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Extracts from a letter to W. R. Wheeler from Dr. Robert McMullen of the United Board for Christian Colleges in China

January 12, 1948

"The \$600,000 emergency fund is for all thirteen colleges and is to be allocated by the United Board as it deems best. Contributions are made to this fund by many individuals who prefer to designate their gift for one institution or another. Some mission boards have done a similar thing. For example, the Southern Presbyterian Board, which is interested only in Hangchow Christian College, has made its gift to the fund designated for Hangchow College. Similarly, the Evangelical and Reformed Mission Board which is interested only in Hua Chung has sent us a check for \$6,600 toward the emergency fund but have indicated that they would prefer its being used for Hua Chung, as it will be. The gifts are sent to us and we include them in the amounts sent to institutions for which the money is designated.

"The Reformed Church in America participates only in Fukien Christian University. They have sent us a check for a bit more than the amount they annually grant to this institution, but did not designate that it was to be used for Fukien. The other American boards are interested in more than one institution and have sent their gifts undesignated. The amount of the gifts made to the \$600,000 emergency fund is based upon their participation in these institutions. They were asked to at least double the amounts of the annual grants made to them. In every case, more than this sum will be sent to the institutions in which they are interested, for we will allocate undesignated gifts from individuals and from foundations as well as these gifts from mission boards.

"We have been greatly heartened and inspired by the generous response of the mission boards. No one has refused to grant our request for funds. No one has paid less than the amount they usually give to the institution in which they are interested. A number have given considerably more. Not only does this renew our strength but it gives courage and hope to the 1200 members of our Chinese faculty members as they enter upon this most difficult year. We sincerely hope that Yale-in-China may share in this thrilling experience."

The amount asked from Yale-in-China is \$5,000.

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January 16, 1948

Dr. J. Earl Fowler
281 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Dr. Fowler:

Your notice dated January 14 of a meeting of the Huachung Committee of the United Board of Christian Colleges in China, to be held February 5, at 10:30 a.m. at Calvary House, New York, came today. I had planned to start West on a trip in behalf of Yale-in-China on February 2, but I think I should be present for this Committee meeting, and will postpone starting until after the meeting. I am returning the reply postal herewith.

A matter, which we want to have considered at the meeting is the appeal for a grant or an appropriation of \$6,000 from the United Board of Christian Colleges in China for the Survival Fund, which the Board is now trying to secure. Enclosed is a copy of a letter from Dr. Robert J. McMullen, Executive Secretary of the Board, which was directed at Yale-in-China here. I have explained to Dr. McMullen that the major part of the work of Yale-in-China is located in Changsha and is not related directly to the United Board. The Yale-in-China Association does make a grant, however, to Huachung University, as one of the five co-operating Boards. As I explained to Dr. McMullen, it seemed to me that the enclosed appeal should go to the Committee (formerly the Board of Trustees) of Huachung University for consideration and action. I am sending a copy of this letter to Mr. Lyford and also to Dean Devane, Vice-President of your Board.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

W. Reginald Wheeler

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January 21, 1948

Mr. Reginald Wheeler
Yale-in-China Association
905A Yale Station
New Haven, Connecticut

My dear Mr. Wheeler:

Many thanks for your letter of January sixteenth. I am very glad it was possible for you to change your plans and itinerary so that it will be possible for you to attend the Huachung Committee meeting of the United Board for Christian Colleges in China.

The matter of the \$6,000. which Dr. Robert McMullen of the United Board wrote to you about is not a subject to be considered by the Huachung Committee. Due to the failure of the campaign promoted by the United Service to China, the Christian Colleges in China stood to lose more than \$600,000 for their operation during the year 1947. To make up this deficit, the United Board for Christian Colleges started about the first of November to put on an intensive campaign during the last two months of the year for \$600,000. This amount was divided and the result was three sections. \$200,000 of the total was assigned to mission boards and organizations supporting the colleges in China. Each Society was assigned a definite quantity. You will be interested to know that the National Council of the Protestant Episcopal Church was assigned \$46,000 and we gave to the campaign \$52,000. I have also been advised that the Evangelical and Reformed Church Missionary Society, one of the other units cooperating in Huachung University, contributed \$6,500. The portion of \$6,000 which you refer to in your letter should come from the Yale-in-China Association if it is possible.

I will be looking forward with pleasure to seeing you on February fifth.

Very cordially yours,

J. Earl Fowler

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February 14, 1948

To the Friends of Yale-in-China:

The Yale-in-China blotter which is enclosed with this note is going to you and to over 6,000 other Yale men, who have contributed to the budget or to the Rebuilding Fund or to both during this past year.

We have quoted on the blotter a sentence from the Analects of Confucius: "To see what is right and not do it is lack of courage." Throughout the war that brought such suffering and destruction to their country, the Chinese at Changsha have demonstrated this courage, and your gift has strengthened and added hope to that courage.

We wish to report that in cash and pledges we have toward the Building Fund of \$400,000 to date \$275,000.

The enclosed blotter goes to you as a slight expression of our appreciation of your interest and help, and with our best wishes for the New Year.

Sincerely yours,

W. Reginald Wheeler

W. Reginald Wheeler
Executive Secretary

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February 16, 1948

Rev. Earl Fowler
287 Fourth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

Dear Earl:

At the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of the Yale-in-China Association held yesterday, the following action was taken:

"VOTED that the Trustees of Yale-in-China nominate as directors for the Huachung Board of Directors in China Mr. C. C. Lao, Dr. H. C. Chang and Dr. Dwight D. Rugh, with three alternates as follows - Mr. K. S. Ying, Dr. C. C. Wu and Dr. Brank Fulton."

Mr. C. C. Lao is principal of the Middle School at Changsha and has been a member of the faculty there for thirty years; Dr. H. C. Chang, Director of the HsiangYa Medical work; Dr. Rugh is the Representative of the Trustees in Changsha; Mr. Ying is Dean of the Middle School; Dr. C. C. Wu is head of the Faculty of HsiangYa; Dr. Brank Fulton is the Yale-in-China representative on the Faculty at Huachung University.

I was sorry to hear that you were ill when I was in New York last week attending the Huachung meeting and I missed you at that meeting. I will be leaving February 18 for a trip of about six weeks to the Pacific coast and back for Yale-in-China.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

W. Reginald Wheeler
Executive Secretary

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April 13, 1948

Dr. J. Earl Fowler
281 Fourth Avenue
New York City

Dear Dr. Fowler:

The notice of the meeting of the Hua Chung Committee of the United Board for Christian Colleges in China on May 5, 1948 at 10:30 a.m. at 61 Gramercy Park, N. has come, and I am writing to say that I expect to be present. I would like to bring with me Mr. C. C. Lao, the Principal of the Yali Middle School, who is now in this country. I trust this will be satisfactory to you.

I want to thank you also for your good letter of April 2, 1948 reporting the splendid gift from the Trustees of the Joseph Rank Benevolent Trust in London of £45,000 to Hua Chung University for the new library building, with the understanding that Mr. Joseph Rank's name is associated with the building. We had had some correspondence with J. Arthur Rank, 38 South Street W.1, London, about Hua Chung. What relationship has that Mr. Rank to Joseph Rank referred to in your letter?

I understand that no publicity is to be given as yet to this gift.

We were happy to have the good report of the student enrollment and especially the word about the large proportion of Christian students now in attendance.

Sincerely yours,

W. Reginald Wheeler
W. Reginald Wheeler
Executive Secretary

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April 14, 1948

Mr. Reginald Wheeler
Yale-in-China Association
905A Yale Station
New Haven, Connecticut

My dear Mr. Wheeler:

Many thanks for your letter of April thirteenth. We will be looking forward to your attendance at the Huachung Committee meeting on May fifth. It will be quite all right to bring Mr. C. C. Lao, Principal of the Yali Middle School with you.

With very best wishes and kind regards.

Very cordially yours,

J. Earl Fowler

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June 4, 1948

Mr. Reginald Wheeler
Yale-in-China Association
905A Yale Station
New Haven, Connecticut

My dear Mr. Wheeler:

According to instructions received from Mr. John Coe, Wuchang, China and Dr. Richard Bien who is in this country, I have been anticipating a check for \$1,000.00 from you to cover travel expenses of Dr. Bien. Inasmuch as Dr. Bien is returning to China the end of this month, it will be a great convenience if I can have your check as soon as possible.

Thank you for your kindness.

With very best wishes and kind regards.

Very cordially yours,

J. Earl Fowler
Associate Secretary

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June 9, 1948

Mr. J. Earl Fowler
Associate Secretary
National Council Protestant Episcopal Church
281 Fourth Avenue
New York 10 N. Y.

Dear Mr. Fowler:

As Mr. Wheeler is out of town, I will reply for him to your letter of June 4 in regard to the payment of \$1,000.00 toward the travel expenses of Dr. Richard Bien, which our Association budgeted in our 1947-48 operating expense. On May 10 I wrote to Mr. Lyford as a member of our Board and as treasurer of Huachung Board and said we were prepared to pay the item of \$1,000. We had only waited for some word from him before sending it - but we assume this note from you takes the place of that.

At the request of our treasurer and in accordance with the correspondence both Mr. Wheeler and I have had with Mr. Lyford and you about this, I am pleased to enclose the Association's check in amount of \$1,000.00. In order to facilitate matters, the check is made payable to you, and I trust this is in order. At your convenience, may we have an acknowledgment for our files?

Sincerely yours,

Rachel A. Dowd

Rachel A. Dowd
Assistant Treasurer

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J. EARL FOWLER

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June 11, 1948

Dr. Richard Bien
Faculty House
15 Benevolent Street
Providence, Rhode Islands

My dear Dr. Bien:

This is just to advise you that we have received a check for \$1,000.00 from Yale-in-China to cover your traveling expenses. We are crediting your personal account with the \$600.00 drawn to be sent to you and also taking care of the charges for your steamship ticket.

With very best wishes and kind regards.

Very cordially yours,

J. Earl Fowler
Associate Secretary

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June 11, 1948

Miss Rach^{el} A. Dowd
Yale-in-China Association
905A Yale Station
New Haven, Connecticut

My dear Miss Dowd:

This will acknowledge your letter of June third with the check for one thousand dollars, (\$1,000) enclosed, to cover Dr. Richard Bien's traveling expenses. I greatly appreciate your kindness in forwarding this money to me as Dr. Bien will be leaving for the west coast about this time next week.

Again, with many thanks.

Very cordially yours,

J. Earl Fowler
Associate Secretary

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J. EARL FOWLER

Dr. Earl Fowler
281 Fourth Avenue
New York City

Dear Dr. Fowler:

The Board of Trustees of Yale-in-China has approved my going to Wuchang and Changsha next fall leaving from New York September 22 by Pan American Airways. I will go first to London and I would like to call on the representatives of the two British Boards that help support Huachung. Will you send along at your convenience the names and addresses of the individuals with whom you have dealt on the Boards?

I also want to see Mr. J. Arthur Rank whose Trust Fund made a gift of 45,000£ to Huachung.

I will be in New York next week on the 8th and 9th and will hope to have a glimpse of you.

Sincerely yours,

W. Reginald Wheeler
W. Reginald Wheeler
Executive Secretary

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*needed - Rev. Harold S. Rastbury - 25 Marylebone Rd, London NW1
" Miss Hilda Porter - same address.*

London Missionary - Rev. R. K. Orchard - 42 Broadway, Westminster W1, London, S.W. 1, Eng.

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July 21, 1948

Rev. J. Earl Fowler
281 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Fowler:

Your letter of July 14, 1948 has come and I am writing to thank you for sending the names and addresses of the representatives of the missionary societies in London that help support Hua Chung University. I am writing these individuals and will look forward to seeing them when I am in London in September.

I will surely see you the next time I am in New York.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

W. Reg. Wheeler

W. Reginald Wheeler
Executive Secretary

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October 23, 1948

Mr. J. Earl Fowler
Church Missions House
281 Fourth Avenue
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Dear Mr. Fowler:

I am writing you in accordance with a telephone conversation which Dr. S. W. Wan and I had with you yesterday afternoon. Dr. Wan appreciates very much your willingness to help him in this problem which has arisen regarding his status in this country.

As he explained to you, the Immigration authorities require from him a U. S. Treasury Bond in the amount of \$2,000.00 which is at the rate of \$500.00 per person for himself and the other three members of his family. This bond should not be a savings bond, but a U. S. Treasury bond and ~~is~~ transferable. Since it is necessary to buy such a bond from a Federal Reserve Bank, Dr. Wan thought you would be willing to purchase it for him, because he could not secure it in New Haven without delay.

Please find enclosed herewith Yale-in-China Association check in the amount of \$2,000.00 which is made payable to you. You will notice that the check is dated October 25. This is done because Dr. Wan was unable to get the money from his savings account today as the banks are all closed on Saturday. He will bring me his check Monday October 25, which will be deposited to our Yale-in-China account, refunding to us this amount which I am forwarding to you for him. As a precautionary measure, may I suggest that you keep the enclosed check with my letter until Tuesday morning, which will allow opportunity for us to deposit the check which Dr. Wan will turn over to me on Monday. He would like to have you telephone me, charges collect, not

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later than Tuesday, to let me know how soon you will be able to forward the bond here. Our telephone number is 7-3131, Extension 2491. In mailing the bond Dr. Wan suggests that you should send it to me at this office (905A Yale Station) and I will see that he receives it promptly. He also asked me to tell you that of course he will pay any extra expenses which might be incurred by you in making the purchase.

