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BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS  
OF THE  
METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
150 FIFTH AVENUE  
NEW YORK, N.Y.

January 9, 1941.

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

Dear Mr. Evans:

Thanks for the check for \$670.00 for Soochow University. This is being forwarded with the pertinent information through Treasurer Fuller in Shanghai.

Future payments can be made through our office inasmuch as the work in China formerly administered by Dr. Wasson is now added to my responsibilities. He is taking over the work of the new Board in Latin America.

Very truly yours,

*Frank T. Cartwright*  
Frank T. Cartwright  
Associate Secretary

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*Check to Mr. Fuller*

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BOARD OF MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION  
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150 FIFTH AVENUE

NEW YORK, N. Y.

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February 6, 1941

Dr. Joseph I. Parker  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York

Dear Irving,

This will merely confirm a personal conversation. I refer to the request that Dr. Y. C. Yang, President of Soochow University, be considered for some scholarship aid by the Committee of the Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China. The Trustees of the Kirkpatrick Fund have agreed that the income for 1941 may be used to apply on the travel expense of Dr. Yang and his family. I have received word from Union Theological Seminary that they have assigned to him one of the missionary scholarships for 1941-2. This is in the amount of \$450. I understand that the recommendations have been made by the Committee for this year, and I am sending this note to you only that Dr. Yang's case may have the attention of the Committee as and when any of the recipients of this year's scholarships prove unable to accept.

Sincerely yours

*Frank.*

Frank T. Cartwright  
Associate Secretary

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150 Fifth Avenue  
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Sincerely yours

*Frank E. Cartwright*  
Frank E. Cartwright  
Associate Secretary

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February 10, 1941

Dr. Frank T. Cartwright  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York City

Dear Frank:

I will briefly acknowledge your letter of February 6, regarding President I. C. Yang.

As you noted in your letter, our funds for the year 1941-42 are all allotted and any money that might be available for Dr. Yang would be in case some of the allotments were not used. Even then, the question would have to await the completion of our Sustaining Fund campaign to make sure that all the money would be available. We will keep this in mind in case there is any opportunity for us to reconsider our allotments.

I believe Mr. Caldwell has suggested Dr. Yang's name for a scholarship at the University of Pennsylvania. In view of the arrangement at Union Seminary, should this application at the University of Pennsylvania be followed up, or should it be withdrawn?

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

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THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL  
CHINA ANNUAL CONFERENCE  
The Methodist Church  
316 Yu Ya Ching Road  
Shanghai, China

February 25, 1941

Dr. Frank T. Cartwright, Secretary  
Board of Missions, The Methodist Mission  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Cartwright:

President Y. C. Yang of Soochow University is proceeding to America on Sabbatical Leave, under authorization of the Soochow University Board of Trustees. He can hardly be spared from the work at this time, but all feel that he should go, in order to be more ready for carrying out the great program of the University ahead.

Dr. Yang has the total cause of the Church at heart, and no man in China is better fitted for reporting to the Board and to the Church at large in America the actual situation and needs of all phases of our church work in China. He is thoroughly informed and a speaker of unusual capacity.

While he is proceeding to America at a time of great difficulty, I feel confident that the Church will try to give him every opportunity for seeing our educational work and for keeping in touch with our Church and Mission leaders while he is in New York.

He brings his wife and son with him, and our Church in China sends them with very highest esteem and concern.

The Soochow University Board of Trustees very much hopes that the Board can see Dr. Yang's general expenses through this leave in America, thus relieving the University of that obligation.

The following resolution as passed by the University Board gives our action in this regard:

- " (1) That the Board has heard with great interest and deep satisfaction the annual report of President Y. C. Yang, and hereby authorizes the publication of the report for distribution to key members of the University Constituency, both in China and in the United States of America.
- (2) That with reference to the action of the Executive Committee, recommending President Yang's taking at this time the sabbatical leave voted several years ago, the Board unanimously advises Dr. Yang to push to completion the plans tentatively initiated, and to proceed with his wife and son to the United States by the first available steamer.
- (3) That the Board heartily endorses Dr. Yang's plan of spending part of his sabbatical year in study in New York City, where he can establish more

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intimate relations with our Board of Missions and the Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China. The Board suggests that Dr. Yang also visit other Methodist Colleges and Universities in order to make valuable contacts and to gain suggestions for the future development of Soochow University.

- (4) In order to give President Yang full assurance of all necessary financial support, the Board
- a. Appropriates whatever sum may be needed to cover the return travel of Dr. Yang and family to China.
  - b. Authorizes Dr. Yang, whenever necessary, to draw on the Board of Missions appropriation to Soochow University for the current year up to U.S. \$2000, for expenses that may be necessary during his leave in America.
  - c. Undertakes to refund Dr. Yang on his return to China any emergency expenditure, such as for medical and dental bills not paid by the Board of Missions."

