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February 17, 1936.

*ack 2/19/36*

Dr. B. A. Garside,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York, N.Y.

**SHANTUNG**

My dear Garside:

I have a letter from Dr. A. G. Sinclair of Bloomfield, N.J., who, as you know, is one of our Board's representatives on the Shantung Board of Governors, N.A. Section. I quote from it,-

"For sometime it has been impossible for me to get in to the meeting of the Board of the Shantung Christian College. Something always seems to go wrong with the dates. And, in any case, I always feel a reluctance to take part in the proceedings and speak for the Canadian Church. I know you will understand this. I really hope you will release me."

Of course we should drop him from the list, especially as he has hardly ever attended and has been so long in the United States that he is out of touch with us anyway.

Do you want another to take his place, one who might be a minister of our Church and who has recently moved south of the border? If so, I would very heartily suggest Rev. J. S. Bonnell, D.D., minister of Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church, New York. As you doubtless know he went there from Winnipeg last year. He was regarded as one of the best of our pastors and of fine missionary spirit. His congregation in Winnipeg always did well for Missions.

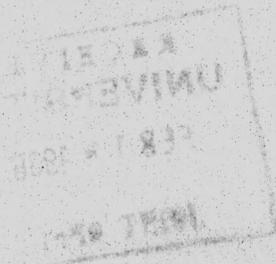
I am hoping to be present at the Section meeting during the week beginning April 20th.

With best wishes, I am

Yours very sincerely,

*A. E. Armstrong*

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February 17, 1936

Dr. S. E. Garrison  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Sir:

I have a letter from Dr. C. S. Brainerd, Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, in which he refers to the fact that you have been invited to attend the meeting of the Board of Foreign Missions in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, on the 22nd and 23rd of February, 1936.

The meeting is being held at the University of Toronto, and it is a very important one. It is a meeting of the Board of Foreign Missions, and it is a meeting of the highest importance. It is a meeting of the Board of Foreign Missions, and it is a meeting of the highest importance. It is a meeting of the Board of Foreign Missions, and it is a meeting of the highest importance.

Of course we would be glad to have you attend the meeting, and we would be glad to have you attend the meeting, and we would be glad to have you attend the meeting.

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With best wishes,  
I am,

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March 21, 1936.

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Mr. B. A. Garside,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York, N.Y.

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Dear Mr. Garside:

Thanks for sending me on March 17th the summary of promotional results in connection with the China Colleges. We shall look forward with much interest to hearing it discussed at the meetings in April.

With reference to Dr. J. S. Bonnell of Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church taking the place of Dr. A. G. Sinclair on the North American Section of Shantung Board, I have a letter from Dr. Bonnell expressing appreciation of the suggestion but saying that he would not find it possible to come to Toronto for one or two meetings a year. Of course I failed to make it plain that the meetings were held in New York. He stated that he would probably see me while he is in Toronto this week-end preaching anniversary services in one of our churches. I shall try to get him to consent to act, and I think he will.

Yours sincerely,

*A. E. Armstrong*

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March 21, 1956.

SHANTUNG

ack 3/24/56

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

Dear Mr. Garside:

There was a full page picture of Dr. William McClure in a recent report of the School of Medicine, Cheeloo University. I think it was in the 1934 issue. We shall greatly appreciate it if you happen to have a spare copy and can let us have it. We would like to have it for publicity purposes. Dr. McClure will celebrate his eightieth birthday on April 9th.

Yours very truly,

Mabel Keranston  
Secretary to Dr. Armstrong.

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## SHANTUNG

February 19, 1936

Dr. A. E. Armstrong  
299 Queen Street W.  
Toronto 2, Canada

My dear Dr. Armstrong

I have your letter of February 17th, telling us of the resignation of Dr. Sinclair.

*Remove  
Sinclair*

I am sure that all of our Cheeloo Governors would heartily welcome the election of Dr. Bonnell as one of the representatives of the United Church of Canada. His presence would be a very valuable addition to the strength of the Board. The one point we would wish to be sure about is that if Dr. Bonnell accepts membership he will be able and willing to give a fair amount of time and interest to the work of the Board. One of the greatest handicaps in the work of all of our China Colleges Boards is the presence on our rosters of so many men and women who, while thoroughly earnest and outstanding Christian leaders, contribute little more to our China Colleges than the use of their names. Undoubtedly much of the blame for this situation lies here in our office, because of our failure to utilize each member of the Board in whatever way he or she can be most helpful. But perhaps a little of the cause lies in the way in which prospective members are sometimes approached when they are invited to come on our Boards. I have known some of our Mission Boards (not the United Church of Canada certainly!) to assure individuals they are appointing as representatives that they will not be expected to do more than to attend one or two meetings of the Board during the year, and possibly to give a little time on some committee. Anyone who becomes a member of our Cheeloo Board of Governors ought to think of this position as providing an opportunity to render an outstanding contribution to the cause of world-brotherhood and better understanding among the nations. The approach should be not that of how little time will be required but rather how great a service can be rendered.

I know that you are thoroughly in agreement with this approach. I mention it merely to strengthen whatever you may already have in mind to say when you write to Dr. Bonnell. We hope very much that he will be able and willing to come on our Cheeloo Board of Governors. We will be glad to do anything we can to supply information, or to try in other ways to stimulate his interest in the work, but will look to you to take the initiative in the matter and to tell us just how we can best assist.

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Very cordially yours,

*B. A. Sinclair*

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SHANTUNG

March 24, 1936

Miss Mabel Cranston  
Secretary to Dr. Armstrong  
299 Queen St. West  
Toronto, 2, Canada

My dear Miss Cranston:

We have your letter of March 21st asking for a copy of the full page picture of Dr. William McClure in the 1934 issue of the Report of the Cheeloo School of Medicine.

*plate.* This report was published in China, and I am sorry to say that our office has neither a photographic copy of the picture of Dr. McClure nor the half tone which was used in printing this report. I assume that you wish to use this material in preparing some of your own publicity, and that therefore you should have either an actual photograph or at least the half tone print. While it is sometimes possible to make another half tone from a printed picture, I am afraid that this would be quite difficult to accomplish very satisfactorily in the present instance.

I have asked Dr. Shields whether <sup>he</sup> ~~she~~ can supply us with a picture of Dr. McClure but he unfortunately has none.

Since I infer you did not have a copy of the 1934 report of the Cheeloo Medical School at hand when you wrote, we are sending you under separate cover half dozen copies for your use. Possibly your printer might be able to use the impression of Dr. McClure in one of these copies in preparing a new half tone print.

Very sincerely yours,

*B.A. Garvick*

BAG:MP

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## SHANTUNG

April 1, 1936

Dr. A. E. Armstrong  
299 Queen Street West  
Toronto, Canada

My dear Dr. Armstrongs

We are delighted to learn from your letter of March 27th that Dr. Bonnell has agreed to serve as one of your representatives on the Cheeloo Board of Governors. Since the mission boards have full responsibility in appointing their representatives, no further action by the Board of Governors itself is necessary, although I am sure that the Board will wish to record its gratification at Dr. Bonnell's appointment.

I am sending Dr. Bonnell a letter of greeting, a copy of which is enclosed herewith. I

We are hoping that you will be able to come to New York for the dates of April 21st to 24th. Under our present form of organization, it takes five crowded days of meetings to bring together even a majority of the various Boards. We try to arrange schedules so as to provide maximum economy of time for out of town members, but it is not always an easy task.

With all good wishes, I am

Very cordially yours,

*B. A. Garside*

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April 2, 1936

Dr. J. S. Bonnell, D.D.  
Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church  
New York City

5th Ave + 55 St

My dear Dr. Bonnell:

We have been delighted to learn from Dr. A. E. Armstrong that you are willing to accept the appointment of the Board of Foreign Missions of the United Church of Canada to serve as one of their representatives on the Board of Governors of Shantung Christian University.

The next meeting of the North American Section of the Board of Governors will be held here in New York on Friday, April 24th, 1936. We hope that it will be possible for you to attend, and I know that the other members of the Section would be very happy to welcome you at that time. Within the next few days I will send you an agenda of the meeting, together with more detailed information as to the place and hours of the sessions.

All members of the North American Section of the Shantung Board of Governors are ex-officio members of the Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China. This is, as you undoubtedly know, an association of Boards of Trustees of all of the union universities and colleges of China, together with a number of the denominational colleges. The next annual meeting of the Associated Boards will be held on April 21st, both morning and afternoon, and also during the morning of April 22nd. This will be an extremely important meeting of the Board and we hope that you can be with us. The docket for this meeting will also be sent you within a few days.

Looking forward to the privilege of greeting you at these meetings, I am

Very sincerely yours,

B. A. Haiside

BAG:MP

Secretary

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SHANTUNG

May 5, 1936

Dr. A. E. Armstrong  
299 Queen Street West  
Toronto 2, Canada

My dear Dr. Armstrong:

We enclose herewith a copy of the minutes of the meeting of the North American Section of our Cheeloo Governors held on April 24th, together with a copy of the covering letter I have just sent to Dr. Weir. - See "Min" folder 4/26

I failed to make an extra copy of the letter I wrote President Liu, but I believe that in my letter to Dr. Weir I have covered quite fully practically everything I wrote to the field.

It was good to have you present for these meetings.

Very cordially yours,

*B. A. Garside*

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Chesloo University

May 26, 1956

ack - 5/28/56 -

Dr. A. E. Armstrong  
299 Queen Street West  
Toronto 2, Canada

My dear Dr. Armstrong:

At the meeting of the North American Section, Board of Governors of Shantung Christian University held April 24, 1956, the Secretary, under action NAS-445 (2), was requested to secure from North American Boards cooperating in the University information as to the contributions they plan to make to Chesloo University during 1956-57. Upon receipt of this data we were requested to send this to the field authorities of the University.

I find that our office has not done this, and we are sending out this hurry call with the hope that you can give us this information by return mail.

Thanking you in advance for the favor, I am,

Very cordially yours,

C. A. Evans

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# SHANTUNG

Chesloo University

May 26, 1956

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Dr. A. E. Armstrong  
299 Queen Street West  
Toronto 2, Canada

My dear Dr. Armstrong:

There is an appropriation in the budget for Chesloo University for the current fiscal year of LC\$2,500.00 as coming from the Augustine Church. We take it that this means the Augustine Presbyterian Church of Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. uk -

I am not writing to this Church for two reasons- one is that probably it would be the function of your office to do any communicating; the second is that just on general principles I would not write to an individual Church to check on their contributions as long as they are maintaining same without any questions being raised. The mere fact that one asks any questions at all might have a psychological effect which would result in slashing the budget, which, of course, we desire to avoid.

This Church built the library, as we understand it, and is contributing annually toward its support. It might be best to let well enough alone, but in any event, we will abide by your decision.

Very cordially yours,

C. A. Evans

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March twenty-seventh,  
Nineteen thirty-six.

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*Chk 4/1/36*

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

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My dear Garside:

I am able to write and say that Rev. J. S. Bonnell, B.D., of Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church, New York, agrees to serve on the North America Section of the Shantung Board. Is it in order for you to invite him to the meeting next month, and elect him then? If so, please send him a notice.

