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April 14, 1938

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

Dear Dr. Armstrong:

Thanks for your letter of April 7th.

The date now set for President Liu's arrival in New York is May 17th. We are definitely scheduling him to be in Toronto from May 29th to June 5th as a minimum. If you would like to have him for a longer period, up to a fortnight, please indicate any earlier date you would like to have him arrive or a later date to which you would wish to keep him and we will adjust his schedule accordingly. One fixed date we must keep open for him is the commencement period at the College of Wooster, which he wishes to attend as a Wooster alumnus. We believe that the commencement exercises at Wooster are on June 13th but are now engaged in checking that date.

After consulting with Dr. Scott and other members of the North American Section of the Cheeloo Governors we have decided to call a meeting of the North American Section on the afternoon of Thursday, May 5th, beginning at 3: 30 P.M. This will make it possible for Dr. Arnup to leave New York a day earlier than if the meeting were held on May 6th.

Whether we should urge you to come down to New York especially for the meeting of the Cheeloo Governors is a difficult question. We certainly regret that the meetings in Toronto make it impossible for you to be here for the entire series of meetings, beginning with the Associated Boards and continuing through the Chosen and Cheeloo Boards. But since you are meeting with the General Council on May 3rd and 4th, and may still be busy with matters related to that meeting later in the week, it might be particularly difficult for you to be away from your office that day. Also, we will be holding the ensemble meeting of the Cheeloo Board of Governors sometime during the next two or three months, so the Section will probably defer decisions on most important questions of policy and procedure. There is the possibility too that the Section may decide to have a special meeting with President Liu after he arrives on May 17th. All of these factors would point away from our urging you to make this special trip to New York on May 5th, though we would certainly be very happy to have you with us if it is at all convenient for you to come. If you cannot be present Dr. Arnup can, no doubt, share with us your views on the various questions which will come up and can communicate to you the phases of our discussion which do not actually appear in the formal minutes.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

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Ack 5/16

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

My dear Garside:

I thought you might be interested in the enclosed which I have sent to Chancellor Wallace and also Professor J. M. Menzies and Professor E. B. Struthers. It will indicate to you in brief our plans for President Liu's visit. It is now settled that he will speak to a representative gathering of leaders of our Woman's Missionary Society from all over Canada at their Annual Meeting on May 30th.

I am enclosing a letter of welcome for President Liu. Please let me know at once by what train he will enter Canada as I must ask the authorities at Ottawa to inform the officer at the border to admit him without more than the casual examination. I should, therefore, write to Ottawa not later than Tuesday and will hope that you can write me on Monday or wire on Tuesday if necessary.

I hope he has "Canada" in his passport.

Cordially yours,

A E Armstrong

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May 11, [illegible].

[illegible] of Charles and of President Chiang K. [illegible]

You will be interested in the enclosed extracts from Mr. Castleton's letter and from the minutes of the Hankow Mission Committee.

You will note that President Lin is expecting by the Empress [illegible] in May [illegible]. If you wish to send him a letter of welcome [illegible] address it in care of Dr. L. L. [illegible], [illegible]

[illegible] will be with us in Toronto from Sunday, May [illegible], [illegible] - [illegible] is to be [illegible] Sunday, [illegible] - [illegible] of [illegible], please let me know.

You will note that Dr. [illegible] [illegible] Dr. [illegible] for [illegible] [illegible] L. L. Robinson [illegible] [illegible] of the other [illegible] [illegible] Dr. L. L. Robinson will also be, [illegible] [illegible].

A. E. Armstrong.

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

[illegible] from letter (May 3rd) of Mrs. A. B. Washburn, Secretary of the British United [illegible] to Miss [illegible] in China and extracts from minutes of meeting [illegible] of the United Committee.

"We have been so busy with the visit of Dr. Francis Bid and President Lin Bin that it has been difficult to get the regular office work. Dr. Lin will be leaving on April 20th and I have [illegible] that he is the ideal Chairman and Speaker for all occasions. [illegible] and I think we have been able to help him in preparing speeches and in other ways. He is impressing on the public the need for a Christian New Education. We have been very successful. But it is a tremendous problem involving [illegible] which he cannot do unaided. Everyone is enthusiastic about Dr. Lin and we need [illegible] to be overcome this be in [illegible] the [illegible] for students. All who are doubtful are in China. In Shanghai [illegible] it would be wrong for him to return there or if present to return to Shanghai, and he would rather stay in Canton. We can understand the difficulties and perplexities, but I think it difficult to know how to advise him."

"It was noted that Dr. Lin would be broadcasting on Sunday afternoon, May 30th. Mr. Francis Bid was requested to contact Dr. Lin on April 21st and his first engagement was a dramatic meeting on Shanghai on April 4th."

"Miss [illegible] Minutes 5-10. - The Chairman expressed his delight at the presence of [illegible] at a meeting of the British Section of the Board of Governors. [illegible] to say that before his consideration of the position of President Lin [illegible] he would like to hear the President's views in a discussion [illegible] which [illegible] had been asked in the choice of President, and [illegible] the Committee that everything is in the hands of God, another [illegible] of Governors. [illegible] Lin's [illegible] commissioner, [illegible] with remarkable powers of [illegible]. Whatever the war may be, he has been to visit the various groups [illegible] and to secure the active support of the church. 'We humbly [illegible] this morning and assure him that he has our very great sympathy in the present [illegible], and we are ready on this side to do anything that lies in our power to prepare the way for the great future that we still believe awaits Canton.'

President Lin was warmly received. He expressed his pleasure at meeting the members of the British [illegible] and then went on to show how up to the time of the present conflict in China [illegible] progress on every side. He described how the students assisted in [illegible] and [illegible] in Canton and told of his hopes for the future. He hoped [illegible] students in other Universities and when the war ended these students would all return to Canton.

The British Section then went into conference discussing future policies for the University. Finally it was agreed that in the present changing situation no action could be taken on recommendation made, but all hoped that it would be possible to reopen Canton even in a modified form in the coming autumn. The Chairman voiced the feeling of the British section when he expressed the hope that President Lin would still maintain his leadership of Canton through the present emergency and through the days of reconstruction that lie ahead."

"Since Mr. Silcock is visiting China this Spring and plans to be in America in July this year, the West China Board in this country had recommended that the West China Board of Governors meeting should be held in the American continent rather than in Great Britain this year. In view of the decision of the West China Board of Governors it was felt advisable to recommend that the Canton Board of Governors should also meet this year on the American continent. The British section expressed the hope that in 1939 the Board of Governors would meet in this country."

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Extracts from letter (May 2nd) of Rev. A. G. Castleton, Secretary of the British United Committee for Christian Universities in China and extracts from Minutes of meeting (March 29th) of the United Committee.

"We have been so busy with the visit of Dr. Francis Wei and President S. C. Liu that it has been difficult to find time for routine office work. Mr. Liu will be leaving us next week and I have assured him that both in the United States and Canada he will receive a warm welcome. His English is far from perfect and I think we have been able to help him in preparing addresses that he could get across. He is improving in his public speaking all the time and at the last few meetings he has been very successful. But it is as a large-hearted genial brother by which he makes his appeal. Everyone is enthusiastic about him and the more I see of him the more I am convinced that he is just the man needed for Cheeloo. He is very troubled about the future. His wife and family are in Cheefoo. He himself feels it would be unwise for him to return there or at present to return to Cheeloo, and he needs guidance about the future. We can understand his difficulties and sympathise, but I find it difficult to know how to advise him."