Thanking you for any assistance that may be given them in this difficult period, I am

Sincerely yours,

/s/ S. R. Anderson

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150 FIFTH AVENUE

NEW YORK, N.Y.

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March 21, 1941

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Mr. Parker  
Associated Boards for Christian Colleges  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York City

Dear Mr. Parker:

Attached is a letter from S. R. Anderson, which is being sent you for information, will you please return to me, or to our files as soon as you have gathered from it the essential information.

It seems extra fine that the Board of Trustees of Soochow University has found itself able to make such generous provisions for Dr. Yang and his family while they are here in this country. We certainly want to use him just as effectively as possible both in the meetings of the Associated Board and also in the cultivation on behalf of the Associated Board and for the total Christian program in China.

Sincerely yours,

*Frank T. Cartwright*  
Frank T. Cartwright  
Associate Secretary

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Mr. Parker  
Associated Boards for Christian Colleges  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York City

Dear Mr. Parker:

Attached is a letter from S. H. Anderson, which is being sent you for information, will you please return to me, or to our files as soon as you have gathered from it the essential information.

It seems extra fine that the Board of Trustees of Bowdoin University has found itself able to make such generous provision for Dr. Yang and his family while they are here in this country. We certainly want to use him just as actively as possible both in the meetings of the Associated Board and also in the cultivation on behalf of the Associated Board and for the total Christian program in China.

Sincerely yours,

*Frank T. Carpenter*  
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Associate Secretary

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December 4, 1941

Dr. Frank T. Cartwright  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Cartwright:

I am not sure whether we should address this letter to you or to Dr. Wasson in respect to Soochow University. However, we will send it along to you, and you can refer it, if necessary, elsewhere.

Attached hereto are the minutes of the meeting of the Committee on Finance held on October 17. The actions of this meeting were approved by the Executive Committee on November 10. In action F-1281, Soochow University is requested to furnish \$609.00 as their share in the 1941-42 budget of the Associated Boards. In the introductory paragraph, preceding this vote, is a notation of the way in which these shares were determined by the Committee on Finance.

There will be an immediate credit against the 1941-42 budget, in accordance with vote F-1284, section (b), which provided for distribution of credits from unused balances of the 1940-41 budget. For Soochow University this credit amounts to \$21.62. We will appreciate having this presented and the necessary approval secured from whatever group in your Board is in charge of the affairs of Soochow University.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

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March 9, 1943

Dr. Frank T. Cartwright,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Cartwright:

Yesterday afternoon the following cable was received from William Penn under date of March 5th from Kukong:-

"SOOCHOW TRUSTEES SUSTAINING UNRECEIVED TISHEN DESPERATE  
CABLE 10000 STOP UNEXPECTED THIRD LAW UNBALANCES KUKONG  
WHICH DIVERSION REQUIRES ROUGHLY 20095"

Mr. McKensie tells me that he has on hand \$11,000 with none of the \$4,500 authorized December 22nd having been drawn. There is still \$3,250 due Soochow from A.B.C.C.C. sustaining funds for the last quarter which we are hoping will be received. Apparently the application of one-third of December's authorization to the Law School upset the calculations at Kukong. However, it doesn't reconcile with the request of \$20,095.

Of course we have no funds at the present moment to cable Soochow as all of the Soochow appropriations so far this year have been paid over to Dr. Ehnes. Finally, there doesn't seem to be any chance for a larger appropriation from the Associated Boards for Soochow this year.

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

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CC for Dr. Y. C. Yang

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Dear Dr. Cartwright: On July 22 we sent you a cable which reads, "University funds exhausted: urgently need 6700 gold balance 1942-3 budget, continual operation demands storing rice against famine -TBSHEN". We are literally broke and are trying to arrange for another bank overdraft. We hope by the time this letter reaches you, you will already have sent us the money so badly needed.

As you know the main reason for our financial shortage is due to the fact that our Law School did not send in its 1942-3 budget on time and as a result one third of the funds budgeted for the Arts and Science Colleges in Kungong was actually diverted to the Law School in Chungking. We made repeated requests through Dr. W.P. Fenn to the Associated Boards in New York for an additional grant to make up this loss but only got a vague reply that your Board would try to meet our needs. So you see if the money fails to come we shall find ourselves that much in the hole.

For the 1942-3 we only received through Mr. Fuller as from your Board U.S. \$3,000 for Kungong and US \$1,500 for Chungking, making a total of US \$4,500. As the total amount promised was US \$7,095, we are still expecting the balance US \$2,595 to be paid to us immediately, quite apart from the appropriations for the next year, 1943-4.

