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Dr. R. J. McMullen  
Dr. T. K. Van  
Dr. I. C. Yang  
Dr. F. L. Hawks Pott  
410 Continental Emporium  
353 Nanking Road  
Shanghai, China

Dear Friends:

Let me acknowledge with sincere appreciation the interesting letter which you sent on November 22nd. I will share it with the general membership of the Associated Boards.

We are all happy to learn that the four Colleges and Universities comprising the Associated Christian Colleges in Shanghai have been able to carry on their work in such an effective way during the past year, despite the serious difficulties by which you have been confronted. All of the American friends of Christian higher education in China have been watching with interest and appreciation the excellent work you have been doing. It is particularly gratifying that close and steadily increasing cooperation has been found possible.

The Associated Boards was very happy that the generous support of friends in America made it possible to supply \$15,000 during 1937-38 toward the support of the Associated Christian Colleges in Shanghai. We are doing everything possible to secure the second emergency fund of \$330,000 during 1938-39, with the hope that another \$20,000 can be provided for your joint enterprise.

Up to December 31st we had received about \$80,000 in emergency funds, so we were able to distribute to each of the emergency objectives 8/33 of the total we are seeking to secure. The share of the Associated Christian Colleges in Shanghai was \$4,849. We sent a check to your order for that amount in care of Mr. Cressy's office since we have not had any definite instructions from the field as to the proper channel for forwarding such remittances. If you would prefer to have future remittances handled in some different way, please advise us. Since December 31st, we have collected approximately \$20,000 more in emergency funds, so we hope that on January 31st, we can transmit a fairly substantial amount to each of the institutions. Further remittances from month to month will depend upon the generosity of American friends.

Members of the Associated Boards are giving more and more consideration - as we know that you on the field are doing - to questions relating to the future program,

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support, and organization of the Christian Colleges of China. During last year and this, we have faced an emergency situation, and have all tried to do the best we could under very abnormal conditions. Even though we recognize that disturbed conditions may continue in China for years to come, it is obvious that we should begin to clarify our thinking, planning, and activities with a view to a somewhat longer range of time. We are therefore eagerly welcoming all information and suggestions which you can send us from time to time as to the progress of your own plans and organization.

With greetings to each of you and with every good wish for the success of your work, I am

Very sincerely yours,

B A GARSIDE

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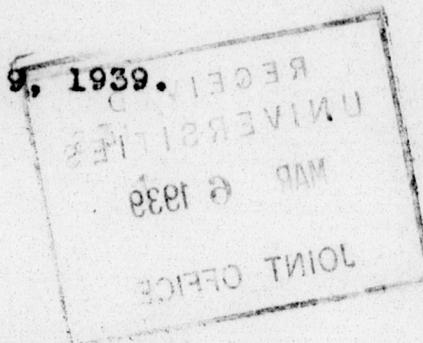
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Feb. 9, 1939.



Miss Harriet C. Davidson,  
601 Ridgecrest,  
Albuquerque, N.M.

Dear Friend:

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The four Christian Colleges and Universities now operating in Shanghai, namely, Soochow University, University of Shanghai, St. John's University and Hangchow Christian College are now working in very close co-operation with each other. We have our main offices and classrooms in the same building, where we have a joint library and joint laboratories. All our books and equipments are put together for common use. By thus co-operating together we are able, on the one hand, to carry on our work in fairly satisfactory manner, in spite of many difficulties we have to face and the losses we have suffered, and, on the other hand, to make the group of Associated Christian Colleges in Shanghai, a very outstanding educational center.

We recall with great pleasure your visit to Soochow and hope that conditions will soon be such that you can pay another visit to our campus. We are at present operating in Shanghai in temporary quarters but we still aim to do standard college work.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

Y. C. Yang, President.

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SOOCHOW UNIVERSITY  
SOOCHOW, CHINA  
TEMPORARY ADDRESS  
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NANKING ROAD  
SHANGHAI

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Feb. 13, 1939.

*ack 3/8/39*

Associated Boards for Christian  
Colleges in China,  
150 Fifth Avenue, New York, N.Y.,  
U. S. A.

