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June 1, 1932.

Dr. Hugh H. Weir,
2 Eaton Gate,
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London, S.W.1, England

My dear Dr. Weir:

Let me acknowledge receipt of your letter of May 18th, with which you enclosed a copy of the Minutes of the meeting of your British Section held on May 6th. We have also received a supply of these Minutes for distribution to the North American Section.

There are only a few items in your letter that seem to call for any further comment:- (1) I believe that our simplest way of sending official correspondence to the field is to address letters conjointly to President Chu and Mr. Davies. Mr. Davies will probably carry on nearly all the correspondence from the field end, but for us to address our letters to Dr. Chu as well as Mr. Davies gives his position as president more formal recognition, and also makes it easy to him to take up the correspondence at any point if he so desires. (2) It is most gratifying that your British Section, and the cooperating Mission Boards from Great Britain, are maintaining their support of the University so well in the face of extremely difficult financial conditions. I hope that when the Annual Meeting of the Governors studies the budget of the University as a whole, we will find that the combined income from the West will not be greatly below the amount shown in the field estimates.

I am enclosing herewith proxies executed by the following members of the North American Section:-

Dr. J. H. Arnup	Mrs. William I. Haven	Mrs. Mabel M. Roys
Dr. A. J. Brown	Mrs. Helen H. Inksater	Dr. George T. Scott
Dr. R. L. Dickinson	Dr. S. M. Milliken	Bishop W.P.Thirkield
Dr. W. C. Fairfield	Dr. Paul Monroe	Dr. Ezra S. Tipple
Dr. Alfred Gandier	Mrs. Ellis L. Phillips	Dr. J. G. Vaughan

We have not as yet received proxies from the following members of the North American Section:-

Mrs. J. M. Avann
Mr. H. J. Cochran
Dr. J. H. Finley
Miss M. E. Hodge
Mrs. B. D. Snudden

I will send you these outstanding proxies if and when they are received, but I am forwarding the bulk of the Section's proxies at this time so as to be sure of your having the material before the meeting on June 20th.

I am also enclosing herewith a copy of the "Unified Report" prepared by our Committee for Christian Colleges in China as a summary of the two recent conferences on the Correlated Program. I am sending a supply of this report to Mr. Sewell for distribution in Great Britain, but am sending you this copy direct so as to be sure of you having it before the meeting of June 20th.

With warmest of good wishes for the success of the Annual Meeting, I am,

Very cordially yours,

B. A. Garside

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Documents

June 20, 1932

Summary of Events of the Year 1931-2.

The year opened auspiciously under the presidency of Dr. King Chu, whose inspiring message in the Cheeloo Bulletin of September 12th, 1931, set the standard which has been upheld throughout the year. Dr. Chu wrote: "It is my hope that we may develop a spirit of cooperation - cooperation between teachers and students, cooperation between Western friends and Chinese, cooperation between the different schools of the University". From time to time reports have come to hand of the satisfactory way in which, despite political disturbances, the students have been held together and pursued their studies, in order to equip themselves adequately to be able to give their best possible service to their loved land.

The outstanding event has been the registration of the University with the Nanking Government, in December last. This news brought a sense of relief and thankfulness not only to all those members of committees and staff who have had a share in the long years of thought and effort which have preceded this achievement, but also to the hundreds of students and alumnae to whom it means so much to have Government recognition of their degrees and diplomas.

Enrolment figures, probably in anticipation of early registration, reached the splendid total of 325 students in the University and 41 in the Nursing School. Of these 113 were women and 88% professing Christians.

Considerable attention has been given to Dr. Butterfield's memorandum on the share to be taken by Cheeloo in preparing students to tackle the needs of rural China, and efforts have been made to put into concrete form such of the proposals which it seems possible to carry out in the immediate future.

Encouraging references to the high standard of work carried on in the Medical School and Hospital were made by Dr. Knud Faber of the League of Nations in his recent Report on Medical Schools in China.

Cheeloo has been glad to take a share in relieving the distress consequent upon the disastrous floods in the Yangtse Valley. Miss Dorothea Reade and Miss Grace Hsu from the Nursing Department worked in a mat-shed hospital outside Wuchang, and Dr. Mary Gell and Miss Li, a public health nurse, in an emergency hospital at Hanyang (opposite Hankow), the former being specially asked to care for the women and children.

At the beginning of the session Mr. Lautenschlager and several of the students reported on their successful seven weeks goodwill tour in Manchuria, Korea and Japan during the summer vacation; they had learned new facts about these countries which not only spurred them on to help better the conditions in China but gave them a deeper feeling of international friendliness.

Staff.

Cheeloo has been glad to welcome the return of Dr. and Mrs. Laurence Ingle of the Medical School, and several new members have joined the staff: Dr. and Mrs. A.L. Carson of the United States, Rev. and Mrs. J.M. Menzies of the United Church of Canada, Dr. and Mrs. Gordon King and Rev. and Mrs. J. Cameron Scott of the English Baptist Mission.

Dr. Mary Gell is now being loaned to Hankow Hospital for a year.

The University has lost by death the valued services of Dr. Wang Hui-wen of the Medical School and Prof. Wang Hsi-En of the Department of Mathematics.