As to the 1943-4 budget the amounts asked from New York are CNC \$860,000 for Kungong and CNC \$200,000 for Chungking. We recently got word that there will be US \$25,000 available from the UCR sustaining fund, but no mention as to the amount of the Board of Missions grant. As the amounts promised us for 1942-3 were Board of Missions US \$7,095 and UCR US \$13,000, we expect that the appropriations for 1943-4 would be kept in the same proportion; namely Board of Missions US \$13,000 and UCR \$25,000. The amount of our work is already doubled and the cost of living is three or four times big as compared with those for last year. We hope your Board will make substantial increases in your grant and will make quarterly payments soon.

When you make your payments for 1943-4, please divide between Kungong and Chungking according to the amounts asked for in the budget, namely, CNC \$860,000 for Kungong and CNS \$200,000 for Chungking or roughly four and one. We hope the arbitrary ratio of two thirds and one third be discontinued. In case the Law School should want to get a larger grant than it asked for in the budget, it should apply for an additional grant and should not get money originally budgeted for the College of Arts and Science. I have also written Pres. Yang and I think he will agree with me on that point.

We here all feel very strongly that Pres. Yang should come back early this autumn. We feel that we are only responsible for carrying on the work in an emergency but we are not qualified for nor prepared to make any important decisions that have far-reaching significance. The period immediately preceding the close of the war would be the time for making such decisions. If we should stay in Kungong for the duration of the war, we should add more buildings which might easily cost half a million Chinese dollars. If we should move to Chungking, we should begin to make transfers right now. Otherwise, it would be too late. In all these matters we need Pres. Yang's personal direction. I hope you will realize our situation and urge Mr. Yang to return to us soon. In any case I shall consider myself at liberty to leave the University if Dr. Yang does not return before the end of this year.

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BOARD OF MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION  
OF THE METHODIST CHURCH

150 FIFTH AVENUE

NEW YORK, N. Y.

DIVISION OF FOREIGN MISSIONS

September 2, 1943.

Dr. Y. C. Yang  
✓ Mr. C. A. Evans

Dear Friends:

Bishop G.C. Lacy of Foochow in an undated letter which reached here on July 7th discussed Soochow University. I think that paragraph should be shared with each of you because Bishop Lacy has had rather lengthy acquaintance with the work of Soochow University due to his long residence in Shanghai.

"In the assignment to educational institutions I notice that you have included Soochow University Arts and Science but not the Law College. I do not know whether I have written you my dissent from Dr. Nance and Acting President T. L. Shen and possibly Pres. Y.C. Yang that the Law College should continue to be self-supporting and not draw upon university funds from America for its support. I think Bishop Chen heartily agrees with me, that as things have developed the Law College is the part of Soochow University that is the most worth retaining, as the distinctive contribution which Soochow University has to make in whatever Higher Educational work the Missions carry on after the war. And furthermore, that it is MOST DESIRABLE to tie the Law College as closely to the church as possible, even with grants of money from the Board of Founders or designating givers, rather than to accentuate what has all along been a troublesome tendency to independence. Dr. Nance talked with me at some length in Shanghai upon the relationships of the colleges. I urged Y.C. Yang long before he went to USA to take his Law College and move to Chungking and thus establish his position as president of the Law College as well as of the rest of the university, and put the Law College where it ought to be both in the country and in the program of the church. Well, that water has run away. But now T. L. Shen is very jealous lest money for Soochow University be diverted to the Law College when he needs it at Kukong for Arts and Science. This tussle has registered itself in grants made by the UEF or Associated Boards, and Madame Chiang's British Fund. I talked to Bill Fenn about it when he was here and I think he more or less agrees with my position. Anyhow, I hope when you are making any more allocation of funds for educational work you won't ignore or slight Soochow University Law College."

Sincerely yours,

*Frank P. Cartwright*

Frank T. Cartwright  
Associate Secretary

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September 10, 1943

Dr. Frank T. Cartwright  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Cartwright:

I am grateful for your letter of September 2nd, of which a copy was sent to Dr. Y. C. Yang. This related to the statement of Bishop Lacy regarding Soochow University.

I have since conferred with Dr. Yang and believe it is proper for us to recognize that in every instance where money has been sent to China, since Pearl Harbor, for Soochow that Dr. Yang has insisted that one-third be sent for the Law College. He has called my attention to this fact and I am passing it on to you in case the opportunity comes in communication with Bishop Lacy to call his attention to Dr. Yang's agreement with Bishop Lacy's attitude. I also heartily concur in Dr. Yang's statement.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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Soochow University  
Kukong, Kwangtung  
September 20, 1943

Dr. F. T. Cartwright  
Methodist Board of Missions  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York City, U.S.A.