He was in Toronto over this past week-end, and when I explained to him that the meetings are not held in Toronto but New York, he readily agreed to allow me to nominate him.

I have received a copy of the petition from Cheeloo to British Indemnity Trustees. I have also received a copy of the president's letter of the third of November to Dr. Weir and yourself, minutes of the directors, January thirtieth, and a copy of Dr. Lair's letter of the twenty-second of February to Dr. Weir and yourself, and a copy of Mr. Williamson's letter of February fifteenth to Dr. Weir and yourself.

Kind regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

*A. E. Armstrong*

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Mr. C. A. Evans,  
Christian Colleges in China,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York, N.Y.

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Dear Mr. Evans:

Answering your inquiry of May 26th concerning our grant to Cheeloo University, I report that it is G.\$2,000 for 1936, additional of course to the incomes paid to Dr. Struthers in Medicine, and Mr. Menzies in Arts and Science, and Dr. Ross in Theology.

With reference to your other letter concerning Augustine Church, Winnipeg, I may state that their contribution is no longer separate from their general givings but has for the last few years been absorbed into their total contribution to Missions. For some time after they provided the funds for the building of Augustine Library the congregation contributed specially for the maintenance but that proved to be difficult for them to handle when the years of depression began.

Yours sincerely,

*A. E. Armstrong*

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Mr. C. A. Ewing,  
Canadian Colleges in China,  
180 Fifth Avenue,  
New York, N. Y.

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Dear Mr. Ewing:

The Board of Christian Missions of the United Church of Canada has received your report of the work of the Board of Christian Missions in China for the year 1935. The Board is pleased to note the progress made in the field of Christian education and the training of students in the various colleges and universities in China. The Board is also pleased to note the work done in the field of medical and technical education. The Board is sure that the work done in China will continue to be of great value to the people of that country.

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June 10, 1936.

*Ack 6/13/36*

Dr. H.H. Weir,  
London, England.

✓ Dr. B. A. Garside, *Seen by E. S. M.*  
New York City.

INDEXED

Dear Friends:

I enclose note announcing the death of Dr. J.D. MacRae.  
We cannot feel otherwise than that it is better that he should pass  
away than live in an institution with no hope of his ever leaving it.

The funeral service was very simple and beautiful.

Yours sincerely,

*A. E. Armstrong*

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June 10, 1956.

### TO FRIENDS OF DR. MacRAE

Probably you have seen in the press announcement of the death, on June 3rd, of the Rev. John D. MacRae, D.D., who, at the time of the beginning of his illness in the autumn of 1927, was Dean of the School of Theology and Acting-President of Cheeloo University. Dr. MacRae's death was sudden. On June 2nd, his sister and some others visited him and he seemed about as usual except for a slight attack of dysentery from which he had suffered occasionally throughout his long illness.

He was buried at Ayr, his old home, the service being held at his brother's residence. One of his closest friends of the Knox Theological class of 1907, Rev. J. W. Currie, of which class Dr. MacRae was a distinguished member, conducted the funeral. Honan was represented by Dr. R. A. Mitchell, and I represented the Foreign Mission Board. Mrs. MacRae, Marjorie (who received her B.A. degree from Toronto University on the 5th), Donald, who is finishing high school, and Kathleen, who is in high school, were present.

Since his recovery was hopeless, it is well that he was taken.

Should you care to write Mrs. MacRae, her address is 54 Hogarth Avenue, Toronto, Ontario.

Yours sincerely,

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TO FRIENDS OF DR. MARRAS

Probably you have seen in the press announcement of the death on June 1st of the Rev. John J. Marras, D.D., who at the time of the beginning of his illness in the autumn of 1935, was Dean of the School of Theology and former President of Wesleyan University. Dr. Marras's death was sudden. On June 1st his sister had seen the Rev. Marras and he seemed about normal except for a slight attack of dysentery from which he had suffered occasionally throughout his long illness.

He was buried at his home, the service being held at his brother's expense. One of his closest friends of the Knox Theological class of 1907, Rev. W. C. Marras, D.D., who was a distinguished member, conducted the funeral. Dr. Marras was a member of the Board of Foreign Missions of the United Church of Canada. He was a member of the Mission Board, Knox Theological Seminary, and a member of the Board of Theology of the University of Toronto. He was also a member of the Board of Theology of the University of Toronto. He was a member of the Board of Theology of the University of Toronto.

Since his death we are saddened. It is well that he was

Yours truly,  
James E. Hughson, Chairman

Very truly yours,

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## SHANTUNG

June 13, 1936

Dr. A. E. Armstrong,  
299 Queen Street, West,  
Toronto 2, Canada.

Dear Dr. Armstrong,

It is with a mixture of emotions that we learn of the death of Dr. MacRae.

It is hard for me to think of him in any other way than as the brilliant, consecrated, kindly, and lovable man whom we all admired and followed back in the days I was at Cheelee. I am glad that this picture has not been dimmed in my mind by any contacts in these recent years since his breakdown. Certainly the illness of these last nine years is one of the mysteries that none of us who try to hold fast to a belief in the reasonable of the universe will ever be able to explain. Undoubtedly his release from the beset mind that has been his during these later years was all for the best.

I am sending a note of sympathy to Mrs. MacRae. Of course the Cheelee Governors will take a suitable memorial minute at their next meeting. I assume that you are notifying the field.

Cordially,

*B. A. Garside*

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*Arch 4/7*

Dr. B.A. Garside,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York, N.Y.  
and

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SHANTUNG

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

My dear Doctors Garside and Weir,-

It is with very great regret that I write to intimate to you that we are likely to be compelled to withdraw from the School of Medicine and the School of Arts and Science of Cheelee University. Our Board appointed a Policy Committee to make a somewhat thorough study of all our work, in order to reduce our programme in accordance with our greatly reduced income. We have been carrying on most of the programme of years ago, though our income is less than one-half what it was, say eight years ago. The time has come when we ought to try to do more adequately the lesser amount of work which we can support.

A sub-committee meeting this week decided to recommend to the full Policy Committee, early in September, and through it to the Board at its annual meeting, September 15th, our withdrawing from several departments of work in the foreign fields. In connection with our Honan Mission in China we have felt compelled to recommend withdrawal from our partnership in Cheelee University, with the exception of the School of Theology. We would hope that some Fund or Foundation might be persuaded to take on the support of Professor J. M. Menzies, and if so leave him in his present work in the School of Arts and Science, but not supported by us, though remaining, we would hope, our missionary. In this effort we might not be successful, and in that case we presume Professor Menzies would have to be moved either to field work in Honan or elsewhere.

I do not see any similar way by which Professor Struthers can be otherwise supported and thus left in his present work in the Medical School. It is possible that he might be transferred to West China Union University if agreeable to him. The main question forced upon us was not so much that of further reducing personnel, having lost already about one-third of our staff for various reasons during recent years. Our chief concern is reducing our work programme, in order to bring it more nearly in line with our available resources, always of course hoping that economic conditions in our country, and the spiritual and missionary life of our Church, will soon make possible enlargement of our work abroad.

Final action as indicated above will be taken in September, but I am sending this letter to you for your information. Believe me when I say that I cannot recall ever having had to face such a disagree-

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Doctors B.A. Garside and H.H. Weir -- July 30/36.

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*A. E. Armstrong*

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## SHANTUNG

August 7, 1936

Dr. A. E. Armstrong  
279 Queen Street, West  
Toronto 2, Canada

My dear Dr. Armstrong:

Needless to say, we have been greatly distressed to learn that the United Church of Canada is contemplating withdrawing from the School of Medicine and the Schools of Arts and Science at Cheechee. There is much which one is inclined to write on the subject, but you have been connected with the Cheechee Board of Governors much longer than I have and there is not much I could say which you do not already know.

We will, of course, present this matter to the North American Section, or its Executive Committee, as soon as a meeting can be secured.

Very sincerely yours,

*B. A. Garside*

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August 17, 1936

Dr. A. E. Armstrong,  
299 Queen Street, West,  
Toronto, 2, Ontario

Dear Dr. Armstrong:

Since the By-laws require that we send out notices of ensemble meetings of the Board of Governors at least sixty days before they are to be held, it is necessary that we send out such a notice this week if we are to hold a meeting the same week as the West China Governors. I am reluctant to send any very definite notice at this time, since the date, place, and arrangements for the meeting are to be discussed by our Executive Committee of the North American Section as soon as we can call it together.

In order to cover the By-law requirements, I am at this time sending out a preliminary notice, a copy of which is enclosed herewith. You will notice that it is phrased in very general terms, giving little more than the suggested dates. I presume that even these might be modified if the Committee should find that desirable.

One point in particular on which we would like your judgment is the place where this meeting could best be held. Some months ago it was suggested that, instead of having the meeting in or around New York, we might meet this year in Toronto. There is much to commend such an arrangement if it were found at all practicable. But we would have to give pretty careful study to the question of whether we could secure anything like an adequate attendance there this year. Three members of the North American Section live in Canada, as compared with about a score here in the United States. Cartwright is the only member of the North American Section who is on the West China Board and therefore likely to be in Toronto that week anyway. If Castleton or others from Great Britain come over for one or both of these meetings, they would probably spend some time in Toronto and some in New York, so either place would be about equally convenient for them. I presume the members of the British Section would appoint proxies in or near Toronto if we decide to meet there, or around New York if we meet here.

This is, of course, only one aspect of the matter. The other is that of whether our Toronto friends would find it desirable or convenient to have both these Boards meeting there the same week.

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If we can get a meeting of the Executive Committee within the next two or three weeks we may be able to defer a final decision as to the place of the ensemble meeting until the Committee can study the matter. Nonetheless, however, we would be grateful if you would be looking into the question and would give us your judgment.

Cordially,

*B.A. Garude*

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August 27, 1936

Dr. A. E. Armstrong  
Bala  
Ontario, Canada

My dear Dr. Armstrong:

We were glad to note from the card you sent in reply to our inquiry as to possible dates for the meeting of our Chinese Executive Committee that you might be able to attend during any of the first four days in September. After checking with other members of the Committee we have selected the morning of September 3rd. This date was chosen because a number of out-of-town members of the Committee are planning to attend the Missionary Conference in Foughkepsic beginning on the evening of the 3rd and can come through New York while en route there.

We certainly hope that it will be possible for you to attend this meeting, for several of the items on the docket are quite important. While it will probably be impossible to reach final decisions on some of the matters being considered, it is essential that they be given very thoughtful and constructive study, so as to make an effective start toward ultimate solution.

Mr. Ross' office informs me that Dr. Armp is one of those invited to attend the conference in Foughkepsic but they do not have any word that he will be able to attend. If Dr. Armp does find it possible to attend the Foughkepsic Conference we hope that he can also arrange to be present with the Chinese Executive Committee.

I am sending a copy of this letter to you both to Toronto and Bala to be sure that you receive this notification as promptly as possible.