In case you need to use it, Dr. Wan's full name is Shen Wu Wan.

Your assistance in this problem facing one of our Chinese friends is very much appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Rachel A. Dowd

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Dear Mr. Fowler:

Thank you very much for your telephone call today in regard to the purchase of the Treasury Bond for Dr. S. W. Wan. In accordance with your message, please find enclosed herewith check in amount of \$17.18 - which is to reimburse you for the amount of \$16.98 you paid in connection with the purchase and also 20 cts. for registering the bond. This does not include the cost of the telephone call today, which Dr. Wan will be glad to pay if you will inform me as to the amount.

He telephoned to me this afternoon and was very much pleased and also very grateful to you for taking care of this matter so promptly. I think you will hear from him personally in the near future.

Again with thanks for your assistance, I am

Sincerely yours,

Rachel A. Dowd

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IMPRESSIONS OF CHINA AFTER TWELVE YEARS ABSENCE

Huachung University, Wuchang, China
November 1, 1948

On October 1, I wrote a letter on "LONDON AND THE BRITISH FRIENDS OF HUACHUNG UNIVERSITY:" Today I am writing to give some impressions of China after an absence from this country of twelve years.

The first vivid impression is of the comparative nearness today of China to the United States. The shrinking of the globe, due to the speed of modern transportation, particularly the aeroplane, has brought China so much closer, as far as transportation is concerned, that the phrase, "The Far East," no longer applies. Thus in this journey which began September 23, thirteen and a half hours flight carried me from New York to London; thirty-nine hours actual flight time brought me from London to Shanghai, although the total elapsed time, due to stopovers, was of course greater. But the total of fifty-two and one half hours actual flying from New York to Shanghai, via England, Europe, and India, bore out the assertion of the air lines that there is practically no place on earth more than sixty hours flying time from your near-by airport in the United States. The Far East has become the Near East: China is in a true sense our neighbor; and the statement of Lt. General A. C. Wedemeyer, former Commanding General in the China Theater, made before a committee of the United States Senate last September is confirmed; "The world has been contracted by science, and what happens in China and in Iran is of the utmost concern to our safety and well-being."

The second impression was of the increase during this twelve-year interval in national spirit, in the sense of sovereignty apparent in China. Foreign settlements and concessions, extraterritoriality, have gone. Even the streets in Shanghai that formerly bore foreign names have been renamed. Thus Avenue Edouard VII, bordering the French Concession, is now Chung Chen Lu (The Chiang Kai-shek Road); Avenue Joffre is now Lin Sen Lu; Reu Albert is Shansi Road; Avenue Petain has become Heng Hsan Road.

This increased sense of sovereignty is demonstrated also in the insistence on passports and visas for foreigners entering China; on the examination of incoming baggage and assessment and payment of Customs Charges. In the old days, we foreigners stepped off our steamer or tender on to the Bund in Shanghai and went blithely on our way without any investigation of our belongings, assessments, or payment of entrance fees. Now there is a rigorous inspection of passports and of all trunks and bags; an embargo on importation of foreign currency; and an assessment of duty on specific list of items. The motion picture film which I brought with me to use in photographing the activities at Wuchang and Changsha was held up for appraisal and assessment, and it required a day and a half of strenuous effort to extricate the film and settle for the charges before it was released.

The old Sikh policemen, with their bushy black beards, that were so conspicuous on the streets of Shanghai, have been replaced by Chinese officers with a Roman type of helmet. Foreign shipping, which formerly was so extensive on the Yangtze and between Chinese ports, has disappeared. Foreign air lines like the Pan-American Airways, are not allowed to extend their service in the interior. In these, and in other ways, China has asserted her national rights and sovereignty, and a returning visitor after an absence of twelve years notices at once the radical change in attitude.

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We were impressed also by the growth of population in the cities visited and by the progress and reconstruction during these twelve years. When I left China in 1936, Shanghai was a city of approximately three million. Today it claims over five million. Formerly it was the fifth city in the world, being outranked by London, New York, Berlin, and Tokyo. Today, as a result of the war, the population of Berlin and Tokyo has been reduced, and Shanghai emerges next in size to London and New York as the third largest city in the world. In Nanking, which took such a battering during its siege, capture, and sack by the Japanese in December 1937 when much of the city was burned, the destructive marks of the war are rapidly being erased. There are many new streets and buildings, so that I had difficulty in finding my way in the rebuilt section of the city between Hsiakwan, where the new railroad station is located, and the American Embassy where I stayed. The population of Nanking has grown more slowly than in Shanghai, but it is now estimated at a million and a quarter, nearly double the number of inhabitants when the Japanese attacked eleven years ago, and a quarter of a million more than lived in Nanking when it was at its peak of prosperity before the war. The changes in Shanghai and Nanking are typical indications of the reconstruction, recuperation, and post-war growth of cities and communities throughout China.

Another phase of the situation apparent to one returning after twelve years is the obvious increase in American activity and service to the country, particularly in the military sphere. In Nanking, staff cars and jeeps of the AAG (American Advisory Group) and uniformed officers and enlisted personnel of the American Armed Forces are visible on many of the streets of the city. The American population of Nanking, which in 1936 when we left the city was not over 100, today is estimated at approximately 3,000, with about 1,000 in the Armed Services. The spacious, attractive buildings of the American Embassy and Chancellory are conspicuous landmarks in the Chinese capital. I had the privilege of staying at the Embassy and of seeing the able, experienced service of Dr. J. Leighton Stewart, the United States Ambassador, and of his capable staff, and of witnessing the respect and high regard in which they are held by the representatives of other governments and by Chinese officials and individuals.

A fourth impression is that of the strenuous and forthright attempts being made by the National Government of China to control prices and inflation and to place the Chinese currency on a sound basis. In 1936 when I was last in China, the exchange rate had been stabilized at a ratio of 3.31 Chinese dollars to US\$1. That rate was successfully maintained until the Japanese attack and the Sino-Japanese War broke out openly in 1937 after a session of aggressions which had begun in Manchuria in 1931. During the war and in recent years the currency depreciated to such an extent that US\$1. was worth nearly twelve million Chinese dollars. On August 17, 1948, the Government took the drastic step of issuing new currency, the "Gold Yuen," generally called "GY," setting the value of GY\$4. to US\$1; prices were frozen at that level. The old depreciated currency was to be exchanged for the new at the rate of approximately three million Chinese dollars for GY\$1. The National Government did not have sufficient gold reserves to maintain the currency at the initially-established rate. Various measures were taken to place government-owned properties, securities, and investments back of the issue. Strenuous and forceful measures, including drastic prison and even death sentences, were carried out against hoarders, profiteers, and law-breakers. The rate held quite steadily until the Communists captured Tsinan, the capital of Shantung Province in late September. Since that date the Yuen's official value has been recognized by the banks and in official transactions, but there is now an active black market in other areas, and the rate has oscillated from four-to-US\$1 to eight and ten and even twenty. The GY is used chiefly in the cities; China is predominantly an agricultural country; and currency and foreign exchange are not as vital or as important as in an highly industrialized, exporting and importing country like the United States. China fought bravely in the war with Japan, which extended from 1931 to 1945, refusing to surrender or to give

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in to the superior Japanese army, navy, and air force; the people are now weary and discouraged. China needs aid now more than during the war years; as Lt. General Wedemeyer has said at this critical period in China's history, "Chiang Kai-shek needs our help and deserves our help."

In the midst of these turbulent forces and cross currents of life and activity the Christian Movement is making steadily its contribution of healing, light, strength, and hope. Many influential and authoritative voices have spoken of the valuable and enduring contributions which Americans have made to China, in the sphere of education, medical service, production of Christian literature, agricultural improvement, in the establishment of the Christian Church, and in cooperation with representatives of the Church in its expanding work. Wherever the foreign traveller goes in China, along the coast or in the interior, he will find American missionaries quietly, bravely, and constructively carrying on their creative work in the name and in the spirit of Christ. Representatives of Yale-in-China at Changsha and at Huachung University, with which Yale-in-China cooperates, have rendered and are rendering able and much-appreciated service in this field.

My heart has been warmed by the loyalty and friendship of the representatives of Yale-in-China whom I have met. Mr. M. P. Swen, a Yali graduate, went to the trouble of flying from Nanking to Shanghai to meet me on October 16 and to help me through the Customs; the Alumni of Yali and Hsiang-ya gave a dinner at the International Club in Nanking at which Dr. Y. P. Tsur, Yale '09, Minister of Health, presided, which was attended by leaders in the government, army and navy, and educational service in Nanking, all of them loyal alumni of Yali and of Yale; the Alumni in Shanghai gathered for two informal dinners and for a fine reunion in the afternoon of October 24 in the attractive ground of the Officers' Moral Endeavour Association. Nearly seventy came to the gathering with wives and friends. Dr. F. C. Yen, Yale '09, Head of the Government Medical Work in Shanghai, presided. Alumni and friends and the local and national Government have contributed funds for the construction of a number of new buildings on the Hsiangya and Yali campus at Changsha; the gatherings in Nanking and Shanghai were an expression of allegiance to these institutions in China and of the gratitude of the Alumni for their Alma Mater in America.

At the gatherings at Nanking and Shanghai I presented the greetings of President Seymour, Mr. Henry R. Luce '20, W. Averell Harriman '13, Dr. E. H. Hume '97, and of the Trustees, voiced by the Vice-president, Dean Weigle, and each assembly closed with a long Yale cheer.

Amid the uncertainties, the strain, and the suffering of these recent years, the words of the last verse of "Bright College Years" are being lived out by these Alumni of Yali, Hsiangya, and of Yale:

"In after years, should troubles rise
To cloud the blue of sunny skies,
How bright will seem through memory's haze
Those happy, golden, by-gone days.

"Then let us strive that ever we
May let these words our watch cry be,
Wher'er upon life's sea we sail:
For God, for Country, and for Yale!"

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W. REGINALD WHEELER
YALE-IN-CHINA LETTER NO. 3

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Huachung University

Huachung University
Wuchang, China
November 2, 1948

My last letter was written November 1, 1948, and gave some initial impressions of China after an absence of twelve years. This letter will carry to you word concerning Huachung University and the part the Yale-in-China Association has in its work.

On October 26, 1948, at 6:08 in the morning I left the Lunghwa Airport, Shanghai, for the five-hundred mile flight up the Yangtze Valley to Wuchang, just across the Yangtze River from Hankow and Hanyang. We flew in a DC-3 of the China National Aviation Corporation. The Captain and Chief Pilot, C.G. Parrish from Texas, had flown during the war in the air service, crossing the Hump from India to China, and said he had made that trip over two hundred times. The Chinese co-pilot and radio operator were able and resolute fliers; one had had twenty-six hundred hours, the other three thousand hours in the air. The plane was scheduled to make the round-trip during the day from Shanghai to Chungking and return; it was equipped with bucket seats similar to those used in army service; it carried a load of freight and mail; there were twelve passengers, all except myself Chinese. We landed at the Wuchang airport at 8:45, two hours and thirty-seven minutes from Shanghai.

Frank Fulton, B.A. '32, Ph.D. '43, the Representative of the Trustees at Huachung University, met me at the Air Line Office, and I have had the privilege of staying in his hospitable home in Wuchang, where Mrs. Fulton, B.A. '39, Mt. Holyoke, Yale M.P.H. '47, is an able associate of Dr. Fulton's in his work.

Huachung University represents a union of five Christian institutions of higher learning in the Central Yangtze Valley. Shortly after the Revolution in 1911, when the Manchus were ousted and the Republic was established, a group of university men in Great Britain with Lord Wilbur Cecil as their leader planned to establish a Christian University in the Wuhan Area. That site was selected because of its strategic position at the intersection of two proposed railway trunk lines extending north to Peking, south to Canton, west to Szechuan Province, and east to Shanghai. The Wuhan center was also located at the meeting of two navigable rivers, the Yangtze and the Han. Ocean-going steamers came as far inland as Hankow; the area was expected to develop into the "Chicago of China." Wuchang was the capital of the province of Hupeh where the great Viceroy Chang Tze-tung, in the first decade of this century had built the first system of modern schools in China and had trained the first modern armies; it was in Wuchang that the first shot in the Revolution of 1911 was fired; and the city was regarded as the strategic and natural center of progressive thought, leadership, and development. Professor W. E. Soothill of Oxford, the well-known sinologue, was elected president of the proposed university. World War One, however, blocked the establishment of the university. In 1921, a Commission to Study Christian Education in China was sent out by the mission boards of America and Great Britain under the chairmanship of Professor E. D. Burton of Chicago University, and in 1922 this Commission made a report and recommendations. The Commission recommended that a Central China University be opened in Wuchang, and in 1924 this institution came into existence, Central China University being the English translation of Huachung.

In 1926 in the Civil War the expeditionary Force under General Chiang Kai-shek swept north from Canton into Hunan, captured Hankow, and drove down the Yangtze River

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in the spring of 1927 to Nanking and Shanghai.