"It was noted that Dr. Wei would be broadcasting on Sunday afternoon, May 8th: Dr. Francis Wei was expected to arrive in this country on April 2nd and his first engagement was a drawing-room meeting at Highgate on April 4th."

"Welcome to President [illegible] S. Liu - The Chairman expressed his delight at the presence of a Chinese ~~President of Cheeloo~~ at a meeting of the British Section of the Board of Governors. The Chairman went on to say that during his occupation of the position of President his one hope had been that he would be able to hand over the Presidential duties to a Chinese representative. He felt that Cheeloo had been guided in its choice of President, and he could say with great confidence that everybody in the University, whether staff or students, felt that President Liu had carried through extraordinary difficulties with remarkable success and great tact. Perhaps the best work he had done had been to weld the various groups within the University together and to secure the active support of the alumni. 'We heartily ~~welcome him to~~ this country and assure him that he has our very great sympathy in the present emergency, and we are ready on this side to do anything that lies in our power to prepare the way for the great future that we still believe awaits Cheeloo.'

President Liu was warmly received. He expressed his pleasure at meeting the members of the British Section and then went on to show how up to the time of the present conflict in China Cheeloo was making progress on every side. He described how the students gathered in September and how they dispersed in October and told of his hopes for the future. He knew of 186 Cheeloo students who were guest students in other Universities and when the war ended these students would all return to Cheeloo.

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May 27, 1938.

Ack 5/25/38

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

My dear Garside:

I have your letter of May 25th. We shall change the time of President Liu's leaving Toronto to 6:00 p.m., so that he can get the through sleeper to Boston. We have not yet made any engagement for Sunday evening as we intended to do.

I am glad to know that President Liu made such a favorable impression at the Cheeloo Executive meeting.

Enclosed is copy of his program here so far as has been made.

As you will be interested in the proposal from Honan concerning Prof.E.B.Struthers, I enclose copy of their letter. I shall discuss it with President Liu and you may wish to put it on your agenda for the meeting on the 7th.

Yours sincerely,

A E Armstrong

AEA:C

Changsha, Hunan, China,
April 27, 1938.

Dear Dr. Armstrong:

At a meeting of Changsha Station held yesterday, at which ten members of the Mission including the Chairman, Rev. J. C. Robinson, Misses O'Neill and Stewart, just arrived from Shanghai, and seven others were present, the following actions were passed:

"1. That Changsha Station as an executive unit recommend to the Foreign Mission Board and to the proper authorities of Cheeloo University that Dr.L.B. Shethers be released for service in Changsha for a period of one year, commencing autumn of 1938.

2. That Changsha Station recommend to the Foreign Mission Board that in the event of Dr. L. B. Shethers being released for service in Changsha that Dr. R.H. McClure take regular furlough in the autumn of 1938, and that a full covering letter be sent to the Foreign Mission Board and the proper authorities at Cheeloo University.

3. It was agreed that Dr. Copland and Dr. Parker write the covering letters to the Board and to Cheeloo, and that these be sent direct by Air Mail through Dr. Copland and that copies be sent to all stations of the Mission, also to the Mission Secretary who may wish to add his comments to the Board."

You will recall that some three or four years ago a plan was worked out by the Hunan Mission whereby the furloughs of foreign doctors were spaced so that not more than one doctor would be in Hunan at any one time, and no station should be left without a foreign doctor. It was part of this plan that Dr. Mary Grant should take only furlough in the autumn of 1937, and that Dr. McClure should delay his furlough from 1938 to 1939. While we rejoice that Dr. Mary Grant is now happily married in Canada the result so far as Changsha is concerned is that no foreign doctor is available to take her place here, and during the past few months Dr.McClure has been unavoidably absent for long periods doing very important work for the International Red Cross.

Dr. McClure, like most members of the Mission, has had during the past few months an unusually heavy responsibility under war conditions. But Dr.McClure's furlough is really due at this time. He has several times been in grave personal danger. Since the fall of Nanking last year he has not been able to see his wife or children. The strain of the past few months has been very great on Dr.McClure as well as on his wife. We learn that Dr.McClure has been chosen by the National Christian Council as one of the few foreign missionaries in this country to represent China at the enlarged meeting of the International Missionary Council at Madras in December of this year. The members of the station hope very much that Dr.McClure may be able to attend this important conference and then proceed on furlough to Canada. This will only be possible if the Board and the authorities at Cheeloo University are willing to allow Dr.Shethers to come to Hunan during Dr.McClure's furlough.

The members of the station are aware that Dr. Shethers has been engaged in teaching work for some years, and that while the University may not be open in the autumn the hospital will be carrying on. We are also aware that in view of

Dr. Struthers special qualifications he may well be present to undertake work elsewhere. But we write to urge on the Board and on Dr. Struthers the claims of Kuatiking, his first station in Hunan. Dr. Struthers is a valued member of this Mission, and this is a time when we in Hunan face a critical situation. It is the policy of the Board and of the Mission to have a foreign doctor in each large station, and this is a time when an experienced doctor is required. The members of this station have already passed through several months of critical changes, largely cut off from other stations and without the presence of a foreign doctor. They do not wish to face another such period if it can possibly be avoided. There is a large work to be done in the Hunnies Memorial Hospital and in the various branches connected with it.

We feel that we must appeal now to Dr.Struthers through the Board and Cheeloo University to come to our aid. Our colleagues at Cheeloo are aware that this Mission has for many years done all it can for the University and we now ask for the temporary service of one of our own members on the University staff.

We are sending copies of this letter to Tsinan to the University, and also to Dr. G. H. Ross. We are asking the Cheeloo authorities to write to you by Air Mail. We are also sending a copy of this letter to Dr.E.B.Struthers with a covering letter.

With kindest regards, and assuring you that all members of the station here are safe and well, we are,

Sincerely yours,

(sgd) E. B. COPLAND

E. STEWART FORBES

P.S. May 2. I have been delayed getting back to the Canadian Church Mission by conditions here and am trying to send this out by messenger. Will you send copy of this to E.B.S ? Will you please phone the Boyd girls to say their parents are well ? We are all safe but the situation is very tense just now.

E.B.C.

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	Afternoon	Drive around Toronto	(Mrs. Inksater)
	Tea	at Prof. Menzies to meet Chinese	
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	6:30 p.m.	Dinner with Chancellor E.W. Wallace	
Wednesday June 1:	8:00 a.m.	Leave TORONTO for Chatham	Dr.Armstrong will motor;Prof. Menzies and Mr.Chang will accompany the party; Prof.E.B.Struthers will go as far as Galt
	8:00 p.m.	CHATHAM - Address to London Conference	
Thursday,June 2:	9:00 a.m.	Leave CHATHAM for Galt	
	2:45 p.m.	GALT - Address to Hamilton Conference Return to Toronto	
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June 15, 1938

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

Dear Dr. Armstrong:

You will be interested in the attached copy of this week's bulletin of progress.