The following have been on furlough in this country during part of the year:

Dr. and Mrs. J.J. Heeren of the American Presbyterian Mission.
Miss Dorothea Reade and Dr. and Mrs. H.J. Smyly of S.P.G.
Rev. Wm. Pailing and Rev. and Mrs. E.L. Phillips of the English Baptist Mission.

Visitors.

Many notable visitors have spent longer or shorter periods at Cheeloo, among whom are the following:

Sir Reginald Johnston, and
Prof. and Mrs. W.G.S. Adams, British delegates to the Institute of Pacific Relations at Hangchow, who also conveyed a message of goodwill from the Universities' China Committee. Because of his great knowledge of rural problems, Prof. Adams was able to give invaluable help to Cheeloo.

Dame Adelaide Anderson, who spoke on Factory Legislation in China and made practical suggestions as to the contribution the University could make to this question.

Rev. E.R. Morgan of the College of the Ascension, Birmingham, who was visiting China with the American Church Historians.

Dr. and Mrs. Godshall, American representatives to the Institute of Pacific Relations.

Dr. James L. Maxwell of the China Medical Association and
Dr. W.S. New and
Dr. H.P. Chu of the National Medical Association who were in Tsinan to discuss the proposed amalgamation of the two associations.
Later in the year Dr. Maxwell returned to inaugurate an exchange lecturership in Obstetrics and Gynaecology between the Peiping Union Medical College and Cheeloo Medical School.

Rev. John MacNeill, president of MacMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario, and this year's president of the Baptist World Alliance.

Dr. and Mrs. Sherwood Eddy, who gave several stirring addresses.

Members of the Laymen's Foreign Mission Inquiry, under the chairmanship of Dr. Wm. Ernest Hocking, of Harvard Yniversity.

Dr. and Mrs. J. Lossing Buck, of Nanking University.

Miss Ch'en Wen-hsien, secretary for Young People's Work of the Church of Christ in China.

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28th June, 1932.

President King Chu,
& Rev. L. J. Davies,
Cheeloo, Tsinan.

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150, Fifth Avenue,
New York City, U.S.A.

Dear President Chu, Mr. Davies and Mr. Garside,

I enclose the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Board of Governors held here on June 20th, 1932. The meeting was a distinctly valuable one, for, although only one actual governor outside the British Section was present, we had the advantage of the presence and help of Dr. Hsia, Dr. Warnshuis and Mr. Moss, as well as of representatives of other universities in the afternoon.

We have not yet received formal proxies for Dr. Hsia from the Chinese members of the Board, and I note that in President Chu's letter announcing that Dr. Hsia will hold proxies, he speaks of the three Chinese members of the Board, and does not deal with the fact that he himself as president is ex officio also a member.

School of Theology.

Minute G-171 differs slightly, as you will notice, from NAS 297 which it endorses. The significance of the difference is that the Board felt that NAS 297 as it stands might seem to imply to anyone reading it at a later date, who was not fully cognisant of the present position, that the Board regarded the School of Theology as representing the Christian element in the University, and this resolution was drafted in the form it is so as to avoid such a misapprehension ever arising. The points which I was requested to raise about the School of Theology are only modifications of what Mr. Garside has already said in his letter of 21.5.32. to President Chu and Mr. Davies. The Board had that letter before it and is in entire agreement both with what Mr. Garside there says and the spirit which he describes as having animated the North American Section.

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The Board found itself in the unsatisfactory position of not being quite clear as to the control of the School of Theology in China. As had already been pointed out, the Board of Governors stands in the same relation to the University as registered in China and to the School of Theology, and it had been our understanding when the formal separation of the School of Theology from the University was effected, that that School would have a Board of Directors consisting, in effect, of the same members as the Board of Directors of the University, though acting in a different capacity. We are not, however, in possession of definite information as to this, and in fact the only communication we have had about the School of Theology since the separation took place was the forwarding of the budget and minutes of the School in the year 1931 from the Dean of the School. We noted that Mr. Garside's letter indicates that in the case of Yenching, Dr. Stuart corresponds with the Board in New York about the School of Religion as about the University proper, and we found ourselves in some uncertainty as to whether President Chu and Mr. Davies have in fact any relation to the School of Theology or not. As they both assumed office after the separation had taken place, it does not necessarily follow that they have such relationship, though the Board believes and hopes that they act on the Board of Directors of the School of Theology in exactly the same way as they do in the University. We are hoping to receive the Budget for that School at an early date.

May I also point out that we appreciate the fact that the Cheeloo Bulletin, dealing as it does with the University in China, cannot take much, if any, cognisance of the School of Theology, but we do desire news of that School for incorporation in our C.U.C. Bulletin, and I believe that only one number of the School of Theology Bulletin has ever reached us.

The Board is also anxious to know under what Chinese name the School of Theology is at present carried on. The suggestion was made that as the Chinese characters for the University can be rendered in English as "Cheeloo University" similar characters representing the words "Cheeloo School of Theology" might well describe that School without any undue confusion with the University. But the Board fully realises that its information as to whether such a name would be advisable is inadequate, and wishes to hear from the Directors on the subject.

Institute.