Very sincerely yours,

B. A. Garside

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September 4, 1936

Dr. A. E. Armstrong  
299 Queen Street West  
Toronto, 2, Canada

My dear Dr. Armstrong:

I am introducing myself as the Dean of Women of Cheeloo University and writing to you on behalf of the institution. I was sent for by the Women's Committee of the Cheeloo Board of Governors to do promotional work for Cheeloo. I have been planning ever since I reached America to pay you a personal visit before I return to China next year. I hope to bring a direct message to you from Cheeloo and to express our gratitude for your cooperation and help both through spiritual and in financial means.

However, I was shocked and nearly paralyzed the other day when I saw your letter to Dr. Garside and Dr. Weir telling them that, because of financial difficulties, the United Church of Canada is contemplating withdrawal from their partnership in the great enterprise and service of Cheeloo. It would be a great loss both to the United Church of Canada and even more to the University. It made me feel so sad, Dr. Armstrong, and the matter has just been like wheels turning round and round in my mind. I never would feel happy unless I wrote this letter to express my feelings both to you and to the Canadian Board.

There are three important reasons, which I humbly call to your attention, why the whole situation should be very thoroughly restudied before you take any official action.

First. Cheeloo University has been suffering all these years without proper leadership. But since President Shu-ming Liu came Cheeloo has shown decided improvements in many ways. It would be a great and unexpected blow to the President if this news should go to the field. The Colleges of Cheeloo have been improving themselves and working in a cooperative spirit, trying to see the difficulties and to solve them with a united force. It would be wonderful for the cooperating Mission Boards to pull together even more closely, to show their united spirit and strength of service in standing by our President, the leader of Cheeloo, to give him time to work out his ideas. It is not an easy job, which he has handled so wisely, in carrying forward the program there since he came. I sincerely believe that the future of Cheeloo is worth your reconsideration.

Second. The spiritual improvement of the faculty and staff at Cheeloo has never been so rapid before during the seven years I have been in the University. A Christian fellowship committee was organized last winter. Our idea is to improve ourselves in a more Christ-like and more spiritual way in order to lead our students to Christ. Meetings are held once a month in the Theological building. A social gathering begins at 7: 30 P.M., and devotional service opens at eight o'clock.

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Nothing has ever impressed me more than have these meetings. We all belong, the staff members and their wives, westerners as well as Chinese. More than one hundred are present each time. We have the one common interest of seeking the love and truth from our Lord so we may be better leaders of the youth for whom we are giving our service. Since we are making improvements we hope that you will stand by us. Our students too, are taking more responsibility in religious services. For instance, these last two years we always ask students to take a share in special religious services, such as at Easter and Christmas. They take part both in planning and carrying out these programs.

Third. We have had such wonderful relationships with you through your representatives on the field. For example, Dr. McClure has been respected and loved by us all. The students call him "the Crown of Canada." I am sure you do not mean to take your crown out of Cheeloo, do you?

I have always been proud that Cheeloo is supported by the united boards of three nations. As we Chinese say, "San jen tung hsin huang tu pen ching." That means, "Three persons united, heart to heart, the force would change earth to gold." Our Christians believe in, "Three in One." I have always felt it is so fortunate that Cheeloo is supported by the united force of "threes." Therefore, I respectfully make my appeal to you, on behalf of Cheeloo University, that you would be willing to give further consideration to this immensely important decision.

Yours respectfully and sincerely,

(Mrs.) L. H. Lin Yui

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**THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS  
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156 FIFTH AVENUE  
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September 4, 1936  
dictated Sept. 3, 1936

Rev. A. E. Armstrong, D.D.,  
299 Queen Street, West,  
Toronto, Canada

Dear Dr. Armstrong:

Re: Cooperation in Shantung Christian University

Of all the many things that I might have contemplated doing for the Shantung Christian University I should never have included among them the possibility of writing to you and to your Board regarding the continuance of your cooperation in that Institution of which you have been such a large and vital part for so many years.

The North American Section of our Board of Governors, acting this morning through its Executive Committee, requested me on its behalf to write to your Board stating the deep seriousness with which the Governors view the possibility which you outlined in your letter of July 20, 1936, and to plead with all the earnestness at our command that the United Church of Canada do not discontinue the relationship on which all of your sister Boards and, consequently, the University are so largely dependent. The Executive Committee realizes that correspondence from it could not adequately express its mind and feeling and therefore voted that its chairman, who at the moment is I, and its secretary, Dr. Garside, ask for the privilege of personally presenting the situation to your Board before you take any action which would result in eventual severance of relationship with the registered part of the University, that is the Schools of Arts, of Science, and of Medicine. Mr. Garside will conduct with you the correspondence about such a contemplated visit of us two officers to Toronto. I write now to lay before you briefly and concretely a few of the more important issues that were brought up at Board meeting this morning.

In a dozen ways I could elaborate on this point of cooperation, but what I would say you friends in Toronto have in mind. Let me simply state with the strongest possible emphasis on the part of your sister Mission Boards in the States that, as a part of this general cooperative principle and program at Chee-lee, an important factor is the link which the United Church of Canada and you Canadians make between the Boards of Great Britain and the Boards of the United States. The interests of Great Britain in Chee-lee are the largest, I believe, in any union institution in China and possibly in the world. You are familiar enough with the many kinds of difference between the British and American ways of thinking and doing to realize fully what an extremely helpful, if not absolutely necessary, intermediary and transforming service you Canadians have often rendered. The very fact that British Canadians are a part of the North American Section of the Board of Governors has not only been constructively helpful in a hundred ways over here but has given a confidence and an assurance to friends in England, and we at this end are largely dependent upon you to help to give us something of the British point of view. Serving as a link between the two sides of the Atlantic may not impress you as a stellar role but certainly results in a much more effective and harmonious administration.

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Another matter to be considered with the greatest earnestness is Canada's place in the Canadian charter of the University and in the national registration in China. The University, as registered by the National Government of China comprises the Schools of Arts, of Science and of Medicine; the School of Theology is not registered and I understand that Schools of Religion cannot be parts of registered schools. Consequently Cheeloo University, in the view of the Chinese Government, is solely those parts of the institution from which your Canadian Board thinks you may possibly have to withdraw. You will recall the years of struggle to find a basis of incorporation satisfactory to all parts of the University, and the only solution which could satisfy the equation was a Canadian charter, which was secured by a special act of the Canadian Parliament. It is upon this Canadian charter that the University is founded, that the degrees of arts, of science, of medicine, of nursing, etc. are granted, and that the Chinese Government looks to as a basis of the "Board of Founders" (which is the Chinese term for the original foreign incorporators). The fact of your Canadian cooperation justified your government in granting the charter, and the official headquarters of the University were placed in Toronto by act of Parliament. I do not know what would be involved by revision of charter and other legal steps, if your Board were to withdraw from the registered university, but in general such a situation would seem to be anomalous and might entail further complications in administrative procedure.

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There are of course many other matters to which I might refer, but I know that you and your colleagues have them at heart and I do not wish to burden you with them. I however venture to refer to Cheeloo's great basic need for help from friends to assist her to go speedily forward with the remarkable Christian service which she has rendered through the decades. As you know, Cheeloo in a very special way has furnished leadership for the Church, Missions, and a Christian community, emphasizing particularly the training of preachers, teachers, doctors, and nurses. Because this has been the purpose of the Institution and these non-lucrative fields of service have been the life-work of the graduates, Cheeloo had not appealed to students for whom family or clan could pay large amounts for schooling in the hope of financial remuneration at later dates; consequently, Cheeloo is largely dependent for support upon the Missions and Churches who are so directly benefited by the service of the graduates, who have come from the poorer homes of the Christian community. Personally I believe so thoroughly in this remarkable Christian contribution by Cheeloo that it is the only institution in China with which I plan to retain a relationship. Cheeloo has in it qualities which make a tremendous appeal to me and the institution has a high potential if we at the home base can continue to cooperate with it.

One last remark is to express the hope that our cooperative group will remain intact and strongly behind the institution during the present period of strain and distress through which the University is passing on the field. Cheeloo needs every friend right now. The new administration on the field is working with great devotion and ability to reorganize an intricate university, making every effort to meet the stiffer government requirements within a reducing budget. The personnel which you have contributed to the School of Arts and of Medicine have high ability and are greatly thought of. Dr. Menzies's department will soon be carefully scrutinized by the executive director of the Harvard-Yenching Institute which makes large contributions to that particular phase of work, and of course Dr. Struthers is a highly important person in the Medical School, and the cash grants which your Board has made compose a vital part of the University's program.

The loss of this extremely constructive cooperation would be such a serious blow to this important union enterprise that we all devoutly hope that the University will not be called upon to suffer it.

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Dr. B. A. Garside,  
Associated Boards, Christian Colleges in China,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Garside:

I shall be glad if you will be good enough to give Rev. J. M. Menzies a message for me in case he calls at your office within the next few days. Unfortunately I do not know by what steamer he is sailing from England. All I know is that he was due to leave Southampton on September 5th. There are several steamers sailing from that port on that date. I want him to know that our Board is holding its annual meeting beginning September 15th, and that he should be here for it, especially in view of two facts, (1) the consideration of proposal to withdraw from Cheeloo Arts and Science and Medical Schools, and (2) that he is nominated by the Honan Mission as member on the Board.

I trust, therefore, that you will convey to Mr. Menzies my message that we hope he will be here for the Board meeting.

I am sorry that neither Dr. Armup nor I could be at the meeting of the Executive Committee on September 3rd.

I received your telegram following that meeting, and I received today letters from Dr. Scott and Mrs. L. H. Yul.

Cheeloo has cabled protesting against our proposed withdrawal and asking for a conference with some of those concerned. This afternoon we are to have a conference of Dr. McClure, Dr. R.A. Mitchell and Mr. E.B. Copland.

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Cordially yours,

*A. E. Armstrong*

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Cordially yours,

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Dr. A. E. Armstrong  
299 Queen Street West  
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My dear Dr. Armstrongs

The Executive Committee of the North American Section of the Shantung Board of Governors met on September 3rd and discussed at length your communication of July 30th intimating that the Board of Foreign Missions of the United Church of Canada might be compelled to withdraw from the Colleges of Arts, Science, and Medicine at Cheeloo University.

The Committee expressed its sympathetic recognition of the seriousness of the financial problems which have forced the Canadian Board to contemplate such a step as this. Each member of the Committee who represents other missionary bodies cooperating in Cheeloo University had much to say as to the serious financial situation of his or her own society. Everyone realizes that, because of radically reduced income it is inevitable that all of our missionary societies make drastic cuts in their appropriations and that they limit the scope of their commitments.

But despite their clear and sympathetic recognition of these financial difficulties, the Executive Committee expressed its most earnest hope that the Canadian Board will not elect to withdraw from those three colleges of Cheeloo University in which it has had such a vital share from the beginning. In the judgment of the Committee the issues at stake are much greater than simply the personnel and the cash grants involved - important as those are. The Canadian Board occupies such a strategic position as the keystone in the arch of international cooperation in service at Cheeloo, that its withdrawal would imperil the whole structure.

