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Biological Laboratories,
Harvard University,
Cambridge, Mass.
Oct. 2, 1940.

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Mr. Joseph I. Parker,
Associated Board for Christian
Colleges in China,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Parker:

May I have the pleasure to express my gratitude to you and the Associated Board for your scholarship grant to me which has a great deal to do in making possible my plan of coming to America to study. My present plan is to stay for two years, and I wish I may also have the honor of receiving help from you next year.

Enclosed please find a letter of introduction from President Yang. Originally I expect to spend a few days at New York and to call at your office on my way to Boston. Unfortunately, because of the repeated delay of our ship, I did not arrive at San Francisco until Sept. 23 and as the school started on the 23rd, I have to come here directly. I hope I can come to New York for a visit during the Christmas holidays. Pres. Yang wishes very much that I can have the chance of calling on you personally. If there is anything I can do on behalf of Soochow University, or the A.C.C. of Shanghai, please let me know and I would be most willing to render my service.

May I request you to send the sum to me or let me know about the rules of payment? I have found after I come here, that the tuition as well as the living expenses here are high and I am not financially well equipped. I hope there will be chance that you can extend further help to me either from surplus of your budget if any or from inquiring for a scholarship from the Rockefeller Foundation. Pres. Yang is ready to give me any testimonial and recommendation in case there is a possible offer as he is eager to have me back on staff to make complete the Biology Department. I hope that I am not trespassing you to far as I am a little bit worrying about my financial situation which may eventually influence and interrupt my study here. With thanks for all your kindness, I am

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Respectfully yours,

Hui-Lin Li

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Biological Laboratories,
Harvard University,
Cambridge, Mass.
Oct. 8, 1940.

Mr. Joseph I. Parker,
Associated Board for Christian
Colleges in China,
130 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

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Respectfully yours,

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October 8, 1940

Mr. Hui-lin Li
Biological Laboratories
Harvard University
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Mr. Li:

I am very grateful indeed for your letter of October 2, and to know that you have arrived in Cambridge and have gotten started on your work. We will look forward to seeing you sometime during the year. We quite understand how it was necessary for you to proceed to Boston at once upon your arrival.

In accordance with your request, I am sending you a check for \$300, which is the entire amount of your scholarship grant. I hope that this will make it possible for you to carry through the year. I do not see any possibility of our having any other funds available, as all of the cash which we had for this purpose has been allocated.

We will soon be taking up the question of scholarship grants for the year 1941-42. In connection with this, I hope you will send us soon an estimate of what help you may need for next year, so that we may take this into consideration as we are studying our plans for the coming year. Our difficulty will be, of course, to find sufficient funds to meet all the requests coming to us.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

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Biological Laboratories,
Harvard University,
Cambridge, Mass.
Oct. 24, 1940.

Mr. J. I. Parker,
Associated Board for Christian
Colleges in China,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Parker:-

Thank you for your letter and the check of \$300. I am also very grateful that the Board is considering making grant to me for the year 1941-42. Please excuse me from not answering promptly, as I like to know more fully about my conditions here and thus will be able to make a more accurate estimation.

My expenses next year include tuition \$420, living expenses for 12 months (@70) \$840, and fare for return trip \$200, amounting to a total of \$1460. I plan to apply for a scholarship from the University here early next spring which will probably cover the tuition. As my own money will be exhausted for the expenses this year, it is my hope that the Board may give me a generous cash grant as to cover my living expenses here.

Kindly give me an early notice so as to allow me to have a more definite plan for next year as well as for the present academic year. With thanks for all your helps, I am

Respectfully yours,

Hui-Lin Li
Hui-Lin Li.

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Biological Laboratories
Harvard University
Cambridge, Mass.
Oct. 25, 1940.

Mr. J. I. Parker,
Associated Board for Christian
Colleges in China,
120 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Parker:
Thank you for your letter and the check
of \$200. I am also very grateful that you send a con-
tinuing monetary grant to me for the year 1940-41. Please
excuse me from not answering promptly, as I had to know
more fully about my conditions here and thus will be able to
make a more accurate estimation.

My expenses next year include tuition, living ex-
penses for a program (1940-41), and travel for return trip
to home, amounting to a total of \$1000. I had no other
scholarship from the University here early next spring which
will probably cover the tuition. As my budget will be
exhausted for the expenses this year, it is my hope that the

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board may allow me to have
the expenses covered by the
grant. I am sure that you will
be able to help me in this
matter. I am very grateful for
the present grant and hope
that you will continue to help
me in the future.

Respectfully yours,
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October 31, 1940

Mr. Hui-Lin Li
Biological Laboratories
Harvard University
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Mr. Li:

Thank you for your letter of October 24, including the information regarding your needs for next year.

During November we will probably be having a meeting of our Committee on Scholarships to consider what may be done with the very small amount of money we have available. At that time your request will be considered. I must warn you, however, that the help which may come from the Associated Boards will not cover all of your needs. The amount which we will have must be divided among teachers from several of the Colleges, and since the amount is decidedly limited, it will mean that the amount to each one will not be very large.

I hope you will keep us posted as to any developments in connection with scholarship help you will be getting from the University.

If we can help in any way in securing a scholarship, we will be glad to do so.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

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Biological Laboratories,
Harvard University,
Cambridge, Mass.
Jan. 3, 1941.

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

Dear Mr. Parker:-

May I request you to inform me at your
convenience about the sum of scholarship fund granted me by
the A. C. C. Board for the year 1941.

As to the scholarships of Harvard, applications have to
be sent in during February, but the announcement will not be
made until April. Thus I have no idea about the result, and
they told me that the competition is very keen owing to the
large number of graduate students here.

In case a grant is given by Harvard, funds will not be
available until fall. As I am very much in need of finan-
cial support during the first ^{half} year and summer of 1941, may
I request that the grant of A. C. C. Board be given to me
sometime early in 1941. My work will be completed in the
Spring of 1942 and thus I will not have any further request
from the A. C. C. Board other than the amount granted this
year. Your permission will greatly relieve me from finan-
cial difficulties and will allow me to carry on my work
without interruption.

With thanks for your help, I am

Respectfully yours,

H. L. Li

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Biological Laboratories,
Harvard University,
Cambridge, Mass.
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Mr. J. I. Parker,
Associated Boards for Christian
Colleges in China,
150, Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

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With thanks for your help, I am

Respectfully yours,



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January 9, 1941

Mr. H. L. Li
Biological Laboratories
Harvard University
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Mr. Li:

I have your letter of January 3, asking about the scholarship grant for the year 1941.

I am afraid that this letter will be somewhat of a disappointment to you in regard to arrangements for this spring. The amount of \$300 which was granted you for this year was made for the school year of 1940-41. It was our understanding from President Yang that with this amount of help you would be able to carry through your first year of study, because either you or the University in China was providing the means for the support of your family, and for the additional expenses other than that covered by the \$300 from our funds and the tuition scholarship given by Harvard.

Last week we had a meeting of the Scholarship Committee, at which time I presented to them your request for scholarship aid for the year 1941-42. All the funds for this academic year which we have available have been allotted and paid, and the next money which will be available will not be payable until next September, it being available for use in the school year beginning September 1941, and ending in the spring of 1942. The Committee gave careful consideration to your request and allocated from the small fund available for next year the amount of \$400. This allotment was made with the understanding, of course, that you would be able to get your tuition scholarship from Harvard, and would be continuing your study there in the fall of 1941.

I am very sorry indeed that we have no funds to which we can turn for additional assistance in this school year, but I hope that you will be able to find the necessary money which will carry you through the rest of this year. The money which has been allotted for next fall has not yet been raised. It will come from gifts which will make up the Sustaining Fund in this year's campaign. Most of the money that comes in gets to us late in the fiscal year, so that it is not possible to draw upon these funds until they are available, which is the reason for their not being usable prior to September.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

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ARNOLD ARBORETUM, HARVARD UNIVERSITY
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MASS.