Dear Dr. Cartwright:

I hope by this time you have received both my cable and letter sent on July 22 and Aug. 7th. respectively. A week ago we got a remittance of CNC\$117,000 (equivalent to US\$4,000). We presume this is the money to meet our request for making up the amount diverted from us to the Law School in Chungking, for the year ending July 31st, 1943.

Before this receipt we had practically no money for current expenses. Although we received CNC\$35,000 from the British United Aid and CNC\$60,000 from the Ministry of Education, bulk of all the money combined had to be used to pay for unfinished building contract and storage of rice against local famine. So we are left with a sum of about CNC\$100,000 which can only enable us to last till the end of October. I hope by the time this letter reaches you, you are about to cable to Mr. Fuller a quarter of US\$12,000 which we expect to be the appropriation from your Board for the year 1943-4. In this connection may I re-iterate our earnest request that, if possible, appropriations be paid to us at least three months in advance, not in arrear as it is now in practice?

Enclosed you will find the materials required by the UCR, including a budget for 1944, a financial statement for the last academic year 1942-3, and a project report sheet for 1943. I hope they reach you in time for study and action.

I am writing a long letter to President Y.C. Yang. If you do not mind, will you kindly make a copy of the enclosed set of materials for his reference. I make this request simply for the sake of saving time and expenses. In my letter I am again urging him to return long before the end of the present academic year. I honestly believe and frankly insist that now is the most opportune but critical time for Pres. Yang to resume his leadership which is badly needed by our beloved institution now in my temporary charge.

Thanking you for your support and cooperation,

Yours sincerely

(Signature in Chinese)

T. L. Shen, Acting President

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SOOCHOW UNIVERSITY  
COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCE  
TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR 1944

I. Income:

1. Student Fees (200 students) .....	\$	90,000
2. Government Grant .....		100,000
3. Associated Boards & Mission .....		1,750,000
4. Miscellaneous .....		54,000
		<u>\$1,994,000</u>

II. Expenditure:

1. Salary & Allowance .....	\$1,235,600
20 Teaching Faculty ....	\$792,000
12 Adm. & Staff .....	275,600
15 Servants .....	168,000
2. Department & Library .....	350,400
Chemistry .....	129,600
Biology .....	62,400
Physics .....	62,400
Library .....	96,000
3. Office .....	96,000
Fuel & Water .....	9,600
College Bulletin .....	28,800
Printing .....	14,400
Stationery .....	14,400
Postage & Telegram .....	9,600
Travel .....	14,400
Social .....	4,800
4. Repairs & Equipment .....	144,000
Repairs .....	72,000
Furniture & Equipment ...	72,000
5. Scholarship & Medicine .....	72,000
Scholarship .....	33,600
Medicine .....	33,400
6. Contingent .....	96,000
	<u>\$1,994,000</u>

III. Education

1. Universities, Colleges & Schools

Name of Institutions Soochow University  
College of Arts & Science

No. of Teaching Members

Full Professors	<u>8</u>
Associate Professors	<u>1</u>
Instructors	<u>5</u>
Lecturers	<u>    </u>
Assistants	<u>1</u>
Part Time Teachers	<u>    </u>

TOTAL

15

No. of Administrative Staff

Department Heads	<u>9</u>
Clerical Staff	<u>5</u>

TOTAL

14

No. of Students

Male	<u>109</u>
Female	<u>35</u>

TOTAL

134

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PROJECT REPORT SHEET

(Project supported by funds from UCR 1943 campaign)

Agency Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China

I. Name of Project Soochow University

II. Description

1. Evacuation of two more faculty members and their families from Shanghai, one via Hankow and the other via Foochow.
2. Construction of a new (bamboo plaster) girls dormitory for 60 students with attached toilet and bathroom at Kukong; an auditorium, six classrooms and an office and reading room at Chingking.
3. Current Program: Arts and Science Colleges moved to new quarters; Science College extended cooperation with Lingnan University which began to resume its College of Science and Engineering; Law School federated with University of Shanghai College of Commerce and resumed graduate school; all branches readmitted girl students.