In connection with this minute, though the matter was not actually raised at the Board, may I point out that in the report of

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Annual Meeting of June 30th, 1930, the question was raised in discussion of FBM 900 as to whether the Institute is a part of the University or associated with the School of Theology outside it. I do not think we have ever had any expression of opinion from the field on this point, and it would certainly be a great advantage to get this matter, as well as points connected with the School of Theology, cleared up. It is important to remember that from the point of view of the financial support given to Cheeloo from the West, both the Institute and the School of Theology play as great a part, in some ways perhaps a greater part, in the interest of the supporters than the University as registered, and questions of available resources in the Budget are liable to get confused, unless we have clear statements as to these relationships and to the Budgets of the various institutions.

Directors Minutes.

In dealing with the minutes of the Board of Directors, we find ourselves in a certain amount of difficulty, as since the Board was reorganised under its new title, its minutes have been indicated by numbers only, without any distinctive letter, so that references in the minutes of the Governors or the various Sections, become rather confusing and uncertain. Previously the minutes of the Field Board of Managers were indicated FBM, and I would venture to suggest that minutes of the Directors might be marked D in the same way as those of the Governors are marked G. This is, of course, only a suggestion as to an administrative detail and not in any way a resolution of the Board.

Byelaws of the Board of Directors.

These had been presented to each of the Sections at their last meeting, but had not then received consideration. However the fact that they had been so presented meant that the Governors had had opportunity of giving more adequate study to the important document which has been printed and circulated to it. The attitude of the Board is, I hope, clearly indicated in the comments made in the minutes. It was pointed out that it is quite essential that there should be no possibility of legal dispute as to the relation between these Byelaws on the one hand and the Charter and Byelaws of the Governors on the other. So far as we could note, there is nothing in the Directors' Byelaws and the Internal Regulations which does so conflict, but there are certain gaps which need to be bridged lest difficulty should arise at a future date; for instance, Section III. of the Byelaws specifies the composition of the Board of Directors

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which the Governors found extremely satisfactory, and it refers to the Founders, who in the present form of the Byelaws are shown to be the same as the Governors, but there is nothing in these Byelaws which defines the Founders in any way, or indicates how the twelve representatives of the Founders shall be appointed. The Board does not consider that this should necessarily be incorporated in the Byelaws of the Directors, but clearly there must somewhere be an adequate description of the method and a correlation with these Byelaws which will prevent any dispute in the future as to who are in effect members of the Board of Directors. We recognise that the Byelaws and Regulations are in action and we do not in any way question them. Because they are already in action there is no need for special haste, and we can proceed deliberately and carefully to study what may be required in order to ensure safety for the future.

In connection with the point raised in Mr. Davies' letter as to the desirability of tightening up Section XV. of the Byelaws, and Section 76 of the Regulations, I would venture the suggestion that Sections X and XI of the Byelaws may need some consideration in the same direction. As the Byelaws stand three members of the Administrative Council are in a position by a unanimous vote in an urgent case to take irrevocable action, and there is nothing to indicate the definition of the urgent case. I would venture to suggest that theoretically possibilities of abuse are rather manifest and that perhaps some alteration of the figures might be desirable, or a provision for postal confirmation of such action by the Board of Directors. It is quite possible to conceive of a situation in which three members of the Board of Directors who were in an absolute minority but who happened to be on the Administration Council might, under Section XIV summon a meeting when they knew that others could not be present, and take action which would be entirely contrary to the general wish of the Directors. This may be fantastic, and is certainly never likely to occur, but I doubt whether it should be even theoretically possible, as it seems to be at present.

Budget.

I do not think I need comment further about this. The statement of estimated receipts from Great Britain, drawn up on the same lines as the one produced by North America, has already reached you, and there is nothing further which need be added.

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Correlated Programme.

On the home base side the discussion did not reveal anything very new, but it was rather a unique opportunity of ensuring that representatives of the various interests understood one another. It is clear that the two primary functions for which the Associated Boards are coming into existence in North America, namely, promotion and corporate study, are being carried out in the same way by the similar body in Great Britain, the United Committee for Christian Universities of China. The scheme for the Associated Boards provides means for a possible further development in the direction of control being centralised, so far as the Boards in the West exercise any control at all. At present the United Committee does not contemplate anything of this kind, but should the time come when the various Universities felt that any such executive centralisation is really desirable in North America, a corresponding extension in this country could, no doubt, be devised. At the moment that matter is too far ahead to need any great consideration.

You will note that the Board makes quite clear the fact that the Associated Boards in North America cannot speak or act for Cheeloo as a whole, but only for its North American Section, while the Board heartily endorses the cooperation of that Section in this forward step.

So far as the Correlated Programme itself is concerned, the Board, following the example of the North American Section, has endorsed the various proposals put forward in the "Summary of Recent Actions" which have already been referred to China by the conference at which they were taken. We anxiously await the opinions of those in China on these resolutions, particularly as they concern Cheeloo, and perhaps the point on which we should have to place most emphasis is the essential importance that steps be taken towards correlation in the various Schools of Arts and Science, and that such correlation be undertaken within the limits of existing expenditure. I am not sure that even this is not taking too optimistic a view of the situation. It may well be that this year and next will involve considerable reduction in the sums which can be produced by the West for this work, but that matter is, of course, only one of speculation at present. It is quite clear that in no way whatever can increased expenditure

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be contemplated by any of the home boards or the Board of Governors for the present, and perhaps for a considerable period to come.