The Communist element in the Army staged an attack upon foreigners in the cities occupied. The Nanking Incident took place in March 1927, when five foreigners, including Dr. John E. Williams, Vice-President of the University of Nanking, were killed. Following these attacks, Chiang Kai-shek ousted the Communists from the Kuomintang and went forward in the consolidation of the area under his control. The decade that followed until the full outbreak of the Sino-Japanese War in 1937 was the most progressive and productive period in modern Chinese history.

In 1929 Huachung University was reopened. The Educational Commission had recommended that Yali College located at Changsha join with the four other Christian colleges in the formation of Huachung University, and this recommendation was carried out. Yali College, from which the foreign and Chinese staff had been driven out by the Communists, united in the larger union university in Wuchang, in which Chinese, British, and Americans are all represented.

Under the wise and capable leadership of President Francis C. M. Wei, one of the outstanding Christian Chinese leaders in the Far East, the University has prospered and gone forward. As Dr. Wei has written: "Only American optimism, British fair play, and Chinese good humor, plus Christian charity, could make the enterprise a success."

The University has survived World War II, when it had to evacuate into the interior, first to Kweilin, and then farther into the Southwest, and in the fall of 1946 returned to its former site in Wuchang. The staff, British, Chinese and American, have been most restrained in their references to the hardships and vicissitudes of their eight years in exiles; a vivid account of the experiences immediately after the attack and capture of Changsha by the Japanese in 1942, was contained in the "Atlantic Monthly" in the January, 1943, issue, written by John and Ruth Earnshaw Lo, under the title "Education Takes to the Chinese Hills." The spirit and ideals of the University are well stated by President Wei in an official report:

"Our task as one of the Christian colleges operating in the Central China region is to supply the churches with an educated leadership; to bring together a number of Christian scholars in the various fields for thinking through the problems confronting the country and the world, and for finding their solutions from the Christian standpoint; to train men and women for the great task of interpreting the Christian religion to the Chinese and bringing to the altar of God the genius and culture of the Chinese nation; to bring about a better understanding of the West by the East and of the East by the West, and to hasten the day when the whole of mankind regardless of racial or national differences will live together as God's great family on earth. The Education we give to our students must be scientifically sound but Christian in its emphasis, rooted in the cultural past of the people but abreast with the modern achievements and discoveries of the world, of real service to the country but international in its outlook. We do not deprecate practical results in helping to meet through our graduates the immediate needs of society, but our more important aim is to make a forceful and lasting impact upon the life and thought of the nation as a whole, to make our Christian contribution to the reconstruction of China, this oldest country seeking to become young again."

In his report in June 1948, President Wei wrote: "Commencement on June 25 closed another year of the University, the twenty-fourth since its inception, and the second year after its return from the southwest. This has been another year of inflation, of soaring prices, inadequate salaries, and a more unsettled situation in the country, both politically and economically; but it has been for the University

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a year of increased enrollment, steady progress in standards, better morale, and uninterrupted work in spite of the trying circumstances and student disturbances in many other places."

The enrollment in October 1948 was 572 students, of whom 195 are women. Christians number approximately 47%. The Faculty is approximately 70% Christian. The University includes three colleges, the College of Arts, which also includes a Theological Section; the College of Education, the only Christian College of Education which is recognized and has been registered by the National Government, and which includes a well-developed Music Section; and a College of Science, in the support of which Yale-in-China has had a special interest. The College of Education maintains a Practice School. There are 54 full-time teachers, of whom 34 are Chinese, 13 American, and 7 British. There are also 16 Chinese, who are giving full-time work to administration. The University owns approximately 70 acres of land and a number of buildings, some of which belonged to the original Boone University.

During the past week I have had the privilege of living on the campus of the University, of sharing in the life and work and social gatherings of faculty and students and of catching something of the inner spirit and ideals. The Twenty-fourth Anniversary of the organization of the University was celebrated yesterday, and together with Dr. Noel B. Slater, Executive Secretary of the China Christian Universities Association in London, who is also visiting China, I had the opportunity of extending greetings and best wishes to Faculty, Alumni, and Students. As in Nanking and Shanghai I read the messages from President Seymour, Henry R. Luce, '20, W. Averell Harriman '13, Dr. Edward H. Hume '97, and Dean Weigle on behalf of the Trustees. On the previous evening I had the pleasure of meeting with a group of Yali students, of whom there are approximately 20 at Huachung. The boys sang remarkably well a number of old Yale songs, and we all joined in a long Yale cheer.

Yale College was established in 1701, its charter reading that it was to be an institution "wherein youth may be instructed in the Arts and Sciences, who through the Blessing of Almighty God, may be fitted for publick employment both in Church and Civil state." In its aims and ideals, as stated by President Wei, Huachung University, on the other side of the world, in the Far East, which is no longer far away, is carrying out those initial aims of Mother Yale: "Old men dream dreams, and young men see visions. It is visions that we see in planning for the future of the University. What we see is a Christian institution of higher learning, internationally supported as an expression of international good will for the Christian Faith and for a world cause, working in a world not rolling in prosperity perhaps but enjoying the liberties won with costly sacrifices, serving a nation comprising one-quarter the population of the earth - a nation after a real renaissance which is now reaching forth for a new destiny, with its fate still in the balance, and its advancing steps still at the cross-roads! The work will be worth our while. Many of us are investing our lives and our all in this adventure of faith and we desire to inspire more to follow us. Will all who share this vision help us to realize it?"

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November 3, 1948

Miss Rachel A. Dowd
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My dear Miss Dowd:

Many thanks for your letter of October 26th with the check for \$17.18 enclosed to cover the balance of the purchase of a treasury bond for Dr. S.W. Wan. I hope that it was received last Wednesday morning and that you found everything in order. I am sorry for the delay in acknowledging your letter and the check. I have been so frightfully busy that I have not had a chance to get to it.

With very best wishes and kind regards.

Very cordially yours,

J. Earl Fowler
Associate Secretary

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Dear Mr. Fowler:

I hope by this time you have heard directly from Dr. S. W. Wan. In any case, I wish you to know that he was very appreciative of the help you gave in securing the Treasury Bond for him in New York.

I believe that last year some inquiry was received here as to whether we had in our possession the plans which were drawn up a number of years ago for the new Huachung buildings. When the inquiry came last year we failed to find any such plans. However, a few days ago we cleared out a closet which was very full of old photographs, blue prints, publicity material, etc., I found a roll of the Huachung plans and am taking this opportunity to report it to you promptly. Will you let me know as soon as possible whether you wish to have them at your office in New York? If so, I might be able to deliver them personally on November 24 or 26 as I expect to be in New York for the Thanksgiving holiday weekend.

Sincerely yours,

Rachel A. Dowd

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November 9, 1948

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

My dear Miss Dowd:

Many thanks for your letter of November 8th. I am sorry, but I do not recall having requested that any plans be sent to me. However, if you wouldn't mind, please just keep them on hand, and if the need ever arises for them, we will get them from you.

Very best wishes and kind regards.

Cordially yours,

J. Earl Fowler
Associate Secretary

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Office of the President
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JANUARY 21, 1949

MR. J. EARL FOWLER
ASSOCIATE SECRETARY
HUACHUNG UNIVERSITY BOARD
NEW YORK 10, NEW YORK

DEAR MR. FOWLER:

I AM ENCLOSING A COPY OF A LETTER OF RESIGNATION WHICH I HAVE JUST SENT TO DR. McMULLEN OF THE UNITED BOARD. THIS RESIGNATION FROM THE UNITED BOARD WILL MEAN THAT I CAN NO LONGER CONTINUE ON THE HUACHUNG COMMITTEE. I WISH TO SAY THAT I HAVE ENJOYED MEETING THOSE PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN INTERESTED IN HUACHUNG UNIVERSITY. I PROFITED A GREAT DEAL FROM MY ASSOCIATION WITH YOU AND I COULD WISH THAT I MIGHT CONTINUE IT. HOWEVER, FOR THE REASONS STATED IN MY LETTER TO DR. McMULLEN, IT IS NOT POSSIBLE FOR ME TO REMAIN ON THE BOARD AND MAKE ANY SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION. I FEEL, THEREFORE, THAT IT IS ONLY FAIR TO MAKE WAY FOR SOME ONE WHO CAN PROVIDE THE IMPORTANT LEADERSHIP WHICH YOU NEED AT THE PRESENT TIME.

WITH MY PRAYERS FOR THE FUTURE WELFARE OF HUACHUNG UNIVERSITY AND MY KIND REGARDS TO YOU ALL,

CORDIALLY YOURS,

Dale H. Moore

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JL EARL FOWLER

Rev. J. Earle Fowler, D.D.
Associate Secretary
The National Council
Church Missions House
281 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Dr. Fowler:

I was much interested in the "Special China Bulletin" for May, 1949 which you kindly sent to me. I would like to have half a dozen copies, if they are available, for members of the Trustees and interested friends. The report has items concerning Wuchang where we have a special interest in the work of Huachung University and we would like to have the additional copies for distribution from our office.

I am writing to Dr. Maurice F. Price for a copy of the Far Eastern Quarterly for November 1948, containing a memorial article about Mr. MacMair.

Sincerely yours,

W. Reginald Wheeler

W. Reginald Wheeler
Executive Secretary

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Copy of Letter from Dwight D. Rugh, Trustees' Representative, to Dean Luther

A. Weigle: received July 11, 1949, in New Haven

Yale-in-China Association

Changsha, Hunan, China

June 28, 1949

Dear Dr. Weigle:

Greetings from Yale-in-China, in China.

It is nearing 11 p.m. but I did want to write and say "hello" and tell you about the really wonderful HsiangYa Medical College and Nursing School graduation exercises held this morning. I suppose down underneath somewhere, I am pretty emotional or sentimental, but I keep a pretty tight lid on most of the time; it wouldn't pay to do otherwise in these parts!

But I must say I was tremendously moved this morning, as we held a very impressive and remarkable graduation ceremony at HsiangYa. Forty M.D. candidates, more than half of them women! Ten of the forty have been "interning elsewhere" and were not present. But 30 fine young men and women in academic robes were there. The green M. D. tassels glistening against the black mortar-boards and the glossy black hair of the women candidates; and some 50 or more nurses in spotless and neat white uniforms; about half regular HsiangYa nurses and the others HsiangYa mid-wifery nurses all preceded by about forty or more members of the faculty -- it was a grand sight. We had to meet in the Nursing School dining hall, and only a few representatives from the Medical College student body and Nursing School student body could attend, because there wasn't room for them all. (We have no assembly hall).

In the heart of this war-torn, flood-ridden, chaotic country, we went solemnly and proudly on with our graduation ceremonies. That in itself is no small achievement in the midst of an all-out civil war and almost complete

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economic and political collapse. It is true Dr. M. Y. Ling, head of the College, looked wan and drawn, usually very robust and smiling; it was a grave and honorable responsibility that was his, and he conducted the whole service in an admirable way, human and kind but very dignified withal. One of the original members of the Chinese Ru-Ch'un Hui, representing the Chinese Government at the first beginnings of HsiangYa, old and picturesque Tsao Tzu-ku, whom Dr. Hume and Dr. Greene will well remember, spoke earnestly of the long years of HsiangYa service--and in typical Chinese manner, pointed out the defects and lack of equipment and facilities of HsiangYa. As the Trustees' Representative I followed, and as best I could, I apologized to Mr. Tsao Tzu-ku but differed with him: Less than four years ago there was nothing on the HsiangYa side but the three floors of an empty shell of what had been a grand hospital; now some 15 buildings - mostly all brick ones, two of them four stories high; a fully grown and crowded and well-run Medical College with 100 M. D.'s on the various staffs and connections, and so on, and I said that the whole plant and the work was well equipped and doing a most splendid piece of medical and nursing work, in spite of Mr. Tsao's polite remarks. The smiles on the staff's and students' faces at this small praise, were a stirring sight to me. I hurriedly mentioned the American men and women and some of the leading Chinese who throughout the years have carried on this work, and it was a grand roster. Of course I skipped many, but spoke of: Dr. Hume, Dr. F. C. Yen, Dr. Louise Farnam Wilson, Dr. Wang Tzu-kan, Drs. Phillips and Lois Greene, Dr. H. C. Chang, Dr. Win Pettus, Dr. Ling and Dr. Teng, and Dr. Cooper, Miss Nina Gage, Harriet Smith, Jessie Norelius, Edith Mitchell, Marjorie Tooker, Frances Schlosser-Scherer and Drusilla Poole, Miss Ch'en, Miss Huang, and wonderful Mr. Wang T'ai-yuan who has carried the nursing school through thick and thin, up hill and down, taking out six months in the midst of the war to "knock out T. B. which laid him low" - but he had his bed right in the midst of everything, against all orders and commands--but he seems to have been right.

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I do so wish you could have been with us today, for the graduation was truly a great achievement. The representatives of the parents of the medical graduations, Mr. Li, Yale College in China graduate and ardent booster for the revival of Yale College in China!! - himself a school man, pointed out that to go on with our courses, to conduct and complete final examinations and grant degrees at this time, was a most remarkable thing -- and he is right. Practically all institutions in Central China, and many throughout China for that matter, have closed up - quit - petered out in the face of years of strain, the last few years of inflation, failure of money and enterprise, and in places complete routing of the educated, trained and responsible leaders of the country.

Last week Friday Yali Union Middle School held its graduation exercises; the next day Fuhsiang Girls' School, and today HsiangYa Medical College and Nursing School, all Christian institutions. There is still a great need for this work. It was a great privilege to read the splendid cablegram to this group pledging your continued cooperation.

