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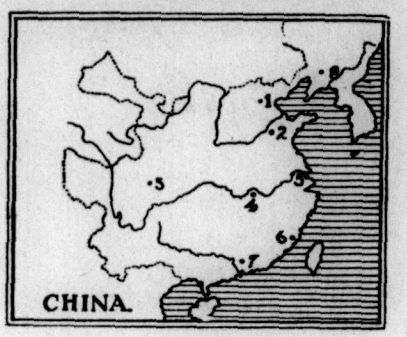

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6th January 1937

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Dr. B. A. Garside,
150, Fifth Avenue,
New York City,
U.S.A.

My dear Garside,

I enclose a copy of the minutes of the last meeting of the United Committee held on December 18th last. You will notice that we have lost Mr. Maclennan. He will be a big loss to our committee, but we are hoping that Mr. Dougall who takes his place will prove an equally useful member.

At last our appeal letter for Cheeloo has been passed by the committee after six months of quiet endeavour. It should be ready for circulation before the end of the month, being sent out to special individuals. I can only wish I had got an index file the size of the one at 150 Fifth Avenue. Then we might do something. Mr. T. H. Sun has arrived, and I am looking forward to travelling round the universities with him specially during February and March. I hope we may get something for Cheeloo.

And that leads me to congratulate you on the success of Shields' dinner. I think the letters that you wrote are both of them perfectly charming. The description of that dinner made me envious. I certainly would like to have been there to have seen Shields rather pessimistic face breaking out into smiles to find that after all he would/

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would be able to take a few thousand dollars back with him as a proof that he had been doing some work during his year in the States. It must have been a tremendous tonic for both Ran and Ella, and I only wish we could arrange dinners like that.

We all send you our best wishes for the New Year, the whole of our staff to the whole of your staff.

Yours sincerely,

A G Carleton

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We all send you our best wishes for the New Year, the whole of our staff to the whole of your staff.

Yours sincerely,

Cyril Franklin

January 8, 1937

Rev. A. G. Castleton
United Committee for Christian
Universities of China
2 Eaton Gate
London, S.W.1, England

Dear Castleton:

I enclose herewith for your personal information the copy of the suggested plan of reorganization of our Associated Boards, as it will be acted upon by the "Committee on Greater Unity" at a meeting to be held some three or four weeks hence.

The matter has been discussed by the Committee thoroughly, and it has given its approval to the general outlines of the attached plan. I expect, therefore, that the Committee will adopt this plan in substantially the form now being suggested. As soon as this Committee has completed its work and made its recommendations to the Associated Boards, we will send you copies of this material for your distribution among the members of the United Committee.

There may or may not be time for you to send us your own comments on this suggested plan of reorganization before the Committee has its final meeting. In any event, we would welcome your comments and criticisms. The reorganization here suggested represents, at best, only one step forward on a rather long road. Personally, I wish we could go ahead much faster and further. But apparently this is as far as we can carry the whole group of Associated Boards members and individual Boards of Trustees just at this time. If all of them will go this far, without any groups refusing to take even this step, and others breaking away because we have not gone far enough, we will have made real progress. If we can bring together most of the committee work of the Associated Boards and individual Boards of Trustees as suggested in the proposed plan of reorganization, we will accomplish two things: - First, we will have cut down the number of our committee meetings from 40% to 60%. Second, we should be laying solid foundations for still further concentration of functions and responsibilities as soon as the time is ripe to take another step in the direction of greater unity.

Pax vobiscum.

Cordially,

B. A. Garside

BAG:MP
Encl.

January 11, 1937

Rev. A. G. Castleton
United Committee for
Christian Universities of China
2 Eaton Gate
London, S.W.1, England

Dear Castleton:

We enclose herewith the following minutes:-

Meetings of the Associated Boards Committee on Promotion, held on December 11th and January 8th.

Meeting of the Committee on Christian Character held on November 30th.

We have been unusually slow in getting the minutes of the first of these meetings mimeographed and distributed. One reason for this delay has been that the material in them is largely informational, and that no immediate actions are required.

Committee on Promotion. These two regular monthly meetings have discussed largely routine matters. I believe that our promotional work is going forward steadily. If we can maintain an average of US$20,000 per month from miscellaneous contributions, that will be very helpful. We are always hoping that special gifts for large amounts may come in. As a matter of fact, there are three or four gifts "just in the offing" at the present which would amount to a total of around US$75,000 if they should all materialize. One of the encouraging aspects of our promotional work this year has been the way in which rather substantial new money has been secured by most of the Colleges. Previously, only Yenching and Lingnan have gotten any substantial new money, but this year Cheeloo, West China, and Ginling, have all made encouraging progress.

Committee on Christian Character. The November 30th meeting was held primarily for the purpose of conferring with Dean Weigle. As you know, it has been difficult for this Committee to come down to concrete plans of procedure for its work. We all recognize that the problems with which this Committee has to deal are tremendously important, but it has not been easy to see just where the Committee can take hold of them in a way which will be constructively helpful, and which will not cut across lines already being pursued in China. We hope that some constructive measures were initiated at the meeting on November 30th, and that practical results will be forthcoming.

The group here in the office joins me in sending greetings and good wishes.

Very sincerely yours,

B. A. Garside

BAG:MP

WHAT IS HAPPENING IN CHINA TO-DAY ?

You are invited to a meeting in

BLOOMSBURY CENTRAL CHURCH

SHAFTESBURY AVENUE (Oxford Street End)

on

TUESDAY, MARCH 9th, 7 p.m. to 8.15

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HIS EXCELLENCY THE CHINESE AMBASSADOR

Speaker :

MR. T. H. SUN, M.Sc.

of Cheeloo, Shantung Christian University

Subject :

"CHINA: DISINTEGRATION OR REBIRTH?"

QUESTIONS INVITED *NO COLLECTION*

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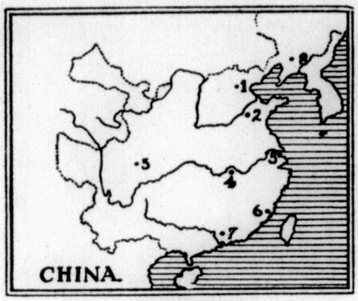

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28th January, 1937.

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Dr. B. A. Garside,
150, Fifth Avenue,
New York City, U.S.A.

My dear Garside,

This morning I saw Dr. Weir and he asked me to write you concerning possible dates for the Cheeloo and West China Boards in Great Britain during the coming summer. He assumes that Cheeloo Ensemble Board of Governors meeting will be held in this country, and since it seems likely that with the other Conferences a goodly number of American visitors will be over here, we ought to arrange at the same time a West China and a United Committee group much as we did in Oxford last time. I think we will try to arrange this in Cambridge this time, but we await your guidance as to dates.

The other three Conferences in the summer to which some American delegates will come are:

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The Conference of British Missionary Societies at Swanwick, June 9th to 12th.
The Conference on Life and Work at Oxford, July 12th to 26th.
The Conference on Faith and Order at Edinburgh, August 8th to 18th.

From our past experience we know that to fix any Board meetings after July 26th would be courting disaster. Our Board Secretaries are almost sure to be snatching these few days at least for holiday. Do you imagine that it would be possible

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to arrange our Board meetings before the Life and Work Conference at Oxford, or should we plan to have the meetings in June? From the point of view of attendance, June is better than July, but we cannot but bear in mind the fact that many of those coming from America will perhaps aim to arrive somewhere about the beginning of July.

I enclose your receipt for the medical examination of Miss Turner, and am sending under separate cover copies of our appeal letter on behalf of Cheeloo, our brochure, and also Bulletins for distribution.

We have just had a very good meeting with Mr. Sun. It was the United Committee, Cheeloo Board and a few extras who were invited, and really he made a very impressive speech. ~~and~~ We have a programme for him which looks formidable.

With regard to the visit of Mrs. Yui, I think you must have noticed in your copy of the Minutes of last meeting that we should extend a very warm welcome to her if it should be possible for her to come to Great Britain, but the Committee feels that its present financial commitments in other directions are so great that it dare not offer more than hospitality and travel expenses. As you know, we are involved in a fair amount of expenditure through the coming of Mr. T. H. Sun and we are spending a lot of money in printing and postage and travelling over our Cheeloo appeal, and some members of our Committee are nervous of incurring further expense. Of course if our Cheeloo appeal brought in a substantial amount of money we should have more daring. With this background in mind you will perhaps be able to consider whether it would be advisable to encourage Mrs. Yui to come. If she did come in the summer we should send her to a number of denominational Summer Schools and in these Schools she would I know do valuable work.

I have had a good many long talks with Sun about his future work. It is very difficult for us to do anything on this side of the water, and the Cheeloo people are very dilatory in sending any definite invitation to him. He is in correspondence with Bill Djang privately, but has had no invitation of an official nature. Probably that would be difficult to

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secure. He has all kinds of invitations, including one from Dr. James Yen, from the N.C.C. and from the Church of Christ in China, and my general advice to him has been that he should delay making a definite decision until he gets back to China. In the meantime, anything you can do to encourage the Cheeloo folks to send him an invitation if they want him, would be well.

With every good wish to all of you,

Yours very sincerely,

A G Castelow

P.S. I see a letter for Sun from President Lin is in the post this morning. That may give Sun the guidance he needs But Sun has just gone to Wales so I shall not hear of anything definite has come for some days.

A.G.C.

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January 29, 1937

Cheeloo

Rev. A. G. Castleton
United Committee for Christian
Universities of China
2 Eaton Gate
London, S.W.1, England

Dear Castleton:

I enclose herewith a copy of a letter we have just received from H. H. Love of Cornell together with copies of my reply to him and of my letter to President Liu. All of us have foreseen for several months that Dr. Love's reply would be a negative one. As a matter of fact, we might have been somewhat embarrassed if he had accepted our invitation, since the field's response to this proposal was so lukewarm that we did not feel inclined to press the matter at all vigorously.

If you have a chance to show this correspondence to T. H. Sun, please do so. We would welcome his suggestions as to any further steps we might take at this end. I am inclined to think that we should sit tight and wait for the field to make the next move.

Cordially,

B. A. Garside

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Encls.

February 1, 1937

Rev. A. G. Castleton
United Committee for Chris tian Universities of China
2 Eaton Gate
London, S.W.1, ENGLAND

Dear Castleton:

Thanks for your letter of January 6th, and for the minutes of the December 18th meeting of the United Committee. We are sorry to see that Mr. Maclennan has resigned, but we hope that Mr. Dougall will continue to carry on the good work.

We will await with interest further word as to the results secured by the Cheeloo appeal letter. I know you won't be disappointed if the immediate results are small. Our experience here in America has been that a single appeal letter is not apt to produce very much immediately. Results are more apt to be cumulative, increasing from year to year as constant and intelligent cultivation is persistently maintained.

You will have noticed from the minutes of recent meetings of the Cheeloo promotional committee and the Associated Boards promotional committee that our work is moving forward little by little. Sometimes we go for weeks without any very substantial results, but occasionally a very encouraging gift comes in. Our fund for the increased support of medical education in Cheeloo for 1937-38 has now passed the US$10,000 mark. An unexpected gift of $800 from a lady in Hartford who had not heretofore given to the China Colleges served to increase the total to five figures. We are making plans to carry on both an intensive and a persistent effort to build up the endowment for the Randolph Tucker Shields Professorship. Ran was supposed to send us a farewell letter just before he sailed from Vancouver which we intended to use for our initial move in this direction. We were going to send this out to everyone interested and to follow it up within a few weeks with a letter from our North American Section telling of the proposed professorship and enlisting the cooperation and support of Ran's friends. Ran got away from Vancouver without sending us back the letter promising to mail it from Honolulu. We hope that the letter will be reaching us within a few days so we can get things started.

The tempo of both our promotional and administrative work is now beginning to quicken a little as we come closer to the Annual Meeting in May. There is a long list of matters which we hope to have cleared away before that time.

With all good wishes for your work, I am

Cordially,

B. A. Garside

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1 copy Cheeloo appeal letter attached

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

UNITED COMMITTEE FOR CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITIES OF CHINA

Edinburgh House,
2, Eaton Gate,
London, S.W.1.

2nd February, 1937.

Dear Committee Member,

I have pleasure in enclosing copy of the Minutes of the meeting that we had with Mr. T. H. Sun. I am also enclosing a few copies of our appeal letter for Cheeloo. You will note that they are dated February, and it is essential that each of us should do all that we possibly can to commend this letter to those who are able to give.

I have prepared an ample supply of Bulletins and Brochures as well as copies of the letter of appeal, and will gladly send you as many of all of them as you may need.