Dear Sirs:

On behalf of Soochow University I am writing this to request you kindly to include in the emergency appeal and grants for this year the following two items for Soochow University:

- I. For extra expenditures and deficit incurred in moving and operating here in Shanghai away from our own campus .....US\$5,000.00
- II. For repairs to damaged property and partial replacement of losses in equipment and apparatus ..... 15,000.00

In connection with item I, I may mention among other factors having an adverse effect upon our finances:-

- (1) that the fees payable by students have been considerably reduced to meet the exigencies of many of the students' families, which have suffered heavy losses in this war torn area;
- (2) the complete loss of dormitory rents, which usually amount to \$15,000.00 local currency; and
- (3) the reduction of our endowment income.

At the same time the cost of operation has been necessarily increased by the fact that with practically nothing taken out from Soochow University at Soochow everything we need must be secured and paid for here.

We are doing our best to meet the emergency by cutting expenses, starting with our own salaries. All salaries have been cut since the beginning of the war a year and a half ago. We were on half pay basis for a good part of last year and even now are only paying 80%. Although staff and faculty members are meeting the situation in fine spirit, this cut naturally involves considerable hardship, as practically all faculty members have suffered serious losses and have to adjust themselves to a situation where with their salaries substantially cut, their expenses of living in Shanghai are much more than living in Soochow even in normal times, which, of course, is very much aggravated in the present war time.

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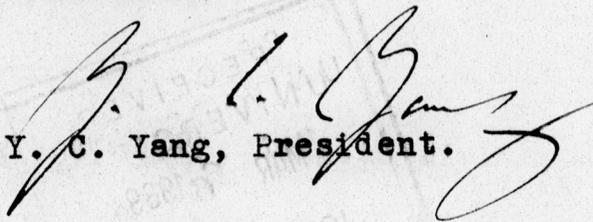
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How much we have lost in Soochow has not yet been fully ascertained as the University is still under military occupation. But the loss will be very heavy and what we are asking now can only partly cover the amount necessary for replacement. It is very moderate in comparison with our pressing needs. I hope, therefore, this will have your sympathetic consideration and favorable action.

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Feb. 14, 1939.

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

*ack 3/8/39*

Dear Dr. Garside:

In addition to the official letter of acknowledgment and thanks which Dr. McMullen has written on behalf of the Associated Christian Colleges in Shanghai for the remittance received a few days ago, I am now adding a personal word of appreciation for what you all are doing for us.

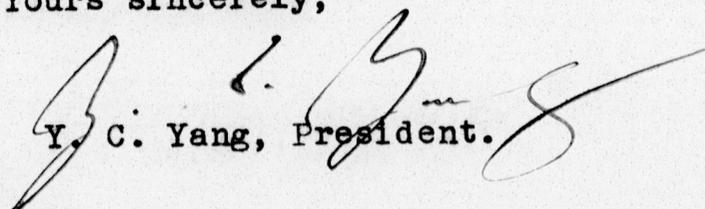
To show our spirit of co-operation both St. John's and Soochow did not at all hesitate to put the designated gifts for our respective institutions into the joint fund to be used for our common projects. Separate letters of thanks have been sent to these donors, a copy of which is herein enclosed for your information.

In my humble opinion there has been more progress made in co-operation this past one year than in the preceding ten years. This experiment and experience in co-operation has not only convinced us of its mutual advantage, but, what is much more important and valuable, it has produced a genuine feeling of fellowship and a cordial sense of comradeship which is producing a psychological attitude that will make further co-operation easier as we go along.

Under separate cover I am also sending, care of you, a letter addressed to the Associated Boards to request that Soochow University may be included in the appeal for and grants from the emergency fund. This is the first time Soochow University is making a direct appeal to the Associated Boards and amounts asked for are quite moderate. I hope, therefore, it will have your support.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

  
Y. C. Yang, President.

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March 8, 1939

Dear Dr. Yang:

Let me acknowledge receipt of your letter of February 14th. We are glad to know that the work is going so well in the Associated Christian Colleges in Shanghai. We have recognized for a number of years that there has been an underlying desire to cooperate on the part of several of the institutions in "the Shanghai area", and that this has been particularly true of Soochow University. But it was difficult to find any practical way in which to put this policy of cooperation into practice until the development of the present crisis necessitated radical readjustments. I am sure that we all unite in the hope that the beginning which has now been made can be continued and still further extended as time goes on.

