Hua Chung. So far as I know they have done nothing financially yet for the new Hua Chung. Our hopes now are cnetered principally on the drive of the Associated Boards of Christian Colleges in China cooperating in the United Service to China. Their goal is $15,000,000. of which we hope for $1,500,000. for Hua Chung.

There are many heart moving appeals before the American people just now from the devastated portions of the earth with their starving populations but China has warm friends in America who understand or can be made to understand the strategic importance of the Christian Colleges.

I stressed your plea for more scholarship funds. It was thought best for you to put the sume needed in the regular yearly budget. Can this be gone? In the meantime why not draw on the balance in operating funds which is $99,470.11? You have discretion in the use of this sum. My Lyford will comment on this and the other financial matters you mentioned.

I was much interested in your letter of Feb. 3rd to my wife; received a few days ago. We shall continue here to keep the facts and arguments for Hua Chung which you so strongly present before the Church in this country.

My warmest affectionate regard.

Yours as ever,

Arthur M. Sherman.

Dr. Frances C. M. Wei
Hua Chung University
Wuchang
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[No Enclosures attached
As per letter of March 10, 1947]

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March 10, 1947.
WL-7

From Mr. Dix

Received March 24

Mr. Oliver S. Lyford,
55 Dana Place, Englowood,
New Jersy, N. J.,
U. S. A.

Dear Mr. Lyford,

Your cablegram asking for an answer to your December letter about the Lo family etc. was received about a week after I wrote you a confidential letter in reply to your December letter on the questions you mentioned in the cablegram. Assuming that letter would reach you not very much later than a cablegram would reach you in New York, I did not send you a cable reply at all. It would not be possible to send a cablegram setting forth all I would like to say with regard to the two questions that seem to be bothering you. John and Mary Coe left before the end of February to go to Shanghai, and they sailed from Shanghai for the United States on March 5th. Before they left, I discussed at great length with John Coe about these questions. Perhaps it would be more satisfactory for him to report to you in person what I have in mind, to supplement even what I have written in my February confidential letter.

With regard to Dr. Hsiao, I am writing him a letter to explain the cable I sent to Earl Fowler two weeks ago in reply to his cable asking for a cable decision at this end. I am enclosing a copy of my letter to him for your information.

There was at first some hesitation on the part of Richard Bien as dean of the science school to urge Sidney Hsiao to return to Hua-chung. Sidney is a splendid scientist and an exceptional research worker. But he has two difficulties. First, while he gives a wonderful training to the better students in Biology, he could not get himself adjusted to the war situation in teaching to the more elementary classes. He insists on almost an impossible standard, the consequence of which has been that students fight shy of his department. Secondly, he gets along well with people who are his superior in position or in learning, but he is rather untactful in handling his subordinates or even his equals in the college. He expects absolute justice which cannot be found in this world of ours. I talked to him several times in Hsichow. He was always pleasant in his dealings with me, and he seemed to have high respect for my opinion. But he had not found it possible to get himself around to my point of view. But I was very fond of him when he was my student in the college before 1927, and I have the highest respect for his training and scholarship.

So after careful consideration, Richard Bien and I agree to ask him to rejoin our faculty, not as the head of the biology department, but only as a professor. If he should find his niche in the college, and be content with it, he would be a valuable asset to our work. With this in mind, I sent to Earl Fowler a cablegram asking Hsiao to return.

I am sorry I have not written to you as frequently as I ought to. There was a long interval between my letter to you WL-6 and the

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confidential letter in February. The reason was that there was Christmas which was a rush for all of us. At the end of December, I was suddenly called to attend two ~~independent~~ important meetings in Shanghai. I left college on December 31st, got to Shanghai, spent eight days there with a full program, went by boat to Hong Kong, spending only one day in the colony, and went home to spend Chinese New Year with my mother and my folk. I had not seen them for seven and a half years. After ten days at home, I went to Canton, saw many friends there, and came back by rail to Wuchang, arriving here on February 1st to find my desk full of correspondence and all such questions waiting for my attention including three hundred term papers on philosophy and logic to mark. This explains why I had not written you earlier than today.

The college re-opened for the second term on February 6th. We have now 384 students, which mean 63 persons fewer than the first term. But every year, enrollment in the second term is 15% fewer than that in the first term, and so the smaller enrollment this term is nothing unusual.

Mr. Coe will report that we have a deficit of U.S. $5000 at the end of January. With the new official rate of 12000 to 1, we expect to balance our budget this term, even with the increases of subsidies which are to be expected.

The Executive Committee of the Provisional Board of Directors is meeting on March 15th, and after that I shall write you another letter reporting on the decisions. Mr. Coe already knows what is to come up at that meeting, and he will give you fuller explanation than my letter to follow this.

I am enclosing statistics for the last term.

With the best wishes and affectionate regards, to you & yours faithfully.

Yours sincerely,

Frances C. McNeil

P.S. Your photograph has not yet been received.
F.C.McN.

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March 19, 1947
Letter No. W-101

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

Dear Dr. Wei:

I have received your letter of February 13th. Also I have a copy of your letter of February 12th to Dr. Sherman and a letter from John Coe to Mr. Fowler dated February 19th. Also Coe's letter of February 12th to me. These letters have been very helpful to me as my limited personal knowledge of China has been insufficient to enable me to comprehend the real situation. Recently also we have had a long and detailed report by Searle Bates describing the conditions in Nanking and elsewhere in December and a report from Fukien which describes conditions in that locality. Also Dr. William Barnes, who is our beloved family physician in Englewood gave to our church a beautifully illustrated report on his trip through China as a member of the Presbyterian Commission. So now I have a much clearer understanding of what you are up against. Needless to say that my sympathies are deeper than ever and I am more anxious than ever to be of real help to you and to the University.

It seems from all these reports that you are having an easier time at Hua Chung than in most of the other universities, or at least that was the case up to February 13th, Even so we realize how much discomfort and disturbance you all have to put up with.

Dr. Sherman wrote to you on February 27th and I believe Mr. Fowler has sent to you a copy of the minutes of the Trustee's meeting on February 14th. Possibly you also have been advised that the agreement with the United Board for Christian Colleges in China has been signed. So we are definitely in that organization. However, various formalities still have to be attended to. Until they are completed, the Hua Chung Board of Trustees will be available to act in the usual capacity should that be necessary, and our president, secretary, treasurer and assistant treasurer are still functioning as usual.

It will be very helpful to have John Coe here to clear up many matters and to cooperate with us in establishing workable plans for cooperation within the United Board. I hope he and Mrs. Coe were successful in reaching Shanghai in time to embark on the "General Gordon" and soon will be here. I also hope he will have with him an operating budget for the current year and a report on the replacement of materials which have arrived and are now in use; also a report from Paul Ward.

One very important matter is the election of the new Board of Directors. I hope you have succeeded in getting a competent group as your advisers.

Dr. Fenn is on his way back to China now and he soon will be advising with you regarding the policy of the United Board as to the degree of western support which seems possible at present. We are to have a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Associated Boards (which is still acting) this afternoon and I hope to receive some definite assurances regarding the progress in the financial campaign. With Greece and Turkey now added to the countries to which the United States must send money, it is obvious that we are close to the limit of our resources.

I will write to you again after the meeting tomorrow.

Yours very sincerely,

P.S. The Angus Snead MacDonald Corporation have fallen down entirely on this order to provide steel book stacks. We are negotiating with Remington Rand for similar equipment of their production, but they cannot promise shipment in less than 11 months, and their price will be twice that quoted by Snead. Evidently you will have to use wooden stacks for the present.

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~~XXXX~~ March 20, 1947.

Mr. Oliver S. Lyford,
54 Dana Place, Englewood, N.J.,
U.S.A.

Dear Mr. Lyford,

In my last letter to you WL-7 I said that the Executive Committee of the Provisional Board of Directors was to meet on Saturday, March 15. The Committee met on that day and all members were present except Mr. White of the London Mission who was sick.

Paul Ward was elected secretary pro tem to act during John Coe's furlough in America. Paul has not got the minutes ready yet. As soon as they are ready I shall send you enclosed in this letter a copy .

Among the matters discussed and the recommendations made are the following to which I would like to call your immediate attention:

First, Mr. Snyder of the Evangelical and Reformed Church Mission raised the question as to the number of representatives of the several cooperating missions on the Board of Founders and also on the Board of Directors. The feeling of the Committee was that as the number for each of the missions was fixed in 1929 it seemed wise to reconsider that decision now that circumstances had changed.

Secondly, following the action of the Direcors approved by the Founders the College paid subsidies to the members of the teaching and administrative staffs according to the Government Fourth ~~Third~~ Category , i.e., 540 times the basic salary, plus NC$90,000 flat for every salary earner, and plus NC$50,000 for every full professor, NC$40,000 for every assistant professor, NC$30,000 for every lecturer, and N.C.$20,000 for every instructor or assistant, up to the end of November, 1946. From December 1946 we have gone into the ~~Second~~ Category, which means 750 times the basic salary , plus NC$110,000 for every salary earner, while the other subsidy remains the same as under the ~~Third~~ Category. This was what the Government university had been doing from November 1946 to the end of February. Prices started to jump in the Wuhan center about the middle of February, and the Government Wuhan University started at the end of February to pay their people according the Secoond Category, that is, 950 times the basic salary and N.C.$140,000 flat for every salary earner with the other subsidy remaining the same. With the present price conditions in the Wuhan cities and

with the Government Wuhan University having already gone under the Second Category, we would have to follow suit, and the Executive Committee acted to recommend it. This would be possible within the expected income of the College for this term to end at the end of July this year. The increase is NC$4,881,500 per month. From March

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to the end of July this year this increase will mean an additional expenditure of NC$24, 407,500. We have still unchanged U.S.$9,000 for this term. At the present official rate we may expect from this approximately NC$105,000,000, for the bank gives us only NC$11,640 for the American dollar. We have just over NC$50,000,000 from students' fees which can be counted towards our operating budget. The UCR has not made any definite commitment to us, but Coe and I estimated that they would send us at least NC$35,000,000 for this term of six months. The total expected income therefore will be approximately 190,000,000 Chinese dollars. Paying at the rate of the Third Category we need NC$120,000,000 for salaries and subsidies for the term, and about NC$35,000,000 for the other items on the budget. With the additional NC$24,407,500, the estimated total will be approximately NC$180,000,000 for the term. We fully expect another increase before the end of July, but we may not have to face it until perhaps June which would mean only two months under the First Category and that is 1100 times the basic salary and NC$170,000 flat for every salary earner. Such an increase would mean for us approximately NC$4,000,000 a month, and it would still be within our expected income, even allowing some increase for the other items on the budget.