With kindly greetings,

Yours very sincerely,

A. G. Carleton

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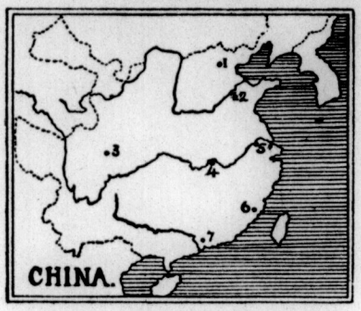

2. SHANTUNG CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY, CHEELOO

EDINBURGH HOUSE
2 EATON GATE, LONDON, S.W.1

February, 1937.

Dear Sir or Madam,

Events in North China are causing grave concern and emphasize the urgency of maintaining all institutions through which the ideals so peculiarly associated with the Christian heritage may be handed on to Chinese youth for the blessing of their country and the world.

The Shantung Christian University, better known as Cheeloo University, is one of the most encouraging experiments in international and interdenominational unity to be found anywhere. It was the first institution of higher learning founded in China and from small beginnings has grown into a University with a nation-wide reputation. A distinguishing feature of the University is the strong contribution made by British Missionary Societies, four of which share in the Institution. While the University receives a large measure of support from Great Britain and America, it is a distinctively Chinese institution. The President is a distinguished Chinese, the majority of the Governors are Chinese, and certain features of the work are financially assisted by the Chinese Government.

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Cheeloo is called the "University of the Blue Gown" to indicate that its students are not given to extravagance; it is popular, for only one in six of the applicants for entrance can be received; it is nation wide in its appeal for its students represent thirteen provinces; and it has already sent out sixteen hundred graduates to assist China in her modern developments.

During the last few years the work of the University has been subjected to great strain through financial stringency. To maintain the Institution at a minimum efficiency £35,000 per annum is required. From Chinese sources—Government contributions, students' fees, hospital fees, etc.—over £13,000 was obtained last year. Missionary Societies provided over £13,000 and a further £3,000 was secured from Foundations and Trust Funds. A further sum of £6,000, of which it is hoped one half (£3,000) may be raised in the United Kingdom, is required to carry on the work of the University, and we commend this need to your generosity.

Donations, or more acceptably subscriptions, will be gratefully received by the Honorary Treasurer, Cheeloo University, Edinburgh House, 2 Eaton Gate, London, S.W.1. Those who are willing to give an annual subscription may be glad to take advantage of the covenant scheme which will not only secure a larger contribution to the University, but by its continuity be a great encouragement to the President and his Chinese and foreign colleagues. Already one friend has promised £100 per annum for the next five years whilst another has given a donation of £80.

On behalf of the United Committee for
Christian Universities of China :

T. Cowan Brown — CHAIRMAN

Dorothy M. Carr — TREASURER

A. G. Castleton. — SECRETARY

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February 13, 1957

Rev. A. G. Castleton
United Committee for Christian Colleges of China
2 Eaton Gate
London, S.W. 1, England

Dear Castleton:

Thanks for sending us the copy of the Cheeloo appeal letter and the two copies of its attached folder, "The University of the Blue Gown."

It seems to me that this is a very attractive promotional appeal, and I hope that it will produce substantial new gifts for Cheeloo. I particularly like the folder, "The University of the Blue Gown." Since it is intended primarily for use in Great Britain, we could not well make any very wide use of it here in America. But if you could spare us 100 copies, we would like to send them to the members of our North American Section, and to 70 or 80 other particularly close friends of the University. If you do send us the copies, let us know how much they have cost you, and we will be glad to reimburse you accordingly. If you do not have any copies to spare, no matter. We are sending our Cheeloo friends in America quite a bit of material anyway; I merely would like to add this delicious tidbit to whet their appetite.

I believe we have not had any special comment from you as to one or two pieces of publicity material which we have gotten out here in New York. About Christmas time we sent you a few copies of the little booklet published by our Fukien Trustees, "Three Wise Men - and a Star." When some of our friends most familiar with Foochow read this booklet, they discovered that one of the incidents described to Dr. W. Y. Chen had happened instead, to one of his colleagues. This was the story of the persecution which took place in Foochow in 1927. We, therefore, got out a revised edition of the booklet, with this error corrected. The error makes very little difference for most of our American constituency, but for those who really know Foochow, accuracy is particularly important. I believe that the copies of the Fukien booklet we sent you were the original ones. Under separate cover, we are mailing you at this time 25 copies of the corrected edition. If you could use any more of these in Great Britain, we would be glad to send them.

I believe that while you were here in New York you saw copies of the story by Mrs. Yui, "I Kao Shang Ti," and that you have as large a supply of that booklet as you need. But if you desire any more copies, please let us know.

We have just received from the Harvard-Yenching Institute a supply of reprints of the address given by Dr. Serge Elisseeff at the Annual Meeting of our Associated Boards, in April 1946. Under separate cover, we are mailing 25 copies to you for use by the members of the United Committee, and any others who might be interested. This is a very scholarly paper, and might appeal to some of the Sinologues in your British universities. We could supply you with another 25 or 50 copies if you could use them advantageously.

We have all been particularly impressed by the latest number of your "Christian Universities of China Bulletin," as we have been planning the next issue of our news letter, "The China Colleges." We are inclined to quote some of the paragraph from your bulletin - of course, giving proper credit. We trust you will not object to this literary piracy.

Very cordially yours,

B. A. Garside

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February 19, 1937

Rev. A. G. Castleton
United Committee for Christian Universities of China
2 Eaton Gate
London, S.W.1, ENGLAND

Dear Castleton:

I enclose herewith a copy of the February 2nd minutes of our Committee on Greater Unity, together with a copy of the covering letter we are sending to the presidents of the various Colleges in China.

We would be glad to have your comments and suggestions.

Very cordially yours,

B. A. Garside

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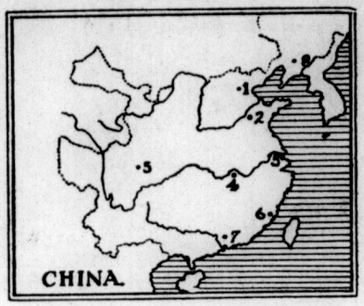

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2 EATON GATE, LONDON, S.W.1

4th March, 1937.

Ack 3/16

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

My dear Garside,

Thank you for your letter of the 19th ultimo. We are sending you under separate cover 100 copies of "The University of the Blue Gown". We were glad to have your complimentary remarks about it and even on this side we are finding it is attracting quite a lot of interest. I liked your little booklet, "Three Wise Men and a Star". It must have been annoying for you to find that the story had to be corrected. To my mind that is a much more effective story than the one written by Mrs. Yui. I will let you know later whether I want any more copies. For the time being these are enough, for my chief activities at the moment are distributing our own propaganda material. We have been very busy.

Our appeal letter has not brought in staggering amounts. Thank you for your warning about these matters, but in the last three weeks we have picked up £150 in small gifts from new subscribers, and with the help of T. H. Sun we have been able to establish local Associations in Manchester and Oxford. It all means that we are progressing, even if progressing slowly.

I have been particularly fortunate in securing the

full time help of Miss Stacey, who was kicking her heels with nothing to do for three months until she gets married. Miss Stacey was working in the office of the Associated Mission Treasurers with Mr. Adam Black in Shanghai until she decided to get married. Our new Promotion Committee made this extra help possible, and I have been taking full use of it.

I think the address given by Dr. Serge Elisseeff is splendid. I could certainly use 30 or more copies advantageously. It is a most informing document and the sort of thing that appeals to our University men.

We shall be glad for you to use anything that you find in our publications. Use them freely and for goodness' sake don't talk about 'literary piracy'. I steal anything good that I find in stuff that you produce, without giving the proper credit, and I hope you will feel at liberty to do the same. We are working together in the same sort of job and we ought to feel free to use each other's productions without quoting.

We have got full value from T. H. Sun. I do not think we have ever made a man work so much in so short a time. Coming under three auspices, he seems to have had a treble amount of work, but his versatility is amazing. The last three weeks I have been travelling with him all over England and he has been giving some really marvellous addresses. These are to culminate in a big meeting in Bloomsbury Central Church next Tuesday. I enclose a notice of the meeting.

I am afraid you must wait for my comments on your United Board of Trustees proposals. A hurried glance suggests to me that you have probably gone as far as you can for the time being, that if you get unanimity up to this point you have taken a good step forward, though it is a pity that the full step could not be taken.

We are still awaiting your reply concerning the Ensemble meeting, and Dr. Weir, getting rather anxious about it, has sent you another letter. How would you

like to meet in a small country town this time, instead of in a University centre? Mrs. Carr would very much like to arrange for all of you to meet in Godmanchester in Huntingdon, and we should certainly not be distracted in a place like that by other matters.

Kind greetings to all the staff and special greetings to your left-hand assistant.

Yours sincerely,

A G Tansley

March 4, 1937

Rev. A. G. Castleton
United Committee for Christian Universities of China
Edinburgh House
2 Eaton Gate
London, S.W.1, ENGLAND

Dear Castleton:

Let me acknowledge receipt of your letter of January 28th. It should have been acknowledged before this, but we seem to be in a chronic state of being in arrears in all of our correspondence.

You raise the question of possible dates for the Cheeloo and West China meetings in Great Britain this year. Briefly, the situation is this:- The schedule of West China meetings follows a regular four-year cycle - New York, England, New York, Canada. The Cheeloo meetings are supposed to follow a two-year cycle, alternating between New York and England. The last date at which the two meetings were held in England the same year was 1934. The next date at which both meetings would normally be held in England is 1938. Our Cheeloo schedule was upset last year because of the suggestion that it would be better to hold the meeting here in America in 1936, and in England in 1937.

The West China schedule calls for the Annual Meeting of the Board of Governors in New York this year. Dr. Anderson has already sent out a notice to the West China Governors in accordance with the action of the West China Executive Committee in January calling the Annual Meeting of the West China Governors to convene in New York City on May 12th. So there is no possibility of that meeting being held in Great Britain this year.

The date for the Cheeloo meeting should be determined largely by the convenience of the British members of the group. I have canvassed in a preliminary way the membership of the North American Section to see whether any of our group here will be going to Great Britain ~~before~~ at the conferences there this summer. So far as I can find, no one of the regular members of the Section has as yet made any definite plans to go over to Great Britain this year. The possibility that Dr. Scott will go over for the Conference on Life and Work is being actively discussed and I believe that the prospects of his going are quite good. He and Mrs. Scott, together with his sister, Mrs. Cushman and her husband, are all very ardent tennis fans, and frequently get over to Great Britain for the Wimbledon Tournament and the Davis Cup matches. If we all combine to put pressure on Dr. Scott we should be able to persuade him to go over in time for the Wimbledon Tournament and to remain there for the Conference on Life and Work at Oxford during the latter half of July. There is a bare possibility that Dr. Milliken might be persuaded to go,

though this is not so likely. Dr. Milliken is an ardent yachtsman and usually spends the summer yachting off the coast of Maine. I doubt whether he has ventured across the Atlantic in his yacht, but possibly we might persuade him to cross over and to hobnob with his fellow yachtsmen along the British coast - at Cowes or elsewhere.

Dr. Warnshuis will be over for these conferences in Britain, and I believe some earlier ones on the Continent. We frequently appoint him as a proxy to represent our North American Section whenever he is available for a Cheeloo meeting on the other side.

There will, of course, be a number of representatives from the various North American Mission Boards cooperating in Cheeloo attending the conferences at Oxford and at Edinburgh. From among them, proxies could be appointed. My own observations have been, however, that unless an appointee has an intimate knowledge of Cheeloo and of the work of the Board of Governors, his presence at a meeting is likely to be about as much of a liability as an asset. If a person knows little about the University and the Board of Governors, it is extremely difficult for him to make any constructive contribution, and any expressions of opinion he may venture will necessarily be on the side of caution, conservatism, and hesitancy to take any further step, no matter how much a situation may demand it.

As I have talked with Dr. Scott he has suggested that, so far as representation from North America is concerned, it would seem wiser to set the Cheeloo meeting as close as possible to the Conference on Life and Work. Since this begins on July 12th, the logical dates for the Cheeloo meeting would seem to be July 7th, 8th, 9th, or 10th. But we must keep in mind that the convenience of the members of the British Section is the paramount consideration. It would be rather foolish to try to hold this Annual Meeting at a date when one or two men from North America would sit down with only a handful of members of the British Section, with the great majority of your British members away on their summer holidays.

All these observations are much too general, but perhaps you and Dr. Weir may be able to whip them into some tangible form.