III. Cost

1. Evacuation (Shanghai to Kukong) .....CNC \$ 20,000
2. Construction .....CNC \$400,000
  - Girls dormitory, Kukong .....CNC\$150,000
  - Law School building, Chungking ....CNC\$250,000
  - From British United Aid .. \$240,000
  - " Chungking Alumni .... 100,000
  - " Kweilin Alumni ..... 60,000
  - " other sources ..... 70,000
3. Current Budget
  - Arts & Science Colleges .....CNC \$ 1,000,000
  - From Ass. Bds. & Mission ..\$860,000
  - " Ministry of Educa..... 60,000
  - " Student fees ..... 40,000
  - " other sources ..... 40,000
  - Law School .....CNC \$ 360,000
  - From Ass. Bds. & Mission ..\$200,000
  - " Ministry of Education 50,000
  - " student fees ..... 100,000
  - " other sources ..... 10,000

IV. Number of Persons Involved

- Arts & Science Colleges
  - a. In administration or on staff 24
  - b. Aid as result of work 134 (students)
- Law School
  - a. In administration or on staff 34
  - b. Aid as result of work 194 (students)

(signed)  
T. L. Shen, Acting President

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SOOCHOW UNIVERSITY FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS & COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCE

Kukong, Kwangtung

April 1, 1942 - Aug. 31, 1943.

	<u>Cr.</u>	<u>Dr.</u>
1. Evacuation Fund .....		\$140,000.00
Ministry of Education .....	\$100,000.00	
American Ad. Com. ....	40,000.00	
2. Construction Fund .....		471,181.28
Associated Boards .....	187,000.00	
British United Aid .....	254,181.28	
Kweilin Alumni Ass'n .....	30,000.00	
3. Current Fund .....		412,434.21
Ministry of Education .....	70,084.63	
Associated Boards .....	194,832.00	
Methodist Mission .....	89,187.00	
Other Contributions .....	6,950.60	
Student Fees .....	44,470.00	
Miscellaneous .....	6,909.98	
4. Emergency Relief Fund .....		30,000.00
5. Student Loan Fund .....		60,316.22
Ministry of Education .....	60,000.00	
Refund from Students .....	316.22	
TOTAL .....		<u><u>\$1,113,931.71</u></u>

1. Evacuation .....	\$174,595.92
2. Construction .....	428,791.50
3. Current .....	342,489.32
4. Emergency Relief .....	18,671.00
5. Student Loans .....	8,656.38
6. Special Acct. (suspended) .....	29,935.25
TOTAL ...	\$1,003,142.37
BALANCE ...	110,789.34
	<u><u>\$1,113,931.71</u></u>

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STATEMENT OF CURRENT FUND  
SOOCHOW UNIVERSITY  
ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS & COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCE  
Kukong, Kwangtung  
Apr. 1, 1942- Aug. 31, 1943.

Receipts:

Student Fees .....	\$ 44,470.00
Grants .....	361,054.23
Ministry of Education .....	\$ 70,084.63
Associated Boards .....	194,832.00
Methodist Mission .....	89,187.00
Contribution .....	6,950.60
Miscellaneous .....	<u>6,909.98</u>
TOTAL .....	<u>\$ 412,434.21</u>

Expenditure:

Salary & Allowance .....	\$147,261.87
Department & Library .....	69,942.10
Office .....	41,614.10
Repairs & Equipment .....	56,127.05
Scholarship & Medicine .....	6,767.20
Contingent .....	<u>20,777.00</u>
TOTAL ...	\$342,489.32
BALANCE ...	<u>69,944.89</u>
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BOARD OF MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION  
OF THE METHODIST CHURCH

150 FIFTH AVENUE

NEW YORK, N. Y.

October 11, 1943.

Dr. Y. C. Yang<sup>x</sup>  
Chinese News Service,  
30 Rockefeller Plaza  
New York City

Dear Doctor Yang:

Herewith the copy of a letter which just arrived from T. L. Shen. This is so important as expressive of his attitude, and perhaps the attitude of others in the Arts College, that I am sharing it with you and with Mr. Evans, at once. It seems to me that we should get together as soon as possible to talk over this problem.

Will you be free to lunch with me on Wednesday? If so, I would appreciate it if you would phone to me on receipt of this letter. We are closed all day Tuesday, the 12th, but will be open Wednesday and I shall be away from the city for the remainder of the week, leaving Wednesday afternoon. My next open date would be Tuesday, the 19th.

Sincerely yours,

F. T. C.  
Frank T. Cartwright  
Associate Secretary

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✓ Copy to: C. Evans

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January 29, 1944

Dr. Frank T. Cartwright  
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Dear Dr. Cartwright:

Herewith copy of the faculty list of the  
Associated University of Shanghai and Soochow now  
in operation at Chungking.

According to a telegram from Dr. William  
Fenn received on November 1, 1943, the School of  
Commerce of this Associated University had 283  
students, and the School of Law had 186 students.

I judge from the information given in  
this list that a good many of the faculty are giv-  
ing only part time to teaching, the rest of their  
activity being in business or governmental service.

Sincerely yours,

Charles H. Corbett

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BOARD OF MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION  
OF THE METHODIST CHURCH

150 FIFTH AVENUE

NEW YORK, N. Y.

February 8, 1944

Dr. Y. C. Yang  
✓ Dr. W. B. Nance  
Mr. C. A. Evans

Dear Friends:

Herewith a copy of a letter received from T. L. Shen and which I have had prepared for several of you who are interested in Soochow University.

Last week we cabled authorization to Treasurer Fuller to provide \$11,000 U.S. for the two sections of the University. Today we have a cablegram from him in which was included the statement that the above amount had been drawn.

I have written to Mr. Shen stating that our Board of Missions is providing only \$5,000 U.S. instead of the \$12,000 which "we expect to be the appropriation from your Board." I do not know where he gained the idea of the \$12,000. I have pointed out that our Board appropriation is \$5,000 and that through our cooperation in the Associated Boards we are providing \$25,000.

Just as soon as Dr. Yang is again available here in New York, we want to bring together the group which has been officially related to Soochow so that we can talk at length and thereafter plan wisely for this school in which we have so deep an interest.

Sincerely yours,

*Frank T. Cartwright*  
Frank T. Cartwright  
Associate Secretary

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Mr. Evans  
9<sup>th</sup> Floor

F. J. Cartwright

BOARD OF MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION  
OF THE METHODIST CHURCH

150 FIFTH AVENUE

NEW YORK 11, N. Y.

February 18, 1944

Dr. T. L. Shen  
Soochow University  
Kukong, Kwangtung, China.

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COPY TO: C.B. RAPPE W.B. NANCE  
G. FULLER ✓ C.A. EVANS  
Y.C. YANG

Dear Dr. Shen:

A few days ago we cabled authorization to Treasurer Fuller to make available for the two branches of Soochow University, the sum of \$11,000, this to be considered as payments through March.

In spite of the request in your August 7th letter that funds be divided on the ratio of your askings (CMC \$860,000 for Kukong and \$200,000 for Chungking) we have made no division of funds. We feel that the Division of Foreign Missions should not arbitrarily make these divisions. They should be made either by the Emergency Board of Managers in West China or by the Board of Missions on request of the Emergency Board of Managers. I think you understand why we are taking this position. Certainly until there is a meeting of the several men and women representing the Shanghai Committee this Secretary could not conscientiously make so important a decision.

Now let me discuss the finances of the school, questions being brought out in your August 7th letter and the September 20th letter. This latter one, by the way, was copied so that copies could be sent to the Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China, President Yang, and to Dr. Nance.

In your letter you requested that a copy be sent to the United China Relief. We are doing this but only for their information inasmuch as the contributions that come through U.C.R. for universities and colleges are made to and through the Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China.

I have looked through various records, going back to the days of the Board of Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church South and I cannot find any place where an appropriation to Soochow University was made or promised in the sum of U.S. \$7,095.00 as stated in your August 7th letter. The only appropriations of which I can find record are in the amount of \$5,000. These are printed in the last appropriation sheets of the Nashville Board and I think they were continued in that same amount following the union of the Methodisms. Since that is the case our accountant can find no "balances U.S. \$2,595. quite apart from the appropriations for 1943-44."

Now let us consider the resources in American dollars that are available. There is the annual appropriation from the Division of Foreign Missions of \$5,000 U.S. This is for a fiscal year beginning June 1 and ending May 31st. Mr. Evans tells me that the Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China hopes to provide \$25,000 which will be available for July 1, 1943 to June 30, 1944. One-half of the above amount has been paid and one-quarter of the balance will be paid in a few days. You will note that the fiscal years of the two contributing bodies do not coincide.

The Board of Missions does not and cannot match the contributions of the Associated Boards because this inclusive body receives large gifts from United China Relief as stated above. These are relief gifts and therefore are outside the regular appropriations of our Division.

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There is, however, a Methodist Relief Fund from which it is possible that you and your colleagues have been able to secure some financial aid. The General Conference of our Church set up the Methodist Committee on Overseas Relief. Bishop Herbert Welch is Chairman and this committee has raised a large sum of money annually for war relief in many different countries. A large proportion of this total goes to China, and is distributed by a Methodist Committee with headquarters in Chungking and the funds go to all parts of Free China. Some of the money is for direct war and famine relief. Some is for aid to Christian workers....pastors, teachers, doctors, etc. on the basis of need. If you and your colleagues have not been in touch with that committee, I suggest that you write at once to Treasurer Fuller for it may be possible that they can give some additional aid.

Without in any way criticizing the decisions made when it was decided that part of the institution should go to Kukong and part to Chungking, I want to be fair and above-board in this correspondence. I want to interpret what I think is the attitude of the Board of Missions and of its Executives. I think I am also expressing the judgment of Bishop Arthur Moore. The Board is not at all warm toward any expansion at Kukong. The fact that we have no Methodists in that area, and that a return to Soochow or to some other part of regained China will make it necessary for Soochow University to start almost from the group up in rebuilding a student body, leads us to feel that any building program at Kukong or any considerable expansion of student body would be unwise.

We concur in the judgment of the Emergency Board of Managers in assigning funds to that part of the University and to the Law School. At so great distance we feel that we must not interfere in the decisions which are made there in China. But we express the hope that no expansion will be made either in the student body or building program. Any expansion would, under present inflationary conditions, involve large sums of money, sums which at present neither the Division of Foreign Missions nor the Associated Boards can provide.

I greatly wish we could talk this matter over face to face. It is difficult to express oneself clearly yet sympathetically in a letter. This is especially true when I have not had the privilege of meeting you during my days in China. I want to assure you, however, that not only I but my colleagues in the Division of Foreign Missions, are warmly interested in your splendid institution and we hope that it can weather the storms of these days.

The portion of your letter that had to do with the urgent need for President Yang to return will, of course, have to be answered by him. Let me say, however, that I have sat frequently with him and with other Soochow friends wrestling with the problem of what he should do. None of us westerners feel that we can, with propriety, advise one way or the other. There are urgent reasons for his going to China as soon as possible, there are urgent reasons arguing against it. Some of these latter reasons are governmental, some of them are physical and family reasons. Only he and Mrs. Yang can possibly know all of the facts which need to be weighed. Personally, I have deep confidence in him and in his consecration, and I expect to stand by him regardless of which decision is made.

Again expressing hope for the days ahead both for your section of the University and for the Law School, I am,

Faternally yours,

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Frank T. Cartwright  
Associate Secretary

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SOOCHOW UNIVERSITY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
Hotel Irving, N. Y.  
March 24, 1944.

The meeting convened at the dinner table at 6:30 on Friday, March 24th, 1944 with Dr. J. W. Cline, Chairman, presiding. This was an informal meeting of the Trustees and faculty members of the University, and the following were present:

J. W. Cline, Chairman	W. B. Nance
Bishop W. Y. Chen	C. A. Evans
Pres. Y. C. Yang	M. O. Williams
J. C. Hawk	F. T. Cartwright
J. W. Dyson	E. M. Stowe

Present by invitation were: Bishop W. Y. Chen, C. A. Evans and Frank T. Cartwright.

Opening prayer was offered by Dr. J. C. Hawk.

Bishop Chen was asked to give his impressions of the situation as regards Soochow University at the time he left China. After the Bishop's statement, there was a lengthy, general discussion followed by the following actions:

IT WAS MOVED by Dr. Hawk that we refer to a special committee the question of the return to China of former faculty members or of other missionaries with educational experience so that the two Deans will have foreign advisers and helpers.

This was carried, and the committee was named as follows: Dr. Cline, Dr. Yang, Dr. Cartwright, with Bishop Chen and Bishop Moore, ex-officio.

IT WAS VOTED that we suggest to the Division of Foreign Missions the appointment of a group to function as a committee representing the Church as Founder in (a) cooperating with the Emergency Board of Directors in West China; and (b) working with the Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China to help promote the interests of the University in the United States.

President Yang raised the question as to whether he should now resign in view of his inability to return to China in the near future on grounds of health, obligations to the Chinese Government and service which he can render both internationally and in Church lines by remaining in the United States.

IT WAS VOTED that we express our hope that Dr. Yang will continue as President during the period ahead, and that we express our willingness to work with him in the promotion of interest in America on behalf of Soochow University, and that we request Bishop Chen to convey this judgment to the Emergency Board of Directors and to the alumni.

The meeting adjourned at 10 P.M.

Frank T. Cartwright,  
Secretary pro tem.

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BOONCHOW UNIVERSITY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
Hotel Irving, N. Y.  
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The meeting was held at the dinner table at 8:30 on Friday, March 24, 1944 with Dr. J. W. Gline, Chairman, presiding. This was an informal meeting of the Trustees and faculty members of the University, and the following were present:

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| J. W. Gline, Chairman | W. H. Wance       |
| Bishop W. Y. Chen     | C. A. Evans       |
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The meeting adjourned at 10 P.M.

Frank T. Gartrwright,  
Secretary pro tem.

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BOARD OF MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION  
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NEW YORK 11, N. Y.

April 5, 1944

Pres. Y. C. Yang  
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J. W. Cline  
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J. C. Hawk  
J. W. Dyson  
Miss Louise Robinson  
S. R. Anderson  
M. O. Williams  
✓ C. A. Evans  
E. M. Stowe

Re: Soochow University Board of  
Trustees Meeting

Dear Friends:

The attached notes which were taken of the meeting held in the Hotel Irving will come to you as a memorandum to enable you to recall the things that were said and done there. Any of you who are listed in these minutes as having some particular duty in connection with the work of the University will consider the minutes as a specific reminder of that fact also.