Feb. 1. 1941.

Mr. J. I. Parker,
Associated Board for Christian
Colleges in China,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

Li

Dear Mr. Parker:

I am very grateful to learn from your letter that the Associated Board is making another grant fo me for 1941-1942. I am sorry that I have not been able to send an immediate reply on account of the many examinations during the last two weeks.

Begin from next week, we will start for the second semester. I am glad to report^{to} you that my work is in very good progress. I have just passed my qualifying examination. My research work is carried on at the Arnold Arboretum and is also in good shape.

With thanks for your continous help, I am

Respectfully yours,

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Mr. J. I. Parker,
Associated Board for
Colleges in Charge,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

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your letter that the Associated Board is making
another grant to me for 1941-1942. I am sorry
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also in good shape.

With thanks for your continuous help, I am

H. L. L.

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Arnold Arboretum,
Harvard University,
Jamaica Plain,
Mass.

Aug. 25, 1941.

Dr. J. I. Parker,
Associated Boards for Chinese
Christian Colleges,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

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Dear Dr. Parker:-

During the summer, I am working on my thesis here at the Arnold Arboretum of Harvard University. It may take only a part of the next academic year for me to finish up my thesis and apply for the final examination. After that, it is my plan to visit the large herbaria at Washington, Chicago, St. Louis, San Francisco, etc., and study their collections of Chinese plants. Although I may stay here in Harvard for part of the year, I hope I am entitled to receive from you the whole amount of the grant so as to make possible for me to finance partly my trip to these various places which I consider to be an important part of my education here in America.

Please address me in care of the Arnold Arboretum, I
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Respectfully yours,

Hui-Lin Li

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Arnold Arboretum
Harvard University
Jamaica Plain
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Aug. 20, 1941.

Dr. W. I. Baker,
Associated Boards for Chinese
Cultural College,
140 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.
Dear Mr. Baker:

During the summer, I am working on a
thesis here at the Arnold Arboretum of Harvard University.
It may take only a part of the next academic year for me to
finish up my thesis and apply for the final examination.
After that, I plan to visit the large herbaria at
New York, Chicago, St. Louis, San Francisco, etc., and
study their collections of Chinese plants. Although I may

stay here in Harvard for part of the year, I hope I can
enlisted to receive from you the whole amount of the grant
so as to make possible for me to finish partly my trip
to these various places which I consider to be an important
part of my education here in America.
Please advise me as to the time of the grant.

Respectfully yours,
How-Tsin Tsao
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August 26, 1941

Mr. H. L. Li
c/o Arnold Arboretum
Harvard University
Jamaica Plain, Mass.

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Dear Mr. Li:

I am very glad to have your letter of August 25, telling of the progress of your work and your plans for the year.

I see no reason why your plans should upset any part of the grant which has been made for your year's work from our funds. Our Scholarship Committee will have to be reviewing our whole situation for the coming year, owing to emergencies which have arisen during the summer, but I foresee no change in the grant which has been made to you.

Sincerely yours,

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Arnold Arboretum,
Harvard University,
Jamaica Plain,
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Sept. 4, 1941.

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

Dear Dr. Parker:

Thank you for your letter of Aug. 26.

I am glad to know that you have approved of my plan for the year. I hope the conditions in the Far East will be improving so I will be able to get back after I have completed my study here within the next year.

Please send me the grant at your early convenience.

Sincerely yours,
H. L. Li
H. L. Li

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Arnold Arboretum,
Harvard University,
Jamaica Plain,
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Sept. 4, 1941.

Dr. L. I. Parker,
Associated Boards for Christian
Colleges in China,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Parker:

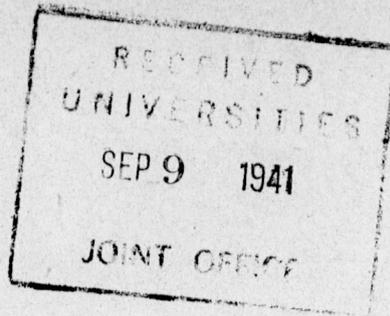
I am glad to know
you. I hope
no one will be able to get back after I have completed my
study here within the next year.
Please send me the names of your early correspondents.

Sincerely yours,
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September 5, 1941

Mr. H. L. Li
Arnold Arboretum
Harvard University
Jamaica Plain
Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Li:

In response to your letter of September 4, we are enclosing herewith our check for \$400. which is the amount of your scholarship grant for the year 1941-42. We are sure this is going to be helpful in the carrying out of your plans for the year.

I understand from your previous letter that you will be doing some traveling later in the year. We hope that some of your trips will bring you through New York and that we may have the opportunity of meeting you.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

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Arnold Arboretum,
Jamaica Plain,
Massachusetts.
Sept. 9, 1941.

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

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Dear Dr. Parker:

Your letter of Sept. 5 and a check of \$400 were duly received. I take this chance again to thank the Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China for your assistance in making me able to carry out my study in America.

It will be my pleasure to call on you at your office whenever I have a chance of being in New York. I may come to New York to consult some specimens in the near future. Looking forward to the have the poortunity of meeting you soon, I am

Sincerely yours,

H. L. Li
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Arnold Arboretum,
Jamaica Plain,
Massachusetts.
November 21, 1941.

Ack. 12/9/41
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Dr. J. I. Parker,
Associated Boards for Christian
Colleges in China,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Parker:

I am glad that I had the chance to meet you three weeks ago while I had a brief visit in New York. At present I am still studying in the various Harvard laboratories and museums and hope later to visit some other places. As I have finished all the requirements for my degree here, President Yang asks me to go back to Soochow University this winter to take up the botany instructions for the spring term which have been suspended for the lack of teacher. He is looking forward to get a passage for me probably early next year through the travelling department of the Methodist Mission. The travelling expenses are much beyond my original plan, as only first class ship to Manila is available and one has to tranship there for Hongkong and Shanghai. I will be most grateful if the Associated Boards can give me any material help and thus make my return trip possible.

I hope that there will be chance for me to work in the southwest instead of remaining long at Shanghai. I know there are several Christian colleges in the interior that need botany instructors badly. But I think it is not proper to leave Soochow now unless some agreement can be reached. Moreover, the travelling expense is again formidable. Please look after this matter and let me know in the future in case there is a chance that arrangements can be made for me to go there. Personally, I feel there is much more to do, for a botanist, in the vast inland than in a metropolis like Shanghai, although one is certain that there is likely to be more material hardships.

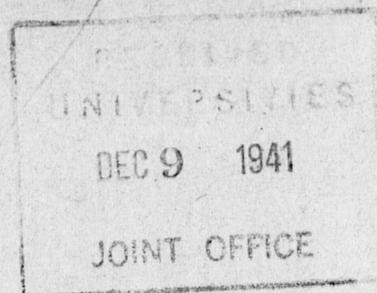
Yours sincerely,

H. L. Li

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December 9, 1941

Dr. H. L. Li
Arnold Arboretum
Jamaica Plain, Mass.

Dear Dr. Li:

I have waited for some days to answer your letter of November 21 in the hope that I may find something of a definite nature to tell you concerning the questions which you have raised. The happenings in the last two or three days, of course, have radically changed the picture.

I have had an opportunity to talk to President Yang, and it will undoubtedly be necessary for you to have further conference with him in view of the new conditions at Shanghai. We have had no official word from Shanghai as yet, but it is quite likely that Soochow University will not be able to continue its work there. I am afraid your plan for returning for the second semester will have to be changed.