Should we not begin to plan rather definitely now for the 1938 meetings of both the Cheeloo Governors and the West China Governors? Normally, both of these meetings should be held in Great Britain. But because of the Hangchow Conference in the autumn of 1938, tentative suggestions have been made that it might be wise to have the annual meetings of both these Boards in China next year. In each case, we have several Chinese members of the Board, and undoubtedly some of the western members from both sides of the Atlantic will be going to China for the Hangchow Conference. It would mark a milestone in the progress of both institutions if we could have the Annual Meeting of their Boards of Governors on Chinese soil. On the other hand, one could not expect the majority of our western members to go out to China for the meeting, and the Boards would be represented by proxy much more than by the individual members. We might, of course, hold the Annual Meetings next year in accordance with our normal schedule and then set up some kind of special meetings in China during the autumn. Or, we might dispose of most of the routine matters of business in meetings of the two Sections in the case of Cheeloo, and in meetings of the Executive Committee in the case of West China, leaving for the agenda of the Annual Meetings the discussion of larger matters of policy in which it would be helpful to have representatives of all three nationalities present and expressing their opinions. If the meetings of both Boards are held in China in

1938, we should probably plan to have both Boards meet in Great Britain in 1939. This is a matter which will require very careful study before any final decision is reached. But it is high time for us to be doing some constructive thinking.

I am glad to know Mr. Sun's visit is proving a helpful one. We hope that both you and he will find the experiment has been worth while. The question of Mr. Sun's future connection with Cheeloo is, as you point out, one which we must leave very largely to the administration of our friends in Tsinan. Cheeloo has always had a genius for passing up good men who might be secured, and driving away good men who have come to the institution, because of petty jealousies and factional divisions.

Mrs. Yui is now going ahead with her semester's work at Ann Arbor, Michigan, continuing until early in June. Since she does not have to get back to Tsinan until the first of September there would be ample time for her to return by way of Great Britain and the Continent. I know that she would welcome an opportunity to meet the British constituency of the University and at the same time to become better acquainted with Great Britain, and to see something of what is going on in Europe. The Cheeloo Woman's Committee will probably provide sufficient travel for her to return to China by way of the Pacific or by way of Europe as she may elect. It would seem, therefore, that the only expense her coming would impose upon the Cheeloo constituency in Great Britain would be her travel and entertainment while there.

Whether you could make any use of her at all during the last week in June and the month of July is a question for you to decide. The possibility of her attending the Conference on Life and Work at Oxford has not been taken up in any definite way. Of course, her attendance at the Conference would be very valuable to her but whether it would be desirable from the standpoint of the Conference, I do not know. If the Annual Meeting of the Cheeloo Governors is to be held in Great Britain at about this same time, Mrs. Yui's presence there there would, of course, be very helpful.

I hope that you and Dr. Weir will give us your frank opinions as to whether we should encourage Mrs. Yui to return to China by way of Great Britain, or to go home by the more direct Pacific route.

With all good wishes, I am

Very cordially yours,

B. A. Garside

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March 16, 1937

Rev. A. G. Castleton
United Committee for Christian Universities of China
2 Eaton Gate
London, S.W.1, ENGLAND

Dear Castletons

Thanks for your letter of March 4th. We are glad to know that the work is continuing to go forward well in Great Britain. The £150 in small gifts from new subscribers for Cheeloo certainly represents an excellent beginning of increased support. Of course, the next step is to see to it that all of these "new" contributors become "regular" contributors, in increasing amounts wherever that is possible.

Glad that T. H. Sun is rendering such excellent service. He is a young gentleman of parts. Since you are favorably impressed by Dr. Elisseeff's address, we are sending you thirty additional copies under separate cover. We have a little larger supply than we are likely to use advantageously, and we are always anxious to have such material used to the best advantage.

Congratulations that you are fortunate enough to secure the full-time help of Miss Stacey while she is waiting for the arrival of the month of brides and roses. Miss Peterson is very much interested in the way young British ladies occupy their time while they are waiting for the ministers and the bridegrooms.

Sorry I was so slow in getting off word to you with regard to North American views on the annual meeting of the Cheeloo Governors. I hope, however, that my letter will arrive about a fortnight ahead of this one, and that you and Dr. Weir will not have been too much delayed in your thinking and planning.

Certainly we must be content to "make haste slowly" on our efforts in the direction of closer correlation of our China Colleges. I have found it interesting to watch Dr. J. Leighton Stuart's latest efforts in China to stimulate the Colleges there to closer unity. With all his good intentions, he goes about the job in a way that merely creates hostility and opposition. The most serious result of his efforts in this direction is that h he always bursts forth after each new failure, condemning all the other Colleges for not cooperating more closely, and thus giving rise to widening circles of criticism which are never fully justified, and causing losses of support from individuals and organizations who look to Dr. J. Leighton as the fount of all wisdom on Christian higher education in China. As a matter of fact, some of the individuals who were most inclined to block any recommendations of our

Committee on Greater Unity looking in the direction of real progress, were members of the Yenching Board of Trustees. The primary difficulty is that such men as Dr. Stuart lose sight entirely of the realities of the situation, and instead of going forward patiently with the process of gradual and constructive progress, insist on having the job done overnight. One sometimes suspects that if their wishes were carried out, they would be the most surprised and disappointed individuals in the lot when they awoke the following morning.

Very cordially yours,

B. L. Lawrence

BAG:MP

March 23, 1937

Rev. A. G. Castleton
United Committee for
Christian Colleges of China
2 Eaton Gate
London S.W.1, England

Dear Mr. Castleton:

Dr. Wallace Crawford of West China Union University has been in our office and is requesting that we make available a portion of his drawing account here in the office while in London. He has suggested that we make it L 30-0-0. We are, therefore, enclosing draft for this amount, which I am sure you will be glad to help him cash upon his arrival next week.

We are now in the midst of preparations for the spring meetings of the boards and of the Associated Boards, and for the next month or more will be going at full tip. We wish you were here to enjoy (?) these occasions.

Most cordially yours,

C. A. Evans

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30th March, 1937.

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

My dear Evans,

I have to acknowledge receipt of the draft for £30 for Dr. Wallace Crawford of West China Union University. It will be a pleasure to provide him with this money when he arrives, and also to meet him in London.

I sincerely wish I were to be present with you during the Boards and meetings of the next few weeks. I look back with very great pleasure to my associations with all of you in your office.

All blessings on your future, and good wishes to everyone,

Yours very sincerely,

A G Castleton

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R. Gordon

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April 12, 1937

Rev. A. G. Castleton
United Committee for
Christian Universities of China
2 Eaton Gate
London, S.W.1, ENGLAND

Dear Castleton:

There have been accumulating in my "dictate basket" several items which should have been passed along to you. I will try to clear them off herewith.

First of all is a copy of a letter we sent out a fortnight ago to the members of the North American Section of the Cheeloo Board of Governors, accompanied by a vigorous letter from Dr. Stanley telling of the urgent problems of the Cheeloo School of Theology. Possibly you received a copy of the letter from Dr. Stanley, if not, you will be interested in the attached communication. I may say that as yet our North American Section has not had a meeting at which this matter could be discussed. But I doubt whether in the present state of our resources it will be possible to do very much next year toward providing increased support for the School of Theology. I hope you may be turning up new support for this School there in Great Britain.

I enclose also copies of the minutes of the last two meetings of our Associated Boards Committee on Promotion - March 22nd and April 8th.

These minutes show that the Committee has been spending practically all of its time for the last month studying and discussing plans for promotional procedure and programs during 1937-38. We have arrived at a substantial basis of agreement in the Committee, but there is still a question as to how far this will go.

With all good wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

B. A. Garside

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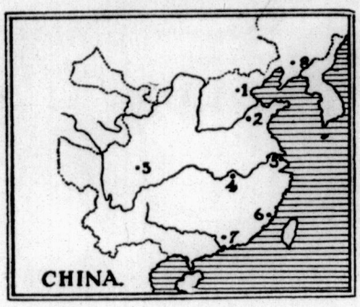

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23rd April, 1937.

Dr. B. A. Garside,
Associated Boards for Christian
Colleges of China,
150, Fifth Avenue,
New York, U.S.A.

Ack 6/4/37
Castleton, A.G.

My dear Garside,

I have pleasure in enclosing copies of the last Minutes of the United Committee for Christian Universities of China. Generally they explain themselves, and as I have read the letter to Dr. Armstrong, a copy of which Dr. Weir has sent to you, this letter will be shorter than it would be otherwise.

You will be glad to know that we have added to our Committee Mrs. H. B. Wilson, whom you probably know. I think she is going to be a help to us in calling on possible donors. We are grateful for Dr. Lobenstine's thoughtfulness in sending her name to us.

The comments on the Secretary's report in the Minutes give you practically all that you need to know. I have had a hectic time but we really have begun to move forward a bit and I can only assume that my visit to your business-like office must have had some effect on me!

I suppose you remember that we had an old 'Building Fund'. I think it was collected in the days of Balme, and when I came to this office it was practically all spent. The United Committee has had this debt thrown at it every time it has met. I think we have discovered a happy way of solving this moral

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responsibility, as money collected for buildings will now be spent for maintenance, and it can be used in order to relieve other current funds for general University use. The chief thing we were concerned about was to get this old debt out of the way, and it is a great relief to us that we can send out to China over and beyond our original budget, the sum of £435. As our appeal did not commence until the middle of January I think we have reason for gratitude. We have decided to continue our appeal for Cheeloo. There seemed to be general agreement on that point, and further I am authorised to make plans for another appeal. Representatives of Central China University are getting very alert about the need of pushing the needs of this University before the British public, but West China has to come first.

The experience I had in New York of lunches and dinners gave me the idea of a lunch to Dr. H. H. Kung. So I went ahead and discovered a person who was willing to pay for 70 people, and May 18th should see us in all our regalia at a restaurant in Piccadilly paying court to our honoured guest.

Mrs. Yui. I have been able to secure that the Conference on Church, Community and State would invite Mrs. Yui and provide financial assistance to the extent of £10. Then the S.C.M. will pay her expenses for attending the Swanwick Conference, and Carey Hall would like to welcome her for a few days. A few further invitations are coming in, so I would be grateful if you would get into touch with Mrs. Yui and invite her to come to this country from the middle of June to the end of July. She can be assured of a very warm welcome. Let me know as soon as possible when we may expect her.

Dr. Francis Wei. I understand that we shall need to secure at least £75 if we are to have the privilege of Dr. Wei's presence in this country. I haven't the faintest idea where the £75 can be found, but I am going to do all I possibly can to make it easy for him to come, for his presence here will help us very greatly.

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Yours sincerely,

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May 1, 1937

Mr. A. G. Castleton
United Committee for
Christian Universities of China
2 Eaton Gate
London, S.W.1, ENGLAND

Dear Castleton:

Both our office and the Cheeloo Woman's Committee have been corresponding with Mrs. Yui during recent weeks as to her plans for the coming months. At one time she was giving rather serious study to the possibility of getting to England before the summer. But she now seems to have abandoned that idea, since it seemed wiser that she continue her work at the University of Michigan until the early part of June.

She is still anxious, however, to return to China by way of England if there is any possibility of her making helpful contacts there during the latter part of June or in the month of July. If the Annual Meeting of the Cheeloo Governors is to be held during that time, there would be some value in her being present, though that alone might not be particularly important.

Will you write frankly, giving us your views as to the desirability of Mrs. Yui visiting England on her way back to China? If you believe she should come, what would you suggest as to dates? About the earliest date at which she could reach England if she is to finish her work in Michigan is June 20th. She would have to leave in ample time to reach the Cheeloo campus by the first part of September.

If she does return by way of England, the Cheeloo Woman's Committee would provide her travel expenses. If necessary, they might bear part of the expenses of her stay in England.

Sailings for June and July are going to be quite crowded so we should begin to move quite soon if we are to get any place for her.

The office gang joins me in sending its affectionate regards.

Cordially,

B.A. Garside

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May 3, 1937

Rev. A. G. Castleton
2 Eaton Gate
London S.W.1, England

My dear Mr. Castleton:

I am enclosing copy of the minutes of the meeting of the Committee on Finance of the Associated Boards. I would like to send you the complete letters of Mr. Cressy covering the request for the three items considered by the committee, but the time is not available.

The Religious Life Committee presented very strong arguments in favor of providing fellowships in the field of religious training, it being the desire to start this training at the earliest possible moment, but that nothing could be done until a fellowship was made available. No request for a definite amount was filed, and no information was available as to the amount of cooperation to be expected from the trustees of the Nanking Theological Seminary. Quite naturally no action could be taken under these circumstances.