Yours truly,

Hugh H. Weir

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29th June, 1932. #1

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NEW YORK CITY, U.S.A.

Dear Garside,

I enclose the minutes (N.B. sent separately) of the ensemble meeting of the Governors and the covering letter which under the circumstances of this year I am addressing jointly to you and to the university authorities. As you know I normally send it to Armstrong as Recording Secretary, but he having been present, it would have been ridiculous for me to write him an account of the meeting, and I think I am following one of the excellent precedents which you set in dealing with the matter in this way. But there are certain points to which I should like to call your own attention, without necessarily conveying them to those in Cheeloo.

You will note that we took the liberty, with the approval of Dr. Armstrong, of filling in some of the blank proxies which you had sent for Moss. We did not know that he would be here until he arrived, and he has not, I think, taken much part in either the work of Cheeloo or the other meetings that have been held, but of course he does occupy an important central position, and he knows a good deal about these things. We felt it would be better to let him be present with voting powers as a proxy rather than merely as a visitor, and as the only actual Governor present from your side approved this course I take it you will find it in order.

You will note that as we did two years ago we formally signed the Minutes of the last Governors' meeting. I gathered from you on that occasion that it is not your custom to do this, but I cannot help feeling that to dispense with that ceremony is running a very grave risk for the future. I quite appreciate the fact that the Minutes are signed by the secretary when circulated, but unless you have a personally signed copy which can be authenticated, what is there to prevent some evil minded person at some future date substituting in your files an entirely false copy of the minutes which could be typed with your name, just as effectively as the actual authorised copy.

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If you have the signature of the chairman at the meeting when the minutes are confirmed, you have something then which is beyond dispute.

I hope you will approve of the action we took about the School of Theology and the multifarious questions which I have asked about it at the request of the Board, and that you will feel that the appointment of the sub-committee on the Byelaws is also quite reasonable. That sub-committee will, of course, have to act in sections, and in view of the fact that the lawyer who has been concerned in the past is in Toronto and that you will have had so much experience and skill both in studying and in drafting these documents, it might be wise for the North American Section of the Sub-Committee to make a first draft and let us on this side study it when you have done so. I quite recognise that this may be regarded as leaving the work to you, but I think these two reasons are valid ones in spite of the fact that it may give me less to do. than I should otherwise have. I think that what I have said in the joint letter brings out the essential points as we saw them, but of course there may be others. I have not referred to the important fact that the Purpose as stated in the Internal Regulations refers to the Founders' Purpose, which, of course, is the more Christian statement. So long as the Founders can be adequately defined that should suffice, but I think you will agree that some correlation between the Western and Chinese documents is really needed.

I think I ought to say to you a little more about the Correlated Programme than I have said in the covering letter. The results of the conferences which first the North American Section and now the full Board have endorsed are pretty drastic, and I do not want to make any comment on them to the people in China until they have had an opportunity of expressing their attitude. But I think we have got to face the fact that it may conceivably prove necessary to follow the suggestion made by Dr. Warnshuis and ask the Government to modify registration so that the Schools of Arts and Science may be Junior Colleges. Perhaps this can be avoided, but Dr. Warnshuis' point is that the full four years course in these subjects is very difficult to fit in with the Correlated Programme or the needs of rural China, or the financial situation.

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In your letter of 4.6.32. I note that you express the feeling that Dr. Armstrong represents the attitude of the North American Section on that matter better than Dr. Warnshuis, but he did not seem to be in any special disagreement with at any rate the consideration of this matter. I do not feel that it is at all a foregone conclusion that such a result will be necessary, but it has clearly got to be considered and born in mind as a possibility. However, we have got to leave that to the people at the other side to consider and hear what they say, when they have dealt with this rather striking series of resolutions.

In spite of the fact tha t he was present, I am writing a note to Armstrong conveying to him formally the minute of the Governors on the death of Principal Gandier.

We were very sorry not to have you with us, and hope that it may be possible that you will be able to come again some day. We did greatly appreciate the action of the North American Section in contributing to Dr. Armstrong's expenses and so making it possible for him to be here. He was able to see a reasonable amount of various members of the Board, as well as being present throughout the whole meeting.

Yours truly,

Hugh H Weir

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NEW YORK CITY, U.S.A.

Dear Mr. Garside,

I am afraid we overlooked paragraph 5. on page 2 of your letter of 21.5.32. and so did not ratify action NAS 303 regarding the Harvard-Yenching Appropriation for 1932-33 and 1933-34. I am very sorry about this. Perhaps it would be well, as we have failed you, that the British Section should take concurrent action at its next meeting.

Yours sincerely,

HHW/MR.

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27th July, 1932.

B.A. Garside, Esq., A.M.,
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New York City, U.S.A.

Dear Mr. Garside,

I am horrified to find this afternoon the enclosed letters from Dr. Weir to you still in my Committee folder, awaiting minutes for enclosure. I am more sorry than I can say for this serious mistake on my part, and can only ask your forgiveness. As a matter of fact the letters were typed and signed some days before the draft minutes were approved by the Chairman, and I kept them back to send with the minutes, but how I could have omitted to post them when the minutes were ready I cannot understand. I can only hope that this unfortunate delay has not caused you great inconvenience.