Cheeloo has fared quite well during the last week, since the Rockefeller Foundation allocated to it $15,000 of its gift of $85,000. With the money which has now come in through our emergency fund, together with the help given by Great Britain through the Lord Mayor's Fund and the British United Committee Cheeloo should have ample funds to close the present year and to cover the expenses of the summer.

Very sincerely yours,

B. A. Garside

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July 28, 1938.

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Mr. George G. Barber,
Associated Boards for
Christian Colleges in China,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Barber,

Congratulations on the successful completion of the campaign for the $300,000 for the Christian Colleges in China. Absolutely no credit comes to Canada for this success, but nevertheless I am delighted to know that you have under great difficulties carried the enterprise forward to its present gratifying issue.

With best wishes,

Faithfully yours,

A E Armstrong

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August 9, 1938.

ack 8/11/38

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

My dear Garside,

I should have written you before about Dr. R.B. McClure, one of our medical missionaries in Honan, of whom you doubtless know since you know his father, Dr. William McClure of Cheeloo. "Bob" has been for the past year lent by our Mission to the China Red Cross as Field Director for Central China. He was sent as China's delegate (by air Hankow to London) to the International Red Cross meeting in June. He is now here for a few weeks, on his way to China where he has accepted the post of Advisor to a Youth Movement being launched by Madame Chiang. There is probably no Canadian, and few Americans, as close to the situation in China and as intimate with the Generalissimo and his wife as McClure.

Confidential

You should get in touch with Dr. Hume, who has in hand his programme for August 29th and 30th, when he will be in New York. He is one of the most dynamic and resourceful men I have ever met. I hope you can get a goodly number of China Colleges' people together to meet and hear him.

I have suggested to Dr. Hopkins of the W.S.S.A., that he should get in touch with you or Hume in order to be present at some meeting the end of this month.

Hoping you have had or are having or will have a restful holiday, I am

Sincerely yours,

A. E. Armstrong.

AEA:O

MCC. says Chinese Govt opposes any Colleges in Japanese occupied areas carrying on as they wd have to comply with J. orders. Perhaps Dr. Luce has told you; he met MCC here yest.
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Dr. B. A. Garside,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Dr. Garside:

You doubtless have letter from A. E. Clayton, 27th June, accompanied by his financial report for 1937-38. He expresses the hope that the various Boards will take care of President Liu's travelling expenses amounting to $4,417.02 - Chinese currency, I presume.

I feel sympathetic toward this request because President Liu did us all good and helped the cause not only of Cheeloo but of China. I think I can persuade our Executive to make a grant toward his expenses if it is decided that the Boards should be asked to relieve Cheeloo of the amount.

I presume that from Cheeloo funds there will need to be advanced something to take care of the extra expenses of West China Union University due to students from Cheeloo being in attendance there. The same, of course, will apply to Nanking and other Universities.

Dr. William McClure, Mrs. R. B. McClure and her children arrived in Vancouver this week on the "Empress of Japan". Dr. R.B. McClure, who was sent by the China Red Cross by Air to attend the International Red Cross meeting in London, has reached Canada and will be on this continent for six weeks only. He will probably go to New York for the 29th and 30th August. Dr. Hume is arranging for him to see some of the folk.

Madame Chiang is launching a Youth Movement and has cabled "Bob" in London to return immediately to become its adviser. He has decided to accept and has temporarily resigned lest he might cause his colleagues in Honan embarrassment. As you know, the territory in which we are working is occupied by Japanese forces.

Yours sincerely,

A. E. Armstrong

AEA:C

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

Dear Dr. Garside:

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I feel sympathetic toward this request because President Lin did us all good and helped the cause not only at Shasiao but at Peking. I think I can persuade our Executive to make a grant toward his expenses if it is decided that the Boards should be asked to relieve Shasiao of the amount.

I presume that from Shasiao funds they will need to be advised something to work out by the end of the eight weeks of that Union University. Due to students from Shasiao being in attendance there, the same, of course, will apply to Nanking and other Universities.

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Ack 10/6/38

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

My dear Garside:-

Your letter of September 20th was not acknowledged. Our General Council opened its biennial meeting on the 21st and the day your letter arrived, the 23rd, was the day when our Foreign Mission Report was on and I had responsibility for the evening program also.

I was in New York on the 26th primarily to attend a meeting of representatives of Boards working in Korea but I also attended a meeting of Dr. Hume's Committee on Medical Work Overseas.

I quite recognize the difficulty you have in fixing meetings to gear into other meetings so that out-of-town people can attend. I know that it is quite impossible for you ordinarily to manage it.

I am sorry I did not see you on Monday.

Dr. R. B. McClure's plans have changed as you may have heard. He received a cablegram from Hankow advising him to stay longer and promote Red Cross Relief Funds in North America and then revisit England and Sweden for the same purpose. He is now in the Western States, returning here on the 7th and after some meetings and a visit with his family he will sail on the 22nd for Europe and in November will leave for the I.M.C. at Madras, after which he will presumably return to China.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

A E Armstrong.

AEA*S.

November 3, 1938

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

My dear Bert,

I greatly appreciate your letter of October 20, in which you acknowledge our circular letter to the members of the Associated Boards. I am sending this on to Garside's office for it is the undergirding of such support and confidence as your letter indicates that helps the boys upstairs to meet the difficult situations they face today. We greatly appreciate it and know that to the best of your ability you and the others interested in the China Colleges in Canada will stand by during this transition period and beyond.

The fall campaign of the Colleges is opening well here in the states, especially around New York. They have some worthwhile men back of the campaign and I think will have another year of successful financial solicitation.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours

R.E. Diffendorfer
Corresponding Secretary

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November 15, 1938

Dr. A. E. Armstrong
Dr. Seth M. Milliken
Dr. George T. Scott

Dear Friends:

In addition to the enclosed letters which are going to all members of the North American Section I attach for your information an accompanying letter from Miss Florence G. Tyler. She gives her own observations of the situation which now exists at Cheeloo University.

Very sincerely yours,

B. A. Garside

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CONFIDENTIAL

Shanghai
October 23, 1938

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

My dear Mr. Garside:

Miss Schultz and Mr. Mack and I have just come in from Tsinan. Dr. Shields is here for a meeting of Cheeloo University Board and I saw him for about three minutes last night and expect to have a long talk with him tomorrow. In the meantime the China Clipper leaves today and I feel that it might be advantageous for me to get off to you a few reactions which the three of us had at Tsinan and the comments of the Tsinan group on the whole situation there. As for our opinion, we do not value it at anything because we were not there long enough to have real opinions for ourselves, but I do feel that perhaps knowing the type of thing which you would like to know, we can reflect just a bit of the attitude toward opening, staying open, or closing Cheeloo University at Tsinan, and you can throw our opinion in the waste basket if you wish to! Your opinion is probably fully as good, if not better, but there is a very delicate situation there and I do not believe you have quite the information about it yet. The cable which they sent to you did not bring back the answer they wanted nor did it seem to reflect that you had gotten their ideas.

I will send you another letter by the next Clipper after I have talked to Dr. Shields but I am told by the group at Tsinan that his opinion coincides with those with whom we talked there. Furthermore, there seems to be a general opinion there that Dr. Shields' operation has told upon him greatly and that he does not go into this thing as deeply as he would have a year ago. He does not look at all well and I think that they all feel that the last operation has taken a great deal out of him.