Strong reasons were also cited by the field's Committee on Religious Life regarding the appointment of professors in the field of religion for the various colleges. Again, this was in too indefinite form to warrant action by our Finance Committee, although there was very deep sympathy expressed toward the proposition.

Vote No. 13 found a generous response for the cooperation with and study of the various colleges regarding the Christian character of the institutions. It was felt that it should be a more constructive approach than merely in dealing with the problem of secularization and that any such work by outstanding educators, while definitely for the purpose of studying the Christian educational program, ought not to be solely for the sake of arresting the secularization program, but by making constructive suggestions, be able to build up the religious life of the institution. As no definite program of financial expenditure was available, and also in view of the fact that the committees on Staff and Curriculum and Christian Character were studying the problem, the committee, while expressing sympathy, deferred any action.

It was admitted at the very onset that the budgets we have are of such limited character in so far as uniformity is concerned that any definite comparison would not be possible. The budgets are not made up in conformity to one plan, and as a consequence, one is left very much in the dark as to how figures in this university will compare with the set-up in another. At the very beginning the thought was expressed that the study which we have made is simply a point of departure. At one stage in the consideration it was felt highly desirable that the whole affair be handed over to the Council of Higher Education in China, asking the secretary to compile such figures as might be secured through his office, and which could be gotten with much more speed than here in America. The thought prevailed, however, that if definite askings are to be approved by the Associated Boards, that likewise a study of

the budgets should be made here in order to form a part of the investigation that is being conducted as to the relative merits of the various colleges. This was the sentiment that prevailed in the end, the same committee being appointed to carry on the investigations still further.

We are very sorry indeed that you are not with us at the present time to enjoy (I do not know whether that is the right word to use) the meetings of the Associated Boards and the various colleges which are forthcoming within the next two weeks. You have your own little show at the present time, and by the time this reaches you, it will have become history. We hope that you have a good seat whereby you can see as much as one pair of eyes can take in of the pageant.

With best wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

C. A. Evans

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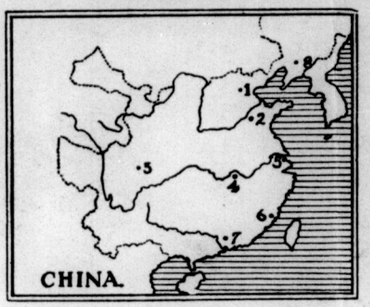

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2 EATON GATE, LONDON, S.W.1

3rd May, 1937.

Ack 6/3/37

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

My dear Garside,

A day or two ago I had a long chat with Weir concerning the situation in the School of Theology at Cheeloo. I had forwarded the copy of Stanley's letter you let me have, and he is rather disturbed that Stanley has forgotten to let him have a copy. I was rather grateful to see that he was disturbed and that he evidently recognises that the British Section has a responsibility to that particular School.

You will also notice in his letter to you he desires a copy of your final Minute on reorganisation, that he may know wherein Cheeloo is concerned. He is very meticulous about detail. He knows that up to the present you have not worked out all the details of your scheme. The statement in the Cheeloo Minutes I trust is in accordance with fact. It is my summary of your letters.

Sent on 5/13/37 MP

You will let me know as soon as you can about Mrs. Yui, and since she is coming to this country I think you might let me have 200 copies of her booklet "I Kao Shang Ti". They can be used with advantage. Mrs. Carr would like her to stay with her for the first few days after arrival, and is writing to her.

More power to your elbow,
Yours very sincerely,
A G Castleton

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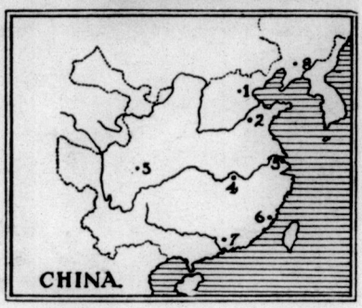

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May 20. 1937
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My dear Garside

Let me know as soon as you can about Mrs Yin. If uncertainty has prevented you sending exact date of arrival will you cable it when you know it.

Our lunch was a great success & I send you copy of Kung's speech. Perhaps you can use it somewhere. The Chinese Ambassador & Madame Quo were present among our 86 guests. It cost one generous donor £45 so you see the influence of New York on me.

The Cheeloo Board agenda is not ready. Will you send items for it as soon as you can.

Forgive me for writing & not typing. My half-time assistant is swamped with work.

Greetings to you all

A. G. Castleton

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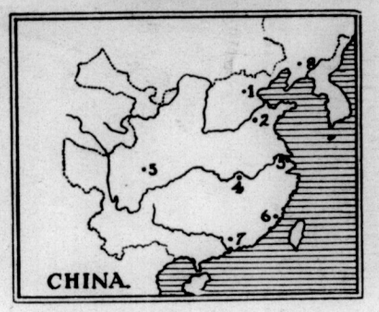

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May 26. 37

Ack 6/8/37

SHANTUNG

Dr B A Garside
150 Fifth Avenue
New York

sent out with
for letter
6/7/37

My dear Garside

I enclose Dockets & Proxy Forms for the Cheeloo Board. I hope I have sent them in sufficient numbers. You will remember to let us have items for the agenda.

I've heard from Mrs Yin that she plans to arrive on June 26th & we are preparing her itinerary.

Every good wish

Yours Sincerely

A G. Castleton

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SHANTUNG

June 3, 1937

Rev. A. G. Castleton
United Committee for
Christian Universities of China
2 Eaton Gate
London, S.W.1, ENGLAND

Dear Castleton:

In the midst of our yearly orgy of annual meetings I have gotten sadly behind with all my correspondence. I am appalled by the pile of letters from London which have not been previously answered.

Your letter of April 23rd. With this you enclosed a copy of the minutes of the meeting of the United Committee held on April 9th. We have read the minutes with interest, and are delighted to note the evidences of the progress you are making at a number of points. We are glad to note that the results of the Cheeloo Appeal have already been so satisfactory. One must face the probability that the immediate returns from such an appeal are not likely to be large, and must recognize that substantial results can only be counted upon by keeping persistently at a definite program of continuous promotional cultivation year after year. For instance, our office here in New York is still getting occasional contributions from individuals to whom an appeal letter was sent in the fall of 1934, and who are just getting around to sending in their checks.

I have not had the privilege of meeting Mrs. H. B. Wilson but she sounds like a very capable person, and we trust that she will be able to make a valuable contribution to the work of the Committee.

Plans for Mrs. Yui's Trip to England. This suggestion is mentioned not only in your letter of April 23rd, but also in letters of May 3rd and May 20th. Our sincere apologies that we have kept you in suspense much too long. Mrs. Yui is sailing from New York on the Berengaria, June 19th. I presume it is scheduled to reach Southampton on June 25th or 26th. I believe that Mrs. Yui will be available during the remainder of June and throughout the month of July if you can use her profitably during that period. Since the Annual Meeting of the Cheeloo Governors is to be held on July 9th and the meetings in Oxford will occupy the fortnight between July 12th and July 26th, it would appear that your main use of her for other meetings will have to be made during the fortnight before the Oxford Conference. Also, you might possibly be able to use her for a few days after July 26th, but probably this will be about the time in midsummer when activities are at their lowest ebb. I have just had a letter from Mrs. Yui in which she expresses some hope of spending some time in Europe with a tour being conducted by Dr. Eddy, before she returns to Tsinan by way of Siberia. Possibly

she has had some vague idea of leaving England before the end of July. So far as I know, nothing has come up to change in any way her availability for the meetings in Great Britain through July 26th at least. But I have sent an airmail letter to her and have asked her to wire me tomorrow giving more definite information. I will then get off a cable to you at once, so that you may have full information with regard to her plans without any further delay.

Dr. Francis Wei. Dr. Wei's presence in Great Britain ought to be quite valuable and we hope that you can make arrangements for him to spend some time in your midst. The last time Dr. Wei was in America, we did not succeed in making very much use of him in connection with our China Colleges publicity and promotional program. But probably the fault was chiefly ours. At that time we were just getting our promotional work organized, and found that Dr. Wei was pretty solidly booked up by other groups in which he was also interested before we put in our bid for him.

Cheeloo School of Theology. Thank you for the comments you give on this topic. I can appreciate in some measure the seriousness of the factors you enumerate. It is a little difficult to foresee just now where and how the Cheeloo School of Theology is going to find adequate resources in the im ediate future to carry on its program. Within a day or two we will be sending you a copy of the minutes of the meeting of the North American Section of the Cheeloo Governors, in which this matter is dealt with at some length, so I will not comment further on the topic at this time.

Letter of May 3rd. This is devoted chiefly to comments on some of your conversations with Dr. Wier. Thank you for giving me this information. You ask us to send you two hundred copies of the booklet by Mrs. Yui, "I Kao Shang Ti". These were mailed to you on May 13 th.

Your letter of May 20th. With this you send a copy of the seating arrangement at your very interesting luncheon in honor of Dr. Kung. Once more our British colleagues succeeded where we failed, for our Associated Boards made vigorous but unsuccessful efforts to persuade Dr. Kung to address a luncheon conference here when he comes to New York the latter part of June. You had a very notable and distinguished gathering, and Dr. Kung's address was a very interesting one. Following our usual custom of pirating all the good publicity material which comes to us from Great Britain we will probably be making use of excerpts from Dr. Kung's address in our publicity work here.

All the group here in the office join me in sending greetings and good wishes.

Cordially yours,

B. A. Garside

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SEMATURE

June 8, 1937

Rev. A. G. Castleton,
2 Eaton Gate,
London, S. W. 1, England

Dear Castleton,

Thanks for your letter of May 26th, and for the supply of notices of the ensemble meeting of the Cheeloo Governors together with the proxy forms. These have now been sent to all members of the North American Section.

We are very glad Mrs. Yui wrote you direct as to her plans, for her letter enabled you to go ahead with arrangements for her coming. We here in the office have been a bit uncertain as to just what she expected to do, for she has been flirting with two or three mutually exclusive plans for spending the six weeks after she reaches England, and we were not absolutely sure just which one she would finally choose. But now it seems definite that she is entirely at your service from the time the BERENGARIA reaches Southampton until the end of the Oxford Conference. The only dates which are still a bit hazy in my mind are those between July 26 and July 31st. Perhaps Mrs. Yui has already cleared those with you. In any event, I wrote her several days ago and asked her to give us more detailed information as to her plans for these last five days in July. I should be hearing from her today or tomorrow, and if it seems necessary to send you any further information on that point I will pass it along. Our cable of June 4th was sent you just before your letter of May 26th reached us, and was intended to convey some information for which we assumed you were impatiently waiting.

We are sending you a boatload of minutes of various kinds this week, and I'll be sending brief (?) covering letters.

Cordially,

B. A. Garside

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WEST CHINA

June 11, 1937

Rev. A. G. Castleton
United Committee for Christian
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London, S. W. 1, England

Dear Castletons:

This letter will comment on the minutes of the following meetings, copies of which are enclosed herewith:-

West China Executive Committee and Board of Governors, May 12th.
Fukien Trustees, May 13th
Nanking Founders, May 13th
Yenching Trustees, May 14th
Cheeloo North American Section, May 14th.

I believe that the girls have already mailed you a copy of one or two of these minutes, but I am enclosing a complete set to be sure that you have them.

West China Executive Committee and Trustees. The minutes of the Executive Committee and the pro forma meeting of the legal body the "Board of Trustees" do not require any special comments.

You will note that one of the first matters taken up by the West China Governors was the Report of the Committee on Promotional Work. The West China Governors have always been one of the most inactive Boards in the field of promotional work. Perhaps there are two major reasons for this:- Practically the entire personnel of the Board is made up of Mission Board secretaries who are so engrossed in the struggle to secure funds for their own denominational Boards that they have no time or facilities for promotional work on behalf of West China. Also, our Canadian constituency has usually taken the position that all promotional efforts must stop with, "the unfortified boundary" between the two countries, and that north of the line the United Church of Canada is to be in sole charge of collecting and disbursing funds for West China Union University. During the past two or three years, however, the Board of Governors has been gradually arousing itself to the realization that it must secure additional support beyond what it can hope to obtain from the cooperating Mission Boards. Dr. Beech has been securing some encouraging results as a consequence of his quiet efforts to obtain funds for building and equipping the Clinical Hospital. You will note that the Board of Governors has now defined some of the most urgent of the University's capital needs which we should undertake to secure during the next few years. The Governors are also seeking earnestly to secure a number of capable and interested layment who would

give some real assistance in the field of promotion. We hope that Mr. Herbert Clark will be of help in this way. Just now we are in contact with another prominent layman, Mr. Dean Sage, Jr. who has visited China and has spent some time on the campus of the University. The securing of laymen of this type is a slow process, but we hope that it will ultimately bring about greatly increased activity on the part of the Governors.