Then, the Executive Committee on March 15 recommended a third thing among others. That is to ask the Founders to appropriate from the Reserve Operating Funds the amount of US$15,000 for the building of three blocks of four faculty and staff dwelling houses on the new land we have acquired on the western side of the old city wall land, which would not interfere with Mr. Bergamini's building plan at all. The following is Dr. Talor's report on the contractor's estimate, if work should be started soon:

FOUR FAMILY UNIT:
Using new brick,9 inch wall, new tiles, new timber,

Walls,roof, window,doors,---	NC$39,000,000
Footings and foundations	6,000,000
Electric lighting----------	500,000
Water piping----------	200,000
Drainage----------	30,000
	NC$45,000,000.

At the present official rate this means approx. US$4,000 for the block or Four Family Unit. We need three units and in order to allow rise of price before the building is completed the Committee recommends an appropriation of US$15,000.

To spend this amount for twelve houses would not be too much. It is an economical proposition. At present we have to pay at least ~~xxxx~~ NC$150,000 as month for a house as rental, or NC$1,800,000 a year, and the house is usually unsuitable and repairs are necessary. Furthermore rental is increasing as other prices go up, for there is a great shortage of houses in Wuchang after the war. US$15000 for twelve houses averages approximately US$1,200.00 a house. If we should reckon 15 years as the life of the house the cost of each house is only about US$100 including interest. Figuring even repairs each year it would not be more than US$110 per house per year, which is less than the rental we have to pay, which is NC$1,800,000 orUS$120. And we do not have to worry about increased rental, etc.

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The plan has been prepared by Dr. Paul V. Taylor by action of the Senate and the estimates are from the contractor who has been doing various jobs for him and who used to work for the College before the War. The plan is enclosed herewith. The units are to be built on lots which Mr. Bergamini said he would not use for any of his contemplated buildings when he was here last November.

In order that we may have the houses for use of the faculty in the fall it is necessary to start building not later than the middle of April. Prices may rise again. Please cable me asoon as the Founders have reach a decision. Mr. Coe and his wife ought to be arriving in the States by this time. Very soon you will be seeing them and John Coe will explain the housing situation to you.

I am enclosing for the information of the Founders also the statistical report of the Registrar's office for this term. I am happy to say that the percentage of Christian students in the College rose from 36% at the begging of the Fall to 41% at the beginning of this term. This percentage will increase, for some 20 more students are preparing for baptism at Easter. The religious spirit on the campus has been very encouraging. Two weeks ago we had an All Christians Rallying Meeting in the Assembly Hall and practically all the Christian members of the Faculty, Staff, and student body turned up. It helped at least to remind us what a splendid group of Christians we had in our midst.

Early Febuary we received NC$6,400, 000.00 from Dr Fenn's office for our grant for January. Today we received NC$14,313,600.00 from him, NC$12,800,000.00 being U.S.C. grants for February and March and NC$1,513,600.00 being U.S.C.Inflation grant for January. Dr. Fenn writes that we should not make any commitment on the expectation of these grants being kept up at this rate. But if they should, we would have about NC$48,000,000 from the Associated Boards for this term instead of John Coe's estimated NC$ 5,000,000.

I hope my failure to answer your cable concerning the Lo family and Sidney Hsiao immediately by cale has not inconvenienced you too much. I wrote in detail in my last letter WL-7.

Richard Bien is definitely planning to take his sabbatical in America this coming academic year and his wife and son are going with him.

With affectionate regards to you , your family, and all the Trustees,

Yours sincerely,

F.C. Mills

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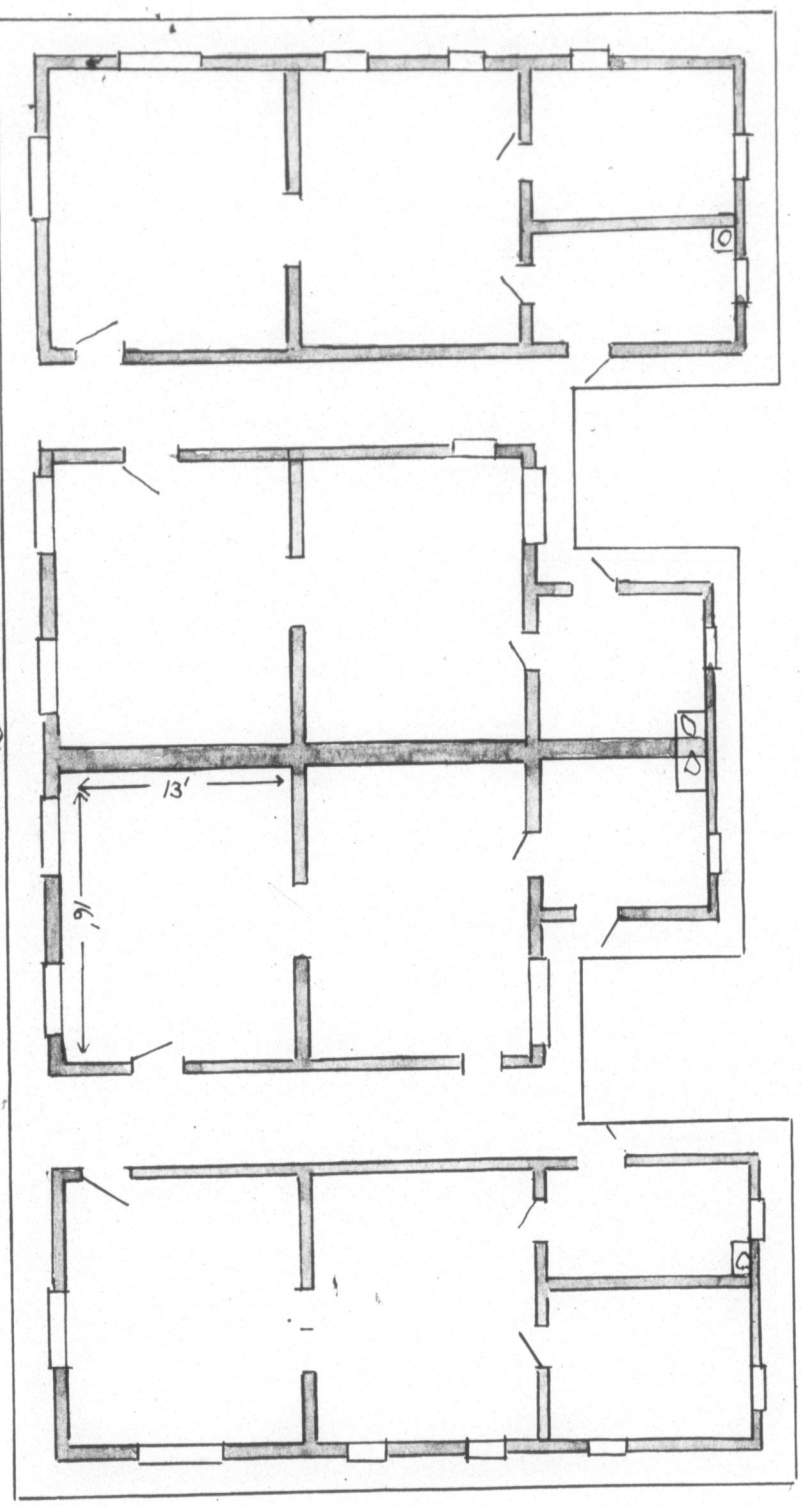

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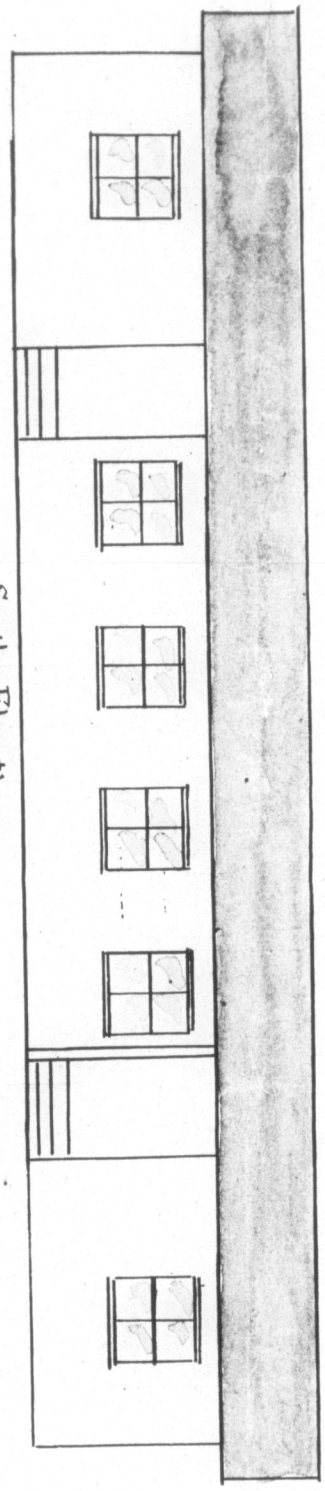

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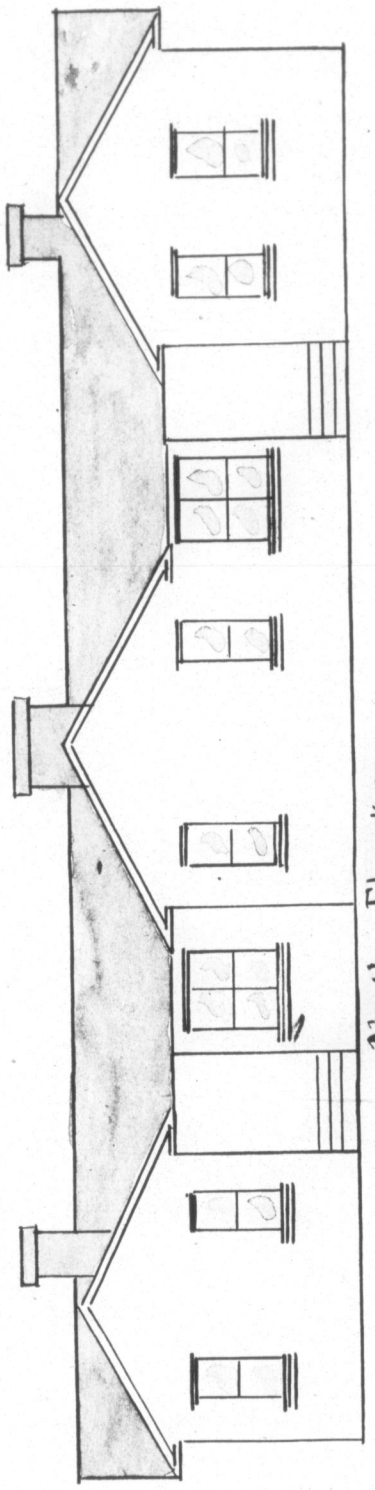

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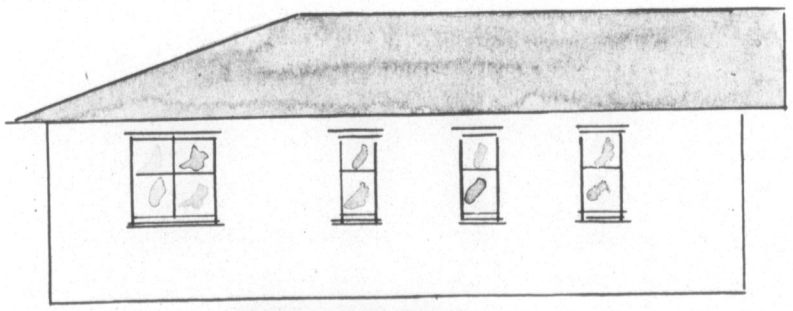

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Mr. Earl Fowler,
Department of Overseas,
281 Fourth Avenue, N.Y.10,
New York, U.S.A.

Dear Earl,

I believe by this time John Coe has already reached New York, and I hope you have many opportunities to see Mr. and Mrs. Coe. He will have many things to report on the college and its latest developments.

During John Coe's absence, Dr. Paul Ward is acting as treasurer as well as secretary of the Executive Committee of the Provisional Board of Directors in China. Enclosed, I am sending you the minutes of the last meeting of the Executive Committee, a copy of which has already been sent to Mr. Lyford.

Dr. Richard Bien handed to me only the other day his plan for sabbatical leave for 1947-1948. I am forwarding it to you herewith.

Enclosed you will also find a copy of my letter to Dr. Hsiao dated March 12th, which is self-explanatory. I promised to send you a copy of this letter in my last cable to you.

I am also enclosing a copy of my letter to Mr. Lyford on March 20th which explains some of the important actions taken by the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors.

I have not heard from you for some weeks and I hope that Dot has already got over illness and that you are enjoying your own health.

We have received words that the Starratts and the Roots are arriving at Hong Kong on March 27th from America, and that the Rev. Francis Gray and family are going to arrive at Hong Kong on April 4th. They are all coming up to Wuchang by rail, and we have made arrangement for their stay in Hong Kong and to get their railway tickets.

I am afraid that this letter will not reach you before Easter, but it is intended to convey to you and your family as well as other friends in the Missions House my Easter greetings.

Your affectionately,

Francis

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Wei-Hua

April 9, 1947

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

My dear Francis:

Many thanks for your letter of March twenty-fourth which was received yesterday. John and Mary Coe arrived home about two weeks ago. Mary has just gone from Ann Arbor to Boston. John plans to come to New York a week from today, April 15th. We expect him to spend a few days here in New York and then he will join Mary in Boston. I am mighty glad that Paul Ward has been chosen to take care of John's work while he is away. You will find him most efficient and capable, I am sure. He did a masterly job while here in New York placing orders for the University. I do not know what we would have done without his assistance.

Many thanks for the several enclosures in your letter. I will get in touch with Dr. Sherman and Mr. Lyford just as soon as possible and take up the matter of calling a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board of Founders to take up two or three of the matters that require action that are noted in your minutes of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors. I was glad to receive a summary of Dr. Bien's plans. He sure expects to have a very busy year.

Your letter to Sidney Hsiao was a masterpiece. I am writing to Sidney telling him I have received a copy of your letter and hope he will let me know what his plans are just as soon as possible.

I am wondering whether you have heard from Dr. Beaver yet. I received a letter from him about a week ago in which he advised me that the Joint Boards of the Seminary were creating a new chair of ecumenical Christianity in the theological school providing he would remain in the United States to accept this call. After a terrific struggle he and his wife have decided that it was their duty to stay and take over this work. You were right in your recent remark to me that you didn't think Dr. Beaver would be returning to China this year.

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After considerable searching Mr. Dietz found in his files the request to purchase a radio for you but he had made a note on it that after conversation with you that you were going to try and get an instrument yourself. That is the reason why we did not proceed with the order and purchase one for you. Mr. Dietz has advised me that there is a new Zenith radio out which costs $69.65 which has both battery or ac and dc current. This is a portable radio and he thinks it ought to be a very good instrument for your use. Please let me know whether you can get a radio that is more acceptable in China or whether you would like to have me have Mr. Dietz order the Zenith instrument for you. I am very sorry for the mix-up in this matter and I hope it has not been a great inconvenience for you.

I am very glad to say that Dot has made a very fine recovery from her difficulties and is feeling better now than she has for many years. We were disappointed that John could not spend part of his Easter holiday with us. He wrote me that vacation was so short that he could not make up all of his work he had missed the past term. Dr. and Mrs. Lawrence Rose spent a night with us recently. Larry said that John was very well liked at the Seminary and that he was taking a very active part in all religious services and setting a fine example for the theological students. I am getting him a job for the summer at a Church camp as a counselor, probably with a bit of tutoring for any students who require special work during the summer holiday. It is a very fine camp and will give him experience in meeting a large group of American boys at the same time. Inall probability, the financial returns will not be very great.

I hope that by now the Starratts, Roots, and the Rev. Francis Gray and family have arrived at Wuhan. I hope that all of the new members of the University staff are enjoying their work and being properly conditioned for long and useful careers in the mission field.

Dot joins me in love and very best wishes.

Affectionately yours,

J. Earl Fowler

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HUACHUNG (CENTRAL CHINA) UNIVERSITY
Wuchang, China

May 1, 1947

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

Dear Earl,

I took a trip to Changsha on April 18 coming back April 22. During the two days there, Dwight Rugh and others made me speak 11 times. I enjoyed my trip tremendously, but when I got to the train to come back to Wuchang, I was literally dead tired, and slept for 11 hours. I was however able to attend the Diocesan Synod next evening in Wuchang after my arrival, and did my share there, although I was not able to attend all the sessions owing to my duties in the university. They have elected me to the standing committee to the Diocesan Council and chairman of the committee on Forward Movement as well as delegate to the general synod to be held in Shanghai in August. How I envy my old days in Hsichow during the war when I had nothing to do with the churches, the government or the middle schools, and I had plenty of time there to think. All the churches in the Wu-han centre made me to speak not only in the churches, but also to the synod, etc., and we have to take care of the general interest of the Christian Middle Schools as far as the government is concerned.

The college on the whole is getting along in good shape. Paul Ward and I are watching our finance very closely. Thanks to the new official rate of exchange, we seem to be able to get through to the end of the year without a deficit, which our colleagues in the other Christian colleges may regard as a miracle. Prices are going up very steeply again. But we are waiting for the government to change its scale of subsidies for the Wu-han University so that we may also change ours in accordance so as to enable our people to make their ends meet. Our income for this term will make it possible to do so, but it will be a different story next year. I have already heard from Dr. McMullen in New York. His letter is dated April 3, 1947, in which he says, "The most optimistic of our friends think that possibly one-fourth of the expected funds may be received for the college for 1947-1948," and therefore, "we cannot be too strong in our statement regarding the necessity of retrenchment." It looks as if we may not get more than U.S. $1,000 from the Associated Board for the next year, and that would be only about one-sixth of what we have been receiving during this year; in other words, U.S. $5,000 less for our income. Then there would be the cutting out of the U.S. $5,000 from our income owing to the change of policy of Yale-in-China. We cannot do very much retrenching, but we may have to draw upon our reserve-funds which had been intended to meet an emergency like this.

We have already received the cablegram from Mr. Lyford giving us the permission to proceed with the erection of the faculty houses at the cost of U.S. $15,000. Dr. Taylor in consultation with Mr. Kemp is already going ahead in this job.

With the permission of the executive committee of the Board of Directors and of the university Senate, we are registering the title deeds of our lands acquired in the name of the Board of Directors since

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1936. Unfortunately, all the title deeds of the pieces of land purchased before the war, and one piece purchased during the Japanese occupation, are missing. We cannot trace down even to the photographs of these deeds. According to John Coe, the original deeds were deposited for safe keeping in Bishop Gilman's office, and the photographs were sent to Hong Kong for safe keeping. The title deeds sent from Hankow to Shanghai had been brought back to the Bishop's office in Hankow, but ours are not among them, nor are our photographs among those brought back to the Bishop's office from Hong Kong. This is very annoying, but we are doing our best to wrangle it with the municipal government, so as to get our titles established anew by reporting the loss of the deeds during the war. Mr. Pickens believes that our deeds and photographs were simply burned during the air raids in Hankow. One of my secretaries is busy in the municipal government now attending to the matter of the re-establishment of our titles. We hope that there may be no serious difficulties.

Dr. Brank Fulton will be with us next term, and he will be able to teach Christian Ethics as well as Economic Problems and Christianity along the line of Applied Christianity.

We still need a man to teach Old Testament and another to teach Systematic Theology. It is a pity that Edmund Hsu with his training, is not able to come back to us on account of financial complications about which I can see no way to help him. If I were not so busy myself, I would like to undertake the teaching of Systematics myself which I used to do before 1927. But I am already having too much teaching in Philosophy.

Our scheme of theological training seems to be just the thing that the Church needs. I was absent from the Diocesan Synod in one afternoon when they discussed the training of candidates for the ministry. Apparently they had many problems which they could not see any way to solve. In the evening of that day, they came to the university for a reception given by the Episcopal members of the faculty. I reported to them in detail our plan of theological training. When I was through several of them said that we had solved all of their problems as far as the training of candidates for ministry was concerned.

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

Dear Earl,

It is hard for me to believe that I have not written you since March 24, so much is happening to occupy my attention that time flies without my knowing it.

I have received two letters from you since I wrote you last, and the last one is dated April 9th 1947.

I am sorry that should have found that the Tai and Hwang girls so very deficient in the knowledge of English. I had known that they were very bashful in using English in speaking, but I thought that they would be able to do their graduation work in New York in spite of that. I have heard from them that they had already passed their examinations in English required of foreign students in Teachers' College, Columbia, and that while they did not get the fifth class which was the highest class in that examination, they managed, however, to get the fourth class which permitted them to take a course in English counted for credits towards their Master's degree.

The Rev. G. Francis S. Gray and family and the Rev. Alfred Starratt and family arrived at Wuchang from Hong Kong with the Roots on Sunday night, April 13th. They were getting settled down. Mr. Gray has already started his teaching in Church History, and with the permission of Bishop Gilman, he is taking over the charge of the theological students and the pastal care of the Episcopal faculty members and their families. Besides, he is appointed by Bishop Gilman as one of the clergymen in the Church of Holy Nativity on the college campus. He is doing some study of the Chinese language with the help of one of the theological students for only two hours a week. Starratt is also one of the clergymen in the Church of Holy Nativity by Bishop Gilman's appointment. It is too late for him to start his teaching work this term, but he will begin his New Testament teaching in September. He and his wife are doing their studies in Chinese in our Language School for missionaries. Besides, he is the warden of Ingle Hall, where over 120 men students are having their lodging, and he is chaplain of all the Sheng Kung Huei students in the university. This will keep him busy for the time being. Both Gray and Starratt attended the 17th Diocesan Synod held in the Church General Hospital Building in Wuchang, April 23rd to April 27th.

I took a trip to Changsha on April 18th coming back on April 22nd. During the two days there, Dwight Rugh and others made me speak 11 times. I enjoyed my trip tremendously, but when I got to the train to come back to Wuchang, I was literally dead tired, and slept for 11 hours. I was, however, able to attend the Diocesan Synod next evening in Wuchang after my arrival, and did my share there, although I was not able to attend all the sessions owing to my duties in the university. They have elected

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me to the standing committee, to the Diocesan Council and chairman of the committee on Forward Movement as well as delegate to the general synod to be held in Shanghai in August. How I envy my old days in Hsichow during the war when I had nothing to do with the churches, the government or the middle schools, and I had plenty of time there to think. All the churches in the Wu-han centre made me to speak not only in the churches, but also to the synod etc., and we have to take care of the general interest of the Christian Middle Schools as far as the government is concerned.

The college on the whole is getting along in good shape. Paul Ward and I are watching our finance very closely. Thanks to the new official rate of exchange, we seem to be able to get through to the end of the year without a deficit, which our colleagues in the other Christian colleges may regard as a miracle. Prices are going up very steeply again. But we are waiting for the government to change its scale of subsidies for the Wu-han University so that we may also change ours in accordance so as to enable our people to make their ends meet. Our income for this term will make it possible to do so, but it will be a different story next year. I have already heard from Dr. McMullen in New York. His letter is dated April 3rd 1947, in which he says, "The most optimistic of our friends think that possibly one-fourth of the expected funds may be received for the college for 1947-1948", and therefore, "we cannot be two strong in our statement regarding the necessity of retrenchment". It looks as if we may not get more than U.S.$1000 from the Associated Board for the next year, and that would be only about one-sixth of what we have been receiving during this year; in other words, U.S.$5000 less for our income. Then there would be the cutting out of U.S.$5000 from our income owing to the change of policy of Yale-in-China. We cannot do very much retrenching, but we may have to draw upon our reserve-funds which had been intended to meet an emergency like this.

We have already received the cablegram from Mr. Lyford giving us the permission to proceed with the erection of the faculty houses at the cost of U.S.$15000. Dr. Taylor in consultation with Mr. Kemp is already going ahead in this job.

With the permission of the executive committee of the Board of Directors and ~~with~~ the university Senate, we are registering the title deeds of our lands acquired in the name of the Board of Directors since 1936. Unfortunately, all the title deeds of the pieces of land purchased before the war, and one piece purchased during the Japanese occupation, are missing. We cannot trace down even to the photographs of these deeds. According to John Coe, the original deeds were deposited for safe keeping in Bishop Gilman's office, and the photographs were sent to Hong Kong for safe keeping. The title deeds sent from Hankow to Shanghai had been brought back to the Bishop's office in Hankow, but ours are not among them, nor are our photographs among those brought back to the Bishop's office from Hong Kong. This is very annoying, but we are doing our best to wrangle it with the municipal government, so

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as to get our titles established anew by reporting the loss of the deeds during the war. Mr. Pickens believes that our deeds and photographs were simply burned during the air raids in Hankow. One of my secretaries is busy in the municipal government now attending to the matter of the re-establishment of our titles. We hope that there may be no serious difficulties

Dr. Beaver has written me that he has accepted the appointment to teach World Christianity in the seminary in Lancaster. While I had hoped that he might come out to join us this summer, his changeableness of mind is the thing that I always feared, and I have decided to count him out from our picture entirely. I am glad that Francis Gray has already arrived to take care of the Church History courses.

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May 2, 1947

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

Dear Francis:

The first meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board of Founders to be held since receiving your letter of February twelfth as well as the minutes of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of March fifteenth was held on April 28th. The questions raised in this letter and the above minutes were acted upon as you will learn from the minutes of our meeting. These will go to you very shortly and I think will be self-explanatory. You will be glad to see that the Executive Committee confirmed the cable Mr. Lyford and I sent you authorizing you to go ahead with building the three housing units as explained in your letter to Mr. Lyford of March twentieth.

There is one point about which I was asked to write to you; i.e. the matter of fellowship grants to younger members of the faculty and especially your suggestion that while the College provides the $1200 fellowship grant, the actual granting of the fellowship be done by the cooperating mission with which the recipient is connected. The purpose of this being facility in obtaining a passport to journey to the United States.

We do not see how this can be done. The cooperating mission in writing the letter appointing the man to the fellowship and backing up the application for the passport must promise to supply all necessary funds for living expenses, etc., while in the U.S.A.. The $1200 fellowship will not cover travel and living costs in the U. S. for one year at present prices. The Mission Boards have very limited funds for scholarships. The Episcopal Board has $3000 to $4000 available this year and between fifteen and twenty students sharing it. The Boards, therefore, are unable to guarantee funds for students they would nominally sponsor. If a student has extra funds and can satisfy a Board of Missions that they have enough to cover all necessary costs I presume the Board would be willing to make the appointment.

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The United Board is working out a plan to establish a central agency in China to which the colleges would make their recommendations for study abroad and send the candidates for examination in English, etc.. The assignments would then be made by his central agency. If more are recommended by the Colleges and pass the various tests, than the United Board can appoint, the colleges themselves could send such prospects abroad.

I am very sorry about Paul Wu and Donald Wang. Perhaps you have been able to find some other way of getting passports for them. But in any case, they should come provided with enough money to meet all expenses.

Mr. Coe was at our meeting and aided us in our discussions. It is helpful to have the light he can shed on the various points as they arise, especially financial matters.

We will expect to be a part of the United Board by the time you receive this or soon after. Action will be taken on May fourteenth. The Board of Founders will then go out of existence and a China Committee will take its place. Practically all the members will be the same at least for the present. The basis of representation is one member of the Committee for every $5000 yearly grant from the Mission Boards , (or less for the first representation). The total representation will be:

7 Episcopal
2 Yale
2 Reformed
1 London Mission
1 English Methodist

In addition members at large can be elected. There will be two new Yale representatives, Kenneth Morland (Yale Exec. Sec.), and Kenneth Latourette. We expect to have Messrs. Lyford, Hume, and Lobenstine elected as members at large.

Ever with affectionate regards.

Yours faithfully,

Arthur M. Sherman

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May 7, 1947.

Received May 22

Mr. Oliver S. Lyford,
54, Dana Place,
Englewood, N.J., U.S.A.

Dear Mr. Lyford,

On May 1st, I sent you my letter WL-8 enclosing a copy of my letter of the same date to Earl Fowler.

Since I wrote that letter we have heard from the Ministry of Education in Nanking in reply to a communication I sent to the Ministry some weeks ago. The Ministry has granted to Huachung NC$1,500,000 for our current budget and NC$20,000,000. 80% of which ought to be for our additional rehabilitation. I am reporting these two grants herewith to the Board of Trustees through you and ask for instruction as to the appropriation of this money. It is very encouraging to receive these two additional amounts from the Government in recognition of our work.

I have also heard from Dr. William Fenn of the Field Office of the Associated Boards about the possibility of our getting from the Harvard-Yenching Institute the amount of approximately US$20,500. After the Senate has taken action upon my report of the receipt of the letter from Dr. Fenn, I have written a letter to Dr. Fenn and I am enclosing a copy of this letter to you for your information. I hope this will meet with your approval. My letter to Dr. Fenn follows strictly the instruction of the senate.

Paul Ward is writing you concerning the management of our exchange. There are certain details which we agree that you should know and we hope you will give them careful consideration and approval.

I have only limited secretarial help in the absence of Mrs. Coe and that is why my correspondence has been lagging behind. Yesterday I spent half a day in Wesley Middle School talking to the students and teachers. I am spending at least half a day in each of the eight Christian middle schools in the Wuhan center, and as far as my time permits I try to visit the Christian middle schools in other cities in the Central China region. My main purpose is to tone up the Christian character of those schools and get them linked more closely to Huachung.

With the best wishes and affectionate regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

Francis C. M. Wei

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May 8, 1947

Dr. Francis C. M. Wei
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My dear Francis:

I am enclosing the following: Minutes of the Executive Committee of the Board of Founders for April 28th; a copy of a letter received from Dr. Carl Heinmiller, Executive Secretary of the Department of World Missions, Evangelical and United Brethren Church; a letter from Mr. Lyford to Dr. John Lo; and Dr. Lo's reply; also a statement of the assets of Hua Chung Univesity's Operating Fund.

I have marked this letter "Confidential" as I did not know whether you wanted anybody besides yourself to know about the transactions withDr. Lo. However, his case has been mentioned from time to time in our minutes so I do not see how it can be kept too confidential. . Mr. Lyford will probably be writing ycu in more detail about this matter.

The annual meeting of the Associated Board for Christian Colleges in China will be meeting all next week as nine of the colleges have completed entrance into the United Board. The United Board will start to function and take over the work of the Associated Board.

I was interested in your letter of February 12th addressed to Dr. Sherman. I am wondering how the scale of salaries that you are paying to faculty members under the government arrangement compares with the 40% objective of the Associated Boards. It was reported at a recent Executive Committee of the Associated Boards that while they had not reached their objective of paying university faculty salaries on the 40% basis, that they had reached 38%. Would this mean that by following the government plan that you are paying salaries at about 38% of the pre-war purchasing power?

I am afraid that Dr. Sherman wrote you something that was misleading. In your letter of February 12th, under Sabbatical

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Leaves, you state, "I am glad to know that our own mission has definitely gotten funds which can be used to back or help Sheng Kung Hui Universities for their Sabbatical Leaves." No such arrangements have ever been established by the National Council. Bishop Tucker, at our Fall Meeting of the Board of Founders, made a statement that was misleading. He said that funds could generally be found to help our own people and he thought that other mission boards were in a position to do the same. I personally had to work quite hard to get a $2,000 fellowship for Dr. Richard Bien. (By the way, we have never received the letter that he was going to write to us that you promised in one of your former letters. However it is not necessary as everything is quite in order.) You will be able to get from Dr. Fenn in Shanghai, if you have not already received it, the Associated Boards' Scholarship Plan. Dr. Sherman is going to write to you, as you will note from the minutes, regarding your proposals for obtaining passports for the candidates holding Hua Chung fellowship grants.

It has been a real pleasure to have John Coe here in New York on two different occasions. He is now in Virginia visiting his brother and may be back in New York this next week.

I will be writing to Dr. Ward very soon. You might tell him that we have placed an order for the library book stacks to be delivered by July 15th. I hope that they will arrive in China before the opening of the autumn term.

Perhaps you have already heard from your son John that he is going to go to Camp Great Neck as a counselor this summer. Camp Great Neck is one of the oldest and well established Church summer camps that I know of. It is run by St. Stephen's Church, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. The Rev. William Russell is the rector. I think it will be a fine experience for John to meet a large group of young American rough-necks, as well as being a healthy out-door life for him and a big change from his academic work.

I know there were many other things that I should write about but I must ring off. I hope that you are in good health and all is going well with the University. Dot joins me in love and very best wishes.

Affectionately yours,

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WL-10
May 20, 1947.

Received June 12

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Dear Mr. Lyford,

My last letter to you was WL-9 dated May 7 and I hope it has reached you safely.

Prices have been going up steeply and as one of the consequences there has been a great deal of unrest particularly among the teaching profession. Since the Central Government was re-organized, some important changes in the government scheme for paying subsidies to members of the teaching and administrative staffs of the educational institutions as well as the government personnel have been effected. The following are the items which affect us:

1. Beginning with April the Research Subsidies are to be trebled. This means that the professors get NC$150,000 instead of NC$50,000, the assistant professors NC$120,000, the lecturers NC$90,000 and the instructors and assistants NC$60,000. We pay these subsidies also to the administrative staff, but by Senate action yesterday only those for the higher ranking full time administrative staff members will get the multiple increase, while the lower rakning people of the full time administrative staff will not. This increase alone means NC$3,295,000 a month beginning from April. Multiply this amount by 4, and you will get the total increase for the rest of the academic year.

2. For the other subsidies the Goverment divides the country into five regions. FIRST region: Subsistence subsidy NC$340,000 for every salary earner; and 1800 times the basic salary. SECOND region: NC$290,000 and 1600 times the basic salary. THIRD region: NC$240,000 and 1300 times the basic salary. FOURTH region: NC$ 200,000 and 1000 times the basic salary. FIFTH region: N.C$170,000 and 800 times the basic salary.

The Wuhan cities are included by the Government in the Second region, and since it is the action of the Provisional Board of Directors of Huachung to follow the National Wuhan University in paying subsidies to our own faculty and staff members, we have to increase the subsidies from the month of May according to the figures for the Second Region. This particular increase means an additional cost to the university of NC$18,386,750 a month, and we have three months more. By these government actions we have to spend this term on regular salaries NC$68,340,250 more than our estimates in April. Roughly the total expenditure for this second term will be NC$270,000,000 not including rehabilitation or missionary salaries. There will be a deficit which we shall report in a later letter when I have worked it out with Paul Ward. To give you an idea what these increases

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mean concretely, I may say that a professor with the top salary of NC$600 basic will receive NC$1400,000 and a professor with the basic salary of NC$500 will receive NC$1,240,000 and so on. The lowest paid man, a clerk with basic salary of NC$50 gets NC$390,000 a month. It takes NC$19,000 now to buy what used to cost NC$1 before the war. For instance my own pay will be NC$1,400,000 a month from May, but the prewar purchasing power I get is only NC$73,16 or 20.9%.

There is the report that the Government is increasing again the research subsidies. Instead of three times the original, it is to be five times. If we should follow this, which I am afraid we must according to the principle adopted last July, it will mean another increase of NC$3,295,000 a month for three months from this month.

There has been a great deal of student disturbance in all the universities and colleges in the country, including several of the Christian universities. The students in the National Wuhan University are already on strike for three days to show their sympathy to the students in Nanking, Shanghai, Peiping and elsewhere. Our students may follow suit. If they should stop work for a number of days we would insist on their making it up before we would give them the credits. We may have to face this problem tomorrow. However, it will not be serious.

Commencement is scheduled to be held on June 21 unless there should be a strike, and then everything will have to be postponed. Such is education in China these days!

With the best wishes and the warmest regards,

Yours sincerely,

Francis C. Wei

P.S. - May 22 p.m. Our own students acted very sensibly. But this morning at 10:55 a large number of students from the National Wuhan University marched in & shouted slogans. I had forewarned our students & they remained calm. Only about twenty joined the crowd. Many newspaper correspondents were in watching & they admired our spirit. F.C.W.

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J. EARL FOWLER

May 29, 1947

Dear Mr. Fowler,

We, the students and faculty of Franklin and Marshall College, sent $400 through the WSSF Office and your office to Huachung University in China. Dr. Wei had visited our college and we had made certain commitments to him regarding the restocking of their library. This money was from the WSSF drive of last year and was sent in about October. Rec. 20. 46

We have heard no acknowledgement from China concerning the money and were wondering if it had lost its tag in certain channels.

It would be greatly appreciated by us if you would write Dr. Wei concerning it if he is not already aware of it. We feel it will aid in our next WSSF drive if we have an acknowledgement that our funds are reaching

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their destination.

We thank you sincerely and remain

Cordially yours,

H. Stanley Dunn

H. Stanley Dunn
Chairman of WSSF Committee
F and M College

Dec 1905
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[illegible] on Dec 11, 1905. The [illegible] check was issued
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China"
We do not want to have any letter quote if you
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June 2, 1947

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

Dear Francis:

Since I wrote you on May second concerning the meeting of the Executive Committee on April twenty-ninth, I have attended a meeting of the Committee on Faculty Scholarships of the United Board; a committee of which I am now a member. At that meeting applications for scholarships came in from most of the Christian Colleges in China. We had considerable data about each candidate but it was mostly impersonal. We were guided by the order of the choice of the applying College according to the numbering; 1,2,3,4.

The Committee unaminously felt the scholarships would be granted to a Christian wherever possible as a means of strengthening the Christian character of the College. This limited the choice of the four names appearing from Huachung to Wu Tsi-hsin and Lin Chin-yu. I've noticed that Paul Wu is accepted in London University as well as at Teachers College and it was suggested that he apply for an English scholarship and the United Board Scholarship go to Lin Chin-yu. Thus Huachung would have two. If this is now not practical because of the time element you can, of course, send Paul Wu to the United States.

The funds permitted the granting of one scholarship only to each college in China this year. I presume Mr. Corbett or Dr. McMullen have written you about our action. The amount varies according to expenses. It is estimated approximately as follows:

Travel two ways not to exceed $1,000. according to destination in the U. S.		
Maintenance (Board and lodging)	1,200.	($100 monthly)
Clothing, etc.	600.	
Books	200.	
Medical care	300.	
	$3,300. approimately	

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I have today received a copy of your letter of May first to Earl Fowler. I am distressed to hear of all the trouble about deeds but delighted to hear about the satisfactdpn of the diocesan Synod mmebers with the plan for theological education at Huachung and equally happy to hear of your far reaching plan to train teachers in religious education for the Christian middle schools in central China.

I am glad you mentioned the theological faculty needs in your letter. Mr. Titus who is personnel secretary will be helped by this reinforcement of his efforts to secure the men needed.

I must mention too the joy I feel in hearing of the missionary interest in the College and Boone Middle School manifested in the raising of fellowship money.

The Missionary Education Movement has imported a few copies of Gilbert Baker's recent book The Changing Scene in China and like it so much they are going to republish it in the United States for background reading on China which is the foreign mission study theme in the Churches in this country and Canada for 1947. I secured some of these English copies and am sending one on to you. Some changes will be made in the American edition in order to bring it up to date.

Ever with my affectionate regards,

C. M. Pherson

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June 5, 1947.

Mr. H. Stanley Dunn, Chairman,
W. S. S. F. Committee,
Franklin and Marshall College,
Lancaster, Pa.

Dear Mr. Dunn:

Your letter of May 29th to Mr. Fowler has been referred to me. It is evident that some oversight has occurred for which we are sincerely regretful.

The check for $400. was received but there seems to be no record of a covering letter. This was a check of the World Student Service Fund and was deposited in the account of Hua Chung College in the National City Bank of New York, New York City, on November 11th, 1946. The slip which accompanied the check stated "for support of Hua Chung College in China". As there is no reference on the slip to the fact that the money was intended for the re-stocking of the University's library, our Assistant Treasurer assumed that it was for regular operating purposes, and therefore did not report it to Dr. Wei as a special item.

This slip-up is just too bad and we are extremely sorry that you have not been advised of the importance which this amount means to the University at this time. We are getting along fairly well with the reconstruction of our buildings and furnishing new equipment, but our great need is for additions to the library, so I hope you will assure your associates that we are advising Dr. Wei at once about this matter and explaining to him the mistake which has been made. I certainly would have advised you at once had I received information regarding this liberal donation.

Yours very sincerely,

Oliver S. Lyford

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June 3, 1947.

Dr. Francis C. N. Wei, President,
Hua Chung University,
Wuchang, CHINA.

Dear Francis:

It has been impossible for me to write letters for some time and I will not discuss your recent letters in this letter, except to say that I have your letters L-63, L-64 and WL-7. Also, I have today received your letter WL-10. I will answer these letters in detail within a few days.

First about your personal account of which I should have written you long ago:

The figures on Mr. Greiner's books are summarized on the sheet which I attach hereto. This shows the balance on hand on February 24th, 1947, as only $299.85. I thought there must be some mistake about this so I had a talk with Mr. White about the disbursements of the Theological Seminary and found, in addition to the amount shown on the attached sheet, he had paid you $1200. plus a small item of $1.98, making a total of $2500., exclusive of the apartment. This seems to be in line with the understanding that Dr. Sherman, Dr. Van Dusen and I had before you left China, and with this understanding I hope that the statement will be satisfactory.

The second ~~letter~~ matter, I would like to report, confidentially relates to the Lo family. I wrote to you sometime ago regarding Mrs. Lo's expenses, but it is only recently that we have come to a definite understanding with Dr. Lo. I wrote him on April 22nd, as follows:

(for sabbatical leave)

"Under this plan, you are entitled to a Chinese salary for the sabbatical year equivalent to the salary plus subsidies received by you for the year just previous to your "leave" and plus U.S. $800. to be applied on steamship and railway charges. You will not be entitled to payment on account of living expenses in the U. S. as those are being covered by the salary received from Franklin and Marshall College at Lancaster.

"I understand from Mr. Coe that he does not have any charges on his books for your travel expenses as such

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charges have been transferred to the New York office. The total amount paid to or for you by the New York office is U.S. $323. which leaves a balance of $417. due you for travel expenses. I also understand from Mr. Coe that your salary for the sabbatical year, on the basis outlined above, is equivalent to U.S. $1000. Therefore the balance due to you at present under the terms of the sabbatical leave is U.S. $1417.

"Mr. Fowler advises me that the cost of your steamship fares for yourself and family is $935. and the railway fares will be $315. Therefore there appears to be $167. available for your expenses other than travel. "

and in reply, he asked if it would not be consistent with Mrs. Lo's intention of teaching at Hua Chung that she be treated like any other American, and her travel expenses paid to China.

This matter was placed before the Hua Chung Executive Committee and after discussion it was decided that it would be practicable to pay an additional amount of $400. because of the very unusual circumstances of this case. This amount increased the balance due him of $1417. to $1817. Mr. Fowler had already purchased the steamship tickets, the price being $935., leaving a balance of $882., which we have paid to Mr. Lo.

The Lo family have had more hard luck recently. The little boy had a severe squint in one eye which had to be operated on at once, and I believe the cost amounts to something like $850. I do not know how this is being financed as no further request has been made upon us. Also, Dr. Lo was very anxious to have a few days for conferences with Professors at Yale and Harvard before his return as he has had no time for refreshment in his line, having been confined almost constantly to his work at Lancaster.

The third matter of a somewhat personal nature is the payment of $400. which we received from Mr. H. Stanley Dunn of Franklin and Marshall College last November, but of which no suitable acknowledgment was made until today when I received a letter from Mr. Dunn stating that they had received no acknowledgment from China concerning the money and were wondering

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if it "had lost its tag in certain channels". Evidently that is a good description of just what has happened. I have apologized to him today, but would request that you write to him at once telling him that this information has just reached you and that the money will be used for re-stocking your library, as they understood from you at the time you visited their College. Mr. Dunn's address is as follows:

Mr. H. Stanley Dunn, Chairman,
W. S. S. F. Committee,
Franklin and Marshall College,
Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

Very cordially yours,

Oliver S. Lyford

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Encl.

P. S. - At the meeting of the Executive Committee on April 28, it was voted that your salary for the period of sabbatical leave be paid at the rate of U. S. $1,200. We await your instructions as to how you desire want this delivered

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WL - 11
June 4, 1947

Mr. Oliver S. Lyford
54 Dana Place, Englewood, N. J.
U. S. A.

Dear Mr. Lyford:

My last letter to you was WL-10 dated May 20, 1947.

The first thing I wish to report is that we seem to have weathered the storm of student disturbances in the whole country. Before yesterday none of us could know what was to happen. Students in all universities and colleges were in a very excited mood and seemed to be ready to do almost everything. For over ten days we had tried our best to guide the students along a reasonable line of action. We took the stand that first, there could be no strike tolerated and before students could get promotion or graduate, they must fulfill all the requirements; secondly, every student must be free to take part or not in the demonstration in the city, and there should be no coercion anywhere; thirdly, if there should be any violation of university regulation, the student will be held responsible, and if they should have any bad consequences for violations of the law of the land or the executive orders of the government, we would not be responsible.

On Sunday morning June 1, arrests of students were made in both the National Wuhan University and in the other private university by the name of Chung Hua. The arrests in Chung Hua on Sunday morning were made quietly, but when the military went to Wuhan University outside the city, the students had a clash with the military leading to the death of three students and a number wounded. According to the reports we have been able to receive so far, the 18 students arrested had been released, and so also 5 of the 6 professors. No news has been received with regard to the students arrested from Chung Hua University or from other professional colleges. We were very fortunate that the military and the police did not get near to us early on Sunday morning.

On Monday, June 2, the day scheduled for nation-wide demonstration, our lectures continued as usual, but about 120 students out of the 380 went out quietly and in a very orderly manner to Wuhan University in order to express their sympathy to, and their sorrow for, the disastrous conflict between the students and the military on Sunday morning. As their action was not against government order or our own regulation, we allowed them to go out and I sent a professor on a bicycle to follow behind so that if there should be any clash between them and the police, the professor might bring them back by my order. But they got to Wuhan University and stayed for the memorial meeting for the dead and came back safely about 8 o'clock in the evening.

In the meantime the general faculty had its regular monthly meeting and decided that students who missed their lectures on Monday must either make up the lectures or produce a letter of request for leave of absence on that day from their parents. A notice was posted out yesterday June 3, and the students who have to make up lectures

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are arranging with their professors for the make-ups. There is no trace of any ill-feeling among the students whatsoever as far as their attitude towards the university authorities is concerned. Thus another storm has blown over. We do not know what is coming next. It is quite a problem for the government to settle the affair in the Wuhan University. If our students should be absolutely left alone by external forces, I am sure they will behave well. We seem to have more respect of Chinese society for the way we have handled the situation during the last weeks.

Term examinations for seniors and sophomores are about finished and our Intermediate for sophomores and Final Examinations for seniors will begin in another week, while term examinations for freshmen and juniors will begin on June 11. We are going to have our Bacculaureate Service for the graduates on Saturday morning, June 21, with the Rev. Stephen Chang of St. Paul's Cathedral in Hankow as the preacher, and we are inviting the governor of Hupeh to be the Commencement speaker, when we hold the graduating exercises in the afternoon of the same day. At the present moment, all students seem to be busy getting ready for the examinations and in less than three weeks summer vacation will begin, on June 21. It is very distressing that there have been strikes in several of the Christian universities and political arrests have been made in some of them. We are very thankful that we are entirely free from political complications.

I have just heard from Bishop Gilman that Dr. Van Sant has been appointed by the National Council of the Protestant Episcopal Church in America to teach Economics here, and that he and his wife will be in Wuchang next Fall.

We are looking forward to the arrival of Dr. and Mrs. Brank Fulton. We are expecting Dr. Fulton to teach Christian Ethics and Applied Christianity. Dr. Taylor has been visiting Yuanling in Hunan and he has written back that the Evangelical and United Brethren Church is quite prepared to begin active co-operation with our work here by sending to us a missionary to teach German, and the wife may be able to teach French. According to Dr. Taylor, the Evangelical and United Brethren Church in Hunan may undertake the support of Dr. Pu Hwang who is originally a member of that Church. I have written to Mr. Farnham in Changsha making these requests, and asking also that they consider the possibility of ereeting a hostel for the men students and at least one house for their representatives when they are appointed. Of course we request also that they should continue their money appropriation of US$1000 annually. I sent a duplicate copy of my letter to Mr. Farnham asking him to forward to Dr. Carl Heimiller of that mission in America. I hope something will materialize from this proposal. With the best wishes and affectionate regards,

Yours sincerely,

s/s Francis C. M. Wei

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June 25, 1947

Huachung Fellowship Committee
Kindness of Dr. George Bien, Secretary
The University

Gentlemen:

In regard to the Huachung Fellowship for the year 1947-1948 I was notified to produce my passport not later than July 15. I have a passport already, so I am just waiting for my turn to present it to the Committee. I learned that the first candidate is asking for an extension for the date previously set. If the date should be extended, may I petition that you will kindly grant the same fellowship for 1948-1949 be advanced and be awarded this summer? I petition on the ground that in preparation for the present opportunity I have recently be awarded by Brown University, U.S.A. a scholarship covering the tuition-fee for the year 1947-1948. Since I shall hardly meet my expenses for studying abroad without this scholarship and since I can hardly expect to get one for the year 1948-1949 after failing to go this year I ask for your kind and generous consideration now. I hope and believe you will certainly give any possible help to enable members of the faculty to obtain advanced training. I petition on the ground that I shall be the first candidate for the Huachung Fellowship 1948-1949. And last and least of all, I petition on the ground that I have served all of my five professional years in the university with all my might.

Truly yours,

Chung-te Ying

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WL-12.

June 27, 1947.

Copies to Mr. Sherman, Dr. Fowler
Dr. Greiner, Mr. McMullen, Yale-in-China
Mr. Hobbs F. Erbman
Evang. & Ref. Church
1505 Race St,
Philadelphia

Received July 7
Read by Cor. July 8
Ans July 10

Mr. Oliver S. Lyford
54 Dana Place
Englewood, New Jersey
U. S. A.

Dear Mr. Lyford:

I received during the last week your letter of June 3,1947, unnumbered, and have noted the contents. With regard to my personal account I shall write you later, possibly on my way to the South.

My last letter to you was WL-11, dated June 4,1947.

Now I can report that we have gone through the year without any unpleasantness. Thanks to the wonderful morale of the faculty and the sensibleness of the students as a whole, we weathered one of the most severe storms of student disturbances without any mishap. Perhaps we are the only college, public or private, which has not had any student strike during the year. We have not missed a single class on account of student trouble, and there is no ill feeling between the student body and the university authorities. For this we are getting a very good reputation locally, and in a way nationally.

Commencement was on June 21st with the baccalaureate service at 10 o'clock in the morning, Dean Constantine preaching because the Rev. Stephen Chang of St. Paul's Cathedral in Hankow gave very short notice that he was not able to come. Two of the twenty-four members of the senior class failed in their final examinations, the twenty-two received their degrees at the graduating ceremony at 2 o'clock, June 21st. The Governor of Hupeh was the Commencement speaker.

The Board of Directors is meeting tomorrow, when I shall make my report as President, and Paul Ward will report on the finances of the year. We have not quite closed our books, but we know pretty closely how we stand financially for this year. There was a deficit of $US 5,213 for the first term, which was due largely to the very unfavorable exchange for the greater part of the term. Subsidies have been greatly increased during the second term, as we have reported, but the exchange situation has been favorable, so we expect to close the second term with probably a deficit of only $US 500. Paul Ward will send you the detailed financial report for the whole year.

Here are some matters that require prompt attention of either the Board of Founders or the Hua Chung Committee of the United Board. I am not sure which is now functioning.

7-48 Mr. Donald Wang of the Department of English has been granted the Hua Chung fellowship of $US1200 for this year, and he is still in the process of getting his passport from the Chinese Government, for which the Senate has extended the time limit to July 15. After that the grant will lapse. His prospects of getting the passport are good. Therefore you have to count on the allocation of $US 1200 for his fellowship for this year.

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Mr. Chung-Fu Ying has been granted the Hua Chung fellowship for 1948. Enclosed is a copy of his petition to anticipate his fellowship to go abroad this year. The Senate which acts as the Hua Chung fellowship committee has passed the following resolution:

> If whereas the first Hua Chung fellowship lapsed because the appointee Mr. Wu failed to obtain a passport; whereas the fellowships for 1947-48, 1948-49, have been granted; whereas the provision for the two fellowships is US $2,300.00; and whereas the first candidate for 1947-48, Mr. Wang, has been granted a further extension of time to secure his passport; in fairness to Mr. Ying, be it resolved that his petition be recommended to the Board of Founders for antedating the fellowship by one year if possible.

If you should get the proper action of the University authorities in New York approving this recommendation of the Senate, please cable if possible before July 15th to Dr. Pu Huang, because I am leaving for Canton on Sunday for a month of vacation.

I expect to return to Wuchang during the first week of August and then go to Shanghai about August 18 to attend the General Synod of the Episcopal Church in China.

I regret that due to the pressure of work and lack of secretarial aids I have not been able to write out my annual report for presentation to the Board of Directors tomorrow, as I used to do in previous years. I shall make a verbal report rather in detail tomorrow and prepare the written report after my return from the South to be submitted to your Board.

With affectionate regards, yours sincerely,

Frances C. McMillan

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July 8, 1947

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

My dear Dr. Wei:

Your letter of June twenty-seventh has come during Mr. Fowler's absence from the office. I know how distressed you will be to hear that Mr. Fowler is in the hospital where he is recuperating from an operation performed about ten days ago. All reports are that he is making fine progress and Mrs. Fowler hopes to have him home soon. However, I am afraid he will be out of the office most of the summer.

I am handing on your letter regarding Tai Chin Hsieo to Fr. Swift for his consideration and suggestions. Fr. Swift is out of town at present but is expected back in the office by the middle of this month. I am sure you will be hearing from him as soon as he has had an opportunity to give your letter the proper attention.

I hope you have had a most enjoyable visit home with plenty of opportunity for rest and relaxation.

With every good wish.

Very cordially yours,

(Mrs. Robert E. Holloway)
Secretary to Mr. Fowler

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Englewood, July 10, 1947

Letter W-102 O.S.L. copy

Dr. Pu Huang,
Huachung University,
Wuchang, China.

My dear Sir:

I received Dr. Wei's letter of June 27 and have conferred with John Coe and with the United Board's officials about the fellowship problem. I understand that the two fellowships proposed by the Senate had no reference to the Associated Board's fellowships, and that the reference to Mr. Wei's failure to obtain passport relates only to a Huachung fellowship granted for 1946-47. If this understanding is correct you apparently are treating the Associated Boards fellowship as additional to the Huachung fellowships.

The resolution of the Senate appropriates $2,300. which Mr. Coe says is the total of the funds "accumulated" during the four years previous to July 31, 1947 for junior members of the staff to assist in financing the cost of study abroad. However "accumulated" apparently means placing amounts in the budget of each year. If we were ever advised of this procedure I have failed to comprehend what it meant; and have not placed the plan before the Huachung Board for approval.

As long as the actual operating expenses exceeded the operating income each year by at least $600. this could have been a real "accumulation" if the money actually had been set aside annually. For the years previous to 1946-47 this could have been done, but for this current year it will not be possible and the $1,700. for the three years previous were not set aside, as far as I know.

There are other phases to this problem. For instance, the proposed payment of $US 1,150. each, to the two candidates, is nowhere near enough to cover the cost for travel, maintenance and tuition for a college year in the United States. This cost is estimated to be about as follows:

1.	Travel, up to	$1,000.
2.	Maintenance, up to	1,800.
3.	Tuition, up to	500.
		$3,300.

Each candidate must agree to keep these costs as low as possible, but the University must know that at least this amount is available somewhere before a fellowship shall be granted. A number of Chinese students are stranded in the United States because they came without enough funds. They are appealing to mission boards and the United Board for help which is far beyond the funds available for such purpose. The United States is looked upon by the whole World as a fairy god-mother, and our Government was just that until the war was over and we began to realize that this liberality was all paid for with borrowed money and the debts must be paid. Now, however, our government and the generous givers in it are beginning to realize that caution is necessary. In addition to this deterrant, the serious internal difficulties in China are well known in this country, and enthusiasm regarding China and its future has cooled greatly.

Another phase of the Huachung fellowship problem is its relation to the Associated Boards Fellowship Plan. In the latter case the Associated Board (before the United Board took over) began by actually setting aside in a separate account money for fourteen fellowships. Then,

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after careful consideration, they set up a definite method of selecting candidates. As you probably know, one of these fellowships was awarded to Mr. Wei Tsai-hsin. Mr. Corbett of the United Board sent to him on June 26, 1947, an admission certificate from Teachers College of Columbia University for 1947-48. Sufficient money too is available. I assume that he will accept the appointment and come as soon as possible, provided he can now secure the passport which he could not secure earlier. If he cannot accept it, Mr. Lin Chin-Yu is the only member of Huachung faculty who might possibly be selected for 1947-48 as the report on his case is available for further consideration. No one else could secure the appointment for 1947-48 because of the time necessary for the Committee investigating, et cetera. I cannot say definitely that Mr. Lin can get the appointment, but we will do the best we can to bring this about. In this connection please review letter of April 3, 1947 by Dr. McMullen to the President of the Christian Colleges, copy of which must have been received at Wuchang.

In view of the Associated Board Plan and the other difficulties, it occurs to both Mr. Coe and me that this whole question of Huachung Fellowships should be reviewed before any more candidates are appointed.

In the light of all the above discussion, I am sending to you today the following cablegram:

"Huachung University, Wuchang China
Deeply regret cannot approve university fellowships senate proposed unless about 2800 dollars per person besides tuition available outside New York Huachung balances which must be conserved. New American money coming very slowly. Associated Boards fellowship for Wu Tsaihsin for new college year financed with special funds. New Teachers College admission certificate sent him June 26. If he cannot come please cable immediately whether Lin Chinyu available"

I hope this will be understood and that the other candidates will be able to adjust themselves to the disappointment. I fear that disappointment will be portion of many Chinese and other persons for the next year or two. It has been far from pleasant to have to write such a discouraging letter as this. I feel quite sure that within a year the cloud will begin to lift.

Dr. Wei's report, in his letter of June 27, regarding the wonderful morale of faculty and students during the college year just closing, is very gratifying and will be reported to all of our Huachung committee and to the officers of the United Board. That you have kept the operating cost so close to the budget is indeed a remarkable exploit. Such conservatism in management greatly strengthens the faith in Huachung by all your friends and will assure a fair share of all available funds.

I am glad to report that Mr. Fowler is recovering quite rapidly from his operation. He has been taken back to his home and is reported to be in very good form.

I am glad that Dr. Wei is to have a month's vacation. The strain which he has had to carry since the return from Hsichow certainly have been very great.

Please give my warmest regards to all of my friends.

Yours very sincerely,

Olivia S. Lyford
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August 13, 1947
Englewood, New Jersey
Letter W-103

Dr. Francis C. M. Wei
President, HuaChung University

My dear Sir:

There have been long gaps in my letters, my last being my W-101 of March 14th and my W-102 of July 10 addressed to Dr. Pu Huang and confirming my cablegram of the same date.

I have been of very little use for the last four months, but I am very glad to report that the treatment with Beta Rays at John Hopkins Hospital was quite successful and my eyes are practically back to normal condition. Other wise I am ok, except that I have to move and think too slowly.

I try to remain serene under the handicap of age, but it is difficult not to press too hard in these times of world-wide disturbance and general restlessness. Evidently my main opportunity will be as a counsellor from now on. We must have younger men for active leadership in the United Board generally and in Hua Chung particularly. Whatever may develop in the Government of China, HuaChung must be a vital "cell" of faith and hope and effectiveness and we here must make this possible for you. We look to you, Francis, as our great leader and we propose to continue to back you to the limit of our ability. We rejoice also in the strong men and women, - Chinese and Western - in your faculty who share in your leadership.

August is the month devoted largely to vacation and all work here is at a low ebb. It is impossible to "team up" for planning or making decisions but much individual thinking is going on. Action will begin early in September and I shall do all I can to keep HuaChung in the forefront. I am sure that the other representatives of HuaChung will do the same.

As you know, the campaign of the U.S.C. for funds is having hard sledding. How the United Board will make up for this remains to be seen. I feel sure, however, that we of HuaChung can carry conviction that ours is one of the most promising movements inthe World for the advancement of Christian living. This is my conviction as I look back upon the history of nearly 60 years during which I have had an active part in about 30 organizations, - industrial, educational and religious. My faith in Christianity as a foundation for a world of peace, justice and sound economics becomes greater than ever as I am able to see more clearly how the Divine Force is working. It is interesting to look back and observe how the life and training of an industrial engineer can work effectively with ministers, educators and missionaries in the spirit of good-will.

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I have reviewed your letters WL-8, 9, 10 and 11 and your letter of June 27 which I have marked "WL-12". Here are my comments:

I regret greatly that my letter of July 10 had to be very discouraging but nothing has happened since to change its dark color. I am very anxious to know what adjustments have been made and what persons are coming. I hope to receive a letter from you soon about this.

The change in representation on Board of Directors and in the Huachung Committee which was proposed at the meeting of your Executive Committee will receive favorable consideration by the Huachung Committee and by the United Board but the procedure should begin with recommendations from you as to the persons to constitute the new Board of Directors. If possible, we should have these recommendations in September so that they can be considered by our Executive Committee and reported at the regular October meeting of the whole Huachung Committee. Changes will be necessary in the Constitution of the Board of Directors to meet the circumstances resulting from the union with the United Board. We have not attempted to put these changes in legal form and frankly there are so many uncertainties in both China and the U.S. that I hesitate to tackle these formalities at present. In the meantime, however, as has been suggested before, there is no reason why the Directors should not invite the Evangelical United Brethren to appoint a representative to set with the Directors at their meetings and take part in their discussions without vote.

More important than any legal changes is the necessity for a formal reorganization of the Board of Directors with a complete representation as called for in the present Constitution. This is a necessary preparation for any official inquiries which may arise. At the first meeting of the reorganized Board a resolution should be passed which formally provides for the resumption of its regular functions under the Constitution and By-laws, which functions were taken over temporarily, as an emergency action, by the Board of Trustees under the agreement which was filed by you with the Chinese Government. A formal notice from you to Dr. Sherman as Chairman, reporting this action will be the basis for action by the members of the Board of Trustees of Huachung College in which these functions will be resigned.

I assume that after such action the Board of Trustees of Huachung College will vote itself out of office and will cease to exist as such. The whole Board membership has been elected by the United Board to membership for the current year, in the special Huachung Committee. Therefore the change is mostly one of title.

We are waiting somewhat impatiently for the financial report for the University Year 1946-47. We know, however, that the work to be done on it may take most of this month, particularly as it will have to include rehabilitation expense as well as operations. Paul Ward's letter L-63 and L-64 will be very helpful in enabling us to interpret the report when it arrives.

Your reports of June 4 and 27 regarding the fine morale of the faculty and the sensibleness of the student body as a whole were very gratifying. Your letters have been circulated and have made very favorable impressions.

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I understand that Dr. McMullen is sending at this time a letter to the University Presidents. I have not seen a copy but I suspect that you may misunderstand about his access to reports from HuaChung. I have submitted to him all the letters from you since last March and expect to keep him fully advised of all future letters. I have told him that you have not had time to prepare your annual report for 1946-47 but that we may expect this soon. I presume you will send copies to both Dr. McMullen and myself. I will have it duplicated and sent to all members of the Huachung Committee.

I hope Dr. Fenn is correct regarding the possibility that Harvard Yencheng will add to their grant of help to the Christian Colleges and I hope that the recommendation of the Huachung Senate for $25,000 for new books will appeal to them.

In your letter of May 7, WL-9 you reported grants from the Ministry of Education for current budget and for additional rehabilitation. Were these received, and do you think that any other grants are possible under the present political and economic conditions?

I hand you herewith a sheet prepared by Mr. Greiner which contains a summary of the assets held by Central China College Foundation which are subject to appropriation for Huachung University on approved requests from the Treasurer of the University. Please note that this statement shows conditions as of July 18, 1947. Since then we have received from Yale-in-China their contribution of $5000 for operations in 1946-47 and a notice that we shall receive shortly a contribution of $2,300. to be applied to the restoration of the Yale-in-China building on the campus.

Please give my warmest regards to all of my friends, and this includes the men and women on the faculty whom I know only by name.

Very cordially yours,

Oliver S. Lyford

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Assets held by Central China College Foundation for Hua Chung College

As of July 18, 1947

Operating Funds

	Cash balance in the National City Bank of N.Y.			
1	Reserve account	$ 17,172.68		
2	Joint account	3,408.08		
			$ 20,580.76	
3	Receivable from Dom.&For. Missionary Soc.(Miss Johnston)		44,000.00	
4	" " Dr. John F. Lo		3,863.08	
5	" " Central China College Foundation		703.66	
	Total operating Funds			$ 69,147.50

Special Funds

6	Proctor Johnston Building Fund		$107,287.68	
7	Rehabilitation Fund:			
	Cash in National City Bk (Reserve)	$ 11,808.18		
	Receivable from Dom.&For.Miss.Soc.	28,023.35	39,831.53	
8	Miscellaneous Specials		2,125.00	
9	Scholarship Funds:			
	Holmes Scholarship Fund	$ 5,160.00		
	Yunan Student's Scholarship Fund	7,654.00		
	Dr. Wei's Scholarship Fund	2,253.34	15,067.34	
10	Dr. Wei's Special Travel Fund		468.81	$164,780.36
	TOTAL ASSETS			$233,927.86

John
I have changed the heading to be consistent with Paul Wanda camouflage.
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