Let me also acknowledge receipt of your letter of February 13th requesting the Associated Boards to include in the emergency appeal and grants for this year two items for Soochow University totaling US\$20,000. I will be glad to present this request to the Finance Committee of the Associated Boards for its consideration, and I am also taking up the matter with Dr. Wasson in Nashville. As you know, the "Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China" is just what its name indicates - an association of Boards of Trustees with the purpose of dealing jointly with the common problems of the participating Boards. When the Board of Trustees of Soochow University applied for admission to the organization, it was our understanding that the Soochow Board of Trustees would be an active participating group, in just the same way that the Boards of Trustees of the other Colleges are active participants. The only way in which the associated boards has been able to perform its work, both in the administrative field and also in the field of maintaining and increasing support, has been through the personal interest and activity of the individuals who compose the various Boards of Trustees. While we say that the "Associated Boards" secured an emergency fund of \$300,000 in 1937-38, what we actually mean is that men and women who are on the Boards of Trustees of Yenching, Ginling, Hanking, Cheeloo, Fukien, West China, Hua Chung, and the other groups unitedly devoted their efforts, and made their personal gifts, toward this fund. While it is true that individuals who are not members of any of the Boards of Trustees, and organizations outside the participating mission boards, joined in meeting these emergency needs, their participation was made possible only because of the interest and activity of the Board members themselves.

The course of procedure invariably followed by the Associated Boards up to the present time with regard to all requests for special funds

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has been for such requests to be presented by the Boards of Trustees of the colleges, rather than by the institutions themselves. This procedure has been followed not only because of the nature of our organization, but also because it is assumed that each Board of Trustees submitting a request for special support for the institution it represents, will do everything it can to help secure these special funds for its own institution and will at the same time join with the other Boards of Trustees in securing funds for the group as a whole. My own personal opinion would be that the Finance Committee of the Associated Boards will feel that it can not properly accept a request coming from an institution in China, but must look to the Board of Trustees of that institution to transmit the request, accompanied by a detailed statement showing the general budget situation of the institution, and indicating exactly why and where this additional support will be required. Also, at this stage of our campaign it would be almost impossible to make any expansion of the list of objectives originally adopted by the Associated Boards in June 1938, and revised in what was considered to be final form early in September 1938.

Nearly two years ago when our 1937-38 campaign was first contemplated, we invited the Trustees of Soochow University to submit a list of emergency needs, and this invitation was repeated last year. In neither instance did the Trustees respond to the invitation, nor have they supplied any information whatever as to the financial situation of the University. Obviously all of these details must be clarified before we could intelligently present any kind of appeal to American friends who might be interested in contributing to the very fine work you are doing.

As soon as we have had some word from our friends in Nashville, we may be in a better position to deal more intelligently with this request.

Very sincerely yours,

Dr. Y. C. Yang  
Soochow University  
334 Continental Emporium  
Nanking Road  
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c/o Board of Missions, M.E. Church, South  
Doctor's Building, Nashville, Tenn.  
April 7, 1939.

Mr. B. A. Garside,  
Associated Board for Christian Colleges in China,  
150 Fifth Avenue, New York City, N. Y.

*ack 4/11/39*

Dear Mr. Garside:

Sometime early in February I sent through you a letter addressed to the Associated Board for Christian Colleges in China asking for certain financial aid for Soochow University. I shall be very much obliged if you would kindly advise me whether the letter has been duly received and what action, if any, has been taken by the Associated Board or any of its committees.

I am now in this country touring our Southern Methodist area in the interest of the work of our church in China and also to attend the Uniting Conference of the Methodist Churches which will be held in Kansas City, Mo. from the 26th of April to perhaps the 10th or 15th of May.

After that I shall have a little time to myself. If I can be of any service to the Associated Board or any of its committees or members in furnishing any information about these Associated Christian Colleges in Shanghai I shall be glad to do so. These institutions are working in very happy and close co-operation with each other. More substantial progress has been made in the past one year than perhaps in the last ten years. I sincerely believe that understanding appreciation of their problems and adequate support of their program of work will do much to further the close fellowship and unity of purpose now already much in evidence and accelerate the progress in co-operation now moving on so steadily and so smoothly.