Some of the very sober facts brought out by the Committee in its discussion are the following:

First, the Canadian Board holds an unique and strategic position in our Cheeloo plan of organization. Since the University is incorporated under special act of the Canadian Parliament, the presence of the Canadian Board in the organization is particularly essential. If this Board were to withdraw from all of the departments of Cheeloo University recognized by the Chinese Government, and continue its cooperation only in the unregistered School of Theology, we would have a most anomalous situation indeed. Entirely aside from these legal

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aspects of the question, the presence of the Canadian Board serves as an extremely important tie between the missionary societies of Great Britain and those of the United States. The Committee is convinced that if the Canadian Board were to withdraw this would seriously weaken the cooperation and support of the Chee-loc constituency in Great Britain.

In the second place, the withdrawal of the Canadian Board would have a very stultifying effect upon the groups in China cooperating in Chee-loc University. Our Canadian friends have taken an important share in the councils of the University both in the Board of Directors and on the campus itself. They have not only made their own distinctive contribution, but have been a cohesive force in bringing together their colleagues from the United States, Great Britain and China. Their withdrawal from all these relationships would greatly weaken every phase of the organization of the University.

Another factor almost as important as those I have just discussed would be the psychological effects upon Chee-loc University and upon our Chee-loc constituency if the Canadian Board should withdraw at this time. As you know, Chee-loc has been passing through almost a decade of unparalleled difficulty and discouragement. The one most encouraging factor which has always been present has been the continued loyalty and support of all the groups which have heretofore had an active share in the work of the institution. During the past year we have seen a most encouraging revival of activity and enthusiasm, both at Chee-loc and here in the west. Within recent months there has been a marked revival of optimism as to the future, and an increasing conviction that Chee-loc has a vital service which it can and will perform. But as yet this revival of courage and optimism is still in its early stages. Such a catastrophe as the withdrawal of one of the major cooperating boards would do much to destroy the progress made during the last year, and to hurl the University once more back into a state of pessimism and discouragement.

Viewing the matter in a more constructive light, we believe we are on solid ground when we express the conviction that if only the forces now working together in Chee-loc will carry on a little longer, the future of the institution should be much brighter than we have known in the past. There are many evidences that the institution is rapidly finding itself, and is undertaking a program which will command the enthusiastic support of the students, faculty, and Directors. Some of the other missionary societies which should have had a more active share in the support of the institution from the beginning are more favorably inclined toward participation just as soon as their own financial difficulties can be relieved to the point where such a forward step can be taken. It may still be too early to hope for new commitments just now by any of these Boards, but with only a slight improvement in conditions we may be much more successful. Within the last year some of the foundations which have heretofore supported Chee-loc have shown a revival of interest and we dare to hope that with time and patience we can get them to renew and even increase their previous support. An increasing number of individual donors here in the west are beginning to contribute toward the support of Chee-loc, and during the next few years this list should grow steadily. But all these constructive forces would be hindered and in some cases disrupted, by the withdrawal of the Canadian Board at this time.

We are confident that our Canadian friends are well informed concerning all these matters, and that you will deal in a very sympathetic way with all these questions I have been discussing. If there would be any value in

Dr. Armstrong

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having the Chairman and Secretary of the North American Section meet with your Policy Committee as suggested by the Executive Committee, Dr. Scott and I would be glad to adjust our other obligations to conform to your convenience.

Very sincerely yours,

*B. A. Garvide*

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September 9, 1936

Dr. A. E. Armstrong  
299 Queen Street East  
Toronto 2, Canada

My dear Dr. Armstrong:

I enclose herewith the minutes of the meeting of our North American Section Executive Committee held on September 3rd and two supplementary documents studied at the meeting together with a copy of my covering letter to President Liu.

We were all very much concerned to learn that you had fractured your arm, but were glad that it was not serious enough to keep you away from your office very long. Of course, we greatly regret that you could not be present with the Committee, for we were dealing with a number of important matters in which your wisdom would have been particularly welcome.

There is not much I need to add to what is contained in the minutes themselves and what I have already written to President Liu.

The Committee discussed at some length the question of the place where our ensemble meeting should be held this year. You remember that some months ago it was suggested that we might meet in Toronto this year. In a letter I wrote you about two weeks ago I asked your judgment on this subject. Since, however, you did not mention the matter in the letters we received from you just before the meeting, we assumed that this idea did not particularly appeal to our Canadian friends or that it might be asking too much of your hospitality to entertain both the West China Governors and the Chealoo Governors the same week. There was also the practical question of where we could probably get the largest attendance for the meeting this year. On the basis of all these factors the Committee decided it would be wiser to have the meeting in New York again this year.

I am writing a separate letter on the subject of the discussion and action of the Committee with regard to the communications from the Canadian Board. I believe that Mrs. Yui and Dr. Scott have written you also. I glanced over Mrs. Yui's letter, but have not read Dr. Scott's comments. Dr. Scott suggested that each of us write from our own independent viewpoint without collaboration, so you may find that we cover much the same ground. This statement that our Canadian friends are contemplating withdrawal from the Colleges of Arts, Science, and Medicine has disturbed very profoundly all of the members of the

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Mr. Armstrong

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Chester Board with whom I have talked and corresponded, as well as a wider range of our Chester constituency. One regrets that only such a dire threat of impending calamity can succeed in arousing our Chester Board from its customary state of placid somnolence.

I hope that your arm is making satisfactory progress toward getting back on the job again.

Very cordially yours,

*B. A. Garside*

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September 10, 1936.

Dr. B. A. Garside,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York, N.Y.

*ack 9/12/36*  
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My dear Garside:

Just a note to relieve your mind. The Policy Committee yesterday decided to drop the recommendation to withdraw from Cheeloo. I do not anticipate, therefore, that the Board at its annual meeting next week will raise that question, especially as we have suggested two other items connected with our Honan Mission to take the place of the proposal to withdraw from the University. Personally I am very happy. The suggestion of other items was due primarily to E. Bruce Copland who had recently arrived from Honan and was present. It was also, however, due to impassioned speeches by Dr. R.A. Mitchell, recently of the School of Theology, and more particularly of Dr. William McClure, the eighty year old veteran professor-emeritus in Medicine. They were backed up by Chancellor E. W. Wallace who maintained that it was the worst kind of policy to drop Honan's connection with University education.

Will you be good enough to telephone George Scott, as he wrote a masterly letter on the subject, as you probably know? I shall probably cable Struthers at Cheeloo after our Board meeting.

Very sincerely yours,

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*A. E. Armstrong*

P.S. Has Cheeloo a cable address?

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September 11, 1936.

Rev. B.A. Garside, D.D.  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York, N.Y.

*Ack 19/22*

**SHANTUNG**

My dear Garside,-

Following up my very brief note, stating that we are not sending forward to the Board the recommendation to withdraw from Cheeloo, I send you copy of my letter to Scott in reply to his splendid statement. I am also sending a copy to Weir.

I note, in your recent letter accompanying Minutes of Section Meeting and concerning date of Board of Governors' Meeting, that you mention I had not written you re place of meeting. I am sorry I overlooked it. We would be delighted to welcome the Board of Governors to Toronto, and would not find it at all difficult to take care of both West China and Cheeloo Boards, but, since I did not attend to the matter earlier, I think it is probably well to have the meeting this time in New York and perhaps to plan for Toronto as the place of the next meeting of the Governors, whether it be in 1937 or 1938, and try to take advantage of their presence to have a big public affair, where we can get some of our constituency "Cheeloo minded", for I have to confess that it is a very very small fraction of the United Church which knows anything about Cheeloo.

Let me remind you of the hope that you will let me know at the earliest possible date if there is any change from October 20th.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

*A.E. Armstrong*

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SUITE 202, TORONTO

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September 11, 1936

Rev. J. E. Hughson, D.D.  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York, N.Y.

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My dear Sir:

I have not had time to answer your letter of the 7th but I am glad to hear that you are interested in the work of the Church of Canada. I am also sending a copy of the minutes of the Board of Missions for the year 1935-36.

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Very truly yours,

*J. E. Hughson*

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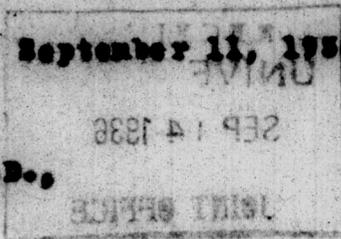
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September 11, 1936.

Copy for Rev. B.A. Garside)

Rev. Geo. T. Scott, D.D.,  
355 Fifth Avenue,  
New York, N.Y.



My dear George,-

Probably Garside has telephoned you, at my request, that our Policy Committee on the 9th dropped the recommendation to advise our Board, which opens its Annual Meeting on the 10th, to withdraw from Cheekee University. We are substituting two other items (Business Agency in Fientain, and Business Management of Weihwei Hospital) for such more important matter of dropping out of our partnership with our Boards in Cheekee.

You sent a masterly letter, and I am glad to say that it is unnecessary for Garside and you to come to Toronto to meet us in this connection. We had a cablegram from Cheekee as well as a very strong letter from Dr. William McClure, now in Canada on a special trip, and from H. B. Soper of our Roman Mission. I had conference on the 8th with Dr. McClure, Dr. R.A. Mitchell (School of Theology) and Mr. Soper. Dr. McClure spoke with great feeling and passion to the Policy Committee. His speech was rather extravagant with regard to the part which we play in the institutions, but the presence and spirit of the grand old man weighed more than his impassioned utterance. Dr. Mitchell also spoke strongly and Mr. Soper advanced the opinion that the Mission would agree with him that there are other items that could be sacrificed with less injury to the Cause of Christ in China than Cheekee. Chancellor E.V. Wallace followed with a strong protest against our abandoning higher education in North China. He spoke as a member of many years of the Cheekee Board of Directors.

Of course none of us want to withdraw from Cheekee and we were quite ready to accept a substitute for the proposal, which I felt I could not advance earlier. When, however, the Roman Mission themselves made a substitute suggestion I was quite ready, as Secretary, to advise the change of items.

I am glad therefore to report this to you, to express great regret that we have been the cause of so much anxiety on the part of the North American Section, and to say how delighted I am that I shall not have to cover my connection personally either with Cheekee or with the very happy fraternity which I have found with the rest of you in the Cheekee North American Section and Board of Governors. I ought to have added that of course letters came also from Garside and Veir, as well as one from Mrs. Tai.

Thanking you for the trouble you took in writing, I am

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Ever cordially yours,

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Copy for Rev. B.A. Carstairs

Rev. Geo. T. Scott, D.D. 180 Fifth Avenue, New York, N.Y.

My dear George,

Probably Carstairs has telephoned you, at my request, that our Policy Committee on the 5th dropped the recommendation to allow our Board, which opens its annual meeting on the 15th, to withdraw from the University. We are substituting the other items (Business Agency in Toronto, and Business Manager-ship of United Hospital) for which much more important matter of dropping out of our partnership with our Board in Canada.