With sincere apologies,
Yours very truly,

M. Robertson

MR.

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Dear Garside,

Many thanks for yours of 1.11.32. just received with the minutes and other documents. I do not propose to answer your letter or comment on it in detail at the moment, as naturally the first step is to have a meeting of the British Section, but there are two things on which I ought to say something.

One is your question as to the Anglican Chapel and Hostel. I am writing in haste and have not yet verified the records in S.P.G. archives, but I am pretty certain that the land is the property of the Presbyterian Mission and that the Hostel and Chapel are covered by the arrangements made with various societies. I have heard nothing from Bishop Scott about it or his wishes on this subject, and as he is a member of the Board of Directors I think I am safe in taking his silence as meaning his approval of the property being so included, and presumably the Directors wish that it should be. I will get the matter taken up here, but I do not think this Society will give any very definite decision without hearing from the Bishop, and I am not at all sure that his own decision will not be sufficient.

The other point is in connection with the English Diploma. I note that the Committee which you appointed was requested to make an immediate study of the matter, and I hope that as soon as they are able to present any kind of a report, interim or final, you will let me have it. It is very important that the two Sections should be agreed about this matter, and I should like to have all the data which your Committee can collect to put before our Section as soon as possible.

Yours truly,

H. H. Weir

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Dear Mr. Garside,

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Many thanks for your letters of 1. and 21.11.32. and the many documents enclosed with the first. I have postponed any response until our British Section had met, which it has now done, and I enclose the minutes of our meeting with copies of my covering letters to Dr. Armstrong and the University. In this instance I have written primarily to these two and left your letter to the last, as there are certain things which I should like to say to you and do not wish to publish more widely. Not all of what I have to say in this letter is personal or confidential, some of it is matter which may well be used by you in the North American Section, but I will indicate one or two points which might be regarded as for your own ear only, and I would suggest that if you circulate or read to the Section any of this letter you should omit these portions.

Property.

I have very little to add to my letter of 11.11.32 about the Anglican Chapel and Hostel. The ultimate result of such researches as I have been able to make leads me to the information that when the question was raised with S.P.G. it was deferred until Bishop Scott, who was then in England, should get back and report further. When he did get back he found himself involved in evacuations and other disturbances, and there has been no further communication from him on that subject. My memory tends to the conclusion, which may or may not be correct, that the land on which this building stands was actually purchased from the North American Mission, but that no formal transfer was ever accomplished. Whether this is so or not I do not think really affects the situation, and as you know I have asked Bishop Scott to communicate direct either with you or with Dr. George Scott or with both of you, and I hope he is in process of doing so.

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New Hospital Buildings. (For your own ear only).

On the subject of the new hospital plans I have written very fully, as you will see, to Dr. Armstrong, and have endeavoured to express myself in such a way as may bring home to those in China the extremely serious view which we take of the proposition to build the whole hospital.

There is one important argument to which I have not made any reference, but I want to let you know about it. Various members of our Section had private information to the effect that some of those who count for most in the counsel's of the Medical School in China are opposed to the immediate erection of the complete building, and that while some of the foreign staff do support that proposition, it is essentially the younger Chinese members of the faculty who are pressing for it. I think it is more than likely that you know a great deal more about this than I do, but as the information came to us in a more or less private manner, and not in official form, we did not want to say anything about it in minutes or in formal letters, but the Section did tell me that I might let you know, that while we should probably have come to exactly the same conclusion for the reasons we stated, we were very greatly impressed by the opposition to the scheme on the part of Shields and Heimburger and others as well, but these two in particular. They are neither of them unduly conservative persons, nor are they strikingly timid, and the fact that they feel the danger as strongly as they apparently do, does impress us as a matter of very great importance. To express what is perhaps the feeling of the Section, but can only be put forward by me as my own view, I cannot help feeling that both from the point of view of the contributors of the building money in America and from the point of view of those Chinese who want a larger and more efficient building for the carrying on of the work, it would still be a wise policy to build immediately not the whole but only such part of the scheme as could be maintained by existing funds. What I mean is this. You point out clearly it will take some years for the scheme to be completed and that by that time you hope things will have improved; so do we all; though we here are not as optimistic about it as you are, and, as I have said to Dr. Armstrong, whatever may happen with you and however justified your optimism may be, there is not the remotest prospect of the improvement you anticipate in North America taking place in Britain; indeed, those who know best hardly anticipate it in this generation. It may be that what you have in mind, and what the Chinese have in mind, is the approval of the whole scheme and the commencement of work upon it, with the

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recognition that progress will be slow, and it may be not two or three, but many years before the scheme is completed. If this is not in your mind I venture quite privately and unofficially to suggest it as a quite possible way of satisfying all parties. Then you would, obviously, only realise your investments as required, and for some time at any rate you would be able to meet a very considerable part of the $40,000 deficit, or the larger sum, as it may well be, such as I have suggested in my letter to Dr. Armstrong, but, if you could keep the actual work sufficiently elastic you might at any moment suspend operations temporarily, so as to allow your remaining funds to provide the necessary maintenance until such time as either in China or elsewhere new money has become available for the purpose.