The question of your travel to China is now one that will have to be left to future developments. At the moment, there is no possibility of your getting to China except in the most roundabout way. This is particularly true of getting to Shanghai and also to any part of Free China. It, therefore, seems wise at the present time to make plans to remain in this country indefinitely, leaving the final decisions to be made at such time as conditions may clear up. I am sure you will want to confer with President Yang as to what this change in your plans may mean, and see what he has to suggest in regard to your arrangements for staying here.

I am sorry I must write so indefinitely, but our whole procedure at the moment is exceedingly indefinite and we would have to carry on our plans in accordance with the way in which the situation develops from day to day.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

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Arnold Arboretum,
Jamaica Plain,
Mass.
March 17, 1942.

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

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JSP*

Dear Dr. Parker:

I am planning for my work beginning this summer, and wish to have your advice and help.

In case I have to stay in America and continue my research here at the different institutes of Harvard or elsewhere, is the Associated Board going to give me another scholarship grant for the year 1942-43? As I am completely cut off from financial support back home, I am counting more on your help. Is there any other thing I can do or other fellowship that I can apply here in America?

If a return trip to China can be arranged, I am very willing to go back to China to offer my service there. As I cannot go to Shanghai and the condition of Soochow University is uncertain, President Yang has little to advice me on that. I have had informal request to join the biology staff of Hwa Chung College and West China Union University from Dr. C. T. Hsiao and Dr. C. C. Liu respectively as botany instructor is badly in need in both institutes. If Soochow is planning for any project in the Southwest, I am also willing to help. I think I can be of more use if I can go back to China.

May I request you to give me information about the possibility of making such a trip back. I suppose one can still get passage on a neutral ship to South America, thence on to India via Cape Town. I do not know how much it will cost, and hope that you can give me more detail information about that.

Anticipating an early reply from you, with thanks, I am

Yours very sincerely,

Hui-Lin Li

Hui-Lin Li.

*Coordinator of information
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Assoc. Professor,
Department of Biology,
University of Chicago,
Chicago, Ill., U.S.A.

Dr. J. L. Parker,
Associate Professor for Christian College,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

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that I can apply for in America?

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biology staff of the Christian College and West China University.
Dr. C. T. Lewis and Dr. C. C. Lin respectively as botanical instructor in Peking
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ship to South America, Mexico or to India via Cape Horn. I do not know how
much it will cost, and here that you can give me more of all information
about that.

Thanking you in advance for your kind reply, I am,
Yours very sincerely,

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March 28, 1942

Mr. H. L. Li
Arnold Arboretum
Jamaica Plain
Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Li:

Before answering your letter of March 17, I have taken time to talk with others who are interested in and are dealing with the question of the emergency facing Chinese students in America. At the present moment I can only make suggestions as to things that you might think about or explore as possibilities.

I will answer first your question regarding the possibility of returning to China. At the present time it is quite impossible to get passage of any kind either via the South Pacific or the South Atlantic. I, therefore, think that you are faced with the necessity of making some plans for remaining in America for the time being.

You should consider first the possibility of finding some work which will bring in sufficient to cover your needs for the immediate future. Mr. Paul Meng, of the China Institute in America, 119 West 57th Street, New York City, is trying to find places where Chinese students who must remain in this country can be of definite service and, at the same time, support themselves. A letter to him, explaining your situation and stating the things you have been doing and the kind of work for which you are prepared, may fit right into something he has discovered. In connection with war activities of the government, there is also the possibility for work in translating and preparing reports and material for use in China. In this respect it would probably be of help to get in touch with the Coordinator of Information, U. S. Government, Washington, D. C. I know that there are a number of Chinese who are now connected with this service, and I am sure that there will be a place for others.

Regarding your question about help that might come from the Associated Boards, I will say that our Scholarship Committee has noted, as one of their responsibilities, the assisting of faculty members who are

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in America. My reason for suggesting that you try to find some employment that will furnish necessary funds is that the money which we have available for the use of our Scholarship Committee is limited, and we know that there will be heavy demands upon this fund. It is, therefore, advisable for everyone to seek every possible means of support so as to make our funds go as far as possible in the matter of relief.

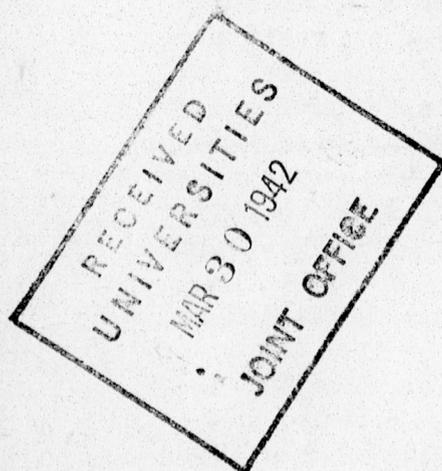
May I also suggest, as a matter of record, that you place the details of your situation before Mr. Sam Mills of the Committee on Friendly Relations, at 347 Madison Avenue, New York. We have agreed that Mr. Mills' organization will be the clearing house for all cases of this kind. He will not be able, probably, to make any suggestions other than those which I have already made, but, for the sake of clarity in keeping track of all cases which need to be considered, Mr. Mills should have full information.

I will be interested to know how you feel about the items suggested and what the results are as you explore these leads.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

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Arnold Arboretum,
Jamaica Plain,
Mass.
April 30, 1942.

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

Dear Mr. Parker:

Thank you for your letter of March 28 and all the suggestions. I have accordingly followed your advice and written to the various organizations, and have waited for definite results to report to you.

Mr. Samuel Mills of the Committee on Friendly Relations Among the Foreign Students replied me suggesting that I write to the China Institute. I filled out the blank forms supplied by the China Institute, the roster of Chinese students, application for a graduate students fellowship and recommendations of professors and sent these to the China Institute over two weeks ago. So far I have heard nothing from them. I hope that they will soon give me a reply and I shall let you know after that.

The Coordinator of Information at Washington sent me an application blank at my inquiry which I filled out accordingly. The chief of the Personnel Division subsequently wrote me that "there is no opening in which we can utilize your qualifications at this time, but we shall hold your application for consideration in the event your services are needed."

As the present school year is soon drawing to a close within a month or two, I am very anxious to have a definite arrangement for my work both during the summer and the following school year. Your help and advice will be deeply appreciated. Please let me know also if there is any chance to apply for attending a religious conference or camp or a summer session of school during the vacation.

With thanks, I am

Sincerely yours,

Hui Lin Li

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The following information is being furnished to you for your information. It is requested that you advise the undersigned if you have any questions or suggestions regarding the same.

The Board of Regents of the University of California has approved the proposed changes in the admission requirements for the Graduate School of Education for the fall semester of 1952.

The proposed changes are as follows: (1) The minimum grade point average for admission to the Graduate School of Education shall be 2.5. (2) The minimum grade point average for admission to the Graduate School of Education shall be 2.5.

Sincerely yours,
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May 15, 1942

Dr. H. L. Li
Arnold Arboretum
Jamaica Plain
Massachusetts

Dear Dr. Li:

Your letter of April 30 reached us when we were in the midst of our Annual Meetings and I did not have immediate opportunity to reply. Mr. Caldwell, of our staff, has been in close touch with Dr. Meng of the China Institute and has checked with him regarding your application to them. We have had a reply from Dr. Meng stating that your application is being given consideration "under two or three different plans of scholarship aid". We take this to indicate that you will be receiving some definite word from the Institute before very long which, we hope, will prove to be the solution for your situation.

Please keep us posted as to how things work out when you hear from Dr. Meng.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

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Arnold Arboretum,
Jamaica Plain, Mass.
July 1, 1942.

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

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Dear Dr. Parker:

May I request you to let me know whether or not the Committee on Scholarship has considered making me another grant for the academic year 1942-43. As I am still in need of financial help, I hope you will give my application early consideration if decisions are not yet made for the year. Up to the present, I have received no definite reply to my application for a scholarship from the China Institute. I have no idea as to what kind of help I can expect from them.