We went to Tsinan without any idea that there was difficulty there. I had seen something about the bombings in that neighborhood and the last six hours as we went into Tsinan we went in in complete darkness, our train being about six hours late. I was surprised when we got there to find little indication of damage to the city, although there were sandbags and Japanese sentries everywhere. We were there only a little more than twenty-four hours. We stayed down at the Stein Hotel. I will not go into the details about that.

We met with a group at luncheon composed of Dr. and Mrs. Greene, Dr. Scott, Dr. Gault, Dr. Winfield, Miss Myers and one other doctor and his wife whose name for the moment has escaped me. Dr. Stanley then came and I had an hour with him. I did not claim any connection with Cheeloo University Board but said what you had told me when I left New York, that you would be glad to have me gather up any information about the colleges on the ground which I thought would be to the advantage of the office. This was met with great welcome and instead of staying to luncheon, this group of busy people sat right there until four o'clock, everyone of the, and poured out what I would consider quite an earful! All the statements which I make concerning the situation I put down in writing and checked back with the entire group including Dr. Stanley, and they have all agreed that every one of these statements reflects the opinion of the group on the ground. Here is the situation:

Their situation differs from Yenching in that Yenching did not ask H. H. Kung and the Government if or whether they should stay open but said to Dr. Kung and the Government, "We expect to stay open". This was met with seeming approval by Dr. Kung and the Government and they have asked very definite service of Yenching. There was at first quite a bit of feeling on the part of the alumni of Yenching against staying open in occupied territory. Dr. Stuart told us this was gradually disappearing and that they were more and more coming to see that Yenching was there to serve the Chinese in that community and not in any way to appease on the attitude of the Japanese. Cheeloo Field Board sent Dr. Liu to Dr. King to

say, "May we open?" The Field Board at the same time voted not to open anywhere but at Tsinan or Yenching. Yenching soon proved impossible as Cheeloo's standards are not up to those of Yenching and Yenching of course could not run on two standards. Therefore, that was dropped. Dr. Liu and Dr. Kung could not say, "Reopen in the occupied area" because at once they would lay themselves open to criticism on the part of the Chinese.

May I say right here that I could not detect a vestige of the foreigners in any way setting up their opinion against the Chinese or of there being any division between the two nationalities.

Word came back from Dr. Liu that they were opening in Chengtu about which the Field Board had not in any way agreed, and asked for $10,000 to build extra buildings and very definite people in the faculty. It was the opinion of the entire group that Dr. Liu or Dr. Kung could not have made any other decision and that the error rested with the Field Board itself in not making the decision for them. They all felt that this was a time when they could do for the Chinese what the Chinese were unable to do for themselves. The Central Chinese Government has inspected three institutions in that area with favorable report to the Chinese Government. The Japanese are now asking "Why do you not open the University?" They replied that they had cabled New York for instructions, to which the Japanese are now asking: "Do you always cable New York every year as to whether you would open or not?" They feel that they would not be willing to open under any other basis than that of non-interference, which Dr. Stuart has stood for. They feel very sure that they will lose permission to open if they delay very much longer and that they have worked too hard to get that splendid plant to now walk off and leave it to be occupied by the Japanese. Therefore, the sooner they begin the better, especially before the Japanese begin to make new rules under which colleges or universities may operate.

The present students in West China should continue, they feel, as new students of West China Union University, not Cheeloo. They could just as well be West China, they come from that area and should be enrolled in that University. President Liu in West China running Cheeloo in West China decidedly embarrasses Cheeloo in Tsinan. Let it be WestChina and add some Cheeloo money if necessary, and even President Liu, but not as President of Cheeloo. This is all quoted and approved by everyone of these people, including Dr. Stanley.

No equipment has gone to West China and all letters from there indicate that they are short of equipment of every kind. They have very insufficient equipment to run the college at West China. At the beginning of this Dr. Liu said that he would resign and it seems the general opinion there that he should resign. There are a number of the Chinese in Tsinan who feel that Dr. Liu has played a bit of politics in this whole situation. (If you pass this letter on to anyone I am taking it for granted that you will cut as seems best to you, but I feel that I should give you the whole picture).

Their idea is to start with a small student body and work up from freshman year, as they can prove the worth of their effort. Many students nearby are waiting to go to college and have no place to go. All the staff are there and available. They would start with first year arts and sciences, first year pre-medic and second if qualified students are available, first year medicine if students are available, and really begin again to build up a student body and adjust the student body to the growing situation. The hospital must still go on and this will keep a number of the faculty in Tsinan. Therefore, not many workers would be released. The actions carried by the Board at its former meetings were all unanimous. H. H. Tsui was present and Dr. Lin, also one other Chinese. Many Boards would be slow to move their workers to Chengtu. They feel sure the English Baptists would not go.

They say there has been no bombing at Tsinan and we saw no indications of any. They are inconvenienced by the Japanese soldiers - there is no question of that, but no inconveniences that cannot be overcome. The letters from West China indicate great inconveniences in lack of dormitory space, lack of faculty and lack of equipment.

They say they have been leaning over backward in Chinese leadership but they feel the Americans will have to take the leadership now because the Chinese are greatly hampered by the political situation, and that politics does not enter in to the missionary program.

It seems to me that this is a matter of policy for all the China Colleges. Are we going to leave our buildings and students in occupied areas or will we continue to operate where we can - Ginling and Nanking cannot, but Yenching and Cheeloo could.

The whole group felt that they should have a visit all over China to Cheeloo students and constituency similar to that made recently by Dr. Stuart. It should be an official and it should be a foreigner. There must be no estrangement between Chinese and foreign groups.

There is danger of loss of face for some one in a change now, but they feel that if the colleges were left unhampered by the New York board, a way might be found. They would not wish to alienate Dr. Kung or make Dr. Liu lose face but think it could be managed.

I'm not yet sure of the full action of the Cheeloo Board meeting here but will be after I talk with Dr. Shields who they all say is agreed with them.

I realize this letter has real dynamite in it so ask that you use it with great care.

The Japs are especially opposed to Dr. Liu because of what he said in England and America which they can quote.

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November 26, 1938.

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

My dear Garside:

I received your note of November 15th identical with that which you sent to Dr. Milliken and Dr. Scott, accompanying copy of letter from Miss Tyler, Shanghai, October 28th. I have read it carefully.

I acknowledge also your circular letter of November 15th to members of the North American section and enclosing copies of letter, October 12th, from Shields to Castleton and you and of October 7th from Shields to President Liu; also copy of letter, September 25th, from Shields to friends and copies of letters of September 6th from President Liu to Drs. Shields and Lair, and of October 5th to Castleton, you and me.

I have gone over these communications rather carefully but I suppose any comment now might be useless in view of what may come to us in the minutes of the meeting held in Shanghai on October 24th.* Concerning that Shanghai meeting, I received a letter from our Mr. Hugh MacKenzie, business agent of the Honan Mission, Tientsin, who attended the meeting on behalf of our mission. Unfortunately, he gave me no news except to say that after prolonged discussion they arrived at a unanimous finding. He assumed that I would have the minutes giving particulars and so did not tell me what decision was reached. Hence, as you say in the closing sentence of your letter of November 15th, it would be wiser for us to wait until a report of that Directors' Meeting in Shanghai reaches us.