Efforts to secure increased cash grants from supporting Mission Boards. You will note from the actions quoted on page four and five that Dr. Beech has not made much progress in his efforts to persuade the co-operating Mission Boards to restore their grants to a minimum of US$4,000 each. While the Canadian Board is willing to grant this increase, it will not do so unless the Methodist Board and the Baptist Board follow suit and neither of these Boards seem able to take such a step at this time.

Clinical Hospital and Medical Center. This topic occupied more than half of the total available time of the meeting. I believe the actions speak for themselves and do not requir any special comments. It may be added that since the meeting of the Governors Dr. Beech has received word from China that an additional $25,000 has been granted there by the China Foundation, which would be available for equipment and furnishings. As you know, Dr. Beech is a very determined individual, and he usually completes what he starts in to do. We hope, and believe, that the amount required to complete and equip the Hospital and to provide endowment for some of the beds, will be secured in time if Dr. Beech can stay on the job and if the West China Governors will give him even a moderate amount of support.

Budget for 1937-38. You will note that the Governors are providing LC$5,000 more than the minimum they have guaranteed to provide each year. This is not quite as much as the field would like to have next year but we trust that it will keep them going for the time being. In the specially designated objectives, the amounts appropriated for next year are in most cases somewhat larger than for the current year. We all recognize that the amount the Governors are providing to the support of West China is far too small. The only way in which it can be increased very much is either for the supporting Mission Boards to raise their grants or else to get additional funds from new sources.

Matters from Annual Meeting of the Associated Boards. The West China Governors dealt in a very friendly way with all the items they had time to discuss at any length. The proposal with regard to greater unity was - quite properly under the circumstances - referred to the Executive Committee.

Next Annual Meeting of the Board of Governors. Both in the West China Board and in the Cheeloo Board the question arose as to whether the next annual meetings should be held in Great Britain or in China. With the proposed conferences to be held in China in 1938, it would appear that this would give an opportunity to carry out the plan which has been mentioned in a casual way for a good many years in both Boards - that of having a meeting in China. Whether such meetings next year would be either practical or desirable is a question which we will have to explore further, and will have to take up both with the groups on the field and with the constituency in Great

Britain. What is the general attitude of our British colleagues on this proposal?

Meeting of Fukien Trustees

Financial Situation. The financial situation this year is slightly better than it was last, although the problem is still a critical one. If the Church Missionary Society should find it possible to renew the cooperation in Fukien Christian University which has been in abeyance during recent years, that would help greatly to improve the situation.

Budget Estimates. The Trustees were able to appropriate the amount needed to balance the budget as presented to us by the field. In order to do this, however, we had to include an item of US$2,895.59 under the head of "special gifts" which as yet we have no assurance will be forthcoming.

Matters Arising From Associated Boards. I believe that no special comments on this item are required.

In general, it may be said that our Fukien Board of Trustees has been increasingly active since the visit of President Lin and if we can only keep this progress going forward I hope that some day we can build up much more adequate support than the University has thus far received.

Meeting of Nanking Founders.

Matters Arising From Directors' Minutes. Much of the time of the meeting was devoted to a consideration of these items, which are set forth in rather full detail.

Budget estimates 1937-38. Here again, we were able to send out about the amount the field anticipated in setting up its budget estimates, and we hope that they will be able to balance the budget for the coming year.

Matters Arising From Associated Boards. You will note that most of these had to be referred to the Executive Committee.

Promotional Plans. There was quite a bit of study and discussion a few months ago as to whether Mr. Wheeler should be invited to join the promotional staff of the Associated Boards and to serve the entire group of Colleges, or should continue to center his attention entirely on the University of Nanking. The Associated Boards found it impossible to add items for his salary and travel to its promotional budget, so the Nanking Founders are continuing his support next year. As yet, we have not worked out in any very clearcut way plans for his activities, but we hope that his presence will mean a real revival of interest and support for this Christian University which occupies such a strategic position at the capital of China.

Election of Officers, Appointment of Committees. We all regret very much that both Dr. Speer and Mr. Carter found it necessary to resign from the offices they have held within the Nanking Board continuously for about a quarter of a century. We are, however, counting upon their continuation in

in service as members of the Board. You will note that Dr. Decker was elected President, and Mr. Robert C. Morris, Treasurer. Mr. Morris is a Vice President of the Bankers Trust Company, and a very capable young business man, and we are hoping he will bring real strength to the Board.

Meeting of Yenching Trustees

Authority to Confer Degrees of D.D. and LL.D. For some time there has been a discussion as to the desirability of securing authorization for Yenching University to confer these honorary degrees, so the Trustees took advantage of what seemed a favorable opportunity to secure this authorization. But letter which have just arrived from Dr. Stuart indicate that in his judgment there is a situation in China just now which makes the conferring of honorary degrees by Yenching a particularly difficult and dangerous procedure. I expect, therefore, that for the present little advantage of this authority will be taken by the University.

Budget for 1937-38. By comparison with the appropriations of the other Boards of Trustees, our Yenching Trustees are sending out each year a very handsome amount of funds. But of course Dr. Leighton and his colleagues impress upon us anew each year that Yenching is practically ready to fold up from lack of support.

Matters Arising From Associated Boards. The Yenching Trustees are working loyally as members of the Associated Boards - and, indeed, a majority of the leading spirits in the united group are Yenching Trustees. All the actions taken at the Yenching meeting were therefore in cordial support of the matters referred to the individual Boards by the united group. The action on greater unity was referred to the Executive Committee with power primarily because the full Board did not have time to give adequate consideration.

Meeting of Cheeloo North American Section

Twenty-five copies of these minutes have already been sent to your office.

School of Theology. The Section gave quite a bit of serious study to the problem of the position and support of the School of Theology, and in the end concluded that the matter should be given more detailed consideration by the special sub-committee. Dr. Fairfield, Dr. Armstrong, and Dr. Cartwright were appointed to serve in this capacity.

Cheeloo Woman's Committee. Mrs. Yui's presence in America has served to stimulate the activities of the Woman's Committee which has long been much too inactive. Some of us have felt that a part of the blame for this situation has lain in the fact that there has been little or no communication between the Woman's Committee here in North America and the Women's Department of the University. As a result, neither the woman's group here in North America nor the woman's group on the field know what the other is thinking, and our Committee here has never had any real consciousness of the needs of the Women's Department at the University nor any sense of responsibility for meeting these needs. Actions NAS-490, 491, and 492 are

an effort to bridge this gap. We hope that by the establishment of more tangible lines of communication and by supplying Mrs. Yui with urgently needed secretarial assistance, it may be possible to do a great deal more for the Women's Department of the University than has been done in the past.

Budget Estimates. I believe that the detailed appropriations on pages three and four require no special comment. We are glad that during the past year there has been some substantial increases in our income from a number of sources. The greatest problem is, of course, still the cooperating Mission Boards where all grants remain at the low levels to which they have declined during recent years.

Amendment to Bylaws. This amendment, as you know, is necessary in order to permit the Treasurers of our North American Section to sell securitites in our investment portfolio when they are instructed by the Section to do so.

Matters Arising from Associated Boards. The Section took much the same line of action as did the other Boards of Trustees on whose minutes we have commented above. Most of these matters are of such a nature that they relate only to the North American Section, rather than to the entire Board of Governors, although perhaps some of them should be considered also by the ensemble Board. This latter procedure might possibly be desirable in the case of the recommendations of the Committee on Greater Unity, although, as a matter of fact, the changes suggested in that Committee's report go no further than attempting to simplify the procedure of some of the Committees of the North American Boards of Trustees, or North American divisions of such Boards.

Representation at Annual Meeting in England. We are hoping that Dr. Scott, Dr. Warnshuis, and Dr. Diffendorfer, can all attend the meeting although word has just come from Mrs. Bennett that she does not plan to reach England until July 10th and will not therefore be able to meet with the Cheeloo Governors.

Coming of President Liu. We have not as yet reached any very definite conclusion in our own minds as to the best date for President Liu's coming to America, though we are inclined to feel that it would probably be better if he waited for a year or possibly eighteen months. It seems that it would be well for him to spend at least another year on the campus consolidating the program of the University. And if it should be found desirable to hold a meeting of the Cheeloo Governors in Tsinan during 1938 he should certainly be there to prepare for the meeting and to help make it a success. Of course, if the President does come to the West, he ought, if possible, to spend some time in Great Britain as well as here in North America. This is a matter we should discuss later.

This should be enough minutes and comments to keep you out of mischief for at least a little while! We must still get through another series of meetings of committees of the Associated Boards and of the individual Boards of Trustees before the summer vacations are upon us!

Very cordially yours,

B.A. Garside

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ASSOCIATED BOARDS

June 11, 1937

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Dear Castleton:

We enclose herewith the minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Associated Boards held on May 10th and 11th, and the minutes of the Associated Boards Executive Committee held on May 21st. We will try to restrict our comments in this letter to as brief a space as possible.

Minutes of Associated Boards Annual Meeting

The minutes are quite voluminous and I will not attempt to review all the matters discussed, but will refer to only a few points of special interest.

Admission of Shanghai Founders. You will note the admission of the Shanghai Board of Founders. This brings all the Christian Colleges in China, with the exception of St. John's, under the spreading chestnut tree of the Associated Boards. Some of our dozen participants are still standing on the outer frings, however, As you know, we will still have to go a long way to achieve anywhere near complete unity, but we hope we are gradually moving in that direction.

Report of Committee on Staff & Curriculum. The most impor-tnat item dealt with by this Committee is the ever present problem of coop-eration and correlation. You have probably kept in touch with the actions and reactions of the Annual Meeting of the Council of Higher Education held in Shanghai during February. Our revered friend Leighton Stuart tried to drop a carefully chosen assortment of bombs into the meeting at points where they would do the most good, with a variety of results. I am not entirely sure whether very much was accomplished either in the way of good or harm. But the discussion coming out of China did bring this whold problem of cooperation and correlation very definitely into the forefront of the Annual Meeting and quite a bit of time was given to its discussion.

You will note particularly the suggestion on pages three and four of the matters that there be held in China during 1938 an educa-tional conference with adequate representation of all the institutions, denominations, and nationalities interested, for a thorough discussion of the whole problem of cooperation and correlation. You will note from the

minutes of the meetings of the individual Boards of Trustees that this suggestion was given tentative consideration and, in most cases, was referred to the executive committees or to later meetings of the boards for definite action. We must, of course, be guided largely by the attitude of the Council of Higher Education and the representatives of the various individual Colleges on the one hand and the United Committee on the other. Will you pass along to us in due course both the official and informal attitudes and opinions of our British colleagues?

Under personnel items, this Committee expressed the hope that the conferences in China during 1938 would take to the Orient quite a number of leaders who would be able to give longer or shorter periods of service in their special fields to one or another of the Christian Colleges. While the list given on page four includes only North Americans, we do sincerely hope that a corresponding group of men and women will be going out from Great Britain and will be available for this same type of service.

Report of Committee on Christian Character. Action AB-641 speaks for itself. There seem rather encouraging prospects that the Nanking Theological Seminary may within the next few years be able to set up a series of scholarships and fellowships which will be of material assistance in training carefully chosen men and women for teaching positions in which they will be able to make the maximum contribution to the Christian character of our Colleges.

Report of Committee on Promotion. More time was given to this report than to any other single document brought before the meeting. The group took time to review in some detail the results of the past year, and to examine our proposed plans and program for the coming year. It has been our experience each year that a number of our members are quite lukewarm on going ahead with any aggressive promotional program, and a few have been outspoken in their opposition. An even more troublesome factor has been that personal aversions have occasionally exerted a definite influence. I believe that this year the meeting revealed substantial progress on all these points. While we have not yet thoroughly convinced all of our membership as to the desirability of our present promotional program - or even as to the necessity of any promotional program at all - the number of doubters is decreasing and the ranks of staunch supporters seem to be growing. The Associated Boards approved the continuation of our program next year with modest increases in certain items of the budget, chiefly that of ~~salaries~~ Clerkships of the clerical staff so as to provide more adequate office facilities for carrying on the work. Also, we are adding some additional floor space along the front of the Building after July 1st, which will relieve somewhat the overcrowding in both the administrative and promotional departments.

Our promotional results for the past year have not been particularly startling, although we have made steady progress both in the number of our contributors and in the amounts of new money coming in. Just at the moment we are in the interesting but rather trying position of having at least four very important cases where individuals are considering making very substantial gifts, but have not as yet given any final decision. If these hopes we now have do materialize, the next few months should show a very substantial

quickening of promotional interest and activities. If they are disappointed or deferred, we will continue along the same lines we are now pursuing.

One of the most interesting suggestions growing out of our promotional discussions was one brought forward by Dr. Henry W. Luce in which he outlined a proposal whereby the Associated Boards in cooperation with the individual Boards of Trustees would undertake during the next few years to secure two million dollars of additional funds for the support of the China Colleges. This plan is tied up at several points with the "hopes" I have just spoken of. If these materialize, I am reasonably confident that we can secure the two million dollars in new money during the next two or three years. If they fail us, we may not be able to do nearly so much. The question of whether, and the extent that, our Associated Boards might cooperate with the United Committee in carrying through such a comprehensive objective for the next few years was not made of formal record. We would, however, be grateful if you would give us your comments and recommendations on this point. Would it be helpful if North America and Great Britain had a single comprehensive goal toward which we were all striving? Or would it be wiser for us to set a North American goal, and you in Great Britain proceed along independent lines?

Committee on Greater Unity. You will note that the Report of the Committee on Greater Unity was discussed in only a very general way, and then referred to the cooperating Boards of Trustees for their fuller study. And with that, the matter was left to be taken up by the Executive Committee next December, to be dealt with as the replies of the individual Boards of Trustees show to be more desirable. Both Dr. Weir and yourself have called attention to the fact that we sent only one copy of the Report of the Committee on Greater Unity to Great Britain. Under separate cover we are mailing twenty-five copies for your use. Our apologies for not sending this material earlier, though perhapt is was technically correct not to give this report any official status until after the Associated Boards had dealt with it in a formal way.

Minutes of Associated Boards Executive Committee. You will note that the Executive Committee dealt almost entirely with the routine matters of appointing committees and dealing with other personnel items which the Annual Meeting had not sufficient time to care for adequately. No special comments seem called for.

Very sincerely yours,

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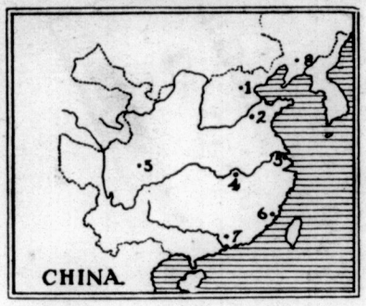

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21st June 1937.

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Dr.B.A.Garside,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City, U.S.A.

My dear Garside,

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Your two-million appeal will make our members smile, but I am glad you have the courage to go ahead.

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All good wishes,

A G Castleton

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Yours ever,

H. T. Cocker

Thank Frank for news about his wife and a word of thanks for his letter.

Joel

United Com.

July 6, 1937

Dear Castleton,

We enclose herewith copies of the minutes of the following meeting of ABCCC Committees:- Promotion, June 17th; Promotion, June 30th; and Executive-Promotion June 30th. (Possibly the girls may already have mailed you a copy of the June 17th minutes, but I believe I haven't previously sent you any comments thereon.)

Committee on Promotion, June 17th. As you will note, the Committee devoted itself chiefly to the consideration of plans for the coming year. These speak for themselves, and require no special comments.

Committee on Promotion, June 30th. Attached to these minutes is a summary of the new money obtained during the past year. In some ways the report is encouraging - $176,089 of new gifts is a respectable total, for we have not included any of the regular support from North American sources totalling around one million American dollars per year. In some other ways the report is not as good as we would have liked. While we had no thought of getting more than a small portion of the capital objectives listed, we did hope to get nearer the goal of $126,500 for current objectives. The total of $51,041 in new cash for current purposes does not go so far toward meeting the urgent current needs of the Colleges, particularly when the cost of the promotional program must be deducted. One of the disappointments - which we trust is merely hope deferred - was that none of a number of substantial gifts which seem ready to materialise were ~~not~~ actually in hand before we closed the year. We do hope that many of these will be made available during the coming year.

This Committee on Promotion began the discussion of the rather knotty problem of apportioning promotional costs for 1936-37. But inasmuch as the hour for the joint Executive-Promotion Committees meeting arrived while this discussion was still under way, the final actions were taken in the joint session.

Executive-Promotion Committees, June 30th. The first action taken was the distribution of promotional costs for 1936-37. This was not an easy task, but we hope that the final decision (EP-684) was reasonably equitable and satisfactory all around.

Of the two matters referred by the Committee on Finance, the first was the statement of general policy with regard to gifts made to the Associated Boards. It is a matter which has been discussed with growing

frequency during recent months, not only within our China Colleges group, but also by some of our prospective donors in large amounts. This seemed the strategic time to formulate such a statement and make it a matter of record. We would like your comments on the statement.

The second matter referred by the Committee on Finance was the formulation of a comprehensive list of our united promotional objectives during the next two years. I believe I have made it plain in previous letters that we are making no public announcement of any ambitious two-year campaign for two million dollars. Also, we are trying to avoid raising any false hopes in the breasts of presidents and other administrators in China. What we are trying to do is to carry on quietly but intensively a promotional effort among a few thousand people here in America who are or may become actively interested in Christian higher education in China, and many of whom may be willing to give in substantial amounts. As I have written, we are pinning our aspirations for one million of the amount on the hope that about half a dozen men and women of wealth may unitedly give this amount. One never dares get too optimistic over such hopes until they are realized, but there does seem at least a faint possibility that the major part of this first million may be pledged before the end of this calendar year. The second million must come from the united efforts of the boards of trustees of the individual colleges and of the Associated Boards, and in the form of a large number of gifts ranging all the way from a dollar to fifty thousand or a hundred thousand dollars. We know that many of our friends across the Atlantic will think all these plans are but "the stuff that dreams are made of", and for the present that is quite true. Whether it will be equally true a year or two years hence we will have to wait to see.

As you study the details of the lists which comprise the total you will find that practically every item is one which has already been recognized as essential to carrying on the primary work of the eight or nine institutions listed. We have no desire at this time to undertake any expansion, or even to perpetuate all the work now being attempted. You will also note that only our union institutions are actively participating. Three of our four denominational institutions have agreed pretty definitely - after friendly conferences among us - that for the present they are not in a position either to ask for a share in this united promotional undertaking or to carry their share of the task if a part were assigned them. The fourth denominational institution - Hwa Nan College - is still considering the matter.

The question of what relation our British friends would have to these promotional objectives is one of which we did not lose sight, even though no mention of it is made officially in the minutes. We have no serious fears lest our combined results may produce so much new resources as to create any embarrassment. Also we must not, even by implication, undertake to outline the scope or the limits of the promotional activities which our British colleagues may wish to carry on. In the field of current needs, the Colleges can make good use of all that both you and we are likely to secure. Likewise, in the field of capital objectives, there is little chance of any undesirable duplication of results. What think you, and what comments and criticisms will you give us?

We hope you are getting away for a good vacation this summer.

Cordially,

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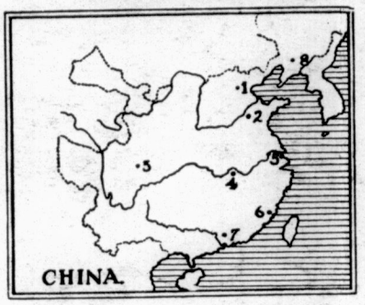

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Aug 24th 1937

Ack 9/15/37

My dear Garside,

We have had little correspondence lately but I have seen what Weir wrote you and in truth you have had all the news for there is not much to report. And now comes the blast from China which will hinder our good work for many days to come. Nankai in ruins, Shanghai Baptist College in the line of bombardment, the new govt: hospital in Nanking bombed and the library of the Nanking Govt: University burnt. As Gilbert Murray, writing to the Times says, "Japan's policy seems to be down with Schools and Universities and up with illicit opium and the task of the invader becomes easier."

What shall we do. A cable has just come in from the N.C.C. asking for relief for the refugees in our Northern Cities. I think that I shall advise our Committee to throw its strength into securing funds for the needy. We might go all out on Red Cross lines, securing supplies and aid for refugees through our University hospitals. Picture them working in the midst of chaos for the poor wounded and helpless. How does that strike you. I would like a line from you as to your possible line of approach for our Committee meets on Sept 17th when we shall have to decide something.

Just one other thing. Sewell has written a book "China through a College Window." Its just the thing for our propaganda. Its a composite picture with all his experiences of University life written of a christian university in China that does not exist, Duliang. You might see Mr Franklin Cogswell and make sure that an American edition is published by the M.E.M. I have read the book in manuscript and proof and am charmed with it. I shall push the English edition for it all aids our work.

Hope you have had a good holiday. I am without office help and wish I had your assistant at my elbow. Give her my good wishes.

Tell the Rev. found Cheeloo A. A. Pelton

Over

September 15, 1937

Rev. A. G. Castleton
Edinburgh House
2 Eaton Gate
London, S.W.1, England

Dear Castletons:

Thanks for your good letter of August 24th. I should have acknowledged it before this, but have been so much engaged with the "China crisis" that I have gotten behind with regular correspondence.

Attached hereto is a copy of a letter I have just written Dr. Weir commenting on the minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Cheeloo Governors. This acknowledgement was delayed for some weeks because the United States customs office held up the package of Cheeloo minutes. For some years the customs have refused to deliver books and pamphlets to us until we send around someone from our office to write or stamp on each copy, "Printed in China" or "Printed in Great Britain". This is the first time the customs have held up a package of mimeographed material until this notation has been placed on each copy. If your office could acquire a rubber stamp with the words, "Printed in Great Britain" which you could put on all the copies of pamphlets, booklets, and mimeographed material which you send to us from time to time, it would help us out quite a bit. Sorry Uncle Sam is getting to be such a cantankerous gentleman!

Our office, like yours, has been constantly facing innumerable problems connected with the crisis in China. During August our immediate problem was that of whether personnel due to go out to China should be sent along as planned, or should be held here. Nearly all of those due to sail early in the month went forward on schedule, and some of them were able to reach their campuses, though others were unable to land because of the Shanghai fighting and are still in Japan, Hongkong, or the Phillipines. Several of those who were not due to leave untillate in August or early in September have been advised to postpone their sailings temporarily.

This week we have all been waiting anxiously for some word from China indicating how many of the Colleges will be able to open up for the autumn semester, and approximately what conditions they will have to face. Thus far no news has come from any of the Colleges. This may be interpreted in any of three ways:- First, that communications are cut off so word cannot get through. Second, that the opening is being delayed for a few days, and they are waiting until they have definite word before they cable us. Third, that conditions on the campuses are so disturbed that messages cannot be sent out. Our guess is that the first and

second explanations are the most nearly correct.

Of course our Associated Boards, and the Boards of Trustees of the individual Colleges are all giving serious study to the problem of what should be our policy and procedure in publicity and promotion during the coming year. Of course we have taken into consideration two divergent sets of facts. On the one hand, many people are reluctant to give in substantial amounts to the support of educational work in China which seems to be seriously threatened by disturbed conditions and Japanese hostility to educational work. On the other hand, there was never a time when the American people in general are so keenly interested in the Far East and so sympathetic toward the Chinese people. Many potential friends who could never be persuaded to take an active interest in normal times can now be induced to make contributions toward any cause which can be presented to them as of constructive benefit to the Chinese people. Our China Colleges have a very genuine and very appealing cause to present if only we can discover the right ways in which to present it.

On Friday evening and Saturday morning of last week a group of about thirty members of our Associated Boards had a very helpful and constructive conference in Poughkeepsie, New York, at which unhurried consideration was given to the whole problem of our policy during the coming year in the light of the crisis in China. No definite findings were formulated by the conference, but ghe general attitude was one of going ahead in a vigorous and constructive way. It was generally agreed that for this year we should put our primary emphasis upon securing additional current funds to meet the emergency situation which each of the Colleges will probably face as a result of reduced income from Chinese sources. For the time being no appeals will be made for building funds, except in special and isolated instances. Whether funds will be sought for endowment will depend upon the factors in each individual situation.

Today, tomorrow, and on Tuesday of next week, we will have a series of committee meetings which will reach more definite decisions as to our plans, objectives and procedure. I will write you again as soon as these meetings have been held.

Thanks for your suggestion with regard to Sewell's new book, "China Through A College Window". I will get in touch with Cogswill to see whether the MEM is producing an American edition of this book.

We are delighted that the British Section of the Cheeloo Governors elected you as its Secretary. This will enable you to render an enlarged service at that point, and will be of real value to Cheeloo.

All the group here in the office join me in sending greetings and good wishes.

Very cordially yours,

B. A. Garside

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Encl.

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September 25, 1937.

Rev. A. C. Castleton
United Committee for Christian Colleges
of China

2 Eaton Gate,
London S. W. 1, England.

Dear Castleton:

We enclose herewith one copy each of the minutes of Associated Boards Finance and Promotion Committees meeting held on September 17 and of the Executive Committee meeting held on September 21, I enclose also a copy of a covering letter I just sent to Cressy. Under separate cover we are sending you twenty-five copies of the Executive Committee minutes for distribution among the members of the United Committee.

You will see that these minutes deal primarily with our plans for a special emergency campaign during the coming months to secure a total of U. S. $250,000 to help the Colleges carry on through the present crisis. I am glad to say that the initiative for undertaking such a special appeal has come almost entirely from the members of the Associated Boards themselves. Five or six weeks ago some of these members were inclined to counsel cutting down our promotional work to a bare minimum and not making any effort to do more than just keep our friends informed and interested, and to receive whatever gifts that might be sent in. But there has been a steadily increasing conviction that we should drive ahead under full steam. While most people would be unwilling to make any gifts at this time for grounds or buildings, and many would hesitate to give large endowment funds, practically the entire American public is very sympathetic to China and is anxious to show that sympathy in constructive ways. If we can only direct this interest into the support of Christian higher education in China, the present crisis may be more helpful than harmful to our promotional efforts.

There is one aspect of this whole situation which we must not overlook. That is the great urgency of the need for funds for direct war relief. Last night I attended a dinner of a little group called together by the Chinese Consul General here in New York, Dr. James Yü, for discussion of ways and means of providing funds for the relief of the tremendous amount of suffering caused by Japan's orgy of indiscriminate bombings, as well as by the invading armies. The American Red Cross has taken the initial step of writing all of its 3,300 chapters throughout the United States, authorizing them to receive contributions for war relief in China. But thus far the Red Cross has made no move to launch an appeal for such contributions, or making any active move to secure them. Obviously we must either bring pressure on the Red Cross to make a more active

drive for such contributions, or else some other organizations must be formed to stimulate this type of giving. At the meeting last night it was informally agreed that recommendation should be made to all the American organizations serving China in various ways, to form some kind of association for stimulating giving toward this war relief. Of course many of the American friends of the China Colleges will also be among the contributors to war relief, and to some extent their gifts to the Colleges may be cut down by their contributions to relief. Still, this matter of relief is so vitally necessary that we must give it our heartiest cooperation and support. I don't know how you are feeling with reference to the crisis in the Far East, but I find that all of us here in the United States are becoming more and more aroused against what the Japanese militarists are doing. Thus far, all of us related to the China Colleges have managed to avoid any public expression of anti-Japanese sentiments, primarily because we were thinking of the situation which confronts such of our institutions as Yenching, which are back of the Japanese lines. But our attitude in this regard is gradually changing, primarily for three reasons:-

First, there is a very grave danger that our silence may do infinitely more harm through causing a loss of confidence and good will on the part of our Chinese colleagues, than could possibly be gained in avoiding antagonizing the Japanese.

Second, we all have such strong feelings on the subject of Japanese invasion and destruction of a peaceful nation, that we feel that it is neither right nor possible to keep silence.

Third, we are wondering whether after all the Japanese people as a whole, and particularly the elements in Japan which are definitely opposing the present military policy, would not have a higher respect for us if we spoke out frankly than if we attempted to keep silence.

I have noticed in our newspapers during the last few days that apparently the British public is likewise becoming very much aroused, and increasingly critical of Japan.

We are all delighted that so many of our Colleges have been able to open up and carry on their work despite the disturbed conditions. I enclose herewith a copy of a news release we sent out yesterday, together with a covering letter we sent to the members of the Associated Boards. This morning we are pleased to have a cablegram from C. J. Lin, stating that Foochow is quiet, and that the work of F. C. U. is going well, with an enrollment of 160 students. I certainly wish we could get some word from Cheeloo, to which we have sent cables and China Clipper letters for a number of weeks without any response. No doubt you are getting much the same news in London as is being received by our office. We would appreciate any special information you can send us from time to time either by letter or by cable.

With all good wishes, I am

Very cordially yours,

B. A. Garside

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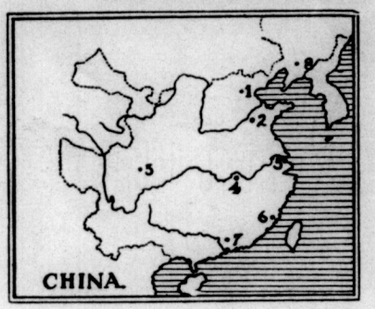

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15th October, 1937.

B. A. Garside Esq.,
150, Fifth Avenue,
New York City,
U. S. A.

My dear Garside,

I have pleasure in enclosing a copy of the Minutes of the last meeting of the United Committee. The United Committee was very emphatic that even in this time of emergency we most keep to the forefront the main purpose of our United Committee - which is education.

In my simplicity, I visualized in the early days of August that if we could go out as leader in an appeal for war victims, especially those associated with our University Hospitals, we really could have secured a large amount of money. But the brakes that have been put on have been sufficient to curb my foolish exuberance, and now we march in step - very slow step, too - in company with a host of others both commercial and political who are making a general appeal for China which has so far fallen very flat. The experience of big appeals in recent years is not encouraging. Within a week the appeal for Abyssinia brought in Sixty thousand pounds, the appeal put out for Spanish victims brought in a thousand pounds, and though the appeal for China has brought in so far more than the Spanish appeal, there is a feeling that the people in this country are not prepared to put out their money to see it lost as it was lost in Abyssinia. However, the Lord Mayor hopes to secure a substantial sum when he puts out on behalf of this united appeal his personal appeal next week, and if it should bring in funds our Universities may or may not be assisted. It is all left

to an official committee in China largely composed of the Ambassador and his consuls. We, on our part, therefore, remain quiescent making our humble appeal to our varied groups to do what they can to help Cheeloo. But apparently our University Hospitals are only located in Moukden, in Tsinan, in Chengtu, and in Canton. The first one has no appeal. Szchewan is too far away from the seat of war, and Canton has not yet got into the minds of Britishers, and this week we get word that Cheeloo University is closed and only the hospital remains. A cable from Tsinan this week informs us that the Pailings, the Phillips, Mrs. Williamson, Mrs. Payne, and Mrs. Drake are all on their way home to England: Drake, Payne and Williamson electing to remain until the troubles are over.

Dr. Gordon King hopes to sail for China at the beginning of November, and I am hoping that he will be able to take something with him for the University Hospitals.

If you are in touch with Dr. Hu Shih, I wonder if you could get him to promise to speak at a meeting that we will arrange as soon as he knows when he is coming to England. I have been commissioned by our Promotion Committee to arrange a spectacular meeting in London whenever a Chinese of repute appears in the offing, and I learn that after a few weeks in America Dr. Hu Shih plans to come to this country and Professor Chang Peng Chun of Nankai, who is now lecturing in England, will go over to America for a spell.

I congratulate you on your appeal. I notice that your Promotion Committee has been almost as cautious as ours, and is not swayed so much by the present emergency as by its long-distance vision - and probably that wider outlook is the safest policy for our committees. Though as indicated above, I wished that we might have been the spear-head in an emergency appeal that would have at any rate brought in money, and, incidentally added names of interested folk to my mailing list.

No more now. Kind greetings to all the staff,

Yours sincerely,

A. G. Castleton.

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Dr. Gordon King wrote to me to China at the beginning to Hoverman, and I am hoping that he will be able to take something with him to the university hospital.

It may be in fact Miss Dr. Mr Smith, I thought it now could get him of promise of speak at a meeting and that we will strange as soon as he knows when he is coming to England. I have been commissioned by the Promotion Committee of Lambeth a representative meeting in London Avenue a Chinese to Lecture appears in the office, and I least that after a few weeks in Professor Dr. Mr Smith first come of this committee and Professor Chang Peng Chun to Hankey, now is now lecturing in England. will go over to America for a year.

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Yours sincerely,

THE MANSION HOUSE,
LONDON, E.C.4.

19th October 1937.

Dear Sir,

You will be aware that a joint Committee representing the British Red Cross Society, the China Association and the Conference of British Missionary Societies has been formed to render prompt and efficient help to all those who may be in distress in China as the result of the conflict now in progress in that country.

The number of casualties among the general population in the danger areas and also among the multitudes of refugees who have been evacuated to seek safety and shelter, is enormous. Cholera and typhus have already broken out. There is an acute shortage of medical and sanitary supplies of all kinds, and the difficulty of the position is aggravated owing to the dislocation of transport facilities.

Not least, there is great distress among British subjects, chiefly at Shanghai, due to the destruction of homes and property and loss of employment following the stoppage and disorganisation of trade.

I earnestly appeal for your support.

All funds sent to me will be paid over to the above-mentioned Committee and administered in China by a strong organisation under the Presidency of H. M. Ambassador and the Vice-Presidency of the Governor of Hongkong.

Cheques and Postal Orders should be made payable to "The Lord Mayor's Fund for the Relief of Distress in China", crossed "Bank of England" and sent to me at the above address, or through one of the three Societies above mentioned.

Yours truly,

Geo. Broadbridge

LORD MAYOR.

The Mansion House,
London, E.C.4.

19th October 1937.

Dear Sir,

You will be aware that a joint Committee representing the British Red Cross Society, the Order of St. John Association and the Conference of British Missionary Societies has been formed to render prompt and efficient help to all those who may be in distress in China as the result of the conflict now in progress in that country.

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Cheques and Postal Orders should be made payable to "The Mayor's Fund for the Relief of Distress in China", crossed "Bank of England" and sent to me at the above address. A receipt can be given three Societies above mentioned.

Yours faithfully,

LORD MAYOR.

October 26, 1937.

Rev. A.G. Castleton
Edinburgh House
2 Eaton Gate
London, S.W.1, England

Dear Castleton:

We have just been checking over our procedure in distributing copies of the minutes coming to us from the West China Board of Directors together with the other West China groups on the field. The question has arisen as to just how widely we should distribute these.

Usually the field sends us about thirty copies of the more important minutes, and a somewhat smaller supply of the less important ones. I believe that in the past we have been sending copies of these minutes to the British members of the Board of Governors as well as to the North American members. I am wondering, however, whether the field is not sending a supply of these minutes direct to your office for distribution among the West China group there in England. If so, there would be a definite saving both in time and expense if Miss Robertson would send a package direct to you for distribution in England, instead of having our New York Office receive the entire lot and re-distribute them to the group in Great Britain.

Will you please let me know whether you are receiving a supply of these minutes from Chengtu? If not, would you approve my writing Miss R Robertson suggesting the change indicated above?

Cordially yours,

B.A. Garside

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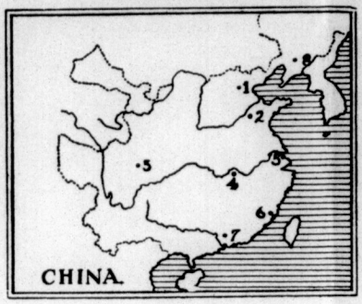

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EDINBURGH HOUSE
2 EATON GATE, LONDON, S.W.1

October 28th, 1937

Ack. 12/1/37.

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Yours faithfully,

A. G. CASTLETON,

Secretary.

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18th November, 1937.

Ack. 12/1/37

B. A. Garside Esq.,
Associated Boards,
150, Fifth Avenue,
New York City,
U. S. A.

Dear Garside,

We are having a meeting of the Cheeloo Board of Governors, British Section, on December 10th. Dr. Harold Balme thinks it is advisable that we meet and consider the present situation. I really don't know what we can put on the Agenda, but if you have anything we ought to discuss, will you send me word by return?

You will be interested to know that our Lord Mayor's Appeal has now reached a total of over ~~£17,000~~ £70 000 and in that fund, of course, the University Hospitals will share.

With every good wish,

Yours sincerely,

A G Castleton.

P.S. Dr Gordon King went off to Tsinan last week. We gave him equipment together with £100 for emergency hospital expenditure. Most of the money we receive has to go through Lord Mayor's Fund

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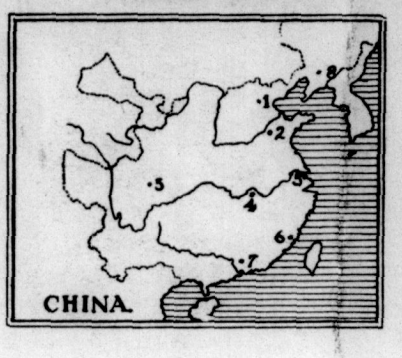

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26th November, 1937.