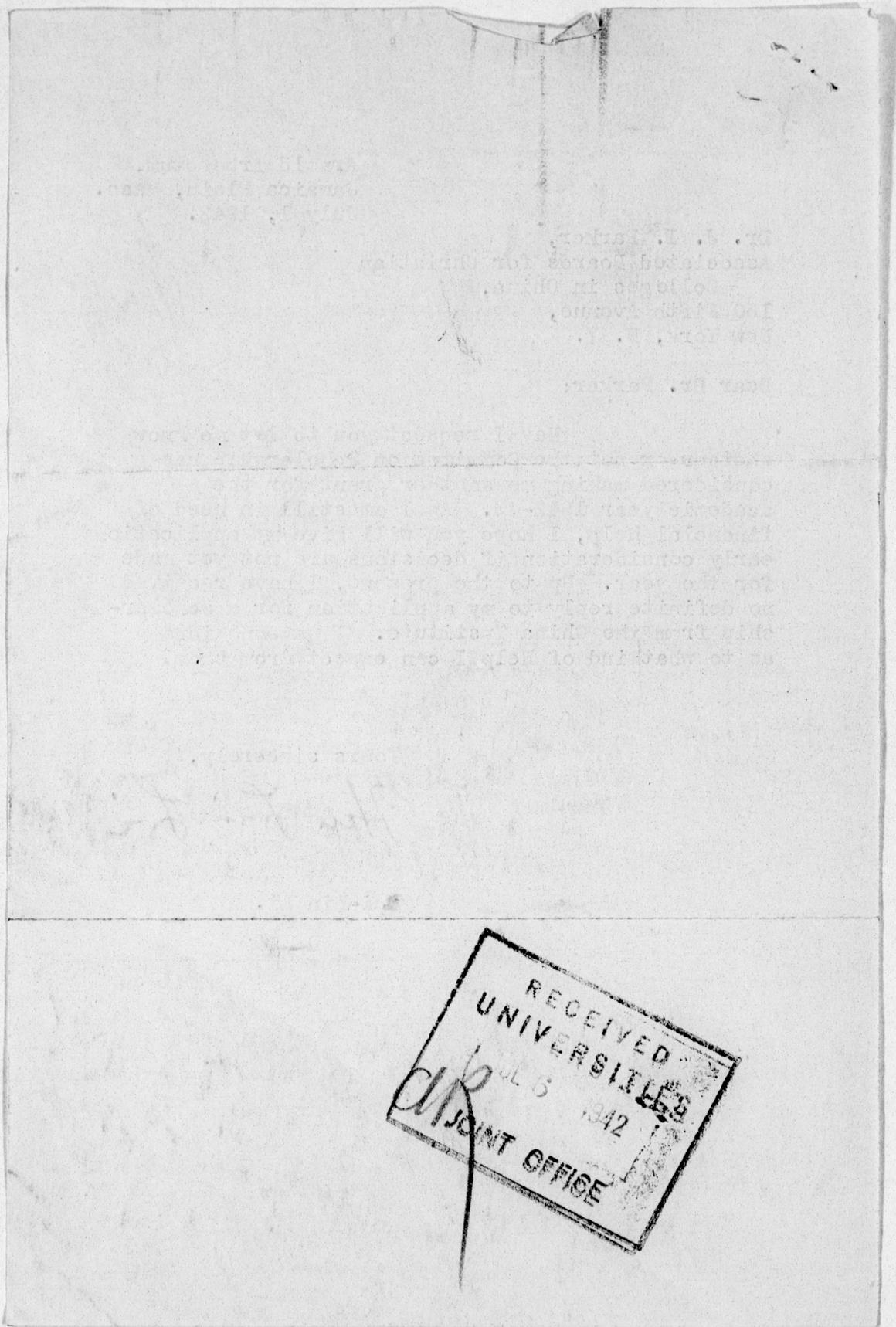
Yours sincerely,

Hui Lin Li

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July 12, 1942

Dr. H. L. Li
Arnold Arboretum
Jamaica Plain
Massachusetts

Dear Dr. Li:

In the absence of Mr. Parker I shall attempt to answer the questions which you ask in your letter of July 1.

You may be sure that we shall do our best to give adequate consideration to your application for a grant for the coming academic year. However, we are not able to say anything definite at this time because it is not possible to secure committee action during the summer.

Regarding your application to the China Institute, I believe I can assure you that you should not worry too much about your failure to receive a definite reply. We have been in communication with Dr. Meng about a number of our applicants, and it is our belief that action will soon be taken and that you and our other friends will, before long, receive notification of action of some sort by the Institute.

If you are in urgent need of financial help, please let us know. I judge by your letter that you are primarily interested in arrangements for next year. I am sure that we will not be able to give much assistance during the summer, but we will do our best if you are in need at present.

With best regards.

Very sincerely yours,

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Arnold Arboretum,
Jamaica Plain,
Massachusetts.
July 15, 1942.

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

Dear Dr. Caldwell:

Many thanks for your letter of July 12. I am glad to know that the Associated Boards will consider my application for a grant for the coming academic year, and that the China Institute will soon notify the applicants the action to be taken by the Institute.

I presume that these will probably all begin with the month of September. I am in need of financial help during the summer, and I wish that the Associated Boards can give me some assistance. As I have already made a loan from the Soochow University funds through President Y. C. Yang last spring when I was cut away from any support from China because of the war in the Pacific, I think I better not burden him again and thus approach the Associated Boards for help.

Please let me know whatever help you can give me during the summer. In case a grant cannot be made, I hope that you can consider giving me a loan of about two hundred dollars, which may be deducted from the sum if a grant is later made, or if otherwise, I am obligated to pay back as soon as possible.

Kindly let me know at your earliest convenience the arrangement you can make; with thanks, I am

Yours very sincerely,

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July 22, 1942

Dr. H. L. Li
Arnold Arboretum
Jamaica Plain
Massachusetts

Dear Dr. Li:

Please forgive my delay in answering your letter of July 15. I have been endeavoring to discover a way to give you the assistance you need for the summer. Unfortunately, the Associated Boards have no funds available which might be assigned to you. I, therefore, have been in touch with Mr. Samuel Mills of the Committee on Friendly Relations, at 347 Madison Avenue, regarding your case. I think it possible that this Committee may be able to do something for you to tide you over until the autumn.

May I suggest that you write Mr. Mills in detail immediately and let me know the result of your correspondence with him. Please be assured that this office desires to do everything in its power to assist you, but there are sometimes physical limitations to what we are able to do.

With best wishes,

Very sincerely yours,

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

Arnold Arboretum,
Jamaica Plain,
Massachusetts.
July 31, 1942.

Dear Mr. Caldwell:-

Following your suggestion, I have written to Mr. S. J. Mills of the Committee of Friendly Relations, and received from him a reply and a check of fifty dollars, which I have duly acknowledged.

Please let me know as soon as the Committee on Scholarships of the Associated Boards has reached any decision as to the grants made for the year 1942-43.

With thanks for your kind assistance, I am

Yours very sincerely,

Hui-Lin Li

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Arnold Arboretum,
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Dr. J. I. Parker,
Associated Boards for Christian
Colleges in China
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Dr. Parker:-

I have received from the China Institute ^{the} notice that I am awarded a graduate fellowship with a grant of 75 dollars per month. My plan for the year is to continue on doing research in the flora of southern China at the Arnold Arboretum, and at the same time doing some work in medicinal plants at the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy by attending a few courses and doing some laboratory work in Chinese drug plants. I hope that this program will prove to be useful when I get back to China.

I have found that the monthly allowance from the China Institute can not cover all my expenses especially with the high living cost in Boston. According to their regulations, a recipient is allowed to receive other scholarships provided that such be known to them, to supplement their grants. May I request that the Associated Boards make another grant of \$ 400 to me for the year 1942-43. I hereby enclose a copy of my estimated expenses for the year as sent to the China Institute with the application.

Please let me know the action taken by the scholarship committee at your early convenience. With thanks for all your help, I am

Respectfully yours,

Hui-Lin Li

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September 11, 1942

Dr. Hsi-Lin Li
Arnold Arboretum
Jamaica Plain
Massachusetts

Dear Dr. Li:

I am greatly interested in your letter of September 9th.

I am glad to know that you have made some progress toward support for the coming year.

We are planning to have a meeting of the Committee on Scholarships at an early date and all the data on hand must be available for the Committee. I cannot promise any results, but will report to you later on.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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Oct. 14, 1942.

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

Dear Mr. Caldwell:

Your letter of Sept. 18 inquiring about
my plans for the present year has ~~been~~ reached
me just two days before because it has been
forwarded to one of the old places I lived sometimes
before. I regret very much to answer you so late.
I have already written to the Associated Boards,
however, *on* the first of September, about my plans
for the year and that letter was acknowledged by Mr.
C. A. Evans. Mr. Evans has said in his letter,
that my request for subsidiary grant, will be
considered by the Committee on Scholarships.
I have not yet heard from him. May I request you *to let*
~~me~~ know the result whenever it is known.

Please use the above address and keep me posted
about the news of the Christian Colleges and your
other announcements.

With thanks, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Hui Lin Li

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Arnold Arboretum,
Jamaica Plain, Mass.
June 8, 1943.

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

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Dear Mr. Evans:

During the academic year 1942-43; I was engaged in reasearch in botany at the Arnold Arboretum of Harvard University. I was the recipient of a scholarship from the China Institute in America and have filed a renewal application for the year 1943-44. The amount of the grant received from the scholarship was not sufficient for me to cover all the expenses during the last year and I think that it will be even more so this year. May I request the Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China to consider giving me a grant of \$ 300-400 for the year 1943-44. I hope that the China Institute will consider my re-application. With a supplementary grant from the Associated Boards, the total amount will enable me to carry on my study and research for another year which will be of use in equipping myself for my future work in China. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

Hui Lin Li

Hui-Lin Li.

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Office of the
Director of the
National Science Foundation
Washington, D. C.

Dr. J. B. Conner
Department of Chemistry
Columbia University
New York, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Conner:

With the passage of the year 1942, it has become
increasingly apparent that the work of the National
Science Foundation is being carried on in a manner
which is in keeping with the objectives of the
War Relocation Authority. It is with pleasure
that we are able to inform you that the
National Science Foundation is now in a position
to make available to you a grant of \$10,000
for the purpose of carrying out your research
program in the field of chemistry. This grant
will be available to you for the period of
one year, beginning on the date of the
award of the grant. It is our hope that
this grant will be of great assistance to
you in your work.

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June 16, 1943

Dr. Hui-Lin Li
Arnold Arboretum
Jamaica Plain, Mass.

Dear Dr. Li:

Your letter of June 8th is before me and I have reviewed your previous applications noting that you have been the recipient of funds from the China Institute.

It is our understanding with the Institute that if a full grant of \$75.00 per month is appropriated from funds of the Institute that other help will not be necessary. By that I mean that if the Institute will give you \$75.00 per month any appropriation that we would make would be deductible therefrom.

I wonder if this is your understanding of the situation as I do not wish to either sponsor or refuse your application without a complete understanding in advance. We, of course, are deeply interested in your welfare.

I am wondering what your program is for next year. We have a number of professors who are going back to China. Probably you are looking forward to this procedure as soon as possible.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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Arnold Arboretum,
Jamaica Plain,
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June 22, 1943.

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

Dear Mr. Evans:

I wish to thank you for your kind letter of June 16th in replying to my previous request for scholarship grants. I understand, as you have pointed out, that the China Institute will make deductions if you make any subsidiary grant. It is, however, impossible for one to get along under the present circumstances with the allowance made by the China Institute. Last year I had to ask for help from President Y. C. Yang of Soochow University who had kindly arranged a loan for me from the Methodist Mission Board. As such loans will be too much a burden for me to repay in the future, I hesitate to ask for another. I hope that you can by some way convince the China Institute with the situation, and help me out with a supplementary grant. According to the regulations of the China Institute, one who receives practical training may be entitled to get an allowance of one hundred dollars monthly. As I have completed my course for the degree and am now engaged in research, I wonder if I may be classified as in that category. *Dr*
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My plan for the next year is to continue my botanical research at the Arnold Arboretum of Harvard University. In case you happen to know of any other chance of either receiving further training or rendering my service while here in America, I will be very glad to learn from you at any time.

I hope to be able to go back to China as soon as possible. I am very anxious to know if there is any chance of going back now. Please give me detailed information concerning such a procedure.

Yours very sincerely,

Hui Lin Li

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Arnold Arboretum,
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Mr. C. A. Evans,
Associated Boards for
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150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

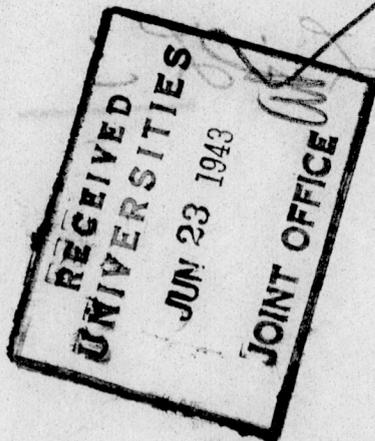
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Yours very sincerely,



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Academy of Natural Sciences
19th and the Parkway
Philadelphia, Pa.
July 26, 1944

Dr. Y. C. Yang
New York, New York

Dear Dr. Yang:

I am now engaged in research work on the flora of China at the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia on the basis of a fellowship from the University of Pennsylvania. The fellowship covers two regular terms of a year from November to June.

I am anxious to finish up my work as soon as possible so that on its completion, possibly next spring, I will be able to go back to China. During the summer from July through October I will continue on my research and am in need of some financial assistance in order to keep my work going. May I request you to assist me in securing a grant-in-aid of 500 dollars, so as to enable me to continue on my work as planned.

I hope to have another chance of seeing you in the near future and to discuss again my plan of returning to China.

Yours sincerely,

(SIGNED) HUI-LIN LI X

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Dr. Y. N. S. Yang
New York, New York
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Dear Dr. Yang:
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Yours sincerely,

(SIGNED) HUI-LIN LI

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August 30, 1944

Mr. Hui-lin Li,
Academy of Natural Sciences,
19th and the Parkway,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Li:

Dr. Y. C. Yang has written to us about your request for scholarship assistance in order to continue your work at the Academy of Natural Sciences in Philadelphia.

In order that our scholarship committee may have more complete data about yourself and your work, will you kindly fill out the enclosed blank? It may look formidable at first but it is not meant to be so. We only desire to have adequate information so that we may more fully understand the needs of the applicants for scholarship aid. If you have a small photograph of passport size that you can spare we should be very glad to receive it.

When you have filled out the blank we shall take up the matter with the scholarship committee immediately. Dr. Y. C. Yang will serve as one reference so that you need add only one more.

With very kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

Charles H. Corbett

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New York 20, N. Y.

August 29, 1944

Dr. E. Ballou & Dr. C. A. Evans,
Associate Treasurers
Associated Boards for Christian
Colleges in China
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York 11, New York

Dear Friends:

I am enclosing a copy of a letter which I have received from Dr. H. L. Li, one of our instructors who is now doing research work here in America pending the time when he can make arrangements for his return to China.

He is living on a fellowship which does not provide for his summer expenses, and so has appealed to me to secure some financial aid for him. He is requesting \$500. While I am sure he can make full use of the amount asked for, a sum of \$300 may enable him to get by in an economic way.