I note that you feel that a meeting of the Section or at least of the Executive Committee ought to be held in the near future. Do you think it will be necessary if, as MacKenzie writes, they came to a unanimous conclusion? If so, then our Section would probably simply put its stamp of approval upon their agreement. I am, therefore, making no comment on the question at issue, namely, whether Cheeloo should open up as an institution on the campus of the West China Union University; or have Cheeloo students enrol as students of West China Union University; or follow one or other of these two plans and also re-open at Tsinan. I am impressed with what Miss Tyler writes concerning the questions being asked by the Japanese and, relating these questions to our practice in the colleges in Seoul, Korea, that is to say, perhaps we should not yield to the temptation not to carry on as normally as possible simply because there is for the present and immediate future a change of government control. We believe that the alien government is only in China temporarily in spite of the pessimistic editorials of many of our newspapers and religious weeklies. I find our missionaries from China pretty much in accord with Van Dusen's very excellent article in the Christian Century of November 16th. Every friend of China ought to read that remarkable statement of the situation confronting China.

Sincerely yours,

A. E. Armstrong

*deferred from 20th awaiting Liu's arrival

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A STATEMENT AND CALL

to

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

At this time of armed conflict in the Far East and of spiritual tragedy throughout the world the missionaries whom you have sent to the Far East would turn to the Church which sent them forth, to seek with you anew, divine direction and deeper spiritual insight.

It is natural - and we would be less worthy representatives of our Church were it not so - that in the years we have been abroad our sympathies and our love have struck deep roots down into the sub-soil of the national, the social and the emotional life of the people among whom we have lived so that psychologically we belong to the country where our work is carried on; but we believe that so inclusive is the spirit of Christ, that under His banner a Chinese, a Japanese, and a Korean, even at this time, could unite and subscribe to one statement for the Christian world.

It is not the purpose of your missionaries to set forth in order the political or economic factors entering into the situation nor to adjudicate the proportion of guilt attaching to various groups in different lands; our purpose is to call for the strongest possible emphasis upon those moral and spiritual values, which should primarily govern our approach as Christians in the consideration of the fateful conflict now raging. We would point out that the churches in these countries concerned are in great distress of heart as they seek to know their duty to the land they love and their duty to the God they serve - with a confusion of mind not less than that which burdens our Church in Canada when it attempts to define for itself the same question.

Let us remember that while the churches in those lands are yet comparatively weak and unable to exercise the influence upon their governments which might be expected of stronger churches in this country, there are to our knowledge in China and Korea Christians who have committed themselves to a position of pacifism and in Japan Christians who are in the deepest travail of soul through feeling their share of their country's guilt in its action towards China. There are those in these lands who pray for peace rather than for victory.

We would at this time voice again our belief in the validity of the foreign missionary enterprise and recall that in this day of rampant nationalism and economic competition on a world scale the foreign missionary enterprise is the greatest expression of altrustic and supra-national idealism.

We would affirm our conviction that the present situation in the East emphasizes the urgent need for closer co-operation between the older and the younger churches, between all Christian churches, in order adequately to face the world situation now created by false doctrines of patriotism in all lands.

We are persuaded that the present conflict brings a new challenge to our Church to listen again to her high commission and to recall her great commitment to make known the way of life to all peoples, in giving comfort, in bearing the message of peace and in offering a ministry of reconciliation.

Since the outbreak of the war, Dr. Francis C. Wei, President of the Central China Christian University said, "Whether China is defeated or victorious, the need for Christianity and for Christian Higher Education will be greater than ever before. If China shall be victorious, she will have all the greater need for Christianity to use wisely her new position and power. If she should be defeated, she will need Christian courage and wisdom in dealing with the problems that will confront her." The poignancy of the following telegram, from Shanghai, in September needs little elaboration:

> COVET FELLOWSHIP AND SERVICE OF ABLE-BODIED MISSIONARIES SHARING CRISIS. DEPRECATE GOVERNMENT AND SOCIETIES PRESSING EVACUATION ENDANGERING CHRISTIAN CAUSE, GRATEFUL FOR REMITTANCES.
>
> W.Y. Chen, C.Y. Cheng, H.C.E. Liu, S.C. Leung, T.C. Bau.

As there are a million refugees in Shanghai and cholera on a large scale has broken out the point of "remittances" for food and medical supplies is easily understood.

We would then join in prayer with all who likewise feel this burden, confessing our sin that we people of the West have led the way in the use of barbarous methods of modern warfare, that covetousness causes us to share in providing the means for carrying on this conflict and that narrow national interests have dominated our international relations; that we as a Church, in common with other churches of the world, have failed to give adequate leadership in the matter of conflicting national interests.

In the midst of confusion and conflicting emotions, we would pray for clearer vision and for a fresh sensitivity to the leading of the Holy Spirit.

We would join with you in prayer for the Christian Church in Japan, particularly for those Christians who may suffer persecution for their stand on what they believe to be right; for the Christian Church and the Christian leaders in China and Korea.

Let us pray for the soldiers on the battlefield, for the wounded and the dying, for those in the depths of sorrow, for those in the grip of fear or passion.

Let us not forget those who, for a generation to come, will bear the results of this carnage in broken bodies, in diseased minds, in ruined homes, in warped ideals and in moral tragedies.

We would remember in prayer all those who endeavour to alleviate or to solve the difficulties in the present situation, all missions and churches, the colleges broken up by the way, Red Cross units, hospitals and other institutions endeavouring to heal the ravages of war.

We would pray for the governments of Japan and China and for the governments of other lands that the way of peace may speedily be found. Let us pray unceasingly that the causes of war may be eliminated and to this end that our land will join with others in a sincere attempt to banish strife and to usher in a new world order based upon righteousness and love as revealed in Jesus Christ.

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THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

Board of Foreign Missions
299 Queen St., West
Toronto 2, Canada

May 23, 1940

Rev. George T. Scott, D. D.
Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions
156 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Dr. Scott:-

Since the meeting of the Cheeloo Board of Governors I have continued to think about the issue that was raised there regarding the number of foreign staff belonging to Cheeloo University that is assembled at Tsinan.

You will recall that the matter was opened by reading Dr. Armstrong's letter addressed to Dr. Garside. I had seen the source of his information which was a letter from one of our most trusted men on the field who has recently returned to China and is temporarily stationed at Tsinan. His statement was to the effect that there were about one hundred students and "about fifty-nine American and British connected with the University living here."

What is has to say is borne out in a general way by the items in the budget. You will notice that the total budget for Cheeloo in Tsinan is considerably higher than the total budget for Cheeloo in Chengtu. The estimate of contributed missionary personnel is nearly five times as great as that of Chengtu. Apart altogether from the estimate for the hospital, the amount estimated for medical college is considerably higher in Tsinan than in Chengtu, although no medical students are being trained at the former place. I tried to emphasize some of these matters at the meeting but there was such a display of local loyalty on the part of members of the staff who were present and former members of the staff who were members of the Board that I finally gave up the attempt, but the matter has troubled me somewhat ever since.

You will recall that Dr. Ruland also spoke of the same matter in giving his report. I mentioned it to Dr. Lobenstine and to Dr. Hume and found that both of them were of the same opinion. I do not know that anything can be done about it but I thought I would write you this letter more or less confidentially and get your mind on the matter.

With personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

JHA*S

Jesse H. Arnup

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COPY for Dr.Garside

June 12,1940.

Rev.Jesse H.Arnup, D.D.,
299 Queen Street,West,
Toronto,2,Canada.

Dear Dr.Arnup:

Re Cheeloo University

Your letter to me of May the twenty-third regarding the foreign staff of Cheeloo University in Tsinan arrived in New York while I was away at our Presbyterian General Assembly. Immediately upon my return I took the matter up with Dr. Ruland, the China Secretary of our Board; Dr.Ruland and Dr.Garside also discussed the situation.

As Dr.Garside is the official correspondent for the institution, I asked him to write to you, which he did under date of June 4. He has forwarded to me a copy of his letter and a copy of the list of foreign members of the Cheeloo staff in Tsinan in the spring of 1940. He has also suggested that I send you an acknowledgement of your letter with such comments as I might wish to make.

I believe that Dr.Garside's letter to you will answer many of the questions which you have in mind, and I hope satisfactorily. My own thought is somewhat as follows. It seems from this distance that there is an unduly large staff in Tsinan, but I realize that it is difficult to judge the situation from this distance. The Tsinan staff doubtless feels that it is probably not too large for the safe-guarding of the extensive properties, for carrying on and enlarging still further the various training courses now in operation, for conducting the hospital, and for planning for the resumption of more or less regular work in Tsinan in not too distant a future. Also there are probably other reasons, as for instance the mature age of some members, children in the family, etc., which make it unwise for some of them to go to Hangkeng, fly to Chengtu and try to catch on the temporary and crowded conditions there. In this paragraph I am doing my best to see the point of view of the group in Tsinan.

On the other hand, I personally wish that more of the foreign staff could be in Chengtu. This year Dr.and Mrs.Sargent of our Board are going. He has just gotten his Ph.D. in English. Dr.Arabella Gault of our Board will probably also go later if her health permits, and Dr.Theodore Greene may go, although both Dr.Greene and Dr. Gault are highly useful people in the hospital. But if another X-ray expert is there, Dr.Greene might be spared.

It also seems to me that there are a couple of infelicities in the field of administration, which would be remedied if the Acting President, Dr.Lair, were not the Treasurer also; not only do I feel that such an administrative set-up is ordinarily unwise, but in this case I also feel that an Acting President in Tsinan has too heavy responsibilities to be Treasurer also. Mr.Chandler in Tsinan might be such a Treasurer.

(Dr.Armup-2.)

6/12/40.

Or if there is someone else for Treasurer in Tsinan, then Mr.Chandler might become Treasurer in Chengtu and cooperate with Tsinan. I don't know what would be the best arrangement but I do feel that the University on the field needs a Treasurer who is neither the Acting President in Tsinan nor the President in Chengtu.

At our annual meeting in New York a few weeks ago you started to raise questions which I think were going to be along these lines, and I, as Chairman, wished to defer the discussion for a little later in the docket where I thought these questions would be more pertinent. Before we reached that point you had left the room. When we arrived at that place on the docket I asked Mr.Reisner if he would try to find you in the building and ask you to come back for that discussion. He could not locate you and we regrettably had to go forward without the benefit of your counsel.

Dr.Garside has suggested an early meeting of the Executive Committee of the North American Section to consider this and other matters related to Cheeloo. I have authorized him to sound out a number of members of the committee and if he believes it wise, to call a meeting, and if advisable to coopt a few members of the Section not on the committee in order to insure a representative attendance.

In these terrible days our hearts go out in an unusual way to you and Armstrong and other dear friends whose nations are suffering so severely for reasons which so far seem to be beyond control.

Sincerely yours,

(G.T.S.)

George T.Scott

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CC to Dr.Garside

Dear Mr. Chamberlain:

Thank you very much for your letter of June 7th. I am very pleased to have your comments on the Bacteriophage and Virus Symposium. I hope that we may have a chance to discuss the matter further when I come to Washington in the Fall.

As you know, I am very much interested in the Symposium and I hope that we may have a good attendance. I am also very much interested in the Bacteriophage Symposium and I think that it should be a very valuable one. I am sure that there will be a great deal of interest in it and that it will be a very successful one. I am also very much interested in the Virus

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June 12,1940.
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Dr.B.A.Garside,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Garside:

Re Cheeloo University

Your letter to me of June 4th inspired by Dr.Arnup's letter to me of May 23 which I shared with you contains two suggestions: (1) that I myself write to Dr.Arnup acknowledging his letter and commenting on his questions. I shall do so, although I feel that your letter to him of June 4, including a list of Cheeloo staff members in Tsinan, has probably answered his questions. (2) You ask about the advisability of a meeting of the Cheeloo Executive Committee in the near future. This is probably wise under the circumstances. If you need authorization from me for such a meeting, I hereby give it. It might be well to check with Dr.Millikin and Mrs.Phillips and perhaps one or two others before definitely setting the time for the meeting. I would suggest coopting for the meeting Dr.Lloyd Ruland and making sure that some representative of the Methodist women's Board can attend.

I am planning to be in New York next week and my schedule is so far free except for Monday morning, the 17th and Friday afternoon, the 21st. I may be away from New York the last week of June.

Sincerely yours,

G. T. Scott

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JULY 1942

My dear Evans: Herewith Bob McClure's (extracts) letter to his wife. I find that a copy was mailed you on 21st; I mailed another for you & Parker yest. But you can pass on this third copy to someone.

How curious that such a rumour got to N.Y. that Bob or his father had died. We w'd have a cable from Chungking or Chengtu if Bob died; Dr. Wm McClure is well & lives with Bob's family at 228 Glengrove Av., W., Toronto. Dr. Wm is at present visiting his brother in Quebec.

Cordially. Armstrong.

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August 6, 1942.

ack 8/10/42

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

Dear Mr. Evans:

Your letter containing the long cable from Chengtu reached us when Dr. Armstrong was on holiday. It arrived only this morning, and it is quite out of the question for him,or even for me,to leave tonight for your meeting tomorrow.

There is little one can say that is likely to be helpful, but one or two observations may be in order.

1. The matter does not come as an entire surprise to me. Along with others of our group, I have been intensely anxious regarding the situation at Chengtu and, after what was told me prviately by the group remaining at Tsinan, I have not been able to muster full confidence in the wisdom and integrity of Dr.Liu. Granting that he is a strong man, I think that sooner or later trouble with his staff was inevitable.

2. The situation in which we find ourselves emphasizes a question which often comes to mind, namely, how long can we in America hope to exercise effective administrative control over these universities in China ?

3. If we are to retain effective control,I think that more frequent personal interchange of observations and personal expression of authority will be necessary. We have flirted with the idea of sending out a coordinator for the work of the associated universities in Chengtu. In spite of the war I think this is the time to do it. I would send one of the most competent men of our group. If there would be any chance that Dr. Decker could go, he would make a good man. Failing him, I think that Dr. Eric North, or possibly Dr. H. P. VanDusen would be my nomination. Either of those men has the missionary insight and the type of mind which would be useful for investigation and effective in action. Failing a member of our own group, I would approach the President of some prominent University. The Associated Boards is important enough to ask for almost any type of service and big enough to pay the cost to meet such an emergency. I would give such a man large authority but expect him to keep in touch by cable with the office in New York. It looks to me as if a major crisis is looming up in our Chengtu situation, and these are the steps I would propose to meet it.

Probably none of these observations is to the point, but they represent my immediate reaction to the reading of your cable. I should very much appreciate an opportunity to sit in and hear the discussion tomorrow.

Wishing you all strength and wisdom,

Yours sincerely,

Jesse H. Arnup

JHA:C

August 10, 1942

Dr. J. H. Arnup
200 Queen Street West
Toronto 2, Ontario

Dear Dr. Arnup:

Your good letter of the 6th, together with our telephone conversation were of great help in the thinking of the Steering Board on Friday afternoon. There was no phase of the subject which was not discussed and, as a result, the following cable was forwarded last night:

"GOVERNORS APPROVE ENLARGED ADVISORY COMMITTEE PREPARED TO SUPPORT THEIR UNITED ACTION. CONCURRENCE CHAIRMAN BOARD OF DIRECTORS HIGHLY DESIRABLE. FOREGOING SUBJECT TO CONCURRENCE OF BRITISH SECTION. REQUEST FULL REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER THIRTIETH ENSUING MEETING NEW YORK."

We are reporting this to the British Section for its consideration.

Many, many thanks to you.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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(Dictated 8/8/42)

August 27, 1948

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

Dear Dr. Armstrong:

The enclosed memorandum from Dr. Scott contains the outline for a proposed brochure to be issued on behalf of Shanghai Christian University. You will note that Dr. Scott has suggested that you might be good enough to help us by contributing a statement. We would be deeply grateful if you could find it possible to send us a contribution at your convenience.

Please let us know if this plan meets with your approval. We shall be happy to send you any reference material in our possession. It is our hope that this booklet will be in the press by the first of October.

Gratefully yours,

Oliver J. Caldwell

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August 14,1942.

Dr. Oliver J. Caldwell,
Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Caldwell:

I find on my desk copy of your booklet on Shantung Christian University. There is no date on it but I do not seem to have seen it before. I think it is the best one you have done. Congratulations!

Yours sincerely,

Jesse H. Arnup

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September 1, 1942.

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Mr. C. A. Evans,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. J.

Dear Mr. Evans:

Returning from holiday I find your letter of August 28th " To the Members, Board of Governors, North American Section, Shantung Christian University".

I am sorry that I will no be on hand tomorrow for the meeting. I could not go this week even if I had been in the office recently instead of on vacation until last night.

I write particularly to say that if the Cheeloo people from Tsinan, such as Dr. Lair and others, express the wish to have D. K. Faris present at the Board of Governors meeting on the 30th, and if you decide he should come and are willing to meet his traveling expenses from Vancouver return, our Board will be agreeable, and I as a member of the Board of Governors will be willing to join others in approving the expenditure involved.

Mr. Faris has spoken to me about the desire expressed by Dr. Lair, and I think by others who were his fellow passengers on the Gripsholm, that he should meet the Board in connection with the suggestion that Cheeloo should, after the war, specialize on rural service. Mr. Faris handed me a copy of the one page statement issued by some of the members of the Cheeloo University community who were on the steamer. Presumably you have one, but I enclose a copy.

Please do not think that I am moving in the direction of having Mr. Faris make the long journey. I leave to those who will be with you the decision on that matter. Mr. Faris is quite willing to come and, because of his keen interest in and responsible for the training of leaders in rural work in China, is I think, rather eager to come if it is thought that he can be of assistance in the discussion of making Cheeloo more than ever before a centre for training rural service leaders. I recognize that the time may not yet have arrived for discussion of post-war policy for Cheeloo, or for other Christian universities in China. It may be that that should be postponed. On the other hand, it may be that now is the time to discuss questions of this nature, especially in view of the studies being made in other directions, for example, the Study Conference on September 23rd, in connection with the Committee of Reference Counsel, of which you are doubtless aware.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

A. L. Armstrong

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June 3, 1942.

Before we, foreign members of the former University community, move elsewhere in accordance with repatriation plans, we desire to record our conviction of the value of Cheeloo University's work in Tainan in past years, and to express our earnest hope that its resumption in post-war years will be possible.

In the event of such resumption being possible, we desire that it should be marked by increasing co-operation with central and local government authorities, with the leaders and organizations of the Christian Church, with other Christian universities in China, and with government educational institutions.

Should resumption of the full work of the University in Tsinan be feasible after the war, we consider that the following courses should be offered:

(a) College work up to graduation in Arts (4 yrs.), Science (4 yrs.), Medicine (5 yrs. in addition to PreMedicine), Theology (4 yrs.), Rural Service (5 yrs. including final year of supervised field work).

(b) Special Courses, in continuance and development of the work of 1939-41 and earlier: the five colleges to be responsible for these Courses.

Note: While it is hoped that in the future the special contribution of the University will be in the field of Rural Service, we are strongly of the opinion that the Arts and Science Colleges should both continue full graduate courses (four years), for only in this way can the quality of students and faculty of both of these Colleges and also of the Rural Service, Medical, and Theological Colleges, which in part depend upon them, be maintained; and thus the standard of work, the quality and size of student enrolment, and the finances of the whole University be put upon a sound foundation.

We are of the opinion that the Rural Service College should offer Postgraduate courses leading to a higher degree. Graduates from other colleges wishing to pursue postgraduate studies should, as a rule, avail themselves of opportunities provided at other universities.

In this connection, we record our conviction, gained through the recent years' experiment of the Rural Service Special Course, that the development of this line of work in the future will be of real value to China provided we obtain (a) a first-class teaching staff, and (b) government cooperation in opening fields of service for graduates.

We recommend for careful consideration the paper, prepared by Mr. D. K. Faris and Dr. G. F. Winfield, entitled "Musings on a Rural College in Cheeloo."

We are glad to realise that other groups will also be thinking and hoping for a possible future of the work in Tsinan after the war. The above opinions are offered as a contribution to the cooperative thinking which would seem to be a necessary prelude to future success.

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Dr. C. A. Evans,
Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Evans:

Just a note to say that Faris is here now, and I think everything has been completed for his crossing the border tomorrow night. We will travel together by C.N.R. & Lehigh. I am trying that route after using the C.P.R. and N.Y.C. in recent years, because the latter is very crowded.

I see that I have neglected the matter raised in Dr. Caldwell's letter of August 27th, namely sending something in the way of a contribution toward the proposed folder on Shantung Christian University. I was supposed to write on " A Canadian view of Cheeloo" . Perhaps while I am in New York I can find out if it is too late to sending something on my return.

I enclose card indicating that Faris and I will attend the dinner on Wednesday evening.

Yours sincerely,

A. E. Armstrong
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Sept. 30th, 1952.

Dr. C. A. Pantin,
Associated Country for Christian Citizens in Crime,
120 Elm Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Pantin:

Thank you for your letter of the 24th inst. and I think everything that is going to be done should be carried out. Meanwhile the minutes have been completed for the Canadian Conference, copies of which I am sending you. Meanwhile I am trying that Miss Mann will be able to send you the C.W.B. and W.M.S. in recent years, because that is what is asked for.