I had consulted with the Board with Mr. Gopland, Dr. Gopland spoke with great feeling and passion to the Policy Committee. His speech was rather extravagant with regard to the fact that in the past we had but the presence and spirit of the Board. Dr. Gopland also spoke strongly and his impassioned statements. Mr. Gopland also stated that the Board would give him the same as other items that could be sacrificed with less injury to the cause of Christ in this case. Dr. Gopland's speech followed with a strong protest against our abandoning higher education in North America. He spoke as a member of many years of the United Board of Divisions.

It is of course more of us want to withdraw from Canada and we were quite ready to accept a substitute for the proposal which I felt I could not advance earlier. When, however, the Hon. Minister, Mr. Gopland made a substitute suggestion I was quite ready as Secretary, to advise the change of items.

I am kind therefore to report this to you, so express your regret that we have done the cause of so much anxiety on the part of the North American Board, and to say how delighted I am that I shall not have to move by conventional procedure with Canada or with the very happy, friendly which I have found with the rest of you in the United Board. I have added that in your letter of 20th of September. I ought to have added that in your letter of 20th also from Carstairs and with, as well as the Hon. Mr. Gopland.

Thanking you for the trouble you took in writing, I am

Very cordially yours,

ABG:O

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September 12, 1936

Dr. A. E. Armstrong  
299 Queen Street West  
Toronto 2, Canada

Dear Dr. Armstrong:

Let me acknowledge receipt of your letters of September 8th and 10th.

Of course, we are all tremendously delighted and relieved at the news that your Policy Committee has decided to drop the recommendation to withdraw from Cheeloo. This will give new stimulus to our colleagues in Taiwan, as well as to members of the Board of Governors. We have very high hopes that the improvement in the Cheeloo situation which began last year both in China and in the West, will go forward with renewed impetus this year.

We are certainly grateful to all the friends both from Canada and from China who had a share in bringing about this favorable action. I am glad to note that E. Bruce Copeland is now in Canada - I had the pleasure of getting to know him and to work with him when we were in Language School together in Peiping fourteen years ago.

We are passing the good news along to Dr. Scott who is in Lakeville this week, but will be back in his office on Monday.

Mr. Menzies has not come in, but we will pass along the message you gave as to the date of the Annual Meeting of your Board if we see him.

You will note from the minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee, together with my covering letters that the date of the Annual Meeting of the Cheeloo Governors has been changed from October 20th to October 23rd. I hope that this new date will be more convenient for you.

Glad to learn that T. H. Sun is now visiting in Canada. He has a very attractive personality as well as being an unusually efficient chap.

With all good wishes, I am

Very cordially yours,

B. A. Garvie

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September 19, 1936.

*ack 9/27/36*

Dr. B.A. Garside,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York, N.Y.  
and  
Dr. H.H. Weir,

**SHANTUNG**

Dear Friends, -

I thought you might be interested in the enclosed extract from a letter I have received from Mr. King, the Secretary of our Honan Mission and Representative of that Mission on the Cheeloo Field Board.

As you have both pointed out in recent letters, a new day seems to have dawned for the University. The new President seems to have been able to get the interest and help of Government authorities.

Needless to say, I am delighted to think that we are not withdrawing our small contribution, though the future for our Board financially is far from bright, chiefly owing to another bad year of harvests in Western Canada and, also, owing to intense heat and dry weather, this past summer, in parts of Central Canada as well. But we shall refuse to give up hope and will trust and pray that God will help us, by our experience, to give Him a larger place in our lives and plans.

Sincerely yours,

*A. E. Armstrong*

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Dr. J. A. ...  
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Dr. H. ...

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J. E. Hughson

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(Extract from Letter dated July 6/36, from Rev.G.K.King)

We have good reason to believe that the long drawn out struggle regarding the Presidency of Cheeloo has come to an end, and I am sure this is news that you will rejoice to hear. At the time of the recent formal opening of the New Hospital, the Provincial Governor was invited to grace the occasion with his presence. At 5.30 a.m. on the morning of that day, President Liu telephoned to inquire if he could depend upon the Governor being present. The Secretary, who replied, said he was "Thinking of going". President Liu then asked to speak personally with Governor Han, who pointedly inquired "Do you really desire my presence or is this a formal invitation?" The President assured him of our genuine desire and the Governor promised to be present, - and he is one who is always prompt in fulfilling engagements.

That same evening Governor Han called up the Mayor of Tsinan on the 'phone and told him he had enjoyed the opening ceremony at the hospital and greatly appreciated the evidences of New Life at the University and said he thought the time had come to let by-gones be by-gones, and try to support the University in every possible way. This good news was relayed privately to President Liu the same evening. While it is unofficial it is reliable and I thought you would like to know.

Efforts to raise funds for the University have not been particularly effective as yet, but they are being continued and, we hope, will bear fruit. Meantime, one reward has come in a verbal assurance from the Minister of Education of the Central Government that Cheeloo will receive an increase in its grant this year. This, of course, will be for capital expenditure--not current. But it will help with equipment and may thus relieve some funds.

We have also good reason to expect that while the request made for M\$40,000.00 from the Boxer Indemnity will not be granted in full, we will receive M\$5,000.00 for Medical and M\$10,000.00 for Arts and Science equipment, to be applied according to plans already submitted to and approved by the Indemnity Fund Committee. This, I am told, is the first time a grant has been made from that fund to a private University which has a religious group backing it--except in the case of Mukden Medical College where a grant was made, partially because of the political implications of the act.

(Extract from letter dated July 6, 1936, from Rev. S. J. King)

We have good reason to believe that the land drawn out... regarding the Presidency of Quevedo has come to an end. And I am sure that is news that you will rejoice to hear. At the time of the recent formal opening of the new hospital, the Provincial Governor was invited to grace the occasion with his presence. At 2.30 a.m. on the morning of that day, President Lin... Governor... to speak... with Governor... who pointedly... formal invitation... and the Governor... prompt in...  
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We have also good reason to expect that while the request for \$240,000.00 from the Government will not be granted... we will receive \$1,000,000.00 for Medical and \$1,000,000.00 for... Science... to be approved by the Insolvency Fund Committee. This, I am told, is the first time a grant has been made for a private University which has a religious trust backing it--except in the case of the... of the... the political implications of the...  
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*Ack 12/26*

Dr. B. A. Garside,  
Christian Colleges in China,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Garside:

**SHANTUNG**

Christmas Greetings!

Your circular "To the members of the North American Section" of Cheeloo Board of Governors, though dated December 17th, reached Arnup and me this morning. As you want to get a Christmas message off to Cheeloo I am telegraphing you as follows:

"Arnup and I favor proposal Aluminium dividends benefitting Cheeloo."

You will understand that this means that both of us favor the proposal to vote to Cheeloo University "towards clearance of field deficits" \$2,450 of the back dividends on the Aluminum Preferred stock which you have received, and the balance of the amount, namely \$2,425, towards "setting up an income stabilization fund", as you have outlined it in your circular letter reporting the recommendation of the Chairman and financial officers of the N.A. Section

Congratulating you on this payment of back dividends and delighted that you can send such a practical and cheerful Christmas message to President Liu and his colleagues, I am, with best wishes,

Cordially yours,

*A. E. Armstrong*

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209 QUEEN ST. WEST  
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December 28, 1938.

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Dr. B. A. Garside,  
Christian College in China,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Garside:

Christmas Greetings!

Your circular "In the matters of the North American  
"Section" of the Board of Governors, through dated December 17th,  
reached my desk and was this morning. As you want to give the Christmas  
message off to Garside I am telegraphing you as follows:

"I am glad to favor proposal of financial assistance benefiting  
Garside."

You will understand that this means last year of having the proposal  
to vote to Garside University "for the purpose of his relief."  
At the end of the year the Board of Governors will be asked to  
have received, and the balance of the amount, namely \$2,433, towards  
"settling up an income stabilization fund", as you have outlined in  
your circular letter reporting the recommendation of the Chairman and  
financial officers of the N.A. Section.

Congratulations to you on this agreement of both divisions and  
delighted that you can send such a practical and beautiful Christmas  
message to President Lin and his colleagues, I am, with best wishes,

Cordially yours,

*W. E. H. Hughson*

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December 30, 1936.

*Ack*

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Dr. B. A. Garside,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Garside,-

I have your letter of December 26th. The postscript about Mrs. Yui I have sent on to Mrs. Taylor, Executive Secretary for Foreign Missions of our W.M.S. A couple of weeks ago I had sent a note to the General Secretary of the W.M.S., Miss Thomas, advising that they plan for a visit from Mrs. Yui and stating that she wants to come and that we would benefit greatly by having her. I hope they will take immediate action on it.

Your sending a cablegram of Christmas Greetings to President Liu leads me to inquire if you have become informed of the possibility of sending without expense radio messages by amateur stations. We have been having that experience recently, and if you are interested get in touch with Mr. John Buck Morgan, 8527 Germantown Ave., Chestnut Hill, Philadelphia. His amateur station is W3QP. We have had two messages from China through Mr. Morgan and have sent one by him to China. They go and come through Station KALRW Manila. All he asks is the postage.

Of course you would not send important business messages that way, but messages of secondary importance and where you can allow three or four days might well be sent through Mr. Morgan.

With New Year Greetings,

Cordially yours,

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*A. E. Armstrong*

*Later: Mrs Taylor says she hopes to meet Mrs. Yui at F.M. Conf.*

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Dr. B. A. Carleton,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York, N.Y.  
My dear Carleton:

I have your letter of December 28th. The  
postscript about Mr. Y. M. I. is  
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that we would be glad to have her. I hope they  
will take immediate action on it.

Your mention of a conference of Christmas  
Greetings to President Lincoln is to be held in  
become informed of the possibility of sending without  
general radio messages by amateur stations. We have  
Station K1HW Hamlin. All he asks is the postage.  
We have had two messages from China through Mr. Morgan and  
Chester Hill, Philadelphia. His amateur station is W2PF.  
get in touch with Mr. John Buck Morgan, 300 West  
Laurier Street, Toronto.

Of course you would not find important  
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With New Year Greetings,

Cordially yours,

*Robert M. Morgan*

*Mr. Morgan  
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January 14, 1958.

Dr. B. A. Garside,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York, N.Y.



My dear Garside,-

I have your Memorandum of January 11th to Dr. Speer and myself with regard to having him, you and myself act as a sub-committee on two items concerning Committee on Christian Character of Chinese Colleges and Delegates to the Hangchow Conference.

I note that we three are expected :

- (1) to keep in touch with personnel going to China for the Hangchow Conference;
- (2) to secure possible men and women who would be able to spend some time in China either before or after the Hangchow Conference to aid in giving leadership to the Christian character and relationships of the China Colleges."

You ask me to do what I can individually. At this distance there is not much that I can do, but I think there is something that the three of us can do through keeping in touch with each other by mail.

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For example, you will of course get from Moss' office the list of the delegates appointed at the F.M. Conference last week to represent North America at Hangchow and perhaps confer with Dr. Speer concerning who of them might serve us while in China next year.