Perhaps I ought to add that this is entirely unofficial, that while what I have said above to you about the people in China is not meant to go beyond you, unless you and others already know it, this final suggestion of mine, while entirely in line with the feelings of the British Section, has only come to me as a sort of inspiration in the course of writing this letter, and if you have not already, as I think you probably have, had the same inspiration, then you are at perfect liberty to make such use of it as you think fit, assuming that you do not think it is entirely ridiculous.

English Diploma for Medical Graduates.

You will notice that we did not give any further consideration to this question. We await the observations which your Committee is going to make, and you have kindly told me that we shall have these in due course. I propose when we can take up that matter to make a special effort to secure the presence of Dr. Balme and Dr. Bruce. I, of course, am entirely incapable of appreciating the significance of the various Chinese forms which you give in your letter, and those of the Section who were present are, I think, with the exception of Mr. Sewell, all in the same position. Both Dr. Balme and Dr. Bruce will, of course, be in a position to express very authoritative opinions about it.

Associated Boards.

We have minuted our appreciation of the establishment of the Associated Boards and I do not think there is anything more which I can say about this very interesting and important procedure, except to offer you our congratulations, and perhaps particularly my own, on the success of your effort, and to express my own immense

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appreciation and that of at least a number of the members of our Section of the very remarkable statement which you made on the "Conceptions underlying the Organisation". It is a most masterly document, and I appreciate it very greatly.

There is just one small point of an editorial nature to which I am instructed to call your attention, though we did not minute it. On page 6 of the Byelaws of the A.B.C.C.C. Section VII b. it is provided that any balance required shall be charged to the "participating universities and colleges". Strictly speaking, so far as Cheeloo is concerned that is not so, and I fully appreciate that no one intended that it should be a charge on Cheeloo as a whole. Would it not be better in that place to say "participating bodies" which would evade the difficulty? Those bodies are quite clearly indicated elsewhere, and in fact so far as Cheeloo is concerned, and I think many of the others, the University is a body in China rather than any western one. Am I not right in this? I feel sure that it is merely an editorial matter which is within your powers as instructed at that meeting.

The other matter which I have to raise with you is that of the Annual Meeting next year. Enquiry among those of us present did not reveal any prospect of any member of the British Section visiting North America in 1933. On the other hand we have reason to believe that there will be a meeting of the International Missionary Council somewhere on this side of the Atlantic in the course of that year. While it is the turn for the ensemble meeting to be held on your side, and we should all prefer that that should be so, it is at least conceivable that the only means of getting representatives of both Sections together would be to have it on this side. I am not putting this forward, as you will appreciate, as in any way a proposal made to you by our Section. I am only instructed to correspond with you, but the suggestion was made that I should lay these facts before you and see what you and your Section think would be the best plan. There is a further argument in favour of any meeting which we may be able to hold being on this side of the Atlantic, and that is the position of the exchange. Quite clearly it would be an enormously expensive matter for anyone from here to visit you, while I take it our cost of living, which does not seem to have greatly, if at all, appreciated, would still leave the cost of a visit of anyone from your side to ours very much smaller than it has been in recent years. I shall be very interested to hear what views you have on the subject, and whether you have any proposition either official or unofficial to put before us.

HHW/MR.

I should also add that on the morning of our meeting I received from Mr. Stanley a letter of 24.10.32. I was able to tell the Section of its arrival and something of its contents, but of course we could not give it any consideration, and so shall have to do so at our next meeting. It effectively answers all the questions which we have been asking about the School of Theology.

With all good wishes,
Yours truly,

Percy H Wear

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6th December, 1932.

Dear Dr. Armstrong,

In sending you the minutes of the British Section just held there is really very little comment for me to make. You will see that we did not record many minutes of particular importance, most of our decisions being of a strictly formal nature.

The land question was not ripe for any further activity at this time, though we hope it will soon develop.

The one really important matter before us was the question of the New Hospital buildings. The British Section recognises, as I hope is made clear in our minute, that our right to express any opinion on this subject is a very limited one, the authority resting, naturally, conjointly with those who have secured the funds and those who administer the university on the spot. We recognise the force of the arguments put forward in China for the immediate building of the whole hospital, and we recognise also very fully the points made by Mr. Garside in his covering letter on MAS 310 and 311, but, anxious as we are that no impediment should be put in the way of the full efficiency of the Medical School, we cannot escape from the great and steadily increasing financial problem with which the University as a whole is faced and the probable effect upon this of new buildings on any considerable scale. Our previous minute, BS-333, did, I think, state our anxieties as we then felt them, in forcible but not exaggerated language, and there is no question at all that since then the situation has become very considerably worse. We recognise that North America may have a greater elasticity in finance than this country and be able to recover from the intense depression of the present more rapidly than can be anticipated here, though such an opinion cannot escape the charge of optimism which may perhaps be excessive, but whatever may be the prospects

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in America, it is clear that in this country the contributions of mission boards and other similar bodies have little or no prospect of increasing for a considerable time, and are indeed still on the down grade. The determination with which those who support such work have been maintaining their contributions is very remarkable, but it is well known that while the incomes of mission boards have been decreasing, and are still decreasing, the falling off would have been very much greater had it not been for immense efforts on the part of their constituencies of such a nature that many of them cannot possibly be repeated.