Greetings from us all.

Faithfully yours,

(Signed) Dwight Rugh

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Copy for: Mr. Earl Fowler
281 Fourth Avenue
New York, New York

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J. EARL FOWLER

July 1, 1949

J. Arthur Rank, Esq.
38 South Street
London W.1, England

My dear Mr. Rank:

Your letter written May 16, 1949 was received last month with the inquiry concerning the present situation in China and its effect upon the work at Huachung University.

Your letter has been held until we could receive more definite information from the field and until I had the opportunity of conferring with Dean Weigle, President of the Yale-in-China Association.

I want to begin by expressing again our deep appreciation for the splendid pledge made by you as Chairman of the Rank Foundation of \$45,000 for a library to be built at Huachung as a memorial to your father. The word concerning this fine contribution brought a new lift to the work, both in American and in China.

I shall attempt to summarize the situation at Huachung as well as I can with our present sources of information. As you know from the press reports, the Communists have swept south across the Yangtze. On April 24th Nanking was occupied; on May 16th Hankow, across the Yangtze River from Wuchang, was evacuated by the Nationalists; on May 25th Shanghai was taken by the Communists. There are twelve Christian Colleges and Universities in China. All but four of these institutions are now within the Communist orbit. Thus far all except one have continued their work and are determined to maintain their service as long as that can be done in accordance with the original Christian aim of the institutions.

On May 13, a letter from Dr. Robert Brank Fulton, representative of Yale-in-China at Huachung, ~~arrived~~ from Wuchang. It arrived here on June 3rd and contained the following word: "We are all hoping that we can finish the term without interruption; the work goes on with that end in view." A letter from Dr. Dwight D. Rugh, representative of the Board of Trustees at Yale-in-China in Changsha, 200 miles up the Hsiang River from Wuchang, which was written on June 11th and received on June 27th, tells of the maintenance of the work in the four units of Yale-in-China there; the Hospital, Medical College, Nurses' Training School and the Union Middle School. In his letter Dr. Rugh wrote: "This week junior graduates have taken their examinations; next week the senior boys get ready and senior school graduation is now set for June 22nd; finals for the rest of the school begin the 25th." In other words, the work both in Wuchang and Changsha is being maintained, and is going forward steadily despite the present uncertainties and turbulence in China.

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Three letters from Dr. Francis Wei, President of Huachung University, written April 12, April 19 and May 3, 1949, indicate the spirit and steadiness of this service at Huachung. On April 12, 1949, Dr. Wei wrote: "It is of very little use to formulate plans to meet conditions under the New Regime; but we believe there are certain Christian and educational principles on which we can never compromise, whereas government regulations and certain restrictions can be tolerated with the hope that conditions may improve in the course of time and the days of freedom will return for church work and for education." On April 19, 1949, Dr. Wei wrote: "In spite of the tense situation, all our people here are still calm and the students have been behaving very well....Adaptation is the order of the day, but we shall stand firmly on our Christian and educational principles with the conviction that we are going to survive....Before Easter there was the Good Friday service in the afternoon. Three speakers led the meditation on the 'Seven words on the Cross' and the 'Church of the Holy Nativity was packed full from the beginning to the end. It was a very helpful service indeed'".

On May 3, 1949, Dr. Wei wrote: "Recently I met with the Wuhan Christian Students Union and all the student religious workers. They asked me to speak on the 'Basic Teachings of the Christian Faith' which I did. I started from man's sense of insecurity; then the mind of the Creator as revealed in the life and teachings of Jesus of Nazareth; and that after His ascension, God is still working in His church and in all human minds which accept His salvation; and finally the church as the Body of Christ to complete the work of redemption in this world of ours"....The group decided to have monthly meetings to discuss the Christian position and the new forces that are coming to China in times like these....As far as the Civil War is concerned, Wuhan is still very peaceful. Perhaps we are at the present moment in one of the happiest spots in the whole country. Shanghai is very unsettled according to newspaper reports, and people who arrived from Changsha only two days before yesterday, reported greater nervousness in that city than we have in the Wuhan center....Religious activities are still going on as usual. Our morning Chapel and other services remain unchanged."

We are enclosing a copy of the Huachung Newsletter dated May 7, 1949, which is published weekly by Huachung University which will give you direct news of life on the campus; and also a copy of the China Colleges for May, 1949, which includes news of the twelve Christian Colleges in China. You will note that Mrs. Douglas Horton, formerly President of Wellesley College and during the war, commanding officer of the WAVES, is the newly elected President of the United Board for Christian Colleges. There is a reference on the third page of the Bulletin in the statement by Dr. Robert J. McMullen to the determination to stand firm for the Christian purpose and program for which these institutions were established. There is reference to the beautifying of the Huachung Campus also on page three.

We are enclosing also a copy of the Annual Meeting Bulletin of the Yale-in-China Association which will give you recent word concerning the work in its five units in China.

Everyone who has had experience in China knows how hazardous it is to attempt specific prophecy of events. I shall not make such an attempt; but will conclude with two statements; first, that, under President Francis Wei, at Huachung University, the work will be maintained in accordance with its original Christian aim and spirit as long as it is possible to do that; and secondly,

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J. Arthur Rank, Esq.
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we believe you can trust the judgment of the Huachung University Trustees on the administration of the fine gift you promised from the Rank Foundation.

Dean Weigle said he expected to see you in London about a fortnight from now at a meeting of the Board of Managers of the World Council of Christian Education, and that he would be happy to try to answer any further questions you might have at that time.

With kind regards and with the hope we may have the pleasure of seeing you on your next visit to America, I am

Sincerely yours,

W. Reginald Wheeler

W. Reginald Wheeler
Executive Secretary

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.....Mr. Earl Wheeler.....

7th July, 1949

Dear Mr. Wheeler,

Very many thanks for your letter of the
1st instant which I have read with great interest. I
am seeing Dean Weigle the first week in August and shall look
forward to hearing of the latest information about China.
I do appreciate your giving me so much detail.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed)

J. Arthur Rank

W. Reginald Wheeler, Esq.,
Yale-in-China Association Inc,
905A Yale Station
New Haven
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Excerpts from Letter from Dwight D. Rugh, Representative of the
Board of Trustees of Yale-in-China; received July 18, 1949 in New Haven, Conn.

Changsha, China
July 8, 1949

I just returned from a two-day trip in a government launch on an inspection tour of the Tung Ting Lake flooded area, as a member of the Hunan Foundation Rural Reconstruction Committee. Some people have estimated that this flood exceeds any that has occurred since 1885, even higher in places than the 1931 flood. Winifred and I came up the Yangste river in that flood, and for nearly 8 days saw nothing but water; but in a way it was not so impressive in its devastating effects as this present flood which permits us to see the ruined farms, houses, broken dikes and flood waters, with thousands of refugees stranded on the tops of dikes only 5-10 feet wide and nothing but swirling waters on all sides as far as they can see.

In the last five days we have been in conference or on the trip almost constantly. The relief needs and the difficulties of administering to them are almost more than we can face. So I have not been able to do what one might term "mission Business"—my life seems to be constructed that way, and in spite of all the resolutions and determination I can muster up I get side tracked. But what can one do? Here is a national flood disaster, here are some funds and agencies ready to give some aid, IF they can be convinced that the requests are legitimate and the implementation of the work will really benefit the needy, and not as so often has been the case never reach those the aid is intended for.—Mr. Farnham and I are about the only Americans in the whole city who have been here more than a few years and so we have to serve. Enough of that.

We finished the term's work in all the institutions in good shape; I want to write about them later. This has been no small achievement, and the leaders of the institutions deserve a lot of credit.

We are plugging on with special summer school plans; students registering, and the necessary management going ahead in good shape. We have been unusually blessed by the lack of bothersome military. Many schools are completely occupied, but we have been freer almost than ever before. I don't know what will happen this summer, but so far we are all right. Large troop movements, but the whole situation remains surprisingly obscure. Perhaps it is a sort of stale-mate, or just another breathing spell. There is practically no reliable information from any source. Some signs of a new fighting spirit in the Nationalist quarters and growing dissatisfaction in the so-called "liberated" areas.

Then on top of all this internal civil strife have come these two floods; or one might say a terrible double headed flood dragon; destroying millions of acres of rice just about to be harvested, breaking down dikes with years of labor spent on them; many many thousands of homes washed away, along with everything that goes with them; equipment; furniture, stock; etc. There are more than forty thousand flood refugees alone here in Changsha, and we saw villages completely flooded up to the second story of their houses; we have been feeding these 40,000 twice a day in 20 rice kitchens; but the resources are about exhausted and I sat up until the late hours last night translating and typing another appeal from the Changsha Christian Union and Hospital Committee for a program to help only 3000 of these 40,000 with food, shelter and travel aid to the tune of US \$100,000.00 - of course I doubt if we can get it, but it is a modest budget for aid for 3000 for 30 days, after which we hope the people will be able to return and try to start from the mud up again!

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I appreciate very deeply the generous action taken by the Trustees in granting the requests and aid to Mrs. Rugh now in Los Gatos, California, as she launches out on another experiment. She seems to be in fine spirits, and we appreciate very greatly the way the Trustees have always helped us at all times.

(signed) Dwight D. Rugh

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Mr. Earl Fowler
Episcopal Board of Foreign Missions
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EARL FOWLER

Dear Earl:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter which, at the suggestion of Dean L. A. Weigle, President of the Yale-in-China Board of Trustees, I wrote on July 1, 1949 to Mr. J. Arthur Rank, 38 South Street, W 1, London, England in answer to a request I had made earlier for information about the situation affecting Huachung.

Enclosed is also a copy of the letter dated July 7, 1949 from Mr. Rank after receiving my letter of July 1. I am sure that Dean Weigle, who expected to see Mr. Rank in London, will have a helpful conference with him.

I hope when Mr. Rank comes to the United States again the Huachung Trustees may have the opportunity of entertaining him as we had planned to do earlier this year.

I just finished up work on the booklet describing my trip to China and the work at Changsha and at Huachung and which the Yale Press Printing Office is printing for us, and we will see that a copy is sent to you and also to the other Huachung Trustees. We would appreciate your help if you would send on a list of the Trustees and their addresses, to whom this booklet can be sent.

As my term of Executive Secretary of Yale-in-China ends officially July 15, 1949, I am transmitting herewith also my resignation as Yale-in-China Representative on the Huachung Board of Trustees.

It has been a true pleasure to be associated with that Board and in the work for Huachung under the wise and able leadership of President Wei, and I am grateful for that experience.

I begin work on September 6, 1949 as Assistant Director of the China Institute in America with offices at 125 East 65th St., New York.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

W. Reginald Wheeler

W. Reginald Wheeler

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July 19, 1949

Dr. Robert J. McMullen
United Board for Christian Colleges in China
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

My dear Bob:

The following is an excerpt from a letter I have just received from Mr. Reginald W. Wheeler:

"As my term of Executive Secretary of Yale-in-China ends officially July 15, 1949, I am transmitting herewith also my resignation as Yale-in-China Representative on the Hauchung Board of Trustees."

As there are several others on the Committee who represent the Yale-in-China Association, I do not know whether there will be anyone elected to take Mr. Wheeler's place or not. I understand that Miss Rachael A. Dowd, Recording Secretary and Assistant Treasurer, is going to take on the work Mr. Wheeler has been doing for the timebeing. Whether there will be another Executive Secretary or not, I do not know.

With very best wishes and kind regards.

Very cordially yours,

J. Earl Fowler

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July 19, 1949

Mr. W. Reginald Wheeler
Yale-in-China Association
905A Yale Station
New Haven, Connecticut

My dear Rex:

Many thanks for your letter of July twenty-fourth with the enclosures. You sure wrote Mr. Rank as complete a statement about China as one could possibly write under the present circumstances.

I am enclosing herewith a list of names and addresses of Huachung Committee members, formerly the Board of Founders.

As I told you over the telephone, I am mighty sorry that your term as Executive Secretary of the Yale-in-China Association formerly ended on July fifteenth. I am equally sorry for the reason that it will be necessary for you to resign as Yale-in-China representative on the Huachung Board. I am passing on this information to Dr. Robert J. McMullen.

I am mighty glad to know that as of September sixth you will be the Assistant Director of the China Institute in America and I hope that if at any time you are in this neighborhood, that you will drop in and see me.

With very best wishes and kind regards.

Very cordially yours,

J. Earl Fowler

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July 20, 1949

Mr. Rex Wheeler
Yale-in-China Association
905A Yale Station
New Haven, Connecticut

My dear Rex:

Three Huachung Newsletters have just come in to be mimeographed and sent out. In the May twenty-eighth issue there is a note that a baby girl was born on the twenty-third of May to Dr. and Mrs. R. B. Fulton. You may know about this but in case you hadn't heard I knew you would be interested.

With very best wishes and kind regards.

Very cordially yours,

J. Earl Fowler

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Changsha, September 27, 1949

Dear Dr. Weigle:

Greetings from Yale-in-China in Changsha again! I am starting herewith another semi-report. Perhaps there should be a better way to do this, but at present I haven't figured it out, so occasionally I will just sort of "spill over" and Miss Dowd or someone may wish to expurgate and trim and give you or others the gist of anything that might be useful. These are truly momentous times in this small globe's history, and it is a most stimulating and interesting experience to be right in the midst of one of the seething spots and still able to take some small part in it and observe as one of the participators.

Just for a moment's digression, but it has its connections: I spent an hour or so in pleasant fellowship with Robert Lowry Calhoun last evening! I was reading his little book on "God and Man At Work" or some such title. I couldn't sleep and so had a very helpful time turning back the clock and sitting in Dr. Calhoun's class listening to his vivid and thought provoking development of this theme. Most pertinent and useful at this time, as we face a veritable avalanche of anti-spiritual, anti-religious emphasis because what is going on here has a theoretical and ideological affinity to Marx's dialectic materialism. So the experience took me back to Yale Divinity again, and hence close to you also.

Fifteen bright, intelligent Yali students and five teachers sat in our living room yesterday afternoon, and the YMCA cabinet and Christian teacher advisors were there too. We faced the position, work and next steps for the Yali Christian student group and had a very fine meeting which lasted over three hours. Those chaps are facing a lot of very searching criticism from sources inside and outside of Yali, from their own closest friends and class mates as well as from the whole atmosphere, press, and waves of soldiers who meet and study here on our campus at various intervals every day. No doubt a good many of our young students are wavering in their religious thinking, faith and convictions. One fine chap, with real ability, said with tears in his eyes that he just really didn't know what to think now. He had been so certain a month ago, but now although he knows Jesus was a great leader, he isn't sure how He could be the Son of God; or even about God! To these young chaps this carefully worked out, skillfully prepared and persuasively stated "scientific socialism" - scientific revolution and liberation of the masses - presents a most formidable tidal wave of force and pressure.

Whereas it is a very real threat to the religious faith and spiritual living of our youth and church membership on the one hand, it also presents one of the greatest challenges and thrilling opportunities to slough away a lot of mere respectability, mere tradition and nominal "christianity" (with a small "c"), and to face the rock bottom essentials of Christian faith and living. If we Christians can only rise to this challenge and be used by God to help our colleagues and students fight through to a clearer and more deeply personal experience of Christ as Lord and Saviour we will probably have been in the midst of one of the most fruitful periods of the Church in China. It is up to us to help them maintain their faith in the forces of law and love representing God as the latter are operating here and now, both in and among the communist workers as well as with the Christians. It is really frightening - the greatest opportunity in China's history, and we are so weak!

Here is a great wave of humanity, sweeping across every walk of life, quietly, steadily; wave after wave of military, political and social leadership and fellowship

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driven by an enthusiastic, convinced, determined, and on the whole a happy, singing, joyful spirit of comradeship and togetherness. It is something never before seen in these parts and it professes sacrifice, service, cooperation, sharing, suffering and giving one's all in order that the people's living may be made suitable for everyone. As far as the people here can see it is nothing but what the Christian church has been preaching and advocating all the time, in the way of loving your neighbor and becoming the servant of all, but this is being carried out in some ways and being promised in such a persuasive manner that it naturally captures the minds and hearts of anyone with idealism and a desire to make things better. The phrases "religious liberty" and "religious freedom" are freely used and defended but along with them is the equally stressed point that there is also "liberty to reject religion", "freedom to express objection to religion", stated in such a way that it becomes extremely difficult to carry on services and many phases of a religious program.

However, at present there is ample opportunity for Christians with genuine humility and a desire to serve others unselfishly, and if need be in the face of criticism, interference, and even ridicule, to demonstrate the power and adequacy of the message from Christ and the Christian way of life. It is a real and clean-cut face-to-face life-situation where these two ideologies, these two ways of life and these two expressions of changing the social order are stripped for action and will, for the present at least, succeed or fail as a result of their actual demonstration in bringing about a better livelihood.

Naturally with the control in the government and the universal desire for a change from the long weary years of scarcity and suffering, the recently arrived emphasis has a pretty good lead before it starts. But as one friend and native of this country put it some time ago, the "proof of the pudding is in the eating". We have no doubts about the final outcome, as Christians, but we are faced with one of the heaviest responsibilities and one of the great opportunities that the Christian forces in China have had to face. The people are stirred to their very depths and in many different ways; but the past is slipping away and will be gone forever - a new day is truly on the horizon. Long, weary and devious may be the road to it, with many, many discouraging detours perhaps, but both the communists and the Christians have no doubt about the worthiness of the goal, and they are willing to travel that road with the same determination, on the whole, as "Christian" when he set out toward the wicket gate.

Yale-in-China has led the way in a very splendid piece of international, Christian service during these forty odd years and has in the doing of it developed a splendid group of fine Christian men and women whose faith is strong, whose lives have demonstrated the power and spirit of Christian living, and they will continue to serve their fellowmen and keep alive the flame of Christian brotherhood, service and faith in God. It is going to be, probably, the severest testing of their lives, but I know many who will come through it all with power, conviction, and will give inspiration and help to many others. Those folks need your prayers as never before. They are leaning heavily on the friendship, the spiritual support and the faith of Yale-in-China friends as never before. They will need letters from members of the Trustees and former Yale-in-China staff members. Letters are coming through now directly to Changsha. Dr. Cooper has been getting mail from Washington and other places quite regularly. Letters from former western colleagues to the older men they know here with greetings, encouragement and expressing interest and hope for their welfare and continued leadership will be worth their weight in diamonds! In this perhaps Miss Dowd can help admirably, for she knows the folks who were out here and those they would remember best. I will send a list of some of the folks here that I think of. This list might be sent to some of those most interested and they can write to whomever they choose. But I do hope they write; just letters of Christian friendship and goodwill, expressing interest and appreciation for the way these men and women

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here have carried on the torch and are carrying it on, and for their continued welfare and service as the new China is forged.

I am in no position to make forecasts or prophesy how things will develop in China in the coming years; it must be remembered that at present we have been only on the fringe of this new regime for some six weeks or less, and that one of the strongest elements of the present regime is its flexibility; it has resiliency and adaptability to the actual conditions it finds itself on the one hand; and I am at present led to believe that on the other hand the more ultimate goals are not necessarily too clear cut and dried, nor are they necessarily in complete line with those of the country to the northwest.

Tremendous changes have already been seen and modifications (which almost go beyond the meaning of that word in the distance they have taken the practices and attitudes of those people from the original sources) have been made in dealing with the citizens of various economic and social classes, even members of the opposing party, and also western people. Everyone I have talked with expects a period of from 20 to 40 years of somewhat modified capitalism, at least in the large cities, if not throughout the nation. This applies particularly to the major industries, transportation and natural resources. As you may have heard, the leaders of this new regime have repeatedly stated that there must be a recess, even in their already fairly modified practice, and private capital and individual initiative in the realm of production must be stimulated and promoted. Repeatedly it has been said directly to me, and repeated by others to me, that the present regime and its leaders and followers have no animosity or ill-feeling or hatred for Americans as such - it is the "imperialistic government" and the economic aggressiveness of the "capitalistic magnates" (!) and so forth that this regime is opposed to. And although we have had hundreds of soldiers here in our compounds, studying in our unused rooms, staying overnight, or living for a few days, there has been the most friendly attitude toward us few Americans. And there has been no evidence of any mistreatment of such in the city that I know of.

This does not mean that there are not many people in the city who do not like us Americans; if they had their way they would have us "driven out" and so forth, but they are not the people who have recently come into Hunan from the north, but local people who naturally attempt to appear loyal and to be followers of the new regime and are leaning over backwards to prove their integrity, which is extremely shaky, and could not stand too careful a scrutiny. There are others, sincerely and wholeheartedly anti-western in every respect, but they are few in number, scattered, and have no status of leadership or responsibility in the affairs of the city or communities.

I have digressed too far. I merely mean to convey the idea that there lies before a very unique, very perplexing, almost wholly uncharted course. But it is a course that IS OPEN at present; one in which the forces of Christian faith, love and sacrifice will have ample opportunity to prove themselves in the lives of Christians worthy the name. Many will drop by the wayside, as always happens, others will be strengthened, and faiths deepened and friendships and services carried to new heights of Christian living. A good many of the superficial trappings of tradition, unearned status and face, false dignity and slovenly work which hide behind institutional authority and custom are being torn down and pulled away. Teachers will remain in institutions if they really stimulate learning among the students; administrators will maintain their positions on the whole if they are democratic, just and sincere; chosen leaders and managers of activities will remain in such positions only so long as they do a reasonably good job. This may sound queer to you and others there in America just now, but I am only reporting what is actually taking place right now here in our midst. In the HsiangYa Nursing School, in Yali, in the Hospital, and in many institutions in Changsha. I see absolutely no other explanation for the fact that these institutions in which Yale-in-China has the privilege of cooperating are going ahead with larger enrollments proportionately than any other institution which existed last term and are having a minimum of disturbances, than that the Chinese leaders come

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up to the requirements. In spite of the government request that leadership not be changed, many people have been forced to resign, institutions have been closed, and others are temporarily inactive because the leadership did not stand up to this new-searching evaluation.

Naturally there is no telling what may happen next to any organization, or institution, or person. This whole movement is advancing right at the cutting edge of experimental revolution, but so far it has been a very carefully considered, painstakingly planned and cautiously directed experiment. A very keen eye has been kept on the personal characteristics and psychological influences operating in the lives of the Hunanese. They have been known throughout the ages as difficult types of Chinese individuals. This has been pretty well taken into account so far by the new regime, and the experience of the last decade or two of communist expansion in China has helped these people refine and adapt their practices and policies to the realities of the actual situations they meet. Therein lies one of the most hopeful aspects of this whole movement. It may be that the age old emphasis of the Chinese on individualism may temper the traditional communist practices of over-riding individual liberty, so that a reasonable amount of individual initiative and liberty may become a solid plank in the newly emerging nation. The ready acceptance of a genuine spirit of cooperation and mutual trust and helpfulness, whether it comes from outsiders or even members of the opposition parties or those with varying degrees of dissension, leaves open channels of Christian experimentation and service which may have a far reaching influence in the moulding and shaping of the ultimate nature of Chinese culture and government. And so on throughout a long list of relationships.

In summary: The present situation here in Changsha to my mind presents not a discouraging picture, not one to be lamented, but rather one full of promise and testing. For one thing, it does seem that the hard shell of vested interests, the age-old practices of squeeze, selfish gain, and downright graft and cheating have been cracked, smashed and given a tremendous "wallop". It remains to be seen if the present regime can tap spiritual resources that are deep enough, true enough and powerful enough to hold the succeeding leaders to the present line. But at any rate the walls of former misgovernment, rotten leadership in the administering of funds for the purposes collected and so forth have been knocked down - that much of the ground work has been done. The challenge now is to build wisely, justly and I hope morally and spiritually.

It seems that there is at least at present a 50-50, or at the very least, a 33-66 chance that the Christian forces will have a pretty fair opportunity to contribute what they can contribute. If we fail, the failure rests, in my judgment, pretty heavily on what the missionary forces have been doing the last hundred years here in China. I am not sure how many Christians are in the meetings now going on in Peiping, but I do know that G. T. Chao, Yenching Theological department, Miss Yifang Wu, Ginling University, Y.T. Wu, YMCA in Shanghai, Mrs. Herman Liu, (whose husband was former president of Shanghai Baptist College) are delegates, and some of them are definitely representatives of the Christian Church. And also representatives of Buddhism, Mohammedanism and so forth are there.

The die is not yet entirely cast; we pray and hope that the Christian forces and the Christian people in China and the rest of the world will rise to this opportunity and be led by God to take the place that He purposes for them to take in this nation and in these times. I must stop, and didn't get to any of the things I meant to report. But this may be of some help in giving you a sense of the situation here. I must add that I fully realize that ideologically real Marxism (which I do not understand???) theoretically leaves no place for God, much less for Christ or Christianity. As a scientific socialism, carried out by what is spoken of as "dialectic materialism", economic determinism and so forth, it shoves religion and God off the map. But Marxism is not being practiced in China yet. The new China may well have a place in it for a vital religion whose god is God, not something else. Have to stop. Greetings to all.

Faithfully yours, (signed) DWIGHT RUGH

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YALE-IN-CHINA ASSOCIATION

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905A YALE STATION, NEW HAVEN, CONN.

September 30, 1949

To Friends of Yale-in-China:

Most of you have read in the newspapers of the steady advance of the Communist armies and of the successive occupation of both Wuchang and Changsha where our Yale-in-China work is located. Undoubtedly you have wondered what this means for the future.

Throughout the summer the Board of Trustees has followed events closely and thoughtfully, seeking counsel from the Department of State in charting a policy for the years ahead.

The decision is to carry on with as vigorous and active a program of medical and educational work as present conditions will permit, postponing the construction of any permanent buildings.

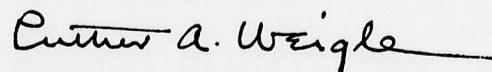
With this in view Edward Manice, '45, and John Paul Knox, '49, are on their way to Changsha to join Dr. Dwight Rugh, '36 Ph.D., Dr. Linn F. Cooper, '21, and Miss Drusilla Poole, '47 N., on the Yali and HsiangYa campuses. Dr. Brank Fulton, '32, and his family have stayed on in Wuchang all summer, since Huachung University opens for its fall term as usual.

In accordance with the policy of the Department of State, the decision on the part of each staff member to remain in China has been an individual one, and the Trustees are proud that all these have elected to remain. The Trustees are likewise proud of the plans of the Chinese institutions in which the Yale-in-China Association participates to carry on in their best tradition.