I am also interested to know when will the next meeting of the Associated Board or its Executive Committee be held and whether you are expecting Mr. Cressy to be here at the next annual meeting of the Board.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

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April 11, 1939

President Y.C. Yang  
c/o Board of Missions  
Methodist Episcopal Church, South  
Doctors' Building  
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Dr. Yang:

We are happy to learn that you have now arrived in the United States. We look forward to seeing you while you are here.

I do not know whether you have learned as yet that the Annual Meeting of the Associated Boards will be held here in New York on June 2nd and 3rd. We are eager to have you with us during the meeting, and hope that you can make plans to attend. While the travel budget is very limited, we will be glad to assist with the expenses of your travel to and from New York, if that is necessary.

We have just received a cable from Mr. Cressy stating that he has now been able to arrange his plans so that he can arrive in Los Angeles on May 31st. We assume that he is planning to fly across the country so that he can be here for the Annual Meeting.

The major topics for consideration at the Annual Meeting of the Associated Boards, and the meetings of the individual boards of trustees, will relate to the adjustment of the Colleges to present conditions in China, and to the most effective organization of our efforts here in the west to serve the Colleges. The information and council you can bring us as you come from the important work being done by the four universities working together in Shanghai, will be particularly helpful to us.

In response to the letters you wrote me from Shanghai on February 13th and 14th, I sent you a long letter of March 8th. A copy of this was sent to Dr. Wasson in Nashville accompanied by a covering letter to him. Dr. Wasson will probably have taken up with you before you receive this letter, the communication I sent him on March 8th along with a copy of my letter to you. If he has not done so all this material must be available in his office. Briefly, I pointed out that the only regular way in which requests for grants to individual Colleges are brought before the Associated Boards is for the Boards of Trustees of these colleges to submit such requests. In other words, any requests for help for Soochow University should come from the Board of Trustees

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President Yang

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rather than direct from the College itself. We have each year written Dr. Wasson or Dr. Gram and have extended to them an invitation to the Soochow Board of Trustees to participate in our united promotional campaign, and to submit lists of the needs of the University. Our invitations have, however, never been answered by the Soochow Board of Trustees. The Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China is, as its name implies, primarily an association of boards of trustees working together for meeting their common needs. We could not rightly ask the ten boards of trustees now cooperating in our joint promotional campaign to go out and seek additional funds for one of the two universities whose boards of trustees are not participating in our promotional efforts.

During the last two years we have been able to give substantial help to Soochow University as one of the four participants in the Associated Christian Colleges in Shanghai which the Associated Boards has considered a movement in which every member of the group of Colleges has a direct interest. It seems to me that this is as far as we can go until the relationship of the Soochow Board to our promotional efforts is more clearly defined. I would, however, be glad to talk the matter over with you or Dr. Wasson whenever we could find an opportunity to do so. We would also be glad to present the matter to the Finance Committee of the Associated Boards for consideration if you so desire.

Please send us further details as to your plans for the coming weeks, and let us know when we can hope to see you here in New York.

Very cordially yours,

B A GARSIDE

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**Board of Missions**  
**Methodist Episcopal Church, South**

W. G. CRAM, GENERAL SECRETARY  
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**Nashville, Tennessee**

May 6, 1939.

Mr. B. A. Garside,  
Associated Boards for Christian Colleges,  
150 Fifth Avenue, New York City, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Garside:

I am writing this to thank you for your kind letter of April 11 and to say that I am definitely planning to be in New York City at the time of the Annual Meeting of the Associated Boards on June 2nd and 3rd. In fact, I expect to be there a few days earlier so that we may have a chance to talk over matters beforehand.

I am now in Kansas City attending the meetings of the Uniting Conference of the Methodist Churches. The Conference will be over in a few more days when I will leave for Nashville for a short stay.

It was very kind of you to suggest that the Associated Boards may assist me with some travelling expenses to and from New York. Anything you can conveniently do will be duly appreciated.

While I am naturally sorry that it had <sup>not</sup> been possible to give consideration to my request for Soochow University, ~~but~~ I can appreciate your point of view. Our situation is, in a way, a little peculiar. A personal talk with you when I come to New York may give you more light on our particular situation. I am, however, glad to know that you understand and appreciate the fact that Soochow University has all along been one of most co-operative among the Christian Colleges in China.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

*J. C. Yang*  
J. C. Yang.