I see that I have overlooked the matter referred to in Dr. Coleman's letter of August 27th, namely, whether Canada should contribute to the work of a Conference of Christian Citizens. I am referring to the conference, not to an organization. Certainly I am in favor of this, but I do not know what it is to be and I do not know how it is to be financed. Perhaps we may be able to discuss some of these problems when I am in New York on Monday next.

I enclose some information that may be of interest to you. I am Miss Mann's only assistant at present.

Yours very sincerely,

Willard Bremner

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November 28, 1942.

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

Dear Mr. Caldwell:

I am just writing to inquire whether or not you have prepared the proposed pamphlet on Cheeloo. You wrote asking me for a contribution for it as long ago as August 27th. I was on holiday and on my return was plunged into several things by way of arrears. After my visit to New York in late September, I hoped to write something and then I had to go to the Maritime Provinces from which I returned three or four weeks ago, and have come across your letter again. I recognize that as Chairman of the Cheeloo Board I ought to write something if it is not too late. A card from you indicating whether or not you have printed it will be acted upon promptly in case you will want a brief message. If so, something of the nature of it will be appreciated as a guide.

Sincerely yours,

A. E. Armstrong

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Dec. 12,1942.

ack 12/16/42

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

My dear Evans:

Re D. K. Faris' Expenses

W. S. OK

Paid 12/18/42
No. 8465

I have received from Mr. Faris a statement showing his expenses account attending Cheeloo Board meeting in New York. They total $127.80. He did some speaking for us in Ontario, at which meetings collections were taken. I think, therefore, if you are satisfied to send me $50.00 it will take care of that portion of his expenses which perhaps might reasonably be charged to Cheeloo Board.

Faris has sent me a copy of his short letter to you dated November 10th.

We cabled West China saying that he would like to go there early in 1943. A reply has come saying that they would like to have him for district work. This is not in line with what he would like to do, namely rural work in connection with Cheeloo and West China Universities, but I am suggesting to him that he go to West China, leaving himself in the hands of Mission Council.

I have yours of the 3rd inst. stating that you are sending twenty-five copies of the Annual Report of the Associated Boards. If they have not been sent (we have no word from Customs here of their arrival) will you please hold up the shipment and let me know. We would prefer to send you a list of addresses to which to send individual copies and thus avoid trouble with the Canadian Customs. We would, of course, pay you for the extra cost of mailing them.

Yours sincerely,

A. E. Armstrong

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November 30, 1942

Dr. A. E. Armstrong
The United Church of Canada
299 Queen Street, West
Toronto 2, Canada

Dear Dr. Armstrong:

Thank you very much for your letter which arrived this morning. We shall be grateful if you will prepare a statement of some kind for our Cheeloo booklet. It seems to me particularly appropriate for you to do so, as chairman of the Board of Governors.

I am at a loss to suggest the nature of your message, but it has occurred to me that in these days some emphasis on the interdenominationalism and the internationalism of the Shantung University enterprises, might be particularly valuable. We shall be happy to receive any statement you may care to make.

Cordially yours,

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O. J. Caldwell

December 16, 1942

Dr. A. E. Armstrong
The United Church of Canada
299 Queen Street West
Toronto 2, Canada

Dear Dr. Armstrong:

Your letter of December 12th is at hand and I am enclosing check for $50.00 toward the expenses of D. K. Faris. This is a very reasonable allocation of costs. I am glad to note that plans are moving forward whereby it is possible he will be permitted to go to West China. We shall be glad to collaborate in any way in this connection.

It must be that the first 25 copies of the Annual Report are held at the Customs and if you prefer they may be refused, which would mean that they will be returned to our office. We shall be glad to send any number of these reports to lists which you may provide.

Plans for the meeting next Monday are shaping up beautifully and we hope for a very inspiring day.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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December 21, 1942.

ack 12/28/42

Mr. C. A. Evans,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Evans:

Have you anything recent on the matter of Shuming T. Liu and his relationship to Cheeloo? I presume you have the statement prepared by the Cheeloo Advisory Committee. If not, let me know and I will have a copy made and sent to you. It is a two page typewritten statement signed by Wu Keh-ming, Chairman of the Advisory Committee of the Board of Directors, dated Chengtu, July 31st.

I have a letter dated October 12th, from Dr. Gerald S. Bell, Secretary of our West China Mission and member of the Board of Directors of Cheeloo in West China. In it Dr. Bell discusses the meetings of the Advisory Board and the difficulties about getting Dr. Liu to implement "his intention to resign". But I suppose you have more recent information than that.

With season's greetings to you and to all in the Associated Boards' offices, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

A. E. Armstrong

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December 28, 1942

Dr. A. E. Armstrong
The United Church of Canada
299 Queen Street West
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Dear Dr. Armstrong:

The last word we had regarding Shuming T. Liu was contained in a letter from Miss Priest which came to hand last week. It was also amplified by a letter received from Dr. Edgar Tang which is being circulated to members of the North American Section.

In brief, President Liu returned to the campus and tried to carry on in spite of the action of the Advisory Committee, stating that the appointment of the Advisory Committee had been illegal and that he still is President of the University. Acting President Tang has been delegated to visit the Ministry of Education at Chungking in an effort to straighten the matter out. That is where the matter stood on November 2nd. If you have any later word than this we will appreciate receiving same.

We were sorry indeed that none of the Canadian contingent were with us on the twenty-first. The day was a most profitable one and presented a worthwhile point of departure for things which are to come. The minutes are voluminous and are being worked upon at the present time.

With every good wish to you, and with the Season's Greetings to the entire staff at 299 Queen Street, I am

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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Mr. C. A. Evans,
150 Fifth Ave.,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Evans:

Your letter of December 22nd conveying cabled Christmas greetings signed by the five Presidents of Colleges located at Chengtu, was received and I read it to our Honan group at a meeting they held last evening. We are wondering if S. T. Liu was one of the five signers or if acting President Tang signed as we hope he did. ok

I note your letter of December 28th and if anything comes to me from West China concerning Cheeloo I will let you know.

The package of annual reports of the Associated Boards arrived, and they are being mailed out to Board members and others.

You will have a letter dated December 21st from Don Faris. It, together with a covering letter from Don, will be considered by our Honan group which now represents the Honan Mission and has that status with our Board. Our Board Executive will also consider it at a meeting in January and decide what advice to give Faris re his future. One thing we will have to make clear to him is that he is not regarded as permanently on the staff of Cheeloo, but has been an extra to our quota of three men, (Struthers, Menzies, and a successor to Ross). I gather from Don's letters that he may be considering that he is to remain with Cheeloo for rural work. He is still, like any other member of the North Honan Mission, subject to assignment to field work if he returns to West China and when he ultimately returns with the others to North Honan.

You will have the letter from Slater, December 2nd, and the minutes of the meeting held at Edinburgh House November 20th. I think it is splendid that under all these circumstances of war they had raised in Britain for the "Aid to China Fund" the impressive total of 221,000 pounds. It is very gratifying to learn that Madame Chiang, after consulting with the British Ambassador, had made an allocation of 25,000 pounds to "Christian Institutions of Higher Learning". That will be a substantial help.

I think consideration should be given to minute 332, and to Slater's comment upon it regarding use of another name for promotion purposes than that of 'Cheeloo' which, as he points out, "means little or nothing" to the general public.

With season's greetings,

Sincerely yours,

A. E. Armstrong

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