I shall appreciate whatever consideration and help you may be able to give him.

I must add that because of having been away in the Mid-west, I have not been able to give this matter earlier attention.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Y. C. Yang

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c/o Academy of Natural Sciences
Philadelphia, Pa.
Aug. 31, 1944.

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

Dear Mr. Corbett:

I am enclosing an application for a scholarship grant together with a small photograph of myself.

I have been granted a fellowship by the University of Pennsylvania for 1944-45 to be started from November. I wish that the Associated Boards will consider giving me a grant for the summer months of which I intend to travel and visit the several great herbaria in America to study their Chinese collections of plants and to attend several meetings of the scientific societies. As I am looking forward to go back to China next year, I hope I can take advantage of the time and the opportunities. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

May I request you also to furnish me some information with regard to passage back to China. I plan to go back in the coming spring as soon as my present project of research brought to a close. Do you know how long it takes to secure permit from the U. S. Government and to get passage from the ship companies? Is the Associated Board in a position to help financing such a trip?

My original plan is to return to Soochow University to teach. As the Arts and Science College, now refuging in Kwangtung, is in a precarious condition because of the recent development of the war, and as the student body there is rather small, I am considering joining temporarily some other Christian colleges where the service of a botanist is more badly needed. I have talked this with Dr. Y. C. Yang, and he understands me. So far, Yenching and Central China have both inquired about the possibility of joining their staff, but I have not decided yet. Your advice concerning this will be most welcomed.

With best regards,

Yours sincerely,

Hui-Lin Li

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o/o Academy of Natural Sciences
Philadelphia, Pa.
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Associated Boards for
Christian Colleges in China
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I am enclosing an application for a scholarship grant together with a small photograph of myself. I have been granted a Fellowship by the University of Pennsylvania for 1944-45 to be started from November. I wish that the Associated Boards will consider giving me a grant for the summer months of which I intend to travel and visit the several great herbaria in America to study their Chinese collections of plants and to attend several meetings of the scientific societies. As I am looking forward to go back to China next year, I hope I can take advantage of the time and the opportunities. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

May I request you also to furnish me some information with regard to passage back to China. I plan to go back in the coming spring as soon as my present project of research brought to a close. Do you know how long it takes to secure permit from the U. S. Government and to get passage from the ship companies? Is the Associated Board in a position to help financing such a trip?

My original plan is to return to Soochow University to teach. As the Arts and Science College, now residing in Kiangsu, is in a precarious condition because of the recent development of the war, and as the student body there is rather small, I am considering joining temporarily some other Christian colleges where the service of a potential is more badly needed. I have talked this with Dr. Y. C. Yang, and he understands me. So far, Yenching and Central China have both inquired about the possibility of joining their staff, but I have not decided yet. Your advice concerning this will be most welcomed.

With best regards,

Yours sincerely,

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A p p l i c a t i o n f o r S c h o l a r s h i p

Date Aug. 27, 1944

1. Name in Chinese and English HUI-LIN LI
2. Address in China c/o Soochow University
3. Address in U.S.A. or Canada c/o Academy of Natural Sciences, Philadelphia, Pa.
4. Birthplace Soochow, China Date of Birth July 15, (?)
5. If married, give name of husband or wife _____
If you have children, give sex and age of each (e.g. boy - 1 year, girl, 3 years)

6. Present location of wife or husband _____
7. Is your health vigorous, fair or poor? Fair
8. Summarize your school history below

Name and Location of Middle School, College and Special Schools Attended	Date of Entrance	Date of Graduation	Degree or Certificate Received or Semester Hrs. Completed	Major and Minor Course
Soochow University	1926-30	1930	B.S.	Biology
Yenching "	1930-31	1932	M.S.	Biology
Harvard University	1940-42	1942	Ph.D.	Botany

9. Summarize your teaching experience

Date From - To	Name and Location of School or College	Title and Nature of Position
1931-1940	Soochow University, China	Instructor in Botany

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10. Date of arrival in U.S.A. or Canada Sept. 21, 1940
11. Under what auspices did you come? Partly by A C C
12. Plans for study for which scholarship is requested _____
 Institution Academy of Natural Sciences and other herbaria in U.S.
 Department _____
 Type of Work Taxonomy study of Chinese plants
 Probable Length of Time 2 years
13. Reasons for this request for scholarship aid Aid for summer months 1944 for maintenance and travelling
14. Amount requested and period of time it is to cover \$500 for June-October, 1944
15. Have similar requests been made to any other organization? *
16. Give the names and addresses of two persons to whom the Associated Boards can write for further information about you
President Y. C. Yang, c/o 150 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y.
Prof. J. W. Dyson, 200 West 16th Street, New York City
17. If you are granted a scholarship, will you be willing to report semi-annually on the progress of your work? Yes
18. Probable date of return to China Summer 1945
19. Have you a definite position awaiting you there? Yes
 If so, where and what is its nature? Teaching at Soochow University

* I have been granted a fellowship by the University of Pennsylvania which will begin on November the 1st.

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September 19, 1944

Mr. Hui-Lin Li,
c/o Academy of Natural Sciences,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Li:

Your request for a grant-in-aid of \$500 to enable you to visit several of the great herbaria during the summer months has been referred to the Chairman of the Committee on Scholarships. He has replied that the very limited scholarship funds of the Associated Boards are not available for requests of this nature, and so he feels he cannot recommend it to the Committee. We regret therefore that we must refuse the request.

In regard to arrangements for returning to China, the situation changes from time to time according to the availability of transportation. Just at present it is extremely difficult to get passage unless one has an official position. We are not prepared to advise you whether to accept the offer from Yenching or from Central China, but once you have made a decision and have a definite appointment, we shall be glad to assist you in arranging for the return trip, though we do not have funds to advance for this purpose. It sometimes requires several months' effort to secure passage, and the series of required inoculations take at least six weeks, so it is well to start preparations a good while before you expect to leave.

I trust you will find your work at the University of Pennsylvania interesting and profitable.

With very kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

Charles H. Corbett

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CC to Dr. Y. C. Yang

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Academy of Natural Sciences
Philadelphia 3, Pa.
Nov. 5. 1944.

Dear Miss Borup:

Thank you for your letter and for forwarding Dr. Chang's letter from Chengtu. I am glad to know that you will go back to Yenching soon. I have had several letters from Dr. Chang before asking me to join Yenching. I am rather anxious to have a permanent position, but since there are many uncertainties due to the war, I would accept Yenching's offer for the duration. Please ask the Yenching office to cable back for authorization to help me secure to passage back if they have not yet received any words from China.

However, it will not be possible for me to start immediately. I have already agreed to engage in research work offered by a University of Pennsylvania fellowship until the end of June 1945. If I work fast, I may be able to finish my work by April 1945, but certainly not much sooner than that. Please ask the Yenching office to let me know as soon as they hear from China, so as to allow me time to make adjustment here.

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I came to America with partial assistance from
Soochow University, to which I originally agreed to
return. But their work is now disrupted by the war.
However, it will lessen my obligation if I can
refund them the loan I obtained from them. I presume
Yenching will help finance my trips to China.
Besides that, can you inquire for me whether they
will be able to give me a temporary loan for about
two thousand dollars? I can, as soon as I
get to China, pay it back to the New York Office
if I can get the exchange or to the Chengtu Office
by their rate of exchange.

I am enclosing a statement about my
work in China and here in America for your
reference.

With best regards,

Yours sincerely
Hui-Lin Li

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November 18, 1944

Dr. Hui-lin Li
Academy of Natural Sciences
Philadelphia 3, Pennsylvania

Dear Dr. Li:

Miss Boring has very kindly shown me your letter to her of November 5 and the letter in Chinese to you from Dr. Chang Tsung-ping. We are very much pleased at the prospect of your returning to China before very long to join the Yenching faculty. I note that your present work at U. of P. will keep you at any rate until April and perhaps until the end of June. This gives us ample time to clear the whole matter with the administration of the University in Chengtu. I shall have to have definite authorization from Acting President Mei before we can proceed with arrangements for your return journey. We have already written to Dr. Mei and I anticipate no unexpected delays.