Of the three Canadians appointed (J.H. Arnup, S. Gould and Mr. Inrig) Arnup will be the only one who can help us. As he will likely be in China for several weeks before or after the Hangchow meeting I think we should use him in visiting as many of the Colleges as possible. Perhaps we can arrange whereby different delegates who are the kind to be of service to us can divide among them the task of visiting the Colleges and studying the Christian character and influence of each institution.

As you know, one-third of the thirty-five delegates are yet to be appointed, so that we should have in mind the likelihood of some of them being of value to us and available.

Then there will be I understand a few people co-opted because of their particular importance in connection with

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the Hangchow meeting. If, for example, Chancellor E.W. Wallace of Victoria University here should be one of the co-opted members (as I have suggested to Leslie Moss) I can think of hardly anyone who could help us more than he because of his fine background of missionary service in West China and his years with the Chinese Christian Educational Association.

This is all that occurs to me to write now, but I shall be happy to co-operate with Dr. Speer and you in any way you may decide.

With best wishes,

Cordially yours,

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Dr. B. A. Garside,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Garside:

With reference to the work of the Committee on the Christian Character and Influence of China Colleges, I have just received and read the nice little booklet, "The University of Nanking.. at the Heart of New China", with its fine illustrations. It occurred to me as I read it that the contributor to Missions who believes that our main task is that of evangelism would have good ground for saying, as you know many are saying, that we are stressing education and neglecting evangelism. There is only one sentence (on page 5) in the whole twelve pages that says anything about the Christian purpose of the University and even that is rather vague. The name of the institution itself does not have the word 'Christian' in it, though there is the heading "A Christian University in the Capital" at the top of page 5. I fear that the Christian, critical of the purpose of our missions in China, would have ground for saying that we are engaged in these colleges for the purpose of stressing Arts, Science, Sociology, History, Medicine, Agriculture, Forestry and practically everything but the real aim that took men like the late J.E. Williams to China.

Now, of course, I know that it is a Christian University in a real sense for I have been there and I know something about it, and know men like Reg. Wheeler are giving their lives to that institution. But I fear that if all our Christian Colleges in China issued literature of that kind we may get money from people who are interested in sound education but we are not likely to get the support of those (and I hope they constitute a majority of Church membership) who believe that our one aim in being in China at all is to proclaim the gospel of a Saviour who delivers men from the bondage of sin and starts them on a new road.

Of course I am not complaining except in so far as it is a complaint to point out what seems to me to be the weakness of a good deal of the literature that has been issued on the colleges which the mission boards are supporting in China, for I do not think Nanking is at all an exception in this respect.

This is just a letter to yourself and to call attention to what I think ought to be one of the lines of study of the Committee that has to do with the Christian character and influence of the Colleges in China.

Cordially yours,

A. E. Armstrong

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January 21, 1937

Dr. A. E. Armstrong  
299 Queen Street West  
Toronto, Canada

Dear Dr. Armstrongs *Church of Canada*

Thank you for your letter of January 19th, commenting on the recent Hanking booklet.

I believe you are correct in feeling that this booklet should give a more constant emphasis on the Christian character and purpose of the institution. Fortunately, however, the situation is not quite so dark as it appeared to you on your first reading of the booklet. On page five, just above the picture of the Twines Memorial Chapel, the following statement is set forth in a separate paragraph, and in capital letters for the sake of emphasis:-

**"BEHIND THESE PRACTICAL, VOCATIONAL OBJECTIVES IS THE PRIMARY AIM WHICH IS THE DIRECTING FORCE OF THE ENTIRE UNIVERSITY; THE DEVELOPMENT OF CHRISTIAN CITIZENS."**

The history of this particular booklet is that the first draft of the material was prepared by President Chen, in collaboration with Rex Wheeler. They thought it was already to turn over to the printer before anyone in our office here had even read over the copy. We had to exercise a bit of tact and diplomacy to take a hand in the publication at all, and tried to avoid making too many changes in their original setup. I believe that this statement on page five which we have quoted above is one of the additions we made before the booklet was finally printed. I believe that our publicity department of the Associated Boards has been pretty consistent in its emphasis on the Christian character and purpose of the Colleges in practically every piece of printed material we have produced, and in the general letters of information and appeal which we have sent out. Every member of the staff is in the heartiest personal accord with the viewpoint expressed in your letter.

I enclose herewith copies of two of the most recent publications our office has sent out. I believe you have already seen the little story by Mrs. Yui, "I Kao Shang Ti". We should certainly have sent one to you. The one by the Fukien Trustees, "Three Wise Men - And A Star" was sent out just before Christmas.

Incidentally, if either your Board or the Canadian Women's Board could use any additional copies of the little story by Mrs. Yui we will be glad to supply any quantity you need, up to five hundred copies.

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Mr. Armstrong

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January 21, 1937

I like your suggestion that we have the Committee on Christian Character study the matter of having a consistent Christian emphasis in all the publicity material produced by our Colleges. It will be good for all of us to have this called to our attention, and we know that some of the most earnest Christian membership of the staffs of the Colleges are so in the habit of taking the Christian character and purpose of their institutions as a matter of course that it does not occur to them to express it in words as they should do. I will put this down as one item to bring before the Committee at an early meeting.

Very sincerely yours,

*B.A. Garaid*

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Dr. B. A. Garside,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York, N.Y.

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My dear Garside:

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I shared your letter with Mrs. Hugh Taylor, Foreign Secretary of our W.M.S. Board, and she asked me to request you to send one hundred (100) copies of Mrs. Yui's story in leaflet form - "I Kao Shang Ti" . Please have them sent to

Miss Helen Day,  
410 Wesley Building,  
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Mrs. Yui has made a very fine impression throughout the week at various gatherings which she has addressed. Her charming personality wins ready access for her to the hearts of the people. The Secretaries of the various departments were invited by our W.M.S. to lunch with Mrs. Yui yesterday., and she addressed the School of Missions in the afternoon. She seemed to have enjoyed her week with us, and we are grateful for the privilege of having her. The STAR's main interviewer, R.E. Knowles, on my suggestion, had a long interview with her in last Monday's paper. It was very favorable and mentioned somewhat in detail the fact that she had lost her mother and uncle by martyrdom in Boxer days. *It was predominantly Christian in emphasis.*

With best wishes, I am

Yours sincerely,

*A. E. Armstrong*

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22nd April, 1937.

The Rev. A. E. Armstrong, D.D.,  
299, Queen Street West,  
Toronto,  
Ontario,  
Canada.

Dear Dr. Armstrong,

I enclose the Minutes of the British Section of the Board of Governors held on April 9th, 1937, and will make such comments upon them as seem necessary.

BS-524. You will note that there is one change in the membership of the British Section and that we still have vacancies among the co-opted members which we can fill up as and when occasions arise.

BS-526. The question of Land Registration is not unnaturally causing anxiety to the R.M.S., but it did not seem that there was any object in one University considering the matter by itself, and the China Committee of the Conference of British Missionary Societies is obviously the body in this country to deal with the matter. I believe that it is in touch with Dr. Warkentin and I hope that it will be possible to arrive at an agreed conclusion as to the best policy in due course.

BS-530. The Section had to isolate HASEC-482 as it was put in Form A form as to require the concurrence of the Section. The other North American Minutes, being domestic matters, did not require any action.

BS-531. Quite clearly there was no action required by the Governors at this stage on the question of the Honorary Direc-

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ters, and while consideration of the draft budget was obviously desirable, equally obviously no action could be taken until the Directors had given final approval. The Section was unanimous in its enthusiasm over the improvement in local finance which has been secured by President Liu's activities, and while it has only minutted a very meagre expression of that appreciation, it was quite clear that in the eyes of the Section the whole finance of the University is now in a condition which has probably never been equalled in past history, and is so infinitely better than that of recent years that no comparison is possible. The Section's only regret was that it is not able to show its appreciation more effectively by increased support.

Minute D.1183 needs a little further comment. It was recognized in view of President Liu's letter, that any alteration in the Chinese wording would probably be impossible at this stage. If it had been, I think there is no doubt at all that the Section would have greatly preferred 'Chi-tu chiao' as being the more inclusive, but as an alteration would probably be extremely inconvenient at this stage, our recommendation, which of course will require the concurrence of the North American Section and then go to the Directors for their technical action, was simply that in the English version the word 'Christian' should be restored instead of 'evangelical' which the President believes was introduced by Mr. Davies. As one of those particularly concerned in this matter, I must blame myself for not having noticed this in the first instance when the By-laws were brought up.

ES-532. does not really require any comment. Whether the proposed luncheon will or no come off remains to be seen. We hope that it will, as it is felt strongly that the Christian community in this country interested in China should attempt to do honour to Dr. Kung, if he can find the time to allow us that opportunity. Although his most immediate connection is perhaps with Cheeloo, it has been agreed that invitations shall be sent out in the joint names of the Standing Committee of the Conference of Missionary Societies, the United Committee for Christian Universities of China, and the Governors of Cheeloo.

ES-533 is of course of immediate importance. In view of Dr. USFside's letter we felt that the only thing we could do was to fix the Annual Meeting for Friday, July 9th, which ought to be as convenient as any day to those who are able to come over from your side for the Oxford Conference, and is a practicable day

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for most of the British Governors as well. In view of the last meeting in this country, I would urge that any representatives of co-operating Boards coming to this country, who while not Governors may be persuaded to accept proxies, will be willing to devote the whole day to the meeting. My recollection is that last time, while you worked hard, most of the other representatives turned up for short periods. We do need them if the meeting is to be a real success.

RG-534 is a matter on which perhaps we ought not to have passed a Formal Minute, but I think we were right in doing so, for as you will know we have not in any way come to any conclusion, indeed we could not possibly do so, but have merely approved consulting China as to whether or no it would be a good thing to try and have the Annual Meeting - and though that does not concern us, the West China Board - in China in 1938. It would have the one great advantage that we should have the Chinese Governors presumably, and although they do regularly send proxies to the Annual Meeting, I do not think it has ever yet been possible for any one of them to attend in person. Furthermore, while the western representation would of course be small it would probably be a little more evenly balanced between the two sides of the Atlantic than usually.

On the other hand, I can see various very good reasons why it might be inadvisable to hold the meeting in China. In particular, I am not clear whether it might not prove unacceptable to the Government, and it might seem in some way to be derogatory to the position of the Board of Directors. It is only fair to add that those who knew China best among the British Governors did not feel that either of these points would arise, but I think it is quite clear that while the suggestion may have originated in the West, the feeling of China on the subject and, of course, particularly of the President, is a thing of the greatest importance.

RG-535. The Section was delighted to hear of the possibility of being able to meet Mrs. Yui, and felt that such extra expense as may be required would be a most justifiable charge on the Section's funds, and would probably lead to a further increase in these funds.

RG-536 is from some points of view the important Minute of this meeting. It is very gratifying that the Cheeloo Special Appeal has been so effective and we only hope that the effect will carry

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I do not know whether you yourself are contemplating coming over this year. I very much hope that you may be able to do so, and that many of us here will have the pleasure of renewing our acquaintance with you. I am sending copies of this letter, as usual, to Dr. Garaid and President Liu.