Will you set your minds at work upon one important problem? Please suggest the names of some men and women here in the States who, in your judgment, would be good members of the proposed committee to be set up by the Division of Foreign Missions to represent Soochow University. These can then be considered by the Division, and the most promising ones can be approached regarding willingness to serve, thus allowing an intelligent appointment. Past experience shows that we need a goodly number of "prospects" in order to secure a modest number of working members of such a committee.

It was a splendid evening of fellowship, even though some did feel that we had to ramble over a great deal of territory in order to get the business done. Personally I feel that the occasions when we bring our minds to bear upon the common problems are really benefited by giving some seemingly discursive treatments, instead of attacking the main problem first, or seeking to formulate motions too early in a meeting. There is a happy medium which can be found between too close attention to business and too scattered a line of thinking and discussion.

I know that you will join in prayers for the success of the various phases of university service in China, so that after the war we will hope for a greater university than has ever been seen in pre-war days.

Cordially yours,

*Frank*  
Frank T. Cartwright  
Associate Secretary

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BOARD OF MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION  
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Apr. 10, 1944

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Dear Friends:

I have just received a letter from C. B. Rappe, who is Secretary of the Board of Managers in Chungking for the Soochow University. This letter was written on Feb. 19th. It dealt with several matters, and spoke very warmly of the work that R. T. Henry is already doing in his task there in Chungking. There is one paragraph, however, that is of extreme importance to all of us connected with Soochow University, that paragraph reads as follows:

"The affairs of Soochow University are in such a precarious state that we wonder if the Institution is going to survive. Recently the Dean of Arts and Sciences who was really the strongest man that they had in Kukong resigned. This he said he was forced to do because of the inefficiency of the acting President Dr. T. L. Hsen. There is great dissatisfaction among all the Alumni of the school with the acting President and many of the best members of that staff also have resigned. Some of the Alumni are now advocating the removal of the Institution to Chungking and if President Yang can not return from America to head the Institution, they advocate the appointment of Mr. Dykstra of our Mission as Chancellor of the University. This would still leave Pres. Yang in his present position. I think you ought to take this matter up at once and let us have your suggestion, for it is imperative that something be done at once."

I assume that the name Dykstra is a mis-spelling for Dyson. I do not know who is acting as stenographer for Mr. Rappe, but evidently there was that slip of the typewriter.

What comments do you have?

Yours, with good wishes

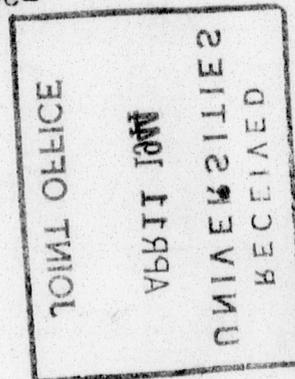
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Frank T. Cartwright  
Associate Secretary

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Letter to: J. W. Cline, Chairman  
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BOARD OF MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION  
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Apr. 10, 1944

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DIVISION OF FOREIGN MISSIONS

March 15, 1945

Dr. Y. C. Yang  
Chinese News Service  
30 Rockefeller Plaza  
New York City

Dear Doctor Yang:

I am very happy to report that without any question or discussion the staff recommended to the Division the following action:

"Allocation of Prof. J. W. Dyson to promotional-administrative work on behalf of Soochow University relating this work to the office of the Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China;

"A grant from the Emergency Fund up to \$50.00 monthly to cover necessary office and administrative expenses;

"Any costs incurred in connection with promotional work are to be charged either to the regular university appropriations or to receipts from such promotional campaign."

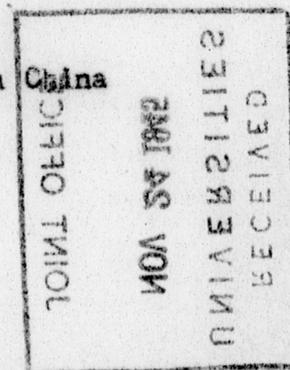
At the meeting yesterday this was unanimously approved by the Executive Committee. This action clears the way for you and Dr. Dyson to discuss with the Secretarial group of the Associated Boards the details of arrangements.

Sincerely yours,

*Frank T. Cartwright*  
Frank T. Cartwright  
Associate Secretary

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Copy to: J. W. Dyson  
✓ Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China



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BOARD OF MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION  
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DIVISION OF FOREIGN MISSIONS

March 15, 1945

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Dear Doctor Yang:

I am very happy to report that without any question or discussion the staff recommended to the Division the following action:

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Sincerely yours,

*Frank T. Carpenter*  
Frank T. Carpenter  
Associate Secretary

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