Because of the length of time before you will be free to go, it seems better to write rather than to cable, in order to be sure that the situation is thoroughly understood.

We want to be sure of course that no misunderstanding arises in connection with the University of Soochow. I am referring to Dr. Mei the suggestion you make in your letter to Miss Boring, and between him and this office I hope it will be possible to reach something that will be satisfactory all the way around. Meanwhile I think you probably should explain to Dr. Y. C. Yang how the situation is developing, so that he will not be definitely counting upon your help later on.

With all best wishes for success in the work you are doing this year, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

Copy to Miss Alice Boring.
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B. S. Soochow University, 1930
M. S. Yenching University, 1932
Ph. D. Harvard University, 1942 March.

Instructor in Biology, Soochow University, China. 1931-40.
Lecturer in Biology, Aurora University Women's College, 1939-40.

Came to the U. S., Sept. 1940.
Studying at Harvard, 1940, Sept. - 1941, October.
Technical Assistant, Arnold Arboretum of Harvard University, October, 1941-
October 1943.
Harrison Research Fellow in Botany, University of Pennsylvania, November,
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Academy of Natural Sciences
Philadelphia, Pa.
Nov. 21, 1944.

Dr. E. H. Ballou
Associated Boards for
Christian Colleges in China
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Ballou:

Your letter of Nov. 18 has been duly received. I am glad to know that you have received from Miss Boring the letter to her from me and the letter of Dr. Chang from Yenching. Dr. Chang's letter says that he is delegated by the university authority to send the invitation and asks me to approach your office for the arrangement of the trip back. I am puzzled that they have not noticed you at the same time and thus causing unnecessary delay for the matter.

I would appreciate very much if you can arrange for an early reply from them. It is necessary that I make prompt decision as to whether I am going back or not before next June for the arrangement of my work here in connection with the University of Pennsylvania. I wonder if you could cable at the same time for a confirmation of the appointment and settle the details by air mail. It takes almost three months to get a reply by mail, and that will be much too late for me to arrange for my continued stay at the U. of P. for 1945-46, in case I can not go back in time.

I understand also that it takes four to six months to arrange for such a trip under the present condition. It may be possible that I can be free to leave here any time after February 1944. I would like to have your advise as to how soon I should proceed on the routine of securing permission to leave the country.

I have talked with Dr. Yang sometime before about the possibility of joining some other colleges since Soochow is at the present dislocated. He fully understands my situation, and it is after my talks with him that I proceeded on with the correspondence with Dr. Chang about the Yenching offer. I will keep him inform about the development of the present situation, and I am definitely sure there will not be any misunderstanding in the future.

With best regards and thanks for your attention to this matter,
I am

Yours very sincerely,

Hui-Lin Li

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December 4, 1944

Dr. Hui-lin Li
Academy of Natural Sciences
Philadelphia 3, Pennsylvania

Dear Dr. Li:

Thank you for your understanding letter of November 21st. After further consideration of numerous factors involved, including the uncertainty of how long it will take to make travel arrangements for you, we are cabling Acting President Mei asking him in turn to cable us the authorization which we need to proceed in arranging for your travel. The length of time required to make travel arrangements varies very much indeed, all the way from two weeks to five or six months, and you are right in suggesting that we do not run the risk of irritating delays which might be greater than usual.

I am glad to know that you talked with Dr. Y. C. Yang sometime ago about the possibility of joining another college and am relying upon you to keep him informed as the situation develops.

Very sincerely yours,

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c/o Academy of Natural Sciences
Philadelphia, Pa.
Dec. 15, 1944.

Mr. E. H. Ballou
Associated Boards for
Christain Colleges in China
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Ballou:

I am glad to know from your last letter that you have cabled Yenching in China for confirmation of my appointment. I expect that we will have the reply soon.

A few days ago, I received a letter from Dr. Chang Tsung-ping of the Department of Biology of Yenching in Chengtu. He asks my early return and expects me to be there around the March or April of 1944. With the present delay I do not see any chance of being there that early.

He also asked me to get \$ 500 (or more if necessary, he said) from the Yenching Office in America, the money to be taken out of the expenses of the Biology Department in China, to purchase some instruments such as camera lucida, micrometers, etc. I would like to know from you whether this money will be available when I make preparation for my trip back. It is not always easy to get these things now in the market, and it will be best to look for them early.

Please let me know, if you have the information, about bringing baggages and other things into China. I would especially like to know whether special arrangements can be made for carrying with me scientific instruments, chemicals, and books.

With best regards, I am

Yours sincerely,

Hui-Lin Li

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December 27, 1944

Dr. Li Hui-lin
Academy of Natural Sciences
Philadelphia 3, Pennsylvania

Dear Dr. Li:

I have not previously answered your letter of December 15 because I have been puzzled just what to say. Our treasury department is not supposed to pay out money charged against field budgets except on the authorization of the university administration. In other words, we should have direct word from Acting President Mei before making any payment such as the one referred to in your letter as approved by Dr. Chang Tsung-ping. I have been hoping that a mail would come from China inclosing such authorization.

I am also distressed because the reply which came to the cable I sent on November 30 was not clear as I had expected it would be. In that cable I referred to you and Dr. Hsu Peng-cheng, asking for authorization, in case they wanted both of you back there, so that we could proceed with travel arrangements. The reply mentioned only Dr. Hsu. I do not understand this at all in the light of the correspondence you have had, and Miss Boring has had, with Dr. Chang and Mr. Lapwood. It seems as if there must be some letter on the way from China which will explain their position. It is, of course, possible that because of financial difficulties they have decided that their need for a man who is a specialist in botany is not as great as that for a chemist. But it is idle to speculate in the absence of more information.

I therefore propose to wait another two weeks or so and then, in case no explanation reaches us by middle of January, cable again. By this time it would seem as if the letter which I wrote in October must surely have reached Chengtu. In that letter I referred to you and our understanding in this country that the University wished to have you join its faculty at an early date.

I am very sorry indeed for this uncertainty and for the anxiety which it may cause you. We will hope for better word before long and meanwhile, of course, no change would be made in your plans in any case.

Very sincerely yours,

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Academy of Natural Sciences
Philadelphia 3, Pa.
Jan. 29, 1945.

Dr. E. H. Ballou,
Associated Boards for Christian
Colleges in China,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Ballou:

I have not yet heard from you since you wrote me over a month ago. Your letter stated that you will cable in the middle of January if no word is heard from China. When do you expect to have a reply for your cable?

I have written to Dr. Chang Tsung-ping telling him that you require direct instructions from President Mei for drawing money for the Biology Department expenses for the purpose he mentioned in his letter to me.

It is indeed disturbing that three months has to be waited in vain just for a word of confirmation for an appointment. I am eager to go back to China to be of some help, but have never realized it being so difficult to arrange. In my first letters to Miss Boring last October, I have stated specifically that I need a prompt decision on the part of Yenching and your office concerning the affair for I have to make my plans accordingly. In the mean time, I have to suspend everything pending a word from you. I have given up other offerings such as the one from Hwa Chung. Also in case I can not arrange to go back this June, I have to either secure another appointment here or one elsewhere to keep myself from being idle or starved.

Three months is long enough for a reply even by mail from China. I really do not understand the way they handle this affair. If they think my service is not needed, as you suggest in your letter that this is possible, I do hope that they will either notify me or answer your letter. It is not possible for me to wait indefinitely. Do you think we better call the whole thing off if you do not hear from Chengtu in the next week or so?

Anticipating your reply, I am

Yours sincerely,

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February 2, 1945

Dr. Li Hui-lin
Academy of Natural Sciences
Philadelphia 3, Pennsylvania

Dear Dr. Li:

I am not at all surprised that you wrote on January 29 with some impatience on the delay in clearing matters with Yenching. I would agree, I think, with everything you say in your letter except at one point. You say, "Three months is long enough for a reply even by mail from China." Unfortunately that is not so. Within the past week we have had two letters from Chengtu, one written November 18 and the other December 4. The former of these you will notice took more than two months to come, and a letter sent by me on September 19 had arrived only a short time before. These letters had traveled in both directions by air, but delays are numerous and inexplicable. I have just been told this morning that there seems to have been a complete stoppage of mails for two or three weeks during the recent military crisis in China but that conditions are now much more normal. Hence I am able to understand why no written reply has yet come to matters touched upon in letters sent to China in late October, November and December.

Unfortunately just at the time when I had thought it might be well to cable Dr. Mei again I was ill and out of the office for the better part of two weeks. But I have now sent another cable to him, and have put the question directly as to whether we should release you from any further obligation to Yenching, thereby permitting you to accept other offers. This ought to bring a reply within a week, and I hope you will feel able to delay any final decision until the reply comes. I am just as much in the dark as you are as to why the matter has not been cleared before. The best explanation is that letters are now on the way which Dr. Mei fully expected would reach us sometime ago. As several letters came in at the same time as those I have mentioned above and of rather widely scattered dates, I was hoping until a few days ago that more might arrive by this mail, including later word from Yenching.

Regretting very much the uncertainty which all this has caused you, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

E. H. Ballou

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February 16, 1945

Dr. Li Hui-lin
Academy of Natural Sciences
Philadelphia 3, Pennsylvania

Dear Dr. Li:

We have at last, after twice as long a period as I anticipated, received a reply to the cable mentioned in my letter to you of just two weeks ago. Dr. Mei sends us this message:

"Regret Yenching cannot provide Li Hui-lin travel but welcome join faculty on arrival."

The meaning of this would seem to be quite clear, although the process by which the decision was arrived at is not at all clear. It means that if you can, of your own resources, return to China the University will be glad to take you upon its faculty, but that it does not have funds in sufficient quantity to undertake to pay for your travel expenses. We shall be very much interested to know whether such an arrangement is possible or whether your early return to China is contingent upon securing a job there with some organization which is in a position to pay your travel expenses. The control of Yenching University funds is to such an extent at the direction of the University authorities on the field, and under present circumstances it is so impossible for our treasurer's department to know of the varying factors affecting University expenditures that we could not think of urging another course than that decided upon by the University administration.

You may have heard that Dr. Mei has been given an appointment, by the State Department of this country, for a Cultural Relations exchange position, which will bring him here this spring. There was a report several weeks ago that he would be arriving probably before the end of this month, and I had hoped that as a very last resort he might be here in person, and thus clear up some of the uncertainties regarding the overtures made to you by various people at the University, before it should be so late that you would be embarrassed in making other plans if such should be necessary. In this cable just received, however, he informs us that he will probably start for America in April. This will mean that even if he travels by air, which is likely on such a State Department appointment, he may not arrive until just before the first of May. Meanwhile we shall have to take the word regarding you in this cable as final.

Please let me know what you decide and if there is any way in which we can be of service to you.

Very sincerely yours,

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Academy of Natural Sciences
Philadelphia, Pa.
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Dr. E. H. Ballou,
Associated Boards for Christian
Colleges in China,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Ballou:

Your letter informing me the reply you received from Chengtu to your cablegram you sent about two weeks ago was duly received. As I do not have the means of financing the return trip by myself, a fact which I have expressed in my first letter to Miss Boring in response to the request of Yenching to join their staff, I presume that we cannot proceed any further on this matter.

That such a statement from them that can be secured in one or two weeks actually took almost four months is regrettable. I still do not understand why Chengtu did not answer your earlier cables and letters which you requested them to reply by cable. I hope that they know a little about the inconveniences caused me by the suspension and delay of the matter. I suppose they are informative enough to know that at the present it is impossible to negotiate a passage back by an individual and that the expenses are prohibitive for an ordinary student to undertake. I do not think they should contemplate, in the first place, to ask any body here to return to China if they are not ready to finance the return trip at least by advancing or lending the money for it, instead of getting some one right there in China. When Miss Boring wrote earlier that that you said we can count on the appointment as official, I declined Hwa Chung's offer, which agreed to finance my return trip, because I presumed Yenching would do the same.

I suppose the cablegram by Yenching does not preclude the possibility of any such help from the Associated Boards in its own capacity. But as you said in your letter that we have to consider the word from Yenching as final, it is not necessary to discuss the matter any further. However, I am not at all clear about the way the whole matter being handled, and if you have any further information concerning it in the future, I hope you will be kind enough to let me know more about it.

Yours sincerely,

Hui-Lin Li

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Academy of Natural Sciences
Philadelphia, Pa.
Feb. 19, 1945.

Mr. W. H. Rafter,
Associated Boards for Christian
Colleges in China,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Rafter:

Your letter informing me the reply you received from Chengtu to your cablegram you sent about two weeks ago was duly received. As I do not have the means of financing the return trip by myself, a fact which I have expressed in my first letter to Miss Borng in response to the request of Yenching to join their staff, I presume that we cannot proceed any further on this matter.

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Yours sincerely,

W. H. Rafter

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February 19, 1945

Dr. Li Hui-lin
Academy of Natural Sciences
Philadelphia 3, Pennsylvania

Dear Dr. Li:

A letter has just been received from Dr. Mei which throws a little more light on our question. His letter was written December 11th. It may well be that he expected it to reach us several weeks ago. He quotes the cable to which I referred in the second paragraph of my letter to you dated December 27, and then adds as explanatory comment, "Considering the great expenses of travel, etc., we had to limit our request for personnel from America to the very minimum. Therefore we have decided to let the proposition of Mr. Li Hui-lin go for the present."

This message, of course, in no ways vitiates the statement in his cable of last week reported to you on February 16 that while they cannot provide travel they would "welcome join faculty on arrival." I am awaiting with interest your reply to that letter.

Very sincerely yours,

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Dr. Li Hui-lin
Academy of Natural Sciences
Philadelphia 3, Pennsylvania

Dear Dr. Li:

I have not previously acknowledged your letter of February 19, which arrived the day after I had written you.

I regret more than I can easily express the confusion which arose in connection with the early suggestion that you join the Yenching staff this autumn, and the inevitable and serious disappointment which must have come to you in the way the situation later developed. I also regret that there are no funds under the direct administration of the Associated Boards available for assisting you to get back to China. As you probably know there are limited amounts which may be used for assisting faculty members in advanced study here in this country, but the terms under which they are given are so strictly defined that they may not be used for return travel. There is just a little more light on the situation contained in a message recently received by one of the Yenching faculty in this country. It is further confirmation of our earlier guess as to the real cause of the trouble. The University simply does not have funds available or in sight to do as much as they thought they were going to be able to do four or five months ago. When the administrative authorities for the whole University got right down to planning what they will be able to do next year, they simply had to cut, and to give up some of the plans which had seemed at an earlier date to some of the department heads to be possible of fulfillment. It must have been a great disappointment to people like Dr. Chang Tsung-ping and Mr. Lapwood when it became evident that they could not carry through their intention of adding you to the staff.

So far as we know, the offer of a teaching position there for the next academic year still holds if you can finance

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your travel personally. But, as you doubtless realize all too well, travel expense is both high and very unpredictable. It might amount to as much as \$2500, although we have known of people who have gone through for very much less than that.

Should there be any way in which we can help you, we shall be very glad indeed to do anything within our power.

Very sincerely yours,

E. H. Ballou

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