Yours very truly,

*W. H. New*

SSnd April, 1937.

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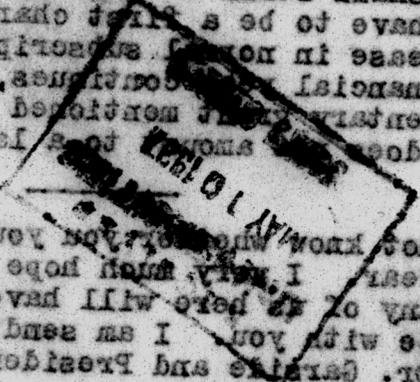
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Yours very truly,

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(copy for Dr. B. A. Garside)

June 9, 1937.

President Shuning T. Lin,  
Cheechee University,  
Tsinan, Shantung, China.

My dear President Lin,

Nearly a month ago I received your circular letter of April 5th, which I read with interest. It is very gratifying to have as President of Cheechee one who is not only doing such fine work in the University, but who also keeps those of us who are friends of Cheechee informed by frequent letters.

I note that you are interested in Rotary. I think it is a good thing to keep in touch with organizations that are somewhat outside one's particular line. It will enable you to broaden the interest and the influence of the University. I take advantage of every opportunity I get to address Clubs of that sort.

I hope your next letter will tell us something of the spring Retreat of which you made mention. You would be greatly helped by Dr. Chen and I am sure those days of evangelism in April would be fruitful in strengthening the Christian life and purpose of the students as well as challenging others to give themselves to Christ in whole-hearted discipleship.

I am particularly glad to read that, at the suggestion of some of the students, Arts and Science students are to get some theological instruction and that the courses they take in the School of Theology will be credited to them in their regular work. This will integrate the Theological School more definitely into the life of the University and will at the same time give Arts and Science men that religious and practical training which I wish such students were receiving in the universities of these western lands.

Then it is good to read that you are expanding along the line of developing such leadership. We shall look forward with interest to hearing of the developments at Tsinan. Cheechee is broadening its outreach when it becomes a partner with other universities and with the provincial government.

In the matter of lack of accommodation for the increasing numbers of students who apply to be admitted, you are having the same experience as some other institutions and Middle Schools are having elsewhere. One of our High Schools in Korea turned down last year about four times as many as it could admit.

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I am sorry to hear of the death of Dr. Watson. I met him two years ago last October when I was at Tsinan and in that limited opportunity of coming to know him I could see that a fine personality he possessed. I can readily understand the influence he exerted. Dr. Hall I know also having met him both there and here. Dr. McClure will miss him very much. We must not sorrow over-much because of their having been taken from this earthly sphere because they, Dr. Watson especially, lived to a good age and filled the years full of devoted service to Christ and humanity.

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With best wishes and kind regards for your work in Shekoo, and assuring you of our prayerful support, I am

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With best wishes and kind regards for your work in Chefoo, and assuring you of our prayerful support, I am

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Rev. A. E. Armstrong, D.D.  
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299 Queen Street West,  
Toronto, Ontario, CANADA.

Dear Dr. Armstrong,

I enclose copies of the Minutes of the British Section of the Board of Governors, held on July 9th 1937, and of the Annual Meeting itself.

On the British Section Meeting there is very little comment required, except to indicate that it contains the summary of the anticipated financial assistance coming from this country for the year 1937/38, and the new appointments of officers.

This leads me to a personal word: you will appreciate how very greatly I regret giving up the work of Secretary of the British Section, but it has been becoming increasingly difficult to do it, for two reasons. One is that I definitely cannot do as much work as I have done in the past, and the other, that the difficulty of carrying on the work at a distance from the office and its files, when that office is so short staffed, has been becoming increasingly great. Consequently this is the last time that I shall be writing in this manner. But although I am no longer Secretary, Mr. Castleton - who as you see is succeeding me - feels that I ought to round up the Annual Meeting by writing the usual letters, though it be for the last time.

I should also say something about Mr. Wilson's retirement. He is also very heavily pressed, and particularly so at the moment,

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as several of his colleagues will be away next year at Hangeow, and the strain of work as Chairman of the Standing Committee of the Conference of British Missionary Societies, is going to be extremely heavy during that year. It is very gratifying that we have been able to meet the situation so well, and every one will, I am quite sure, rejoice to see Dr. Balme taking the post of Chairman. You will note that this year in addition we have elected a Vice-Chairman, the reason being that Dr. Balme's health has been very bad, and is still far from good; he does not know how much he will be able to attend the Meetings, though, if his health allows, he will certainly do so. Whether he attends them or not, he will undoubtedly be able to bring his knowledge and great wisdom to bear on the work of the University. I fear that this matter of changing horses may mean that this letter may be a little disjointed in itself, and that its articulation with letters to be written in the future (not by me) may not be quite adequate. But the form of these Minutes, which are not my work, but exclusively that of Mr. Castleton, is such that I anticipate the disconnection - if any - will not be very serious.

Turning to the Minutes, the preliminary part is as usual, of a formal nature, and does not require any particular note. I will try to comment on the more important points: -

G-236. There is little to say on this, but it was realized that the Sub-Committee to the North American Section is undertaking really important work, and that the British Section should be kept in the closest possible touch with it.

G-238, is a matter with which you are doubtless fully familiar, though I confess it came as a new idea to me. The significance of the proposal, as put forward by the North American Section, appears to be very great, and although, as I say, doubtless every one except me, already knew all about it, it may be well for me in this covering letter to try and express what I understood to be intended. As I understand it, departments of Philosophy are likely to be of increasing importance in Chinese Universities, and it would be easy for them to be staffed essentially by scholars, who might, or might not be Christian. At the same time the official non-recognition of the religious aspect of Christian Universities, though it does not involve any opposition to such aspect, does present the possibilities of gradual and unintentional elimination of a good deal of Christian spirit, and departments of Philosophy, which do receive Government recognition, do present an opportunity for preserving, and indeed intensifying, the Christian atmosphere, by filling their staffs with men of the type under consideration - first-class scholars and real missionaries.

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Of course, for the most part, if not entirely, Chinese. It may be that I have not rightly interpreted the situation, but the above is what I understood, and I think the others understood, and I do hope that it may be possible in China to secure a staff of the kind contemplated, though doubtless it would be a gradual process.

G-239. This, of course, is one of the most important points, which is always before us, and the discussion preceding the Resolution was an interesting one, including very frank reviews of past history, and the highest possible appreciation of the work which has already been done by President Liu. The intention of our Resolution was to offer him all the encouragement which we can, and to strengthen his hands as far as may be, in carrying on the great reconstruction which he has so skilfully undertaken.

G-240. As we had a letter from President Liu welcoming the proposal that the Governors should meet in China next year, the Board felt fully justified in deciding to act on that proposal. You will note that the date was left for the Chairman of the Board in collaboration with the Board of Directors, but the idea was that it would probably take place about September 10th, preceding the proposed Conference on Christian Education. It would thus be possible for delegates to Hangchow to come first of all to Cheelee for the Board Meeting, then to go on to Shanghai for the Christian Education Conference - which would probably last about five days - and give time to reach Hangchow by September 25th. But these, of course, were the barest suggestions. So far as is at present known, Miss Bower, Dr. Cheeverman and Dr. Hecker will be attending Hangchow, from the British point of view, and Dr. Arny and Dr. G. F. Scott from North America, and there may be others. It was also hoped that it might be possible for Mr. Castleton to go for the Cheelee Board and the Education Conference, though he is not a delegate to Hangchow, and of course other suitable representatives of the cooperating Societies, who are not actually Governors, may be going to Hangchow as well. It looks, therefore, as if a fairly strong meeting of the Board would be possible, and that it would be much more balanced in its representativeness than is usually the case. So that it should form a very great, and perhaps unique opportunity in the work of the University, quite apart from the real advantages of so many close personal contacts.

G-241. In view of what I have just said, there is not, I think, need to comment much more on this Minute. We can only hope that the Conference will be of really great value.

G-242. We have to leave this a little in the air as the Minutes of the Directors, June 19th 1937 - which have since arrived -

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had not come.

On the Budget it did not seem possible to do anything very definite at the moment, and the information given by the Sections in their meetings is the available guide for the University.

G-243 needs some comment. It would be quite impossible to express too strongly the appreciation felt by the Governors for the work which has been carried out in so remarkable and effective a way by President Liu since he came to Cheelee. We do most heartily thank God for his discovery - if I may use that word - and for the wisdom and strength he has been given in making such a remarkable start on the necessary reconstruction, both of organization and of finance. All the Governors feel the tremendous help it would be to the promotion of interest in the University in the West were a visit from President Liu practicable, and it was clearly recognized that the Universities which secure most funds in North America are those whose Presidents, or other high officials, are frequently in their country. Furthermore, the Governors are most anxious for the opportunity of making the personal acquaintance of the President, and we should rejoice in that visit being as early as possible, but we recognize that in the state of affairs in China, it may not be possible, or desirable, for the President to be absent from the University just at this moment. From our own point of view we should like to have his visit immediately, but it may be, and to some it seemed extremely probable, it would be wiser for him to come after the Hangchow Conference. It is a matter, so far as the Governors are concerned, which should be left entirely to the President's discretion, but the thing that stands out clearly is that the work of promotion in the West will be very greatly helped by him, and that personal intercourse with him will be of the very greatest help to the Governors.

G-244 also needs a little comment. Dr. Kung's Address was very laudatory of the work carried on by the Christian Universities, and what may have been exactly in his mind in making this one criticism is not, of course, clear, but the Governors felt that the two Sections, and the Board of Governors ought to give attention to a comment of this kind coming from the Chairman of the Board of Directors, and see whether in any particulars it applies to Cheelee and calls for any alteration in method.

Finally, I must say a few words about G-245. The Secretaries and Treasurers do not need any comment, but it was felt that no one would be a more satisfactory Chairman of the Board than Dr. Balme, and that following the usual custom, as Chairman of the North American Section, Dr. Scott should be Vice-Chairman, and Dr. Hocker as Vice-Chairman of the British Section, so naturally these two were

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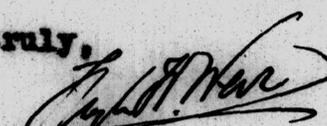
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appointed Vice-Chairman, but it was agreed that especially in view of the Annual Meeting next year taking place in China, and the certainty that Dr. Balme would not be present there, that for this year, at any rate, there should be a third Vice-Chairman, and the Governors took great pleasure in putting forward, and accepting the name of Dr. Cheng Ching-yi for that purpose, in the hope that he would be able and willing to chair the Meeting in 1938.

I am sending copies of this letter, as usual, to President Liu and Dr. Garbide.

Yours truly,

  
(Sd) H. H. WEIR.