Cleared with letter in re minute U.A.S. 1/7/38

B. A. Garside Esq.,
150, Fifth Avenue,
New York City,
U. S. A.

Dear Garside,

Doubtless you have received President Liu's letter dated November 6th, suggesting that he comes to England, Canada, and the States at this time. In a previous letter to you I told you of our meeting of the British Section on December 10th. We have decided to defer discussion of this particular matter until that date. Dr. Weir thinks we should let him come straight away. Wilson and Cocker-Brown also agree if it does not incur financial obligation. Balme thinks we should invite him and secure funds at the meetings that he will address, and my own private opinion is that we ought to encourage his coming, and I shall do all I can to support that view at the meeting of the British Section.

If by December 10th you can give me an indication by cable of the re-action of the American Section, I should be grateful.

Greetings to you all,

Yours sincerely,

A G Castleton

SHANTUNG CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

BRITISH SECTION OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS.

26th November, 1937.

Dear Board Member,

I have pleasure in enclosing copy of a letter which arrived from President Liu this morning. The main point of interest is his suggestion that he should now take a trip to this country and the United States whilst Cheeloo is disbanded. It may be well to remind you of the Minute that we passed at the Board of Governors Meeting on Friday, July 9th, this year.

G-243. Visit of President Liu to the United States and Great Britain. Following some considered discussion the Board of Governors agreed that a note of warm appreciation of his administration should be sent to President Liu. The Board of Governors would warmly welcome him to the United States and Great Britain for a visit of a short duration, either during this year, or if he deemed it more advisable, during next year, after the Hangchow Conference. Questions of cost, and programme arrangements, would be arranged by the two Sections, in consultation.

I have consulted with our Chairman, and we think it would be well to discuss the whole question of this visit at the meeting of the British Section on December 10th. Our reply could then be sent immediately afterwards.

Yours sincerely,

A. G. CASTLETON.

Secretary.

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December 1, 1937

Rev. A. G. Castleton
Edinburgh House
2 Eaton Gate,
London, S.W.1, England

Dear Castleton:

I have for acknowledgment several letters and reports which have come from your office recently. We have noted with interest the appeal being sent out by the Lord Mayor of London for the relief of the suffering in China. It is good news indeed to receive the report in your letter of November 18th that this appeal has now reached a total of over 70,000.

Will you give us from time to time, as you are able to do so, the amounts from the Lord Mayor's fund which are turned over to our Christian Colleges in China, either for the University hospitals or for other purposes within the field budgets of these institutions. This information will be very helpful and stimulating in our promotional activities here in the United States.

Here in America, we are getting off to a fairly good start on our emergency campaign for $250,000 to keep the work of the Colleges going forward this year. The enclosed minutes of the meeting of our Associated Boards Executive Committee and Committee on Promotion held on November 22nd, will bring you approximately up to date on the results we have secured. I also enclose a copy of a bulletin of progress which was mailed out to the members of our National Emergency Committee yesterday. We have been fortunate in securing initial gifts from the Harvard-Yenching Institute and from Mr. and Mrs. Henry Luce, which carried us the first twenty-five percent of the way. We are hoping that at least two other members of our National Emergency Committee will give various substantial gifts, and that many other gifts ranging from $1,000 to $10,000 will come in from members of the Committee and other friends. While we are receiving quite a large number of gifts in small amounts ranging from $1.00 to $100.00, it is difficult and expensive business to get enough of these smaller gifts to raise the total of the fund very rapidly.

We are very sorry that after Cheeloo got off to a good start this fall, the University authorities found it necessary to suspend operations because of the approach of the Hapanese armies. From the correspondence we have received from Dr. Shields and President Liu, I am not quite sure that it was absolutely necessary for the University to close up at the time it did, or whether the University authorities themselves are satisfied that the course they pursued was the wisest one. Of course we realise that the situation in Tsinan was not only a serious one, but was greatly complicated by

the lack of authentic information and by the presence of all kinds of wild rumors. For the last ten days or so we have had practically no information from North China, and do not know just what is happening in the military situation there. Apparently the Japanese armies are not pressing forward very aggressively just now, but this may be interpreted in any of three ways. First, that they are meeting stiffer Chinese resistance; second, that they are bringing up reserves and preparing to launch another vigorous offensive; and third, that they are negotiating with General Han Fu-chu and possibly other North China leaders to get control of Shantung Province with a minimum of military resistance. My own guess is that the second of these possibilities is probably the correct one, though there have been many rumors that it is the third course they are pursuing.

Our New York office is forwarding to the acting field treasurer of Cheeloo University, Mr. Clayton, in Tsingtao, all of the funds appropriated by the North American section of the Board of Governors in the regular budget. And we are hoping that within a very short time we can also have some emergency funds which can be sent forward in addition to the regular appropriation.

We will try to keep you a little better informed of events than we have succeeded in doing the last few weeks. I have been so emerged in our emergency campaign, that all of my regular correspondence has gotten very sadly behind.

Cordially yours,

BAG/am

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17th December, 1937.

Ack. Jan 17th, 1938
Com to NAS

B. A. Garside Esq.,
150, Fifth Avenue,
New York,
U. S. A.

My dear Garside,

I have pleasure in sending you a copy of the Meeting of the British Section held last Friday, December 10th.

I think you will find that the Minutes are self-explanatory. We have dispatched a cablegram to President Liu in the following terms:-

WARMLY APPROVE EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY
AGGRESSIVE PROMOTION CAMPAIGN THREE MONTHS MINIMUM
IN ENGLAND ADVISABLE CASTLETON.

You will notice by the Minutes that we feel that if President Liu comes to this country he must spend at least three months here. It is not simply that we want President Liu to make contacts, but we do want to take advantage of present interest in China to do something for our University work. I sincerely hope that from the American side there will be support for this attitude. I think that you in America are more fortunate than we are in securing able Chinese speakers to present the case for China, and we shall be grateful if you will do all that you can to encourage Liu to spend three months in this country even if it means that he has only time for a short visit to you. I mention this

because it is quite possible that he may feel the necessity to return to China in time for the opening of the University in September if that becomes possible. For his presence would be essential with the necessity for new staffing arrangements.

You will be glad to notice that the British Section is making a suggestion to the United Committee for a combined appeal using Liu and Francis Wei for that purpose. I need not remind you that this is a big step forward and though there may be difficulties in the way of securing united meetings in every place, I think there is prospect in a good many centres. We have had to wait a long time to get over this hurdle, and on this occasion it seems to have been surmounted quite naturally and unanimously. We hope that Dr. Francis Wei may keep to his plans, for any disappointment on that score will seriously affect our Campaign.

The Lord Mayor's Fund has reached a total of £78,000. £58,000 has already been sent to the field, and Ronald Ress and Baxter are on the Shanghai committee that disperses it. It is being sent to Hankow, Canton, Tsingtao, Tientsin, Pekin though this Committee whilst of course relief work is being done in Shanghai with part of the money. £350 have gone through this office earmarked for Cheeloo Hospital. After Christmas we should be able to supplement a hundred pounds that we sent out to the Hospital apart from the Lord Mayor's Fund.

Your recent letter with the news of your $250,000 scheme is most encouraging, and you have made an excellent beginning. How splendid of Dr. and Mrs. Luce to make that big gift. But I will be writing you more fully on these things later.

All good wishes for the New Year,

Yours sincerely,

A G Castleton

SHANTUNG CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

BRITISH SECTION OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

MINUTES of Meeting held at 2, Eaton Gate, London, S.W.1. on Friday, December 10th, 1937, at 10.30 a.m.

PRESENT
Dr. Harold Balme (in the Chair)
Lord Addington
Rev. E. W. Burt
Rev. A. G. Castleton (Secretary)
Dr. C. C. Chesterman
Dr. A. W. Hooker
Rev. H. B. Rattenbury
Dr. Hugh Heywood Weir
Dr. H. W. S. Wright
Rev. W. P. Pailing
Rev. E. L. Phillips

PRAYER

The Meeting opened with prayer led by the Rev. E. W. Burt

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs. J. C. Carr, Rev. B. R. H. Spaull, Rev. C. E. Wilson, Miss M. E. Bowser and Miss E. G. Kemp. Sir Alfred Lewis came in person at the beginning of the meeting but owing to urgent business could not remain.

WELCOME TO VISITORS

The Chairman gave a warm welcome to the Rev. W. P. Pailing and the Rev. E. L. Phillips who had recently arrived from Cheeloo.

BS-545 MINUTES OF THE BRITISH SECTION

The Minutes of the British Section held on July 9th, 1937, were approved and signed.

BS-546 MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS.

The Minutes of the Board of Governors Meeting held on July 9th, 1937, were received, the Section specially noting G-243 and G-244.

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BS-547 1938 MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

G-240 The decision of the Board of Governors to hold the 1938 meeting in China had been rendered invalid owing to the War. The Secretary was instructed to recommend to Dr. Garside that the 1938 meeting should be held on the American Continent. It was agreed that the choice of date should be left to the American Section.

BS-548 MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

The Section gave consideration to the Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting held on June 19th, 1937, and action was taken as follows:-

D-1188 Hospital Budget.

The Section noted that the income from local receipts almost covered the Budget and it was concerned that the emergency situation caused by war conditions would deprive the hospital of much of this anticipated income. The only income from an outside source is the interest on the unused New Hospital Capital Fund representing about $10,000 local currency. The hope was expressed that some help might be secured from emergency relief funds now being collected in America and Great Britain.

D-1190 Thanks to S.P.G. and British Section were noted.

D-1192 D-1194 New Hospital Buildings.

It was agreed that all building plans should be deferred to a later date.

D-1195 Honorary Directors

Noted with interest and approval

D-1196 Annual Governors Meeting

See action taken under BS-547

BS-549 HARVARD-YENCHING INSTITUTE

Dr. Edward H. Hume sent the following report based on a conference with Dr. S. Elisseeff, Director of the Harvard-Yenching Institute, who spent the first seven months of this year visiting each of the six China Universities receiving

regular grants from the Harvard-Yenching funds. Concerning the progress of Chinese studies in Cheeloo University he said:-

> "There has been real improvement in the quality of teaching and research here. The arrangement of the museum of archaeology by Dr. Menzies is chronologically correct and exhibits the various types of bronzes and earthenware in effective contrast. The library has used its funds to good advantage and is now approaching a stage where it will be satisfactory both for teaching and research. The presence of the new President, Dr. S. T. Liu, has proved a great stimulus, as he understands the problem of cultural studies and is determined to advance it. There is need of one or two more Chinese teachers for the teaching staff."

Dr. Hume ends by saying:-

> "I believe great good has been achieved by the recent visit, and I am convinced that each of the universities will do well to keep up a more intimate contact with the Harvard-Yenching Institute, both to inform the Institute of the directions in which progress is being made, and in order to command the continued support and scholarly confidence of the Institute."

The British Section received this encouraging report with interest.

BS-550 INVITATION TO PRESIDENT LIU

The Section considered a letter received from President Liu in which he responded to the invitation sent by the Board of Governors for him to visit England, Canada and the States. President Liu suggested that he should make his trip, beginning with Great Britain, in the coming Spring thus taking advantage of the temporary closing of the University, and sought the opinion of the two Sections of the Board of Governors.

After discussion it was agreed:-

a) That the British Section heartily approves of President Liu's coming to this country in the Spring of 1938.

b) That he be invited to spend a minimum period of three months in this country.

c) That this period be used not only in making contacts with the members of the British Section and the Missionary Societies interested in Cheeloo, but also for a definite promotional drive to capitalize the sympathy and interest for China that prevails throughout this country.

It was recognized that President Liu's coming would be subject to circumstances as they developed in China, and that the final decision as to the advisability of taking the trip at this particular time must be left to President Liu and his colleagues on the field.

The Chairman conveyed to the British Section an intimation he had received from the Reverend C. E. Wilson that the Finance Committee of the Baptist Missionary Society had voted a sum of One hundred pounds from a special fund towards the expenses of this contemplated visit, and also that Sir Alfred Lewis had contributed Fifteen pounds towards the fund. The Section expressed its gratitude for these gifts and hoped that other societies and friends would also send contributions.

BS-551 REQUEST TO THE UNITED COMMITTEE

The British Section, having considered questions concerning the promotion of the interests of Cheeloo in this country, commend to the United Committee the suggestion that with the visit of President S. T. Liu and Dr. Francis Wei a combined appeal should be made to the friends of China in this country to support all the Universities in which the British Societies have special interests.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the Section should hold its next meeting as soon as possible after the arrival of President S. T. Liu in this country, or alternatively not later than April.