The Section must draw definite attention to minute BS-366 and the loss of income to the University which results from this, a loss which is clearly quite inevitable and as deeply regretted by the English Presbyterian Mission as by the Governors of the University in China. While the other British Boards hope that they may be able to maintain their present contributions at, or near, their present figure, they cannot undertake that there will be no reductions in the next few years which may be of a serious nature, and the small contribution which the Section is able to make through its more direct efforts is, on present showing, more likely to decrease than to increase. The fact that the Section has been able to promise even a reduced amount for the current financial year is due to the work of the United Committee and its secretary, and the experimental period for which that work was financed is drawing to an end, so that the future of the Section's contribution is extremely uncertain.

You will note that our minute, while not refusing the concurrence asked by the North American Section, does suggest the desirability of ensuring the future rather more definitely by some readjustment of plans which will leave a larger sum as endowment. We fully recognise that the existence of effective buildings will be an instrument which can be used by the University to secure fresh support, and even in the very difficult and disturbed financial condition of China we are glad to anticipate that further funds for maintenance will be available there, but we cannot refrain from pointing out that $40,000 new money annually is a very considerable sum to be raised locally under present conditions, and, moreover, it is the universal experience of all those engaged in the erection and equipment of hospital buildings, that before completion the estimates are to some extent, at any rate, exceeded. If the immediate carrying into effect of the full scheme for building were to result in an annual deficit which could not be met effectively from Chinese sources, the result to the whole finance of the University might be of an entirely tragic nature.

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I have ventured to elaborate this point rather fully as the anxiety felt by every member of the Section was extremely great.

The only other minute to which I need call attention is the one already referred to, recording the very regrettable withdrawal from the University of the English Presbyterian Mission. This withdrawal does not in any way indicate a lack of interest, but is essentially and entirely on financial grounds. The Mission is not able to continue all the work it has been doing, and while its interest in Cheeloo remains very real, it will be recognised by all of us that its responsibilities towards the University are not quite in the same category as those towards the work in its own areas.

I need not raise in this letter the question of the Annual Meeting. I am taking that up with Mr. Garside, to whom and to the University I am sending copies of this letter.

Yours truly,

Hugh H. Weir

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T.I. Linn, Esq., & Rev. L.J. Davies,
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Dear Mr. Linn and Mr. Davies,

I enclose the minutes of the meeting of the British Section just held and a copy of my covering letter to Dr. Armstrong. I do not think there is much which I need add to what I have said to him, but perhaps it will be well to make a few observations about some of the other matters.

President Chu - BS-364.

We do feel the honour, though a painful one, done to the University in President Chu's appointment in Hunan, and we appreciate very much his persistent interest and desire to serve the University in the face of a post which might be regarded, from a worldly point of view, as more desirable, and we rejoice that his absence will be but a temporary one, and that we may anticipate his return, we hope, with even increased experience of a valuable nature, for the future service of Cheeloo. We appreciate also the arrangements made for carrying on in his absence and offer you our good wishes for the extra responsibility which will for the time being rest on your shoulders.

Lease of Property.

On the subject of the lease of property we are making as rapid progress as we can. The details of the relations between the Boards which have erected buildings and those who hold the land upon which these buildings stand cause a certain amount of difficulty. There is one question in that connection about which our knowledge is painfully inadequate, that is the ownership of the land on which it is proposed to erect the new hospital buildings. The land has, I believe, been purchased with money raised in America, but I do not know in whose name the purchase has been effected, or what is the position of the land at the present time. I will write further to Mr. Garside about this, as no doubt he is fully acquainted with all the particulars, but in view of its approximation to the land held by the English Baptist Mission the matter is one of considerable importance to this section.

Yours truly,

Hugh H. Weir

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Dear Mr. Garside,

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I am writing separately to you about the land for the new hospital buildings, to which I have referred in my letter to the University. As I have said there our information is painfully inadequate. This may well be the result of our own neglect to secure sufficient data, but it remains a fact,

As we understand it this land adjoins that on which the present hospital buildings stand, and that land is part of the property of the B.M.S. As the land for the new buildings has presumably been purchased by North American money, it would not seem likely that it has been in any way connected with the adjoining B.M.S. land; but, as I believe all the University property in that area is on B.M.S. land, it is at least conceivable that new land would, as it were, be annexed to the existing property, Mr. Wilson has a certain amount of anxiety lest this should be the case, as he feels that if it were done it might involve the B.M.S. later on in responsibility which they might find it difficult to face.

The two other obvious possibilities are that it has been registered in the name of one of the American Boards, or possibly in the name of the University direct, but I take it that if it were the latter, the use of the University Seal would have been required and that would, I think, need a vote of the Board, so that it could hardly have been done without the knowledge of our Section.

I recognise that it is also within the bounds of possibility that no formal transfer of any kind has yet been

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I think the important point is that when we succeed in executing the proposed leases there should be no need for bringing this new property into the B.M.S. lease. Possibly if nothing has yet been done it might be vested directly in the Governors who could then, holding the leases from the Boards, grant a lease of the entire property to the Directors. I take it that one lease covering the whole from the Governors to the Directors will be the eventual proceeding, and the form in which the Governors hold, whether directly from the Chinese Government or on lease from the constituent societies, is in a way immaterial, but as I have already pointed out the important matter is to avoid the inclusion of this land in that leased by the B.M.S. to the Governors.