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The following is extract from letter of Oct.11,1937 from Consul-General Moss, Hankow, to His Majesty's Ambassador at Hankings:

"I understand that the majority of the active members of the (Canadian) Mission intend to remain at their posts. I am given to understand that the Canadian Mission theological staff, including lady missionaries, feel it as much their moral duty to remain with congregations and pupils as the doctors feel it is theirs to remain with the sick and wounded. This attitude is not fanaticism but their considered Christian resolution. They understand the general position as well as I do and I have made it clear that those who remain at their posts do so with their eyes open to the risks and to behave with prudence and common-sense. They know that the risk is their own...

"The Canadian missionaries have presumably been strengthened in their resolution to remain at their posts by the news that the American Presbyterian and the American Board missionaries have successfully maintained their positions at Postingfu while the tide of battle passed through the city.

"Provided that the Canadian missionaries do not expose themselves recklessly and that they behave with circumspection and common sense I think their attitude is sound, both from the moral and the practical view. It depends courage and steadfastness, but they have that. If they deserted their missions they would probably suffer very great loss, moral and material."

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To Dr. Armstrong  
Secretary Foreign Missions  
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UNITED STATES FOREIGN MISSIONS BOARD

Dear Dr. Armstrong:

Your letter of the 26<sup>th</sup> July to hand ~~has~~ a short time ago. It evidently went the rounds of the Circumlocution office or it would have.

Yes, it cannot be said this time "Peace has again broken out in China" - it is won this time. And such a war! Man's inhumanity to man in making countless thousands murder these days in China. I need not try to describe it - the various newspaper correspondents are trying to do justice to the horrors of the gruesome situation.

Fortunately we are left in peace so far - although the warning whistles are sounding ever day and the aeroplanes are circling over the city and the University campus almost every fore and after noon. Tschow (about seventy miles to the north of us where there is a station of the A.P.M. (American Road) and a large hospital) has already fallen - and Tsinan is the next city south of Tschow. All the married ladies, but one has left here - and



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It may be that when our neighbors  
see the stars they may not strike,  
or it may ultimately be a case of having  
struck the stars - they too may "see  
stars" afterwards themselves.

I am having a couple of flag poles  
made - so that this afternoon or  
tomorrow ~~we~~ a couple of Canadian  
flags may take part in the demon-  
stration.

This is - humanly speaking - a very great  
calamity that has overtaken China, yet  
it was bound to come. A second  
Germany is out to win the land  
conquer the world. However, God  
repays and this world is His.  
God is in His Heaven All's right with  
the world.

I gave your message to W. B. Chang's but J. H. Sun  
has moved his office to Chang Sha.  
We are all sorry that Dr. Leard has not been able  
to visit China.  
We are very much grieved to see Dr. Paul facing  
in health - necessitating his return to Canada.  
Now I must close. Very kind regards to Mrs. Armstrong  
- and all our friends in exp. Yours for China  
L. M. Ross

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October 14, 1957.

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Dr. B. A. Garside,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York, N.Y.

Dear Garside:

A letter has come from our Honan Mission, following their cablegram of September 24th, asking us to arrange sailings for two men, Mensies and Copland. This letter explains the need for the men and asks that they be booked to Kobe, where they will receive instructions as to how to proceed into China. We presume it will be by way of Tsingtao, though it is possible that it will be by either Tientsin or Canton. It is hardly likely that it would be by way of Shanghai and Nanking and the Tsin-Pu railway. They state that CHEELOO proposes to carry on and, therefore, that Mensies is needed.

Can you give me any advice? Is anyone else on furlough from Cheeloo returning this fall? Any information you may have that will be useful to me will be greatly appreciated. I shall be glad if you can let me have it by Tuesday next. Thanks.

Very sincerely,

*A. E. Armstrong*

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October 18, 1937

Dr. A. E. Armstrong  
299 Queen Street West  
Toronto, 2, Canada

Dear Dr. Armstrongs

We have your letter of October 14th asking for our latest information as to the situation at Cheeloo and the travel facilities for getting there.

During recent weeks we have had very little direct information from Tsinan, though the general news we have received indicates that the University is going ahead with its work. We do not know just what western members of staff are on the campus, though we assume that nearly all of them are. For instance, Dr. Ran Shields was in Peiping during the summer and started back to Tsinan about September 1st. He wrote to his son on September 12th from the Cheeloo campus, and apparently at that time things were going along very well. A recent cable has come through from Dr. Arabella Gault saying, "CHEELOO CARRYING ON". The question of the route by which outgoing travellers could get through to Tsinan at the present time is not easy to answer. Apparently travel over the Tsinan-Tsingtao railway has been kept open. I suppose that Dr. Ran Shields went by boat from Tientsin to Tsingtao and from there by rail to Tsinan. Experienced travellers could probably get from Japan to Tsingtao, either by steamer direct from Kobe to Tsingtao or else by some more round about route.

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I am sorry that we do not have more definite information to give you.

Very sincerely yours,

*R. G. Larvide*

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CABLE ADDRESSES:

WESLEYANA, TORONTO  
BUTEROS, TORONTO

November 15th, 1937.

Dear Brother Minister:—

Enclosed herewith you will find a statement on the Church's relation to the situation in the Far East which was prepared by a group of our missionaries now on furlough in Canada. We hope you will find time to read it carefully and take opportunity to present it to your people in the way you consider most effective. We are persuaded that a great opportunity lies before the Christian people of the West by sympathetic thought and prayer to enter into closer fellowship with their suffering fellow Christians in China and Japan. We hope that public and private intercession for all those concerned in the struggle in the Far East will be encouraged and widely practised throughout the Church. The example of the minister is of first importance.

Concerning our attitude to missionary work in China we quote part of an editorial which appeared in a secular paper, the "Peiping Chronicle," on September 16th:

We are glad to note that to some extent the challenge of present-day China is being taken up. As reported in our issue of yesterday the China secretaries of the leading British missionary societies have been "greatly impressed in the present unprecedented opportunity of rendering medical and refugee service," and it was felt that "each society should make a determined effort not only to maintain its regular hospital work, but seek to increase and strengthen its personnel in order to render skilled help to war victims irrespective of nationality." This decision, we are sure, will be emphatically endorsed by those who know immediately and personally the situation in this country as it actually is at the moment; but, we are convinced, those on the spot would go further. They would insist that never was the need for the primary things for which Christian missions stand more desperate than it is now, and they would stand for the maintenance, increase and strengthening of the personnel of all departments of mission work. We have observed, here on the spot, no indication that missionary and kindred institutions are in a mood to withdraw.

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They see a challenge and are prepared to accept it. Thus, we note, the College of Chinese Studies has announced the opening of its term on October 4, the Christian educational institutions are opening as early as practicable, and it is hardly conceivable that the missions should set less store by their primary work, the work that gives significance to all else that they do, than they set on their subsidiary, secondary activities. To-day in China is the day of challenge for missions, and woe betide them if they sound the retreat.

None of our men has left the field, though several wives and single women have been evacuated from the danger zone in Honan. On November 5th the Executive of the Foreign Mission Board authorized the return to China of advance parties of those missionaries who were detained in Canada owing to the outbreak of war.

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One thing is absolutely clear—the Church has no moral right to consent to men going out to danger or death unless the Church be equally prepared for sacrifice. To permit our missionaries to return to China would commit the whole Church to a new consecration of life and possessions to Christ's service. It would be the final shame of any church to be willing to give men's lives but to withhold so poor a thing as money. In a deep sense if these men and women go back we have to go with them, putting our lives at the disposal of Christ.

We feel sure that the whole Church will follow these outgoing missionaries and those already in the Far East with earnest prayer.

Sincerely yours,

A. E. Armstrong

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

My dear Garside:

May I suggest that, in connection with the matter that Cartwright and you and I discussed, namely the study of theological education at Cheeloo, you write each of the three of us an identical letter indicating what each should do during the next few weeks in line with our conversation.

I do not know that I shall be in New York again this year but I expect to be in Boston about the 14th of January and it may be that Fairfield and I could do something together then if we have preparations made before that time.

You may be interested in reading the enclosed letter from Dr. Ross of Cheeloo School of Theology.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

*A. E. Armstrong*

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P.S. You may be interested also in the enclosed which is a rather remarkable statement coming as it does from a diplomat to his superior officer. Sometimes they say such things in conversation but our missionaries say they do not recall such a frank written tribute being paid to missionaries who disobey Consular orders. The Consul's name should not be used if you happen to be making any use of the enclosed.

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November 18, 1932

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

Dear Garfield:

I suggest that in connection with the matter that  
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It may be indicated in the letter from  
Dr. Ross of Chicago School of Theology.

With best wishes and kind regards,

*W. A. Ridd*

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Dr. B. A. Garside,  
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My dear Garside:

I have your notice of a joint meeting of the Executive and Promotion Committees on November 22nd. I am sorry that I cannot be present.

You may be interested in the enclosed copy of letter sent out by our China missionaries on furlough to all ministers of The United Church.

Cordially yours,

*A. E. Armstrong*

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November 18, 1937

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100 Fifth Avenue  
New York City

Dear Sirs:

I have your notice of a joint meeting of the Executive  
and Proration Committees on November 22nd. I am sorry that I cannot  
be present.

I am very interested in the subject of the  
joint meeting and shall be glad to discuss it with you  
at the United Church.

Sincerely,  
  
[Signature]

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COPY FOR DR. B. A. GARSIDE

December 31, 1937.

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

Dear Mr. Castleton,

I acknowledge your letter of 18th December accompanying Minutes, December 10, of the British Section of the Cheelee Board.

I am passing on to Professors E.B. Struthers and J.M. Mensies, on furlough here from Cheelee as you probably know, the Minutes in order that they may read them and especially the sections dealing with Harvard-Yenching Institute and also Invitation to President Lin.

I am puzzled to know just whether or not this is a good time, so far as North America is concerned at any rate, for the President to visit us. I have no doubt you have thought it through and believe it to be a good time for him to visit Britain. I am not saying it would not be a suitable time for him to come to this Continent, but I fear lest the Church public, and of course especially those particularly interested in the China Colleges, will be apprehensive about the future of Cheelee University since Shantung is now to be controlled by Japan for the immediate future at any rate (which fact you could not know when you wrote me) and conclude that this is no time to make gifts apart from what is actually needed to take care of staff. In other words, will friends express in a practical way interest in Cheelee when staff and students are scattered? Would it be a better time for President Lin to come when, as we devoutly hope will be the case, the Institution is able to resume its normal operations even if Japan is in control? I do not anticipate that Japan is going to make work at Cheelee impossible or even very difficult, though I suppose no one knows.

But these are just thoughts that come to me. I have not had opportunity of discussing them but will do so not only with Struthers and Mensies but with Garside and others concerned who will probably be in attendance at the Annual Foreign Missions Conference which is meeting in Toronto next week.

With New Year Greetings,

Sincerely yours,

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December 31, 1937

Mr. G. G. Garsdie,  
Edinburgh House,  
2 Cannon Gate,  
London, E.C. 4, England.

Dear Mr. Garsdie,

I acknowledge your letter of 18th October  
concerning the British section of the  
Chicago Board.

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