P.S.

I have hope that Dr. Wasson, Foreign Secretary of our Board of Missions, can attend the Annual Meeting also.

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Dear Mr. [Name],  
I am writing to you in regard to the  
letter of April 1939 in which I mentioned  
that I had been elected to the  
Association of Universities for the year  
1939-40. I am pleased to say that  
I have accepted the honor and will  
be in New York City at the time of the  
annual meeting of the Association  
which will be held in New York City  
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September 29, 1939

President Y. C. Yang  
Soochow University  
Associated Christian Colleges  
in Shanghai  
Continental Emporium  
Nanking Road  
Shanghai, China

Dear Dr. Yang:

In connection with the minutes of the meeting of the Executive and Finance Committees included herewith, we wish to call particular attention to action EF-1027, in which we ask Dr. Lobenstine to act as our special representative, and to study the situation with you regarding the work of Soochow University.

We hope that you will be able to make use of Dr. Lobenstine's time when he is available, and that he will be able to bring us a first-hand report of your situation.

Sincerely yours,

*J. I. Parker*  
Secretary

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October 13, 1939

President Y. C. Yang  
Soochow University  
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Continental Emporium  
Nanking Road  
Shanghai, China

Dear Dr. Yang:

The minutes enclosed herewith are those of the joint meeting of the Executive Committee, the Committee on Finance, and the Committee on Promotion of the Associated Boards held on October 4.

The purpose of this meeting was to facilitate and complete the organization necessary to carry forward our special campaign for this year. You will note that we have departed from the use of the term, "emergency." This seemed to be absolutely necessary under the present conditions in America. It was also very advantageous to bring the promotional organization within the frame-work of the Associated Boards, rather than have a special group on the outside promote the campaign. These are the reasons for following the particular form of organization given in the minutes.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

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November 17, 1939

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President Y. G. Yang  
Soochow University  
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Continental Emporium  
Nanking Road  
Shanghai, China

Dear Dr. Yang:

I do not believe we have called special attention to an item which was included in the allocations of the emergency fund for 1939-40, which will be of particular interest to you.

In the special fund we are raising this year, we have placed a small amount for scholarships to be used by faculty members of the China Colleges in America. This amounts to \$5,000 and contains two items. \$2,500 is to be secured in the form of scholarships to be granted by certain colleges in America. These will not be in cash, but will be in the form of tuition scholarships, etc. The other amount of \$2,500 we hope to have available as cash grants which can be made to faculty members coming to America, to assist them in their expenses while they are here.

The amounts placed in the fund this year are, of course, not large and will not be sufficient to cover nearly all the requests that will probably be made. However, we felt that a beginning in a small way needs to be made, with the hope that this service can be increased as time goes on.

In using these funds for next year, the Associated Boards will be glad to consider applications from the various Colleges in China for the placing of any members of their faculties who are trying to come to America in the school year 1940-41. We, of course, cannot guarantee that we can give all the help required, and we cannot make any assignments until applications have been received.

This letter is being written to you so that you may take advantage of the placing of applications for any of the faculty members who may be in need of assistance next year.

Sincerely yours,

*J. J. Parker*  
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Mr. Joseph I. Parker,  
Associated Boards for Christian  
Colleges in China,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City, N.Y., U.S.A.

Dear Mr. Parker:

Many thanks for your kind letter calling my attention to the scholarship fund at the disposal of the Associated Boards.

I would like to recommend two of our teachers who are making plans to proceed to America for further study and would appreciate some financial assistance.

These are Mr. Hui-ling Li, a very promising instructor of our Biology Department, and the other is Miss Gloria Li, at present Physical Director for our women students.

Mr. Li is an instructor whose efficiency as a teacher of biology has been well tested and recognized. He is one of our own graduates and also holds an M.S. degree from Yenching University. He came from a good Christian family and is also a Christian himself. He now desires to enter either Harvard or Cornell for further study leading to the Ph.D. degree. He is a good man and a good teacher whom we would be very glad to have as a permanent member of our faculty.

Miss Li is a graduate of the Physical Education course of Ginling College. After having served for some years in other schools, she joined the faculty of Soochow University in the summer of 1937. She is the daughter of Dr. T. L. Li, Dean of the Nanking Theological Seminary and is, of course, