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

Dear Mr. Smith:

We have just received from President Francis
G. M. Wei a communication of Christmas greetings, which
he would like to have spread as widely as possible, both
in publications and otherwise. I am sending you a copy
of the message for your use in case you have not already
received one directly from him.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

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

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

(Signed) J. Stewart
President, Canton Union
Theological College

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

Hsichow,
Tali,
Yunnan,
China.

November 25th, 1939.

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January 29, 1940

Ack. 2/1/40

Mr. B. A. Garside
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear B. A.:

You did a difficult job very well on Thursday night at the China Colleges dinner. It must have been a hard task to address that large gathering at such short notice, but let me say for two that my wife and I enjoyed your thrilling account of the work of the China Colleges.

For my own information I would appreciate some of the essential data which you illustrated your speech with. I am thinking in particular of the names of some of the men and women who have graduated from the China Colleges and are now holding important positions, both privately and with the government. Would it be convenient for you to send me a brief paragraph with this information?

We tried to get in touch with you before the dinner but I guess you were so busy with many things that we couldn't find you. I hope that Mrs. Smith will have the pleasure of meeting you at the Hartford Panel meeting on February 5.

Very cordially yours,

Bob Smith

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February 1, 1940

Dear Bob,

I have your letter of the 29th. Glad that you enjoyed the China Colleges Dinner. I was particularly anxious to have the privilege of meeting Mrs. Smith, and am sorry that I did not have the opportunity to do so. Between helping with last minute details of arrangements, and getting ready to pinch hit for Arthur Rugh if necessary, I did not have much time to stroll around among the guests and to greet all the friends.

We are planning to publish an eight page or twelve page pamphlet in which we will include the addresses and citations given at the dinner. This will probably give you the information you need. But if you would like a longer list of the graduates of our Colleges who are now occupying important positions in China, that could be prepared in almost any length you want, either from Who's Who in China or from other sources we have available. Perhaps the best procedure would be for us to wait until we get the pamphlet of the addresses and citations ready, and for you then to indicate what else you need.

With all good wishes, I am

Very cordially yours,

Mr. Robert A. Smith
905-A Yale Station
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NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT

February 14, 1940

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Dr. B. A. Garside
ABCCC - 150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear B. A.:

I shall be looking forward to the pamphlet including the addresses and citations given at the China Colleges dinner in New York. I think it probably will satisfy my immediate requirements. I was particularly interested in your speech as it was a very informative one.

I was glad to see you in Hartford last week. It was a pleasure to take part in the panel discussion. I think on the whole the dinner was a very successful one. The informality of the presentation of the China Colleges to the Hartford group seemed to be a very excellent technique. I think Dr. Harlow is a good man to have interested in our work.

Very cordially yours,

Robert Ashton Smith
Executive Secretary

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February 19, 1940

Mr. Robert A. Smith
Yale-in-China Association
905A Yale Station
New Haven, Connecticut

Dear Bob,

I enclose a copy of the addresses at our China
Colleges dinner on the evening of January 25. Under separate
cover we are sending you fifty copies of this pamphlet. If
you need any more, please let us know - we have a fairly liberal
supply on hand.

It was pleasant to see you in Hartford, and I was
happy to have the privilege of meeting Mrs. Smith. I thought
the Hartford dinner was very interesting and worth while.

Very cordially yours,

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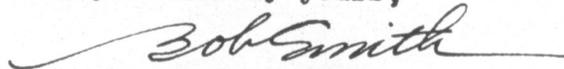
February 20, 1940

Dr. B. A. Garside
ABCCC - 150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear B. A.:

Thank you for your letter and the fifty copies of the pamphlet which I have just received. I am making good use of the addresses and have sent copies to all members of the Hua Chung Board who attended the last meeting. I told them about it at that time and they seemed very anxious to see what the Ambassador had said. The message which you brought before the assemblage was highly significant and I am glad to have the facts which it presented.

Very sincerely yours,



Robert Ashton Smith

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February 22, 1940

Mr. Oliver J. Caldwell
ABCCC - 150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Oliver:

Thank you for your good letter of February 20 which I have just received. We have been faced with the same problem of getting books for our units in China. Some time ago I issued an appeal in one of my regular News Bulletins, and I am happy to say it met with considerable success. The result was that I will be able to satisfy the needs of the Yale-in-China Middle School. Fortunately the Medical College was able to move so much of their equipment, and all the necessary parts of their library, that they have not been faced with the same emergency, except in so far as they must continue to get up-to-date journals.

Hua Chung College is another matter and this, of course, is the unit where you and I would work together to solve the problem. I have received several times this year book lists for the School of Science (of Hua Chung College), and these we have been able to secure through our appropriation to Hua Chung. I know that the general library of the College is also in need of books, although a list of their requirements has not been received at this office. I will get more definite information in my next communication with Dr. Wei and let you know then in what ways you can be of help to Hua Chung. Again, let me say I appreciate your willingness to help and I will do everything in my power to secure the proper information.

Indeed, it is not too late to congratulate me on my recent marriage. I hope that you will be able to come to New Haven sometime and that I will have the pleasure of introducing you to my wife.

Very cordially yours,

Bob Smith

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April 5, 1940

Mr. B. A. Garside
ABCCC, 150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear B. A.:

I cannot begin to say how much I approve of the "Statement on the Conflict in Eastern Asia". I read it with a great deal of interest and enthusiasm. I wonder if a few more copies might be forthcoming to my office. I have a gentleman in Pittsburgh who thinks the Japanese are trying to promote peaceful relations with China, and who also is afraid the China Colleges are hot beds of Communism. I wish to enlighten him.

Very sincerely yours,

Bob Smith

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October 4, 1940

*Ack. 10/8/40
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Mr. Joseph I. Parker
ABCCC
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Mr. Parker:

I did not answer your letter by return mail because I hoped some information would come to give you the enrollment figures for Hua Chung College. Our last group of field correspondence came without a letter from Hua Chung. The only thing that I can do is make an estimate based on their figures of last spring and the mention of their freshman expectations. At Commencement time the total enrollment of Hua Chung was ninety-five students. Twenty-two graduated. They had one hundred and twenty-seven prospective freshmen pass the entrance examinations this summer. Dr. Wei said it would be impossible to know how many would be able to reach the College. With this information I would suggest that we list the Hua Chung enrollment for the fall as approximately one hundred and fifty.

I am very sorry that this information is not available in any more concrete form. The pressure of work in the Yale-in-China office is preventing me from attending the meeting of the Executive Committee this afternoon.

Very sincerely yours,

Bob Smith

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October 10, 1940

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

Dear Mr. Smith:

The other day at the Executive Committee meeting, Mr. Lyford reported that the Hua Chung Board had made certain nominations to the standing committees of the Associated Boards. In reporting these to the Committee, he named the various people, but could not recall who was nominated as alternate on the Committee on Promotion. Two of the names he mentioned are people who have not heretofore appeared on our list of the Hua Chung Board, Dr. J. T. Addison and Mr. Whitney, and in this last instance, Mr. Lyford could not recall Mr. Whitney's initials.

Will you please let me know as quickly as possible what the appointments were, so that we can make the proper recording since the Executive Committee acted upon the nominations in agreement with the list as made by the Hua Chung Board? If you can give me the entire list of all appointments to all committees, this will officially check up the names given by Mr. Lyford from memory.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

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October 11, 1940

Mr. Joseph I. Parker
ABCCC
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Mr. Parker:

In reply to your letter of October 10 the
appointments to the committees are as follows:

Executive: Dr. Edwin C. Lobenstine, with
Dr. John W. Wood, Alternate.
Finance: Mr. Oliver S. Lyford, with Mr. Whitney,
Alternate.
Promotion: Dr. A. L. Warnshuis, with
Dr. J. K. Shryock, Alternate.
Christian Character, Staff and
Curriculum: Dr. A. V. Casselman, with
Dr. Arthur M. Sherman, Alternate.

Mr. Whitney is a name which has not previously
appeared on our records either, and I am checking with Dr.
Wood as to his initials, and have asked him to write you
the information likewise.

Very sincerely yours,


Associate Secretary

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October 21, 1940

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

Dear Mr. Smith:

Thank you very much for your letter of October 11, and the information regarding appointments to the Associated Boards committees. Your speedy and prompt answer was very much appreciated.

I understand that Mr. Whitney is the Assistant Treasurer of the Protestant Episcopal Board, and that he will probably be appointed to the Hua Chung Board upon Dr. Wood's retirement. It is a bit unusual to have a person appointed to our committees who is not a member of the constituent boards. I have talked to Mr. Lyford about this and it is his suggestion that it might be possible to have Mr. Whitney appointed as an alternate on the Hua Chung Board, which would make him then a full member of our Associated Boards.

Mr. Lyford has also suggested that it would be very helpful if a copy of the minutes of the meetings of the Hua Chung Board could be sent to our office, so that we may keep up to date upon matters of common interest. If it is possible for us to have minutes of the meetings as they are held, we can assure you that we will not only appreciate the privilege of having them, but will see that the information contained in the minutes is kept strictly for the information of our Secretaries.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

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October 22, 1940
Ack. 10/24/40

Mr. B. A. Garside
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear B. A.:

At the last meeting of the Yale-in-China Board of Trustees a vote was passed authorizing our Executive Committee to look into the matter of health insurance for the American staff in China. This was prompted by the recent illness of Charles P. Rockwood Jr., a bachelor appointed in 1939 who has contacted infantile paralysis. If you have any precedence in regard to health insurance or if you have any information which you could send me, I would appreciate this very much.

We are having a meeting of the Executive Committee on Friday noon, October 25 and preliminary consideration of this matter may be started. Perhaps you have something you could send me by that date. If you have suggestions to make or any other helpful information, I would appreciate it if I may keep in touch with you from time to time in consideration of this question.

Very cordially yours,

Bob Smith

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October 22, 1940

Ack 10/25/40 BAG

Mr. Joseph I. Parker
ABCCC
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Mr. Parker:

Thank you very much for your good
letter of October 21. Thank you for informing me
about Mr. Whitney.

I am putting you on our mailing list
to receive the minutes of meetings of the Hua Chung
Board. I am enclosing herewith a copy of the last
minutes of the Hua Chung Board of Founders, and the
minutes of the short meeting of the Central China
College Foundation held on September 27th.

I am sorry that a busy schedule
seems to make it impossible for me to pay as many
calls at 150 Fifth Avenue as I should like to do.

Yours very sincerely,

Bob Smith

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October 24, 1940

Mr. Robert A. Smith
905-A Yale Station
New Haven, Connecticut

Dear Bob,

I have your letter of October 22, and have also received from Dr. Warnshuis the similar letter you wrote to him - each asking for suggestions on the problem of health insurance for American staff members in China.

Some ten years ago our Yenching Trustees and Hanking Trustees made a study of the three related fields of group insurance: life insurance, health insurance, and retirement insurance. At that time these two Boards of Trustees set up for Western members of staff and some of the Chinese members carefully worked out plans for retirement insurance. They concluded, however, that it would be so difficult and expensive to set up satisfactory plans for group life insurance and health insurance that they would not undertake either. They found that it is particularly difficult to secure group insurance on life and health for personnel in China.

The retirement plan set up in 1931 and still in operation provides for a limited amount of both life insurance and health insurance. The general basis of this plan is that the University and the staff member each contribute 5% of the staff member's salary and this combined 10% is used to build up the retirement insurance reserve under the Sun Life Insurance of Canada. Upon retirement at 65, a staff member who has served thirty years or more receives an amount adequate for living expenses as long as he or she lives. If the staff member withdraws before reaching retirement age, he is entitled to benefits proportional to his length of service. If he dies or is permanently disabled while in service, he or his beneficiaries receive all the benefits of his policy at that time.

The only provision we now have for the health of our staff members is that all medical expenses are borne by the institution. This means that in each year's budget provision must be made for the average amount of medical and hospital bills. Sometimes these expenses in any one year greatly exceed the average, and at other times a year or more may

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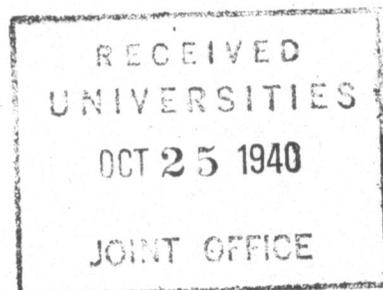
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elapse with few medical bills coming in. This, I believe, is the general policy of practically all our mission boards.

I hope this information may help a little. Sorry it does not answer your question more constructively.

Very cordially yours,

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October 25, 1940

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

Dear Bob,

I have read with keen interest the minutes of the meeting of the Hua Chung Board of Trustees held on September 27. It seems to me that these minutes are in very clear and excellent form, and we are grateful to you for including us in your list of those to receive copies of Board minutes. We are anxious to keep in touch with what each of the individual Boards is doing, so we will be better acquainted with their needs and wishes, and able to serve them more effectively.

I venture to call attention to the phraseology of two items in the minutes, in which there seems a possibility of misunderstandings -

(1) The last sentence of Vote 263 at the bottom of Page 6 reads as follows: "For the year 1941-42, when total allocations for Sustaining Funds are expected to be \$75,000, Hua Chung's share should be \$3,000." Briefly, the situation is this: - Ever since the war emergency in China began, the Boards of Trustees of our China Colleges, individually and working together as the Associated Boards, have been trying to secure emergency funds somewhat ahead of the time when they must actually be expended. Thus far we have been living on a hand to mouth basis, where all the special funds secured in any fiscal year have to be expended in that same year. This means that the Colleges must make commitments for expenditures, and sometimes must even make the expenditures themselves, before special funds have been received. This is a most unsatisfactory arrangement from every standpoint. Therefore, the Associated Boards during the year 1940-41 is trying to secure not only the special funds which we estimate will be needed before June 30, 1941 (\$175,000) but also an additional \$75,000 which will be available to start the Colleges on the fiscal year 1941-42. If we are successful in this undertaking, the various Boards of Trustees will know on July 1 that they have definite amounts actually in hand which will carry their work along during a part of 1941-42. This does not necessarily mean, however, that \$75,000 will constitute the "total allocations for Sustaining Funds for the year 1941-42". If we can continue to

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succeed in raising substantial amounts of special funds, we might be able during 1941-42 to raise another \$75,000 or \$100,000 which could be used in that same fiscal year; and during this same period to raise further amounts which could keep the Colleges going ahead during most or all of 1942-43. Only when we get our finances in such shape that we are raising this year the funds which are to be spent next year can our Colleges operate on the sound financial basis of assured income. The one danger of this policy which has sometimes been mentioned is that if we should ever get some or all of a year ahead of our actual expenditures, supporters in America might feel that our needs are not as urgent as others presented to them, and so might cut down their giving. Whether there would be any danger at this point would depend, it seems to me, very largely upon the intelligence and foresight of our Boards of Trustees.

(2) Vote 264 at the top of Page 7 begins, "That, considering the cost of operations of the Associated Boards for the year 1940-41, is 30% of the total allocations, or \$75,806.00." This phrase seems to me open to very serious misinterpretation, for it seems to mean that it is costing the Associated Boards 30% to raise the Sustaining Funds secured during 1940-41. Of course the fallacy in this assumption is this: - The operations of the Associated Boards, costing altogether \$75,806, fall into three very distinct categories: - Administrative activities, entirely unrelated to the raising of money; activities related to the maintenance of what is classified as "regular" income; and activities looking toward the raising of new funds, including both the Sustaining Funds and also various other types of special gifts, both capital and current. Based on the experience of previous years, the efforts which we devote to raising an annual Sustaining Fund of between \$250,000 and \$300,000 is not more than 25% or 30% of our total activities and our total operating costs.

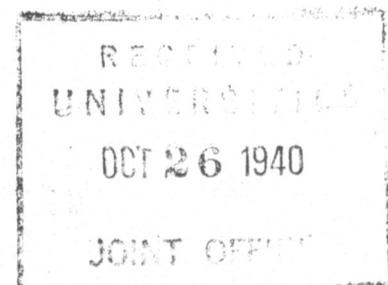
I know that you personally are familiar with these facts, and I am sure that the same is true of many of the other members of the Hua Chung Board of Trustees. But since the best time to halt possible misunderstandings is at the beginning, I pass these comments along for whatever they may be worth. You and the other members of the Hua Chung Board will be interested in the discussion of administrative and promotional costs which appear in the Annual Report of the Associated Boards for the year ended June 30, 1940. This report is now in the press, and will be ready for distribution during the latter part of next week.

I note that the minutes refer to Mr. Lyford's report as Treasurer of the Hua Chung Board. I believe that as yet a copy of this report has not been sent to your office. We would be very grateful if you or Mr. Lyford would supply us with a copy.

With every good wish, I am

Very cordially yours,

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October 28, 1940

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

Dear B. A.:

Thank you very much for your two excellent letters of October 24 and 25, referring to health insurance and the Hua Chung minutes respectively. I am conferring with the chairman of our Executive Committee in regard to the health insurance matter, to whom this problem has been left. Your description of Associated Boards policy will be very helpful.

I appreciated your careful reading of the Hua Chung minutes and the suggested changes. I am writing Dr. Sherman about these and intend to call attention to them at the next meeting with a view to revision of the wording.

The Treasurer's Report which was circulated with the minutes of the last meeting was rather long and the Hua Chung Board decided not to have our office mimeograph it. Mr. Lyford had typed a few carbons of it, however, and I am enclosing one of these.

Very sincerely yours,

Bob Smith

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November 19, 1940
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Mr. B. A. Garside
Assoc. Boards for Christian Colleges in China
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

My dear Mr. Garside:

Mr. Smith has been and is very busy conferring with our printer in regard to the publication of our Annual Report, and has asked me to acknowledge receipt of the China Colleges Annual Reports. We duly received the package containing twenty-five copies and have mailed them out to those Yale-in-China Trustees who are not members of the Hua Chung Board. We should appreciate your sending us ten more copies, as we have entirely used up the first supply you sent us.

Sincerely yours,

Rachel A. Dowd

Recording Secretary

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905-A Yale Station,
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In a few days you should receive a 28-page document on Yale-in-China: THE REPORT OF THE THIRTY-FOURTH YEAR. It is an up to the minute account of the great work which this institution has been doing during the last year. I hope you will be interested in reading it, and I am sure it will prove to you that, in spite of continued hostilities in the Far East, there has been no cessation in Yale-in-China's activities.

Yours sincerely,

Sidney Lovett
Vice-President

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Supplementary Statement in Reference to "A. Financial Matters".

The recommendation from the Yale-in-China Executive Committee made at its meeting of November 20 is that the 1940-41 Yale-in-China appropriation for Hua Chung College should be paid through the Treasurer of the Board of Founders and not direct to China as formerly.

The amount of this appropriation for 1940-41 is \$5,000.00 U.S., plus the cost of a new appointee which would approximate \$2,500.00. Therefore, the amount which the Yale-in-China Treasurer in New Haven will transfer to Mr. Lyford, Treasurer of the Hua Chung Board, is \$5,000.00. Before this amount can be turned over, however, there are deductions to be taken into consideration, as follows:

- (1) Part of the \$5,000 appropriation for 1940-41 may already have been paid to the Treasurer of the College in Hsichow from the Yale-in-China office in Changsha.
- (2) Several rather extensive orders for science equipment for the School of Science, and for journals and books for the College Library have been sent by Dr. Wei to the Yale-in-China office in New Haven, with request that they be filled and cost deducted from the 1940-41 Yale-in-China appropriation. These orders are now being filled, and the total amount of money represented is somewhat in excess of \$1,000.00 U.S.

From this it is evident that, before the 1940-41 Yale-in-China appropriation is paid to the Board of Founders Treasurer in New York, the secretary in the Yale-in-China office in New Haven should receive word from the Changsha office as to what portion, if any, of the grant for this year has been sent to the College in Hsichow; and secondly, the secretary should make sure that allowance has been made for all bills for science equipment, books and journals ordered by Dr. Wei's office through the Yale-in-China office in New Haven.

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December 20, 1940

Mr. Robert Ashton Smith
905 A Yale Station
New Haven, Connecticut

Dear Bob:

You probably know that there is to be a general campaign in Baltimore for China. It happens that some of our China Colleges leaders are most active in the United Baltimore Committee and it seems to be a fine opportunity for us to make new friends and to get more money.

Probably Dr. G. Canby Robinson has already been in touch with you about this matter, but in the event that he has not I thought that you should know what is being done. It is our understanding that the China Colleges will secure $33\frac{1}{3}\%$ of the total proceeds of a week's campaign. It has occurred to me that Yale-in-China definitely should participate in this event. As I say, probably you already know what is being done, but if you do not I would suggest that you write to Dr. Robinson at the Johns Hopkins Hospital. We certainly hope that the local friends of Yale-in-China will be working with us in this matter.

We have seen too little of you lately and we hope that soon you will be dropping in to see us here at the office.

With best wishes for a very happy holiday season,

Sincerely yours,

Oliver J. Caldwell

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December 23, 1940

Mr. Oliver J. Caldwell
 Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China
 150 Fifth Avenue
 New York City

Dear Oliver:

Thank you very much for your letter of December 20 which I just received. I did not know about the general campaign in Baltimore. It was probably mentioned in the last Associated Boards Bulletin which I have not seen because I have been away. I certainly appreciate your calling this event to my attention.

Following your suggestion I will write to Dr. Robinson for more details of this campaign. If I am in New York in the near future, I will stop in at 150 Fifth Avenue for a chat with you. My sincere best wishes for a very enjoyable holiday season.

Cordially yours,

Bob Smith

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January 8, 1941

Dr. B. A. Garside
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear B. A.:

In a recent letter from Dr. Francis Wei, President of Hua Chung College, he enclosed various papers of the Faculty Christian Fellowship of Hua Chung. He was anxious to have the various members of the Hua Chung Board of Founders see these documents and also specified that you might be interested in reading them. The pressure of other Hua Chung matters has made it impossible for us to mimeograph these copies as yet. Therefore, these are the originals and we do not have any duplicates. Rather than wait until after the next meeting of the Hua Chung Board, when these could be circulated for general reading, to forward them to you I am sending them herewith. If you are interested in reading them, would you look them over and return them to me in about a week? If you feel that they should receive a wider circulation, would you recommend that they be mimeographed? Members of the Hua Chung Board have not as yet had an opportunity to read them.

Very sincerely yours,

Bob Smith

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

Dear Mr. Smith:

Mr. Garside has shared with me your letter of January 8, with which you enclosed the papers from President Wei which were used at the meeting of the Faculty Christian Fellowship of Hua Chung. He and I have talked about the possible use of these papers.

After reading them over, I am very much of the opinion that they should be given wider circulation than just to the Hua Chung Board. I think they have in them some very pertinent ideas for all of our Colleges, and in particular for the members of our Associated Boards Committee on Christian Character, Staff and Curriculum. If you will allow us to do so, we will make stencils of these papers and run off sufficient copies to circulate to the members of this Committee. When doing so, we will be glad to make sufficient copies for your use for the Hua Chung Board and any other group which you may have in mind. I think we can get this done fairly quickly if you will give us your permission to handle the mimeographing of the papers.

We have a special sub-committee of the Committee on Christian Character, Staff and Curriculum in Toronto which is supposed this year to study the general problem of the departments of religion in the Colleges, and this material is certainly something that they should have before them.

The mimeographing will proceed immediately upon reply from you, giving us instructions to go ahead. You might indicate at the same time how many copies you would like to have, so that we would be sure to run off a large enough supply.

Thank you very much for letting us see these documents.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

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January 11, 1941

Mr. Joseph I. Parker
Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China
150 Fifth Avenue New York City

Dear Mr. Parker:

Many thanks for your good letter of January 9.
I was very pleased that the papers on the Faculty Christian
Fellowship of Hua Chung were found to be useful. It certainly
would be agreeable to us to have you mimeograph these and cir-
culate them among your Committee. I sincerely appreciate your
offering to run off at the same time enough copies for our use
with the Hua Chung Board. To cover the members of the Hua
Chung Board and have a few extra we would need 35 copies.
Do not hesitate to mention any expense you incur in this
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Yours very sincerely,



Associate Secretary

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January 20, 1941

Dr. B. A. Garside
ABCCC
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

F. (cleared in personal talk 1/29)

Dear B. A.:

In reading the progress bulletins of the Associated Boards and in some correspondence with Oliver Caldwell, I have been much impressed with the committee organization set up by the Associated Boards in various cities. I would be very much interested to know how permanent such committees are and how well they hang together. I would also be anxious to learn a little more about the procedure in organizing these committees. In some ways the procedure which we have followed is similar, but I have been dissatisfied with the results and am anxious to get new ideas. Do you suppose you could enlighten me in this matter? If you are expecting to be in town in the near future, perhaps it would be best for me to stop in at your office for a conference.

Another problem which I would like to seek your help on concerns the New York women interested in such activities as Yale-in-China. It is perhaps unnecessary for me to analyze all the reasons why I feel our efforts to secure a fairly good committee of interested women in New York have been unsuccessful, but this is the case. I am attaching to this letter a list of about a dozen women who have been pretty consistently interested. This may help you in helping me to line someone up who would willingly take the responsibility for making an appeal to this highly important, though probably overworked group of people.

Please let me know if you think you can help me in any way.

Very sincerely yours,

Bob Smith

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January 22, 1941

Mr. Robert Ashton Smith
905 A Yale Station
New Haven, Connecticut

Dear Bob:

Recently I discussed with Dr. G. Canby Robinson the plans of our Baltimore Committee for a China Week. He is anxious to secure the cooperation of all who are interested in China and this occasion. The proceeds are to be distributed on a pro rata basis, the China Colleges receiving $\frac{1}{3}$ of the entire amount resulting from a week's concentrated campaign.

I am wondering if you would consider it desirable for us to work together more closely not only in Baltimore but in other communities such as Philadelphia as a growing movement towards greater unity, and I am one of those who believe we are stronger individually if we work together collectively. If you have time, I should very much enjoy discussing this matter with you.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

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January 23, 1941

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Mr. Oliver J. Caldwell
 ABCCC
 150 Fifth Avenue
 New York City

Dear Oliver:

Many thanks for your good letter of January 22nd. I have had correspondence with Dr. Robinson of Baltimore, and I noticed in your bulletin that the campaign there is proceeding very satisfactorily. I am anxious to understand in what way I could participate in this program both here and in other cities and I appreciate your opening the door to this cooperation.

It is unfortunate that our staff in New Haven is as small as it is, for it does not permit me to do as much concentrated work on the field as I think should be done. The pressure of the program in New Haven has increased in spite of my efforts to keep it at a minimum. It happens that I must be in New York on Tuesday, January 28 for an eleven o'clock appointment. Could I meet you at noon for lunch on that day? If so, it would be very convenient for me.

Sincerely yours,

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NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT

February 5, 1941

Mr. Oliver Caldwell
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Oliver:

To follow up on our conversations of last week I have prepared a list of our contributors in Baltimore and secured the name of the local Yale Club President. As I told you, we have almost no money in Baltimore in spite of the fact that there seems to be a pretty good list of Yale men. Of course, I have been unable to devote real attention to this city. It is my hope that this combined effort will result in a growing interest in Yale-in-China, as well as in the China Colleges as a whole.

I hope the Yale Club will supply me with a list of its members. If so it would be my feeling, and I believe you agreed, that I should send an explanatory letter to this group including our present subscribers setting forth the position of Yale-in-China in this appeal for aid to the China Colleges.

Any meetings of a public nature which are held would include invitations to the Yale Club members and Yale-in-China subscribers. I think these men would be more apt to attend were the invitation to come from inside, so to speak, ie, if it went out from our office with an accompanying note. It would be more personal and less confusing to them. We certainly would manage the expenses involved in mailing.

Concerning the best way to handle the appeal, I am not so clear. These things seem quite lucid when we are talking about them, but the details do not fall into such a clear pattern when you actually work them out. Certainly any appeal to the Yale group should reach them at the same time as the appeal to the larger group. Should this appeal go out from my office? I should think so. In other words the same principle is involved - as nearly personal and familiar approach as possible.

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The results of our working together as two equal representatives of educational programs in China are fourfold. In the first place there is just that much more publicity and pressure going into the area involved. We can pick the best time for our appeal, in the second place, as this can be worked out with the local committee under the chairmanship of Dr. Robinson. Thirdly, a more coordinated program of this nature may present a stronger appeal with resulting additional respect for our work and increased giving and increased gifts. Fourthly, we can avoid conflicts, and after all we are working for the same cause. We may as well work together as separately.

If you agree in general and in particular to this plan of working together, will you confirm it? It was your suggestion to go to Wilmington on February 18 and then stop in at Baltimore on the way back, or rather before coming back! Unfortunately, I will have to forego any travel this month. This is a disappointment to me because I had planned on the trip down to Wilmington with you and was quite sure that my engagements would permit this. I hope that correspondence will permit of at least partially satisfactory cooperation. Please let me hear from you in the near future.

Very sincerely yours,



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February 6, 1941

Mr. Robert Ashton Smith
905 A Yale Station
New Haven, Connecticut

Dear Bob:

I am sorry that we will not be able to make a joint trip to Wilmington this month, but perhaps we can cooperate together in absentia. If there is anyone that I can see for you in Wilmington, I will be happy to call on them. As a matter of fact, my own plans now are experiencing modifications, and I am not quite sure just what I will do. I am trying to find some way to approach the DuPont family. Until we get the DuPonts on our side, we probably won't be able to do much in Wilmington.

Did any of the DuPonts go to Yale?

I am sending copies of your letter to Dr. Robinson. You might be interested to know that the Princeton group solved its problem as follows. It sent out a letter to its men in the Baltimore area saying that instead of their receiving a specific appeal from the Princeton-Yenching office, the appeal will arrive from the Local General Office in Baltimore. It is suggested in this letter that checks be sent to the Baltimore office designated for Princeton-Yenching.

I am convinced that the more we can work together not only in Wilmington, but elsewhere, the more progress we can make in breaking new ground. You can count on us to work with you, and whenever there is any opportunity, just let us know what you would like us to do.

With best regards,

Very sincerely yours,

Oliver J. Caldwell

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NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT

February 8, 1941

Mr. Oliver Caldwell
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Oliver:

Many thanks for your good letter of February 6. It is a disappointment not to accompany you to Wilmington. If you will keep in touch with me though I feel sure we can work together in absentia this time. I am planning to be in New York on February 13 and if time permits will drop into the office for a chat.

I had a card from Al Kane yesterday in which he blasted me for spoiling a luncheon engagement you and he had planned last Wednesday. My sincere apologies!

Very sincerely yours,

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p.s. Unfortunately, I don't seem to find any information on the DuPonts.

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The Johns Hopkins Hospital
Baltimore, Maryland

February 11, 1941

Mr. Robert Ashton Smith
905 A Yale Station
New Haven, Connecticut

Dear Mr. Smith:

Mr. Caldwell has sent me a copy of your letter of February fifth. I am somewhat concerned regarding the plan to have an appeal for the Yale group go out from your office at the same time as our appeals here. I am afraid this will cause a good deal of confusion and will divert some of those whom we want to contribute to the general cause of the Christian Colleges. I think if a letter could be sent from your office to the Yale group calling attention to the China Week, asking them to participate, it would be very good, but that in turn might tend to cut down subscriptions that would ordinarily go to Yale-in-China. Mr. William Cochran, who is a friend of mine, is a strong Yale man and is very much interested in our combined efforts, especially in regard to the Chinese Industrial Cooperatives.

We are to have a meeting on March fourth, when the Chinese Ambassador, Dr. Hu Shih, Mr. Barendsprung and Mr. Liu Liang Mo are to speak. This will be an open meeting and we hope we can get people to subscribe to the three organizations that are combining, on their way out, rather than pay on their way in. A few of us are working very hard over this matter and I hope you will understand that it would be preferable from our point of view to confine ourselves to national organizations that have Baltimore committees, as we are publicizing our efforts as doing.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

(s) G. Canby Robinson, M.D.

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With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

(a) G. Gandy Robinson, M.D.

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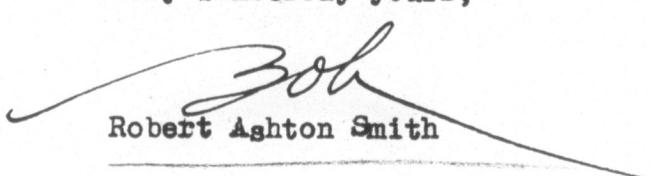
Mr. Oliver J. Caldwell
ABCCC
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Oliver:

Just to keep in close touch with you concerning Baltimore, I am sending you a copy of a letter just received from Dr. Robinson. Please let me get your reaction to this, at your convenience.

Congratulations on the Proclamation of the Mayor of Baltimore, which I read with considerable interest in the February 10 issue of the Progress Bulletin just received this morning.

Very sincerely yours,


Robert Ashton Smith

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Mr. C. A. Evans, Associate Treasurer
 Associated Bds. for Christian Colleges
 in China
 150 Fifth Avenue
 New York City

My dear Mr. Evans:

At the request of Mr. Lauren Arnold I am
 acknowledging herewith your letter of April 5 to him in
 which you enclosed check for \$20.00. We note that this check
 represents a contribution for Yale-in-China from Mr. Charles
 F. Mills, 71 Columbine Road, Milton, Mass. Mr. Arnold wishes
 me to thank you for forwarding this check. An acknowledgment
 will be sent to Mr. Mills from this office.

Very truly yours,

Rachel A. Dowd
 Assistant Treasurer

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Rear Admiral Harry E. Yarnell, Rtd., will be the speaker at the thirty-ninth annual meeting of the Yale-in-China Association, Inc., in Sprague Hall, Yale University, on Baccalaureate Sunday, June 15, 1941, at 8:15 (d.s.t.). Before his recent retirement Admiral Yarnell was the Commander-in-Chief of the American fleet in the Far Eastern waters. The Yale-in-China Annual Report of December, 1940 contained a statement by Admiral Yarnell, showing his interest in our work: "No undertaking has done more good for less money than the medical work of the various societies in China, of which Yale-in-China is an outstanding example. It is especially valuable at the present time when China is going through the most desperate period in her long history."

Dr. Edwin C. Lobenstine, president of the Association, will preside at the meeting. New Yale appointees to the staff who hope to sail for China this summer will be introduced. It is expected also that Mr. and Mrs. Burton B. Rogers of the Yali Middle School staff, just returned from China, will be present.

All friends of Yale-in-China are cordially invited to attend this meeting.

ROBERT ASHTON SMITH
Executive Secretary

New Haven, Connecticut
May 19, 1941

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905-A Yale Station, New Haven, Conn.

June 26, 1941

Mr. Oliver J. Caldwell
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Oliver:

You have possibly wondered why I have never sent you a tentative budget for the expenditure of \$15,000. in emergency money for Hua Chung. Such a problem baffles me! I have examined the budget for 1941-42 and it covers simply the routine needs of the usual budget. I do not feel that I have sufficient information to give you any authoritative statement, but I would be glad to follow this up for you if you so desire.

Still no word from the State Department and no arrangement for our passage to China. I will let you know the first encouraging news we receive.

Cordially yours,



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July 7, 1941

Mr. Oliver J. Caldwell
A.B.C.C.C.
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

Dear Oliver:

I promised to keep you informed on our sailing plans. At the moment the three bachelors and myself have passage on board an American President Lines' steamer, the name of which is undisclosed, sailing on or about July 19. In order to catch it we have to be in San Francisco by July 18, which means leaving here in another week. The State Department has issued our passports and everything is moving rather rapidly at this point. I hope I will have an opportunity to stop in to see you before leaving, but in case I don't, cheerio, and thanks for your good wishes.

One more thing, would you like to write my name in Chinese for the purpose of having calling cards made? I would appreciate this a great deal if you could make up something which would fit my personality as you view it!

Cordial greetings and a good summer to you and your family. You may depend on a full account when I return.

Very sincerely yours,

Bob Smith

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July 9, 1941.

Mr. Robert A. Smith
Yale-In-China Association, Inc.,
905A Yale Station
New Haven, Conn.

Dear Bob:

This is to convey to you my best wishes for a most successful and happy trip to China. I am sure that you will find this experience one of the most valuable in your life. It has been my observation that intelligent and sensitive people almost invariably derive great benefits as well as pleasure from their association with the Chinese people. This should be particularly true in war time, when their best characteristics come to the surface.

I know that it will be difficult for you to separate so long from your family, and for this, as well as other reasons, I wish you a speedy and safe return.

Cordially yours,

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Letter from R. A. Smith, Executive Secretary of Yale-in-China: received in New Haven
November 18, 1941.

Letter Number Five

Hua Chung College
Hsichow, via Tali
Yunnan, China
October 25, 1941

To Trustees and Friends in America:

Because I want you to have a letter from every one of my destinations, I am starting this in Hsichow, but it will in all probability be finished back in Kunming.

I wish I could describe a Chinese argument to you with all the vividness that characterizes it over here. I think I began life in China with my feet in the mud and my mouth in a Chinese argument. More recently I have confined my participation in the arguments to the auditory sense. A few nights ago just after I had succeeded in finding the softest spot on the flat board on which I was planning to spend the night and was contemplating the act of sleep a sharp verbal report was fired into the stillness. Immediate was the reply from the enemy quarters, the enemy evidently outnumbered the aggressor, but in no way silenced his batteries. In spite of increasing volume and louder and louder staccatos an element of politeness was maintained for nearly a half hour. The instigator would shoot first and wait for the reply, the reply came and then another fire from the original source. The argument was taking place in a small inn in which many people were sleeping, and as it had taken me a good while to find the softest part of the board, it was well into the night. No one objected nor interrupted, evidently the participants did not think it was an unjust intrusion on the sleep of the guests and the guests took it as a matter of course. As a matter of fact, it was between someone who had come in from outside and the proprietor of the inn and his entire family. The argument continued for over an hour in the wildest language, then stopped. No blows were exchanged, it was entirely a verbal fight. During the second half hour both parties shot at once, the element of politeness had been removed.

Last night we had one in our little courtyard here. I am living at Hsichow in a typical Chinese house which surrounds a courtyard on four sides. My hosts are the Millers, also living here are the Coes and three Chinese families. It is very pleasant, you would be surprised what nice apartments these people have fixed up in this Chinese house. You get to know and appreciate your Chinese neighbors better when you live in the same house with them. The Chinese families are not members of the college faculty, they are just ordinary people of the community of Hsichow. The courtyard is completely paved in stone, and it is the repository for the family wash, rice being dried in the sun, ripening vegetables, all the babies of the various families, the strolling ground for pigs, chickens and other farm animals. I started to mention the argument last night, but it was just like the other one only it went on during and after our supper for two hours! The personnel of this latter argument was entirely female.

The fact of the walled town has been brought home to me more realistically than anyone could have described it. I certainly did not realize how true it is that Chinese cities are walled. Of course many of those in touch with modern civilization have either outgrown their walls or have taken them down - this is a more usual sight. But when I got off here to the west I really began to see some completely walled-in towns. It is a strange feeling to pass one of these on the bus. Generally, you see it a long way off, the great grey wall dominating a rise in the ground. In all cases where I have seen a completely walled-in city the wall has been in very good condition and repair. The last word is significant, for it could have been a

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well-built wall that had lasted through the years. The fact that the good citizens have kept it in repair and that there was evidence of recent work on it is interesting to me. As you approach closer, you see that the completeness is factual, the rice fields come right up to the wall, there has been no spreading of the city outside the wall and no building built up against it on the outside. Roughly the city is more often than not rectangular in shape and at the corners are towers with look-outs and gun holes, or some kind of holes that look as if they were intended for weapons. At the main gates, four, six, or eight in number depending on the size of the town, are also towers. The most important gate is quite elaborate in color and design, on both sides on the walls great characters are painted - propaganda no doubt of the town's merits! Sometimes the bus enters at this main gate and we drive straight through the town, at other times the road takes us around the town but not into it. Then we can only imagine from what little we see through the open gate what mysterious goings on are in progress within those medieval walls.

How many times back in America raising money for Yale-in-China I have had the question put me: "What about this Burma Road, haven't the Japs put that out of commission now?" First of all I do not like the term "Japs"; I think we should remember the dignity of man in spite of all that has taken place, but this terminology indicates the tone of the question. I could deny that the Japanese have put this road out of commission, but with nothing like the emphasis that I can now! Let me establish in your minds the exact section of China's highway system that bears the name THE BURMA ROAD. This had to be done for me. The eastern gateway is in Kunming, Yunnan, China - the western gateway is in Lashio, Burma. Extensions of the road run to Chungking and to Kweiyang, but strictly speaking these are not the official Burma Road. En route from Kweiyang to Hsichow I have been over 411 kilometers of the Burma Road from Kunming to Sia Kwan. The hundreds and hundreds of trucks, the scores of automobiles, the thousands of workmen are all indications of the fact that this road is open, not only open but being used for the greatest volume of trucking commerce that China has ever seen. Some of the questions that had always come to my mind may come to yours, what about pavement, what about bridges, how wide is it, how fast can traffic move, are there many bottlenecks, what kind of trucks make the journey?

I had begun to see trucks from the Burma Road long before I saw the road itself, Kweiyang is full of them. Here is the greatest contribution of the Lend-Lease Act as far as China is concerned. Almost all the trucks that are now making this trip are brand new and they are all American (at least I did not personally see any others). I mention this not to emphasize any superiority of American products, but it is encouraging that America, which still can give, is giving. I left Kunming last Monday in a small convoy of three new Studebaker trucks. The pavement for a few kilometers was oiled gravel and pretty smooth, but we were soon on the more usual pavement of stone. People here speak of these roads as stoned roads. The surface is crushed stone (crushed by hand) and ground into the road with huge stone or concrete rollers pushed by coolies. Of course the road is rough, there is no tar or oil to hold the stones in place, but it is an excellent foundation and is practically an all weather foundation. I travelled on the same type of road from Kweiyang three days in torrential rain without any difficulties. The road is wide enough for passing with care. Most of the accidents have occurred when care was not exercised and the drivers are not as careful as they should be by a long shot. Speed here is measured in kilometers, as is distance, we rarely went more than 40 kilometers an hour. Bottlenecks occur, frequently from landslides, but these are repaired as soon as possible. Those slides I went by had all been fixed up for one way traffic already.

As for bridges, I can give you an excellent illustration. This was on the Kweiyang extension, but that difference is immaterial. On the second day out of Kweiyang we began hearing about a bridge that the Japanese had blown up last month. It is said that it took them two weeks of continuous bombing to score a hit, but that they eventually did. It was a large stone and concrete structure spanning a gorge, obviously a most important link in the highway. We were high up in the mountains on one side of the valley when we first spotted this bridge and it had been destroyed, there was no question about that! Since the driver of the public bus kept on moving, we knew that some solution had been reached. As we rounded the last turn toward the bridge, we sighted a pontoon bridge below us. The Chinese had blasted out of almost solid rock a new road right down to the river level. We slid rapidly down, crossed on the pontoon bridge and climbed the other side, joining the regular road without loss of time. The pontoons were ordinary Chinese river boats, of which there are always plenty more to be had.

If you could see the territory that this Burma Road goes through, and some of you have I know, you would be well fortified in your belief that Japan can never conquer China. I have never seen such mountains, such continuous mountains. We were travelling at least 5,000 feet high a good deal of the time and at the highest point on the section of the road I travelled on we reached 9,000 feet. The road scales along these mountains, a bare ribbon in the mass. Frequently, the road is just a narrow shelf blasted and dug out of the side of the mountain, half hidden from above. Add to this the thousands of turns and you may imagine how hard it is to hit from an airplane. No, the Burma Road is definitely open, and it is participating in a great revolution in the western part of China.

My trip from Kweiyang to Hsichow took nine days. I will not go into detail, but just take you over it to complete the story. I left Kweiyang on October 14, early in the morning as usual, on a public bus in the company of Dr. Chen Chia Chi, a Hsiang Ya interne. He was going along to see that I got to Kunming all right and also to do some visiting of Hsiang Ya people in Kunming. The bus trip was three days to a place called Chu Ching. Here we reached the end of the bus service, for we connected with the new railroad heading from Kunming to Kweiyang - eventually. The government keeps motor traffic between Chu Ching and Kunming to a minimum to conserve gasoline and we were thus compelled to transfer to the train. The morning of the fourth day, therefore, found Chen and myself impatiently sitting in the fourth class cars (the only cars) of this train. The word "sitting" is more significant than you have any idea, for fourth class is comparable only to freight cars in America. The trip to Kunming is 161 kilometers, we made it in eleven hours, record time. Fifteen kilometers an hour is about nine miles an hour, I think.

I spent the 18th and 19th in Kunming with Mr. Roger D. Arnold, Secretary of the Y.M.C.A. Then on the 20th Chen secured transportation for me with the previously-mentioned convoy. I went with it two days to Sia Kwan. Here I stayed overnight in the Guest House - not too bad. The following day I hired a chair for myself and a carrier for my baggage and set out to do the remaining 45 kilometers between Sia Kwan and Hsichow, where Hua Chung College is located. It was a new experience for me riding in a sedan chair with two men carrying me on their backs, and I am not sure that I particularly enjoy it. At first I had some feeling that this was asking too much of fallow men, but this was dispelled rather rapidly. This is their livelihood and not to give them business is incomprehensible to their way of thinking. It is hard work, but they do it only at their price and at their leisure. We were always stopping for tea, for a smoke, or for something to eat. But we got there eventually, just as the sun was setting behind the magnificent hills on the

west and coloring with an indescribable glow the hills on the east. The day's journey was through a beautiful valley planted with rice just ready to be harvested. On my right as we travelled north lovely Lake Er Hai shimmered on the edge of the eastern mountains. Of all the refugee locations I have seen Hua Chung College has the most beautiful setting. I arrived in Hsichow on the 22nd of October.

In other ways Hua Chung College is more fortunate than their associates in Yale-in-China, Yali and Hsiang Ya. The campus is composed of a group of buildings formed by the close association of three temples. With some remodelling and the addition of a few other buildings these temples have been converted into a compound that is sufficient for all college requirements except dormitories and living quarters for the faculty. I think you would be surprised at the Main Library which is built into the Confucian Temple. Incidentally, last week the library had to be closed for a few days because there was a Confucian service in progress. There is still this much cooperation between temple authorities and the college. The classrooms are not overcrowded, there are rather good and certainly remarkably well-equipped laboratories. There is also an attractive Chapel in one of the larger rooms of one of the temples, there are offices, faculty and student common rooms. Foresight, fortune and ingenuity have turned this into an ideal place for study. It must be said that the religious and scholastic atmosphere of the temples lends itself well to the college.

Dormitories, here called hostels, have been found in the town itself for all men and women students. Again these are more comfortable, less crowded than the living space for other refugee students I have seen. The faculty likewise have found houses in and out of town for rent. Usually, one or two families rent a few rooms in one of the large Chinese farm houses which abound here. Each family has an "apartment" of from two to four rooms. The "foreigners" have fixed their rooms up exceedingly well.

One of the most encouraging things about Hua Chung is the 70 percent increase in enrollment this fall. I know you will all be glad to hear that. There are now 148 students enrolled in the college. If we count the students from the small Theological School sharing the college community with Hua Chung, we may say that there are 170 students on this campus. The faculty is strong. Dr. Wei (President Francis C. M. Wei) assures me that their greatest concern has been in maintaining the standards they had at Wuchang, their pre-war location, and that this has been done. I can at best make only a cursory examination, but judged from the serious-mindedness of faculty and students, and the well-ordered appearance of the college I would say that this effort had been largely successful.

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Kunming, Yunnan
October 30, 1941

I made record time from Hsichow to Kunming. I left about 11:00 in the morning from Hsichow, right after Assembly where I had the pleasure (and task) of addressing the students and bringing them your regards. This was October 27th. I arrived in Kunming on the 29th at 2:30 in the afternoon. I am again staying with Mr. Roger Arnold, Secretary of the Y.M.C.A. here. Now that I have visited each Yale-in-China unit in its present location, you may be wondering what my plans are. I only wish I could tell you definitely! I expect, however, to fly from here to Chungking and thence again by air to Hongkong. It is my hope to have a few days to look around Chungking and to return to Hongkong in time to talk with some of the men I did not

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see on my previous visit. I have had so many impressions and seen so many people that I am anxious to tie a few ends together by talking with some of those to whom you gave me letters of introduction while I am still in China. Incidentally, I have found great use for these various letters as I travelled around the interior. More than once I have been thankful for knowing such and such a person was in town.

From my letters you may have gathered an unusually favorable impression of war-time China. I do not deny this, it is essentially true. On the other hand, I have not completely overlooked much that is sordid, nor turned my eyes away from many of the discouraging sights. Why did I see twenty overturned trucks between Kweiyang and Chu Ching? It is true the road is bad, but that is not the whole story. It is frequently difficult to restrain anger at the foolish behavior of the truck drivers. Why is there so much dirt? Water is expensive and has to be carried, all of it by hand. That is the first answer, but it is not the complete answer. Why are houses built of mud, when the land is rich in clay that could be made into bricks? Why hasn't China built up a good air force even with foreign help? Why have prices of even ordinary commodities like charcoal and tea oil gone up thirty, forty, a hundred times - especially when there is plenty to be had? Why do military officials drive new Studebakers when the common soldier in many cases does not even have a gun?

To answer these questions properly would take a long discourse. It would also take more knowledge than I have about China. I do think they can be partially answered by asking a few questions in return. Why did the Chinese defeat the Japanese in the Battle of Changsha? Why has the Burma Road been built? Why are the Chinese attempting to build a railroad through almost impossible country all the way from Burma to Kweiyang? I asked this last question of myself yesterday as I was coming along the Burma Road and happened to pass a section of the grading for the new railway. About two score of workmen were sledging with great hammers and crow bars at solid rock on the side of a mountain which dwarfed them to unbelievable insignificance. Is it possible that trains will one day roar along that scratch they are making in that mountain, I asked myself again. To understand China today we must more than ever stick to history. We cannot expect a sudden revolutionizing of the thoughts and habits of peoples that have lived as long on this earth as the Chinese. Look at Europe, it is not yet built. Look at our own country, China is going through some of the things we have gone through, were these done in a day?

Sincerely yours,

(signed) ROBERT ASHTON SMITH

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ROBERT ASTON SMITH

November 3, 1941

Miss Rachel A. Dowd
905-A Yale Station
New Haven, Conn.

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Dear Miss Dowd:

In looking over the minutes of the Hua Chung meeting held in October, I took occasion to check the list of members against our records to make sure that we were up to date. In doing so, I discovered that Dr. Addison's name appeared on the list of representatives of the Protestant Episcopal Mission Board, and that Dr. Wood's name did not appear. This raised the question in my mind as to whether Dr. Wood had officially retired from the Board. In order to be sure, I telephoned to Dr. Addison's office and his secretary informed me that there should be seven representatives of the Episcopal Board on the Hua Chung Board of Trustees, and that Dr. Wood was still considered a member of that Board.

This question involves Dr. Wood's membership on the Associated Boards, so we would like to be sure that we have the matter straight. Will you please let me know what your understanding of Dr. Wood's relationship is?

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

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November 4, 1941

Mr. Joseph I. Parker, Secretary
ABCCC, 150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Parker:

I have received this morning your letter of November 3rd regarding the matter of Dr. Wood's membership in the Hua Chung Board of Trustees. I am hastening to write you to explain that he is still a member of the Board of Trustees and was present at the meeting held in New York City on October 16th. By error, when the minutes of the meeting were mimeographed, his name was omitted from the list.

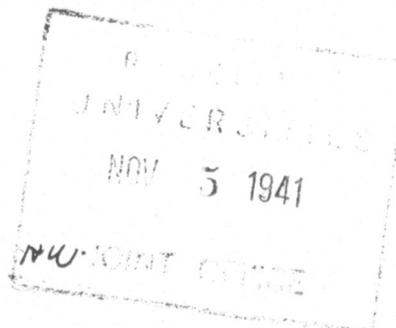
I have looked up the minutes of the annual meeting held last spring and find that Dr. Wood was reelected Secretary of the Hua Chung Board of Trustees for the present year (1941-42). I trust that this note answers your question regarding his relationship to the Board.

Sincerely yours,

Rachel A. Dowd

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Mr. C. A. Evans, Associate Treasurer
Associated Boards for Christian Colleges
in China

150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

My dear Mr. Evans:

I wish to acknowledge herewith your letter of
November 27 addressed to Mr. Lauren Arnold, Treasurer of the Yale-
in-China Association, in which you enclosed check for \$3.25 which
represented gifts of \$1.25 from Mr. Arthur W. King Jr. of Duluth,
Minnesota, and \$2.00 from Mr. Ralph W. Powell of Columbus, Ohio.
We understand that these gifts were received through the Associated
Boards appeal and that they were designated for the work of Yale-in-
China.

Mr. Arnold has asked me to thank you for forwarding
these gifts which have been credited in our records to the two names
reported by you.

Sincerely yours,

Rachel A. Dowd
Assistant Treasurer

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Mr. C. A. Evans
Associated Boards for Christian Colleges
in China

150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

My dear Mr. Evans:

Your letter of November 27 concerning the copies of the 1940-41 Annual Report of the Associated Boards sent to this office has been duly received. I am acknowledging this in the absence of our Executive Secretary, Mr. Smith, who has not yet returned from his five months trip to China. You will be interested to know that he is now on his way home, and, unless there are unforeseen delays, he should be back in New Haven by the end of this month.

I am distributing to members of our Board of Trustees copies of your Annual Report which I am sure will be of interest to them. I think we could use ten more copies at this office if it is convenient for you to supply them. Thank you for suggesting this.

*Sent
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We have recently gotten out our Annual Report (Report of the Thirty-Fifth Year) and I enclose copy herewith for you. We prepared a briefer form of the Report this fall, as Mr. Smith has planned to issue a supplement to it when he comes back from visiting our various units in China. He succeeded in visiting all our refugee locations, including Hua Chung College at Hsichow, Yunnan.

Sincerely yours,

Rachel A. Dowd

Recording Secretary

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