In the last analysis the issue in China today, just as elsewhere in the world, is an issue of ideologies. Neither military force nor economic measures will achieve the end we all so earnestly desire. Rather it is the long-range impact of Christian institutions and of devoted Christian leaders, both Chinese and American, that may ultimately turn the balance.

Yale-in-China's responsibility and opportunity is to endeavor in every possible way to exert that influence in China. The Trustees are so convinced of this that they believe that support of Yale-in-China is a vital part of our whole future in the Far East.

Faithfully yours,



Luther A. Weigle
President.

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Memorandum on Correspondence Between Dwight Rugh at Changsha and
the New Haven office Regarding the Property Matter.

- I. Following receipt of a letter to Dean Weigle from Mr. Rugh dated January 21, 1950, in which he raised the question of the Trustees giving him authority, if it seemed advisable, to turn over part or all of the Changsha property to the "Chinese boards", a letter was sent containing the vote of the Executive Committee taken February 9, as follows:

VOTED: that the Trustees wish to retain titles to all property of the Association in China and reaffirm the stand taken on this matter in the cablegram sent January 9, 1950 to Dr. Rugh, Representative of the Board in China.

This action of the Executive Committee was received by Mr. Rugh on February 26, and acknowledged in a letter of February 28 to Mr. Holden.

- II. On March 7th Mr. Rugh wrote again to Mr. Holden to report on a meeting of the Yale-in-China Council held March 3. In addition to the three American members of the Yale-in-China staff there were present at this Council meeting Mr. Vernon Farnham of the Yali School Board, and the following Chinese members of Yali and HsiangYa staffs:

HsiangYa: Dr. M. Y. Ling (director of Medical College), Dean C. C. Wu, Dr. I. W. Teng, (superintendent of the Hospital), Dr. Y. T. Hsiao (former superintendent), Mr. T. Y. Wang (principal of the Nursing School).

Yali Middle School: Mr. C. C. Lao (principal) Dean K. S. Ying, Mr. James K. Sheng (business manager).

Mr. Rugh in reporting on this meeting pointed out that the discussion regarding the Yale-in-China property resulted in no recommendation regarding the property on the Academic side of the campus. He wrote:

"We had made inquiries again at the land registration office, and learned that at present the government is still not ready either to tax foreign owned property, or to allow transference of ownership from foreign ownership to Chinese ownership."

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Concerning the HsiangYa side of the campus he reported:

"However, it is the unanimous opinion of the Council group, that the situation on the HsiangYa site is a special one and that it is possible that we might be able to proceed. I will explain the matter and make a specific request to the Trustees."

Mr. Rugh then outlined the history, and development of the HsiangYa institutions, beginning with the agreement made in 1914 for a cooperative institution to be carried on by the Yale Mission and the Yu-Chun Medical Educational Association; the nationalization of the Medical College in June, 1940; the construction of new buildings after the war by the National Government; and the recent turn-over of the Medical College to the Communist government.

In presenting to the Yale-in-China Trustees the recommendation of the Council at this meeting on March 3, 1950, Mr. Rugh wrote:

"In view of all these matters quite carefully considered, and further more after carefully considering the present trends of medical and nursing education and the program of the government to expand and take over a greatly enlarged program, -- we request the Yale-in-China Association Trustees to consider the possibility of granting permission for the transference of the Yale-in-China Association ownership of land, -- whatever that legally might be -- to 'the HsiangYa institutions'.

"This agreement amongst us here was reached in full recognition of the Trustees' recent action that they desire to retain the title to all property at this time. But I had pointed out that you had explicitly written, stating that: quote '(I should not) hesitate to send...further recommendations as the situation develops.'"

"I believe none of us were opposed to this action requesting that the Trustees grant permission for this transfer of the land, hospital building and property which the Association might have claim to, to the HsiangYa work. We felt that we did not want to grant this to the Medical College as such, as the Nursing School and Hospital have as much claim to it and need to be protected also. But it was also felt, in view of the dominant position of the Medical College we should also include it in the transaction, particularly as it is the government institution."

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III. Interchange of Cablegrams April 24 - 25, 1950

Cablegram Received in New Haven at 9:30 a.m. April 24, 1950.

Changsha, China
April 22, 1950

Yale-in-China
New Haven, Conn.

"APRIL THIRTIETH DEADLINE HERE REGISTRATION HSIANGYA LAND BUILDINGS. OTHER PROPERTIES MAY AWAIT TRUSTEES APRIL THIRTIETH OR SUBSEQUENT CONSIDERATION. FOLLOWING YALE IN CHINA COUNCIL MEETING HELD TWENTY-FIRST COUNCIL UNANIMOUSLY URGENTLY REQUEST TITLE AND OWNERSHIP OF LAND AND BUILDINGS ON HSIANGYA CAMPUS BE TRANSFERRED OUTRIGHT TO HSIANGYA UNITS DETAILS TO BE WORKED OUT HERE. HOPE RECEIVE CABLED REPLY EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE BEFORE APRIL THIRTIETH. HEARTY GREETINGS TO TRUSTEES AND STAFF FROM ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS.

(signed) LAO LING RUGH"

Cablegram Sent from New Haven office of Yale-in-China April 25, 1950

LAO LING RUGH YALI CHANGSHA HUNAN (CHINA)

"TRUSTEES GIVING SERIOUS CONSIDERATION YOUR REQUEST BUT CANNOT GIVE DECISION UNTIL REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF ENTIRE BOARD APRIL THIRTIETH. YOU MUST USE BEST JUDGMENT IN EMERGENCY. HOPE DELAY POSSIBLE. SUGGEST YOU CONSULT FRANCIS WEI. FURTHER DETAILS EXPLAINING URGENCY REQUESTED.

(signed) WEIGLE HOLDEN"

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Copy of Letter from Dr. M. Y. Ling, Director of HsiangYa Medical College: received May 4, 1950 in New Haven.

The National HsiangYa Medical College
Changsha, Hunan, China

April 18, 1950

Dear Yale-in-China Trustees:

Thanks to the founders who laid down such solid foundations for the HsiangYa institutions--the medical college, the nursing school, and the hospital--that they have been able to make continuous growth in spite of repeated frustrations met in the history of their development.

The most disastrous one was during the Sino-Japanese hostilities during which all the buildings on the HsiangYa campus were completely devastated. On V-J Day, the only thing that we had left was a mere skeleton of the hospital with no roof, no doors, and no windows. However, with the help of the Chinese government and that of private organizations both at home and abroad, we have not only rebuilt the institutions but have made them larger than before.

The Chinese People's government has shown high appreciation of and deep interest in the work of HsiangYa. From September to December 1949, the college was fully supported by the provisional government of Hunan province established right after the liberation of Changsha on August 4, 1949. The staff members and the servants of the nursing school and the hospital also received their monthly payments from the government. In order to make HsiangYa a more efficient training center for medical personnel, beginning January 1950, the college has been put under the care of the Ministry of Health of the Central government at Peking. The Ministry of Health of the South Central China government at Hankow, which is a branch office of the Central government at Peking, is in direct charge of the college. For the year 1950, which is generally considered the most difficult fiscal year for the new government, we are still granted an annual budget equivalent to not less than U.S. \$200,000.00 for the college. With this budget we are going to enlarge our enrollment for the next term. The college and the nursing school will each take 200 new students this fall.

At present the total staff of the three institutions is 285. There is an enrollment of 264 students in the medical college and 234 in the nursing school. In addition, there is a class of 26 technical students being conducted by the college. With an additional wing put up on its western side, the hospital now has an accommodation of 450 beds. A new O.P.D. building of three floors was completed not very long ago and has already begun to function well.

The new government is the most powerful, resourceful, and far-sighted one ever seen in Chinese history. The general development in the country clearly indicates that only those institutions that can get full governmental support will have unlimited bright futures. I have been called twice to Hankow to attend important conferences for the discussion of various projects for the development of medical education and health work in South Central China.

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In the last meeting, the problem of nationalization of the HsiangYa Nursing School and the HsiangYa Hospital was brought up. The Minister of Health was of the opinion that the three HsiangYa institutions are really one and should be under a single leadership. He felt that nationalization of the college in 1940 followed by rapid development is a proof that governmental support is not only advisable but a necessity for the growth of such an institution as HsiangYa. He further expressed the idea that the government is willing to give equal attention and enough financial support to all three units. He desires to see them developing in good integration under the leadership of the medical college. Other attendants at the meeting added that nationalization can go with international cooperation. Since Yale-in-China has contributed so much to the growth of HsiangYa, its further help and full governmental support will make HsiangYa grow much more rapidly.

In the fall of 1949, not long after the liberation of Changsha, the faculty members and students of the institutions had many heated discussions on the advisability of total nationalization. Opinions were then divided, but now we all believe that full governmental support to all three of the HsiangYa units and continued help from Yale-in-China are really necessary for a greater HsiangYa to appear in the new China.

Your sympathy to and approval of this movement are requested at this time. With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

(signed) MING YU LING, Director

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Report of the Secretary to the Trustees of Yale-in-China

April 30, 1950

You will be relieved to know that my report will be briefer than usual in view of the welcome presence of Dr. Linn Cooper who brings fresh news from Changsha and in view of the important matters with respect to our Hsiang-ya property which must assume the majority of our valuable hours this afternoon.

I am happy to report that our total alumni gifts to date amount to \$28,210. Unfortunately this sum represents gifts from fewer individuals than last year, but the total is nevertheless greater. Our progress is in no small way due to the help of the Trustees who have all been very generous in volunteering to write letters to prospective donors. Mr. Grumman sent a standard mimeographed letter to close to 300 individuals who were not known personally to any of the Trustees - the total accruing from all of these letters being \$1,507 (the result of 92 separate gifts). This is most gratifying and I want to express my personal, as well as official, thanks for the cooperation Miss Dowd and I received in this undertaking.

Mr. Henry Fletcher has approved of the disposition of the '98 Fund balance of \$785.58 for use as a relief fund in accordance with the vote of the Trustees at its last meeting. The news of this has been very warmly received by Dr. Rugh in Changsha.

Sixty Yale-in-China enthusiasts attended our first post-war dinner on one of the opening nights of the new New China Restaurant on March 23. Mr. Wah Lee, the proprietor, gave one half of the proceeds back to Yale-in-China, a thoughtful gesture on the part of a long-time friend.

Dr. Hume has been good enough to offer his services on our behalf and spoke on April 16 at the West Newton Second Congregational Church and on April 17 at the All Saints Episcopal Church in Belmont. He showed the Yali films which helped to strengthen the faith of a great many people in our institutions.

In passing, may I call attention to Dr. Hume's new book, Doctors Courageous, which was published on March 29 which I know all of you will enjoy reading as much as I have.

Miss Dowd spoke on Yale-in-China to the Student Council of the Nursing School in early April and ~~was~~ introduced by Mr. N. K. Chen, a graduate student who is an alumnus of Yali. ~~They~~ showed our very excellent Kodachrome slides, and they were shown this past week to the students of Davenport College once again.

The newspapers have been good to us, following the statement of future policy approved at our last meeting. The local papers, as well as the Yale Daily News and the Yale Alumni Magazine, gave us full coverage. The News also featured Yale-in-China in one of its weekly supplements, a reprint of which has been distributed to each of you.

Though it is impossible to find ways and means of sending new bachelors to the field, it is exciting to realize that we have had more applicants this year than in many years, and that though they are making other plans for next year, all of them continue to hold out some hope of being able to secure entry to China. Meanwhile we were pleased to note that one of our former bachelors, Stanley Woodward, Chief of Protocol in the State Department, is reported to be President Truman's choice as the next Ambassador to Canada.

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Dwight Rugh, who is scheduled to return to the States on furlough in July, writes at length quite frequently; the letters forwarded through Mr. Walline in Hong Kong take ten days to two weeks to get here. Some of his recent correspondence is detailed in the mimeographed documents you have in your hands.

In other letters he has written in part as follows: "It is certainly going to be a tough year. It already has the earmarks of much suffering and misery, as the whole country reorganizes itself along all fronts. But it is our constant hope and prayer that the leaders will be able to inspire the people with a true loyalty and faith based on the highest and wisest ideals for the meeting of the people's fundamental needs. As long as Yale-in-China Association, its friends and members can contribute any assistance in this stupendous task, I can assure you it will be greatly appreciated and placed where it will have lasting and very significant value.

"I think in the face of so much very bitter, continued persistent criticism of the west, particularly the country we belong to, it seems helpful to the men to feel that after all, as Dr. Weigle stated in his policy statement, we can work, live and love together as Christian friends serving the people in any way open to us. It was quite inspiring and uplifting to me, who, as you know, am incurably enthusiastic about all we are doing."

Mr. Lao, principal of the Middle School, reports there had been a general feeling that Yali would have less students this coming spring term, but actually many old students who left before the liberation are returning. He says that many more new students than expected are trying to enter Yali. 280 took the first entrance exams in February and more than 330 took the second exams in March. The school can take only one out of every five or six applicants and for the spring term which started March 13 there are 487 students, which is just about the capacity (and 30 more than last term). One of the big problems apparently was that of setting the school fees and what price rise to use. Yali has more stability than other private Middle Schools in the area and parents are anxious to send their children there - some have come from even as far as Shanghai, Canton and Hong Kong. Furthermore, about 2000 landlords have fled from the countryside to escape taxes and have taken refuge in Changsha. Their children will probably eventually end up in Yali.

"Things are very quiet in the school and the students are working at their studies harder than ever," writes Mr. Lao. "Salaries are low but the teachers and servants seem to be cheerful about it. We have transformed the whole campus into one big vegetable garden so that the students might earn a part of their boarding expenses by raising cabbages, turnips, pumpkins, onions, etc."

Mr. Wang, principal of the Nursing School, reports that 270 are expected this term but says that the financial situation is discouraging because the students cannot pay enough fees. Dr. Teng, superintendent of the hospital, says the same thing - patients are more numerous but they pay less. The hospital has a bigger staff to support and is offering better treatment, in addition to the fact that it is the only hospital now in Changsha to which poor people can come for free treatment. How long, however, they can carry on without outside help is a question.

Five boxes of medical journals secured by Dr. Liu last year through the cooperation of the Yale Medical Library have arrived in Changsha. The Director of the Medical College, Dr. Ling, says that 264 students were enrolled in the fall term and the spring term opened on February 21 with almost all the students returning. The Medical Center has a roster of about 285 teachers, doctors, nurses, and other staff members. Seven doctors from Hsiang-ya attended the South Central Regional Government Health Conference in Hankow in February, when certain changes

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in medical education curriculum were discussed, these apparently will be implemented this summer, though we have not been notified of their nature.

Dwight writes: "The medical college is now the National Hsiang-ya Medical College, a genuine 100% government institution receiving large monthly government grants legally and actually under the full control of government authorities. There was a good bit of agitation early in August and during September to turn the Hsiang-ya Nursing School and the Hsiang-ya Hospital over also to the government. However, much to the credit, wisdom and good leadership of both the Hsiang-ya authorities and the new government, this matter has been quite well handled and at present there is a fairly good understanding on this matter and a desire that the work as a combined three-in-one unit be carried on in such a way as to conserve all the values which might be available to our cooperative efforts. Our medical men feel quite satisfied that the government is very desirous to have Hsiang-ya not only continue its good work but assume a very important role in present and future development of medicine in central China and the training of medicine and nursing personnel. In fact Hsiang-ya will be one of two or three main institutions to do this work in the country."

A disheartening note comes from Drusilla Poole who has written a letter she has requested circulated among her friends in America. "Inconspicuousness and external conformity," she says, "in some degree are advisable for us foreigners these days. Prior to the liberation I was the superintendent of the nurses in the hospital but soon afterwards I was liberated. This past term I have devoted almost my entire time to the Nursing School. One of our troubles is that we cannot find students who have enough money to pay even the small tuition and board it takes to carry them until they finish their pre-clinical period. On the other hand the number of patients increases as we open new wards in the new college wing of the hospital....Yet if you could walk into our compound any morning, the normalcy of the situation would be misleading. The monthly income of the hospital has dropped steadily since last summer until it cannot drop any further. Yet at the same time we have a growing census. There is an absence of social life. The service of the medical students and the student nurses is busily manifested everywhere you go. Excellent teaching is still being done by the staff of both schools. The daily progress on the new OPD building and the wing of the hospital, the needy crowds who pass by the hundreds through our gate every day giving witness of our service to the community, the sick who get better and those who die - these things have not changed even though gigantic changes have rocked all of China. The rocking has not ceased. The suffering and need and ignorance and sadness remain so rampant that it is one of the hardest things of all for the ones of us, who came to try even in our small way to serve, to realize that we may not be wanted. The challenge is not less, but for many of us there are so many closed doors."

Brank Fulton writes from Wuchang that he had hoped to get to Changsha during the winter but it has become impossible for foreigners to get travel permits. However, the Chinese colleagues have gone back and forth in order to maintain a certain degree of liaison. Brank, his wife, and two children seemed quite happy when he wrote in January and told of the project to which they were devoting themselves in the evenings with a large group of Hua Chung students. They formed the Hua Chung Christian Association, an interdenominational body devoted to social service work in an underprivileged part of the city, and conducted night classes for the children who have to work in the daytime in an old building which belongs to the Church of Christ in China. Brank said that there had been relatively few changes so far, of which the most interesting was the increase in student participation in the formation of policies - student representatives attending faculty meetings with voting rights, etc. He has been impressed with the efficiency of the new government in handling public utilities matters, in the self respect and dis-

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cipline of the soldiers, and the general optimism that has prevailed the student body.

I regret to report, however, that Brank had a serious fall on February 16, which he avoided mentioning to us lest it cause undue concern. He was stepping off a ferry boat with his older son, Bill, in his arms and slipped bumping his side and probably his head and losing consciousness. Later, however, he got up and rode his bicycle home. Check-ups and X-rays at the hospital where he went after getting dizzy spells, revealed little, but it was assumed he had a serious bruise on a nerve center or base of the brain. He is now progressing satisfactorily in bed following five days in Union Hospital, but the doctors have ordered him to rest at least until June. When Dwight wrote about the case on April 7 he was considerably exercised about its seriousness and the probable necessity of his returning to the States, but his subsequent cable indicates that Brank's recuperation has been more rapid than was at first expected and it is hoped that he can return to duty in the near future. Dwight's letter, which arrived only yesterday, is the first explanation we have had of this untimely accident.

Dr. Wei, President of HuaChung, says, "The term is underway now and the religious activities are going on full steam ahead. Our enrollment this term will be 346 when registration is completed, but the Dean is still accepting students because some of them have found it so difficult to find money to pay their fees. Things are in general very quiet. We expect the presidents of the Christian colleges here for a meeting the middle of April and a Christian conference is to be held in Peking in August."

At our Yale-in-China dinner I read the following excerpts from Dwight's letter to Dr. Stokes, dated January 21, 1950, but I repeat them for the benefit of the entire Board:

"Our Chinese colleagues are very appreciative also of the understanding and helpfulness of the Trustees. Just the other day, our splendid Dean Ying said that several times we have asked the Trustees for certain things and they have replied that they did not think the request should be granted at that time; we have even repeated the request and it has again been denied or rather delayed or postponed, and then it has turned out that our judgment here on the field was not correct, and that of the Trustees correct, and that impresses our men here very deeply. However, I must state that such cases of difference of opinion between the staff and colleagues on the field, and in New Haven, have been very rare, but none the less significant.

"The way the new government leaders have met with, dealt with and worked with our Chinese colleagues in HsiangYa, Huachung and Yali is impressive in its concrete evidence that these officials know these institutions are worthy of careful consideration and have been and are really contributing to the welfare and livelihood and leadership of the Chinese people.

"It is our daily hope and prayer that we as an international group may remain a solid and firm force in the midst of the swelling currents, and carry on this very fine work. This is the attitude and position

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that we are taking and hope to be able to maintain. However, I hope that it is clear to the Trustees that we do have our feet pretty solidly on the ground; on the one hand in regard to the eternal verities of Christian faith and life, and on the other hand in regard to what forces work for true freedom, human welfare and advancement of the whole personality and human life in its higher levels of morality and religion. It is our contribution in these latter aspects of life out here that keeps us here and give us hope."

Reuben A. Holden
Secretary

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YALE-IN-CHINA

Excerpts from Field Letters Received Since the Trustees' Meeting of April 30, 1950

I. Concerning Change in Ownership of HsiangYa Property -

From Dwight Rugh, April 26-27, 1950 -

"I am at a loss to know what I can cable that will clarify the situation any further.....The HsiangYa site is owned jointly by the Yale-in-China Association and by the Chinese Ju Ch'un Hui, and the Medical College is a government organization, therefore, we were quite confident that we could have managed the registration in spite of certain technicalities relative to foreign owned property.....I am not sure that it is wise to mention another angle of this whole matter, but I will. It is the considered opinion of most of us that the HsiangYa work will almost certainly become unified under complete government direction and support, and that in the process all property and equipment will be utilized as needed by the Ministry of Health. Actually we feel that this is the only way to carry out the work; for all practical purposes that is what is going on now - Dr. Ling pointed out that since January, 1950, the work of all three institutions has been financed by the Peoples' Government - although the technicalities of signing documents and taking traditional steps have not been carried out.

"It may be difficult for the Trustees and the people in America to realize that in the minds of the Chinese the HsiangYa work is one piece of work. Since the College is National the majority of the people here unconsciously consider the entire plant a National institution. Naturally the populace does not differentiate between the hospital, nursing school and medical college, and the latter two are thought of only in connection with the service that is rendered through the hospital.

"Since the unification and integration of the entire work of the three units will in all probability go right ahead, under government control, it seems to me that the best way for the Association to fit into the program of expansion is to assist in some form of cooperative fellowship, and by helping our Chinese colleagues we will conserve associations of many years' standing. This opinion and position is the same as that taken by Dr. Ling in his letter of April 18th. Our HsiangYa staff members and administrators have been unusually considerate and understanding. They, as much as we, wish to conserve the international friendship and cooperative aspects of this work. You need to be here to appreciate fully this remarkable spirit, and the depth of understanding displayed by the HsiangYa staff."

II. Suggestions for Revised Curriculum for the Middle School -

From Dwight Rugh, April 27, 1950 -

"Mr. Lao stated that he had called on an officer of the Educational Bureau and after discussing the future of private schools learned the following:

1. The government expects to depend upon private secondary schools for a good many years to come - 20 or 30 years at least.
2. The government does not envisage any discrimination between private secular or religious schools as long as the rules and regulations are observed.
3. International cooperation and financial support will still be desired and very welcome, as long as the institutions so aided obey regulations.
4. It is not (at least by this source) thought necessary to have new western English teachers for secondary schools; there are enough Chinese teachers.

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"Dr. Ling stated that some of the HsiangYa Medical College personnel in planning for expansion work had asked that the question about using part of the Yali School Campus site for pre-medical work be considered. It was pointed out that previously much of the pre-medical work had been carried out on the Yali campus in the Science building of the former College, along with facilities of the Yali Middle School.

"Discussing possible changes of this nature, Mr. Lao pointed out that the whole matter is a very difficult and delicate situation, and that the feeling among some students and staff was that the Yali site should be for Yali only and not shared or combined with any HsiangYa work.

"After further discussion it was suggested that a possible solution might be found in a gradual change at Yali to a medical school of junior grade to train 'second grade' doctors and give some pre-medical training for HsiangYa Medical College. The problems to be faced are not only on the basis of sharing the use of the land and the material plant, but also in regard to the function, purpose and nature of the educational program. Some form of professional or technical work seems advisable, and Mr. Farnham suggested that this might mean the continuation of the Junior Middle School work at Yali, and feed into Senior Middle School or pre-medical or professional training of some sort.

"If this sort of a program does develop it may be that Yali will be in line for governmental support, in which case careful preparation would have to be made so that interested groups would not be unduly alarmed. Furthermore, the Trustees would need constant reports on the changing situation which requires or may require broad changes at Yali.

"This has all been in the nature of an exploratory account of the recent long Council meetings.....We are on the threshold of a new era, and the pathways before us branch out in a perplexing and profuse manner. There seem to be no familiar guide posts or precedents. On the other hand, we have a fine and able group of men and women who are heart and soul bound up in making this work useful and a genuine service to the Chinese people; they also appreciate and wish to conserve the international cooperation that has for so long been a part of this work."

III. Securing of Permits for New Bachelors to Enter China -

From Dwight Rugh, April 26, 1950 -

"Bachelors: This is the first time that I am writing to say definitely that I really am afraid that we will not be able to get any new bachelor appointee to come to Yali. We have tried every channel we can conceive of - private, personal, public; local, distant and even indirectly through Peking. The answer is always the same. The situation is not clear enough to proceed on any definite program, and usually there is fairly certain conviction that it would be impossible to get permission for such a new appointee to come in for a Middle School appointment. However, we are investigating further the possibility of some University desiring a bachelor, and helping to secure permission for one or more to come in.

"Mr. Lao went to the Executive Committee of the Huachung University Senate when they met a week or so ago, and both President Wei and Dr. Huang P'u feel very pessimistic about the possibility of permission for bachelors to come to Huachung, as they have some staff members who were at Wuchang and went out to Hongkong to get their families and they have not been able to get back in. On the other hand, some folks have come in, mostly medical or nursing. So it is not 100% impossible for some people to enter."

IV. Request for Funds for New Middle School Building -

From Dwight Rugh, May 10, 1950 -

"This is an urgent letter requesting immediate and emergency action on the part of the Trustees to help us meet the situation here. There are many angles to our relationships and factors which cannot be gone into at this moment. But after eleven hours of concentrated deliberation, consultation and consideration the members of the Yali Union Middle School Board have come to the unanimous conclusion that the wisest move that can be taken at this time is to immediately start the construction of a building for the Yale Middle School. We of the Yali School Board, Chinese and Westerners, are all certain that it is essential for the future of Yali Union Middle School relations with the cooperating Boards, British and American, and with the splendid Chinese leadership we have, that a building be started now. There are absolutely no funds available except the Yale-in-China Association re-construction or re-building funds.

"It seems apparent that this building should be an auditorium, or possibly a combination auditorium-gymnasium such as the Fu Hsiang Girls' School has had for years. It shall be a so-called temporary building; but it will be of brick, and we all confidently expect it to be in use for two or more decades.

"The location of this new building will not interfere with any other essential building high on any priority list. Until a little more study has been put upon the exact nature of the building we cannot be sure about the amount needed; at first a figure of US \$5,000.00 was mentioned; but the idea then was a very simple building, possibly using the wall of the campus as one side. I believe a figure between US \$5,000 and US \$10,000 will be the amount required. I will be writing later and give more details and explanation, but there is nothing more significant to be said as to the immediate urgency of this matter and the necessity of speedy and favorable action on the part of the Trustees."

V. Concerning Brank Fulton's Illness, and Suggestion for Next Year -

(A cablegram from Dr. Fulton, received May 4, acknowledged one sent from New Haven after the April 30th meeting, in which the invitation was extended to him to act as Trustees' Representative in China, after Dr. Rugh leaves in the summer for furlough. Dr. Fulton's cable said: "ACCEPT POSITION TRUSTEES' REPRESENTATIVE THROUGH JUNE 1951 UNLESS ILLNESS NECESSITATES EARLIER RETURN".)

From Brank Fulton's Letter Dated May 2, 1950 -

"Since the larger number of Yale-in-China activities are in Changsha, it will certainly be wise for me to try to make several trips there during 1950-51, if travel permission can be secured. In fact, it would probably be advisable for us to move to Changsha but it appears quite unlikely that this will be permitted.

From Fulton's Letter Dated May 12, 1950 -

".....thanks for your expressions of sympathy on my illness. I seem to be slowly improving and am able to get downstairs for meals now."

New Haven, Connecticut
June 2, 1950

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June 5, 1950

Dear Mr. Lyford:

In anticipation of the Trustees' meeting on June 11, we felt you might be interested in the enclosed excerpts from letters which have recently arrived from China.

You will also be interested to know that in response to an urgent letter from Dr. Rugh, the Executive Committee held an emergency meeting on May 25, and passed the following vote:

VOTED that the recent request from Dr. Dwight D. Rugh, Trustees' Representative in China and Mr. C. C. Lao, Principal of the Middle School, for funds for a new building for the Yali Middle School, be granted, with the understanding that the total cost of the building shall not exceed US \$10,000.00.

We cabled this action to Dr. Rugh on May 25th, and a letter followed it the next day prepared by Dean Weigle in conference with Mr. Grumman, Chairman of the Architectural Committee.

Very sincerely yours,

Reuben A. Holden
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EXCERPTS FROM LETTERS FROM DWIGHT D. RUGH FROM CHANGSHA

Letter Dated July 11, 1950:

"It was a joy to get your good letter of June 23rd, which arrived July 7th. It has been most encouraging to hear from you and to get such a breath of enthusiasm, genuine interest and confidence every time one of your letters arrives. Such moral support has meant more than I can fully express.

"Yali Middle School New Building: Plans are going ahead with this, and I believe the contracts or rather the specifications have been given out to about four contractors to bid on. I will write a special letter on this matter, which needs some explanation. But I think by keeping in mind the motives and conditions behind my original request, the Trustees will be able to understand. In all probability they will have a very impressive and useful building, and it is expected to be built within '50 clear days' after construction begins.

"Miss Poole: A fine letter from her came from Hongkong this week expressing her happiness in her plans for a trip to England and two weeks visit at the home of a very good missionary friend. She planned to sail from Hongkong on the P. and O. SS CARTHAGE July 7th for London. (Miss Poole expects to reach New Haven early in September)

"Ed Manice: Ed also wrote a glowing letter of his trip to Hongkong, a good time on the way, and visiting in Hongkong. He was thrilled at getting passage on a freighter to Genoa, Italy, leaving Hongkong July 9th.

Letter Dated July 15, 1950:

"Yali School Final Meeting for Year: This morning in one hour and forty minutes, relatively short period, we held our final meeting of the term for the whole Middle School. There is a teachers' meeting scheduled for this evening out on the lawn, but this morning's meeting was the official closing of the term. I am sorry that I cannot say it was particularly inspiring, but at least we held it and the term has been finished. Everyone has hopes for improvement during the next term. This transitional period from the beginning of the liberation nearly a year ago to the present has been fraught with many far-reaching and rather drastic changes. During the next few weeks we will certainly be making plans and policies for making the next term better. We have all learned a good bit through mistakes and experimental practices. We look forward with hope and determination.

"New Yali Building: Principal Lao spoke at the meeting, reviewing the situation in regard to the Middle School buildings. He mentioned the plan in 1937 to build a combination Recitation and Library Building with the Seabury Memorial Library Fund. The rough plans actually were drawn, then the war stopped the work. He spoke of our return from Yuanling in 1945, the raising of the funds in America, the delay in starting any permanent buildings, our uncertainties here as to which permanent building we really did prefer first, and finally the Trustees' granting up to a maximum of US\$10,000 for the Gymnasium-Auditorium which we hoped to have finished by the beginning of next term. Actually of course this is impossible. The agreement estimated by the architect is that it will take 50 'clear days'. We often have rainy days in the summer. Even if we began next week, which we can't do as the contracts are not even returned with the bids, it would be near the end of September before we could finish.

"It looks as if the new building would be a very sizeable structure, according to the plans. No doubt it will serve a real purpose in the future - just how much will be contributory to the welfare of the Middle School directly remains to be seen. However, it should be a splendid community asset to have a real auditorium in this part of the city!

"HsiangYa: Dr. Ling, Director of the HsiangYa Medical College, dropped in last evening, and we had about a two-hour chat. He is very thoughtful, considerate, and I feel a very able person.Since the arrival of the Vice-Director, Dr. Yin, appointed by the government, Dr. Ling says that the over-all condition of the Medical College has improved tremendously. They have ended a successful term. For the next term it is expected they will take in about 100 new students, not 200 as formerly planned. They hope to start building (from government funds) a large new dining-hall to take care of all the students and the staff - catering to 700 or more in all. They also plan a large new 'pre-medical' building of three stories, hoping both these buildings will be completed by the end of the year. The latter building is estimated at about the equivalent of US\$100,000, - given of course by the Ministry of Health of the government.

"In August there will be a National Public Health Convention in Peking. And Dr. M. Y. Ling and Miss Mao will attend. There will be keen competition among all the better medical centers and that will put HsiangYa on its mettle. The government has funds and is ready to give them generously and adequately for centers that show ability, initiative and adequate plans for development.

"Nationalization of the HsiangYa Units: Dr. Ling and I discussed this at some length.....It appears at present there is no urgency in this matter, but we do wish to continue thinking about it.

"Problem of HsiangYa Property: The same pertains to this. Since there seems to be no urgency here now, and because of the solid foundation that HsiangYa has in the total national medical work and the fine service it has rendered and is continuing to render, Dr. Ling feels that in both these matters we can wait. This is another illustration of how time, temporarily at least, does help to solve matters.

"Future Appropriations for HsiangYa and Yali:If we are not going to be able to supply western personnel in the immediate future, then I think we might consider making additional cash grants for special projects or for specialized forms of work, helping somewhat to take the place of the contribution that western personnel formerly gave, also giving us valid reasons for striving to keep our budget up to normal amounts, and to secure continued support for the work. I feel that each of our institutions - Huachung University, HsiangYa, Yali - through its Board or head committees should propose some alternate plans in lieu of personnel during this ad interim period. At least this is an idea for us to consider.

"Fultons: By now you know that the Fultons have decided to accept the Trustees' proposal and return to get medical treatment at home. I am sure they are doing the right thing. Dr. Wei of Huachung has willingly agreed. They have applied for permission to leave China, and friends think they may receive it within 3 or 4 weeks at the latest, particularly as it is on health reasons.

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"Yale-in-China Council in Changsha: Next week we are calling the Council together, and will more formally organize, and perhaps choose one of our staff to be the 'Corresponding Secretary', with a view to his carrying on the work when I leave on furlough. Also this group would have general control of the maintenance, upkeep of property, land matters, taxation, etc. We have discussed this a good bit, and in general Brank Fulton and I and some others feel that we would very willingly accept Mr. K. S. Ying's willingness to act as 'Corresponding Secretary' and sort of liason person between Huachung, Yali, HsiangYa, and the Trustees at home. Just how much authority the Trustees would wish to give to the Council here, and whether or not it would be desirable to enlist the assistance of some western member of some mission here, such as the English Methodist Mission, are matters to be considered. I should have raised them more specifically sooner than this.....Since it is now definitely decided that the Fultons will return home, we should be prepared to operate here with an entirely all-Chinese organization - or, as suggested above, we might ask some westerner here to advise.

Letter Dated July 19, 1950:

"Dr. Hwang Pu of Huachung: Dr. Hwang, of the Huachung faculty and chairman of the Board of the Yali Middle School, leaves for Peking today to attend several national educational meetings, representing Huachung and that area. As you may recall, Huachung is the only Christian university with a school of education now functioning. Someone just back from Huachung, a Huachung alumnus himself, says the university seems to be in fine condition.

"We have been trying to persuade Dr. Hwang to come to Changsha for another Yali Board meeting this summer, and he has finally agreed to do so, after his return from Peking. At that time I imagine the Board will formulate a definite request to be sent to the Trustees for authorization to go ahead with the permanent Recitation-Administration Building, as I have stated previously.

"Another interesting glimpse into life in Changsha is the international fellowship we have always had. There still are Danish, Norwegian, Swiss, Finnish, German, Canadian, British and American friends in the city. Our numbers are dwindling naturally, as furloughs come due and sickness overtakes some-----but it is a fine experience to have such a mixed group along with some Chinese friends gather occasionally for fellowship."

New Haven, Connecticut
July 31, 1950

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YALE-IN-CHINA

Meeting of Yale-in-China Executive Committee: 117 Wall Street,
New Haven, Connecticut - January 13, 1951

A meeting of the Yale-in-China Executive Committee was held at the Yale-in-China office, 117 Wall Street, New Haven, on January 13, 1951, at 11:00 a.m.

PRESENT: L. A. Weigle, President of Association, presiding.
E. S. Bixler, S. H. Clement, S. T. Crary, S. E. Grumman, H. R. Rudin,
M. G. Tewksbury, J. Q. Tilson Jr.; R. A. Holden, Secretary, R. A. Dowd,
Recording Secretary and Assistant Treasurer.

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 by Dean Weigle. He said that the purpose of the meeting was to take some action regarding a request contained in a cablegram from Changsha received on January 10. The cablegram was read by Mr. Holden, as follows:

CABLEGRAM
FROM
CHANGSHA

LAND AND PROPERTY REGISTRATION REQUIRED COMPLETED BY JANUARY 18.
IN ACCORDANCE WITH LINGS AND RUGHS SEVERAL PREVIOUS LETTERS WE
URGENTLY REQUEST TRUSTEES GRANT OUTRIGHT TO HSIANGYA MEDICAL
COLLEGE ALL YALE ASSOCIATION LAND AND PROPERTY WITHIN HSIANGYA
WALLED AREA. HOPE RECEIVE FAVORABLE TELEGRAPHIC REPLY BY THE 16TH.
(signed) LAO LING YING RUGH

Mr. Holden reported that he had talked with Mr. Troy Perkins, Deputy Director for Chinese Affairs in the State Department, and asked for his advice on the problem. Mr. Perkins felt that at this time it will be best to continue our former policy, approved by the Trustees at their meeting of April 30, 1950, i.e., defer decision in the matter of transferring any property, until the picture is clarified. He hoped that whatever action may be taken now will not jeopardize Dwight Rugh's position, but he felt that his inability to secure an exit permit does not depend on the property question.

Mr. Holden said further that in a telephone conversation with Dr. William Fenn of the office of the United Board for China Colleges in New York we have learned that a similar request regarding property transfer has come to that office. Their analysis of the recent regulations of the United States government in regard to "freezing" U. S. funds and property in China makes it clear that the boards are prohibited by these regulations from transferring the ownership of any mission property to a Chinese organization, such as HsiangYa Medical College. The College, which was nationalized in 1940, is now in the hands of the Peoples Government, although staffed by the same personnel as before the occupation, including Dr. Ling, Director.

Some discussion followed. Dean Weigle read excerpts from a letter from Dwight Rugh written Christmas Day to Mrs. Rugh. In this he explained to her what appeared to be the reasons for the delay in his securing a permit to leave Changsha. When his baggage was inspected, the police made objection to his including a radio, batteries, etc. Also the authorities accused Dr. Rugh of planning to take from Changsha some cases of old clay archaeological objects stored in the third floor of one of the residences. These objects were purchased some years previously by a former member of the American staff, and with the entire approval of the senior members of the Chinese staff have been stored awaiting a suitable time to send them to America. Dr. Rugh had had no connection with the matter.

REPLY MESSAGE
FROM NEW HAVEN

Following discussion as to the wording of a reply cable, on motion made and seconded, it was

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VOTED that approval is given to sending a reply cablegram immediately regarding the HsiangYa property, as follows:

YING COUNCIL YALI CHANGSHA HUNAN (CHINA)

RECENT UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT REGULATIONS PROHIBIT TRANSFER ANY LAND OR PROPERTY. WE ARE HAPPY TO HAVE ALL ASSOCIATIONS LAND AND PROPERTY WITHIN HSIANGYA WALLED AREA USED BY MEDICAL COLLEGE.

(signed) WEIGLE HOLDEN

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

RACHEL A. DOWD
Recording Secretary

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