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Dear Mr. Stanley,

Your letter of 24.10.32. with a copy of the Revised Bye-laws of the School of Theology arrived on the morning of the British Section, and although I was able to peruse them before the meeting, it was not possible to deal with either the letter or the Byelaws on that occasion, for we had not been able to circulate them and the Governors had no opportunity for study. Consequently we shall have to bring them up at our next meeting which is provisionally arranged for February 10th, and I am now writing what can only be regarded as purely personal comments in the hope that you may be able to let me have a reply to some of the points, which I think the Section will wish to discuss, before that meeting.

First, let me again thank you for your letter and for writing so fully and clearly and explaining the points about which I had previously been making enquiry. I fully appreciate the reasons for your delay in writing and feel that I owe you an apology for the somewhat aggressive pressure which may have been apparent in my letters in an endeavour to get the information we needed. Your explanation of the difference which actually exists between the membership of the Board of Directors of the School of Theology and of the University is a very clear and satisfactory one. I think that when the matter of the separation of the School of Theology from the University came up, we here had not contemplated so much difference in personnel, but the reasons which you put forward seem to me, and I hope will seem to the Governors, very satisfactory ones, and of course the same applies to the point you make as to the undesirability of the president of the University acting as president of the School of Theology.

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Secondly, you raise the question as to the wishes of the Governors about the representatives on the University Board of Directors who might automatically serve on the School of Theology. That matter must, of course, come before the Governors, but in view of past discussions and what I have just said above, I think that it is almost certain that the Governors would wish as many individuals to be members of both Boards as could reasonably and conveniently be managed, so long as your point of not prejudicing the position of either body with the Government is ensured. It is undoubtedly the case that when the registration of the University apart from the School of Theology was approved, it was understood that there would be the largest possible coincidence in personnel between the two bodies.

Thirdly, I note your very important point as to correspondence and, while it is conceivable that the Governors may wish to propose some modification, it seems to me that it is essentially an administrative matter which you and I can deal with directly. I am arranging, therefore, that you shall have copies of the minutes of the British Section sent to you direct, and I will correspond directly with you on points arising in them which concern the School of Theology. It is my custom - I do not know whether Mr. Garside follows the same plan or not - when sending off Minutes to write a covering letter to the Minutes to Dr. Armstrong, the secretary of the Board as a whole, to send a copy of that to the President of the University and to Mr. Garside, and then to write further letters to each of these two. I generally let Mr. Garside have a copy of the letter to the University as well, and if my letter to Mr. Garside contains points which are not otherwise being brought to the notice of the University, as occasionally happens, I send a copy to the University too. It seems to me that the best plan will be to send you a copy of the letter to Dr. Armstrong, as I do to the University, and to write to you separately in addition when there is anything concerning the School of Theology, and send a copy of that letter, if there is such an one, to Mr. Garside. I take it that you and the president of the University are sufficiently in touch with one another to avoid any misunderstandings arising if I do not send copies of letters written to either of you to the other. Indeed, your letter suggests to me that you do not think it desirable that I should do so.

I am extremely grateful to you also for explaining about the Chinese name and the plans for the Bulletin. You do not refer to the rather striking coincidence that the first Cheeloo Bulletin which reached me after I had written stating my supposition that the School of Theology was deliberately omitted from the University Bulletin, consisted almost entirely of news of that School.

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I note what you say on the subject of finance, but I do not feel that there is any response which I can make personally on this question. I hope that when the Section has met we may be able to reply to you, though, as you will have gathered from our Minutes this time, there does not seem much prospect of us in this country being able to produce even a few thousand dollars extra.

I note also with great interest that the School is embarking upon a plan of cooperation with the Institute. Doubtless we shall hear more of this in due course, if it is to take any organic form, either directly from you or from the B.M.S., but at the moment there is nothing that I need say further about it.

Turning to the Byelaws, there are one or two points I want to raise. I think you know that a special sub-committee in North America is at present considering what sort of documentary statement is required to relate in an adequate fashion the new Byelaws of the University, necessitated by registration, with the Governors' Byelaws, and I think that that body will also have to look into the Revision that you have sent.

I note that you head your document, "Revision of the Byelaws of the Board of Governors" and I do not think (please remember that I am speaking in a purely personal capacity and without any opportunity for consulting our Section) that the Governors' Byelaws can be divided into two parts, one dealing with the University and the other with the School of Theology. The Board of Governors remains one body, though in relation to two bodies in China. It is Byelaws for the Directors of the School of Theology which are required, though I fully realise that some modification of the existing Governors' Byelaws will be necessary to secure the proper relationship with your Directors. On first reading I do not see any points on which I think serious criticism is required, beyond the one to which I have just referred, of making this document more essentially the Directors' Byelaws, and introducing certain modifications into the Governors' Byelaws so as to agree therewith. I imagine that you would find no particular difficulty about that proposition in principle. I admit the working out of it on paper may not be a very simple proposition, but so far as the Governors' Byelaws are concerned, that should be undertaken in the West, and perhaps by that sub-committee to which I have just referred.

Yours truly,

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P.S. I did not send a copy of my letter to Dr. Armstrong this time, but as there is nothing in it which concerns the School of Theology, perhaps you will not mind the omission. I will endeavour to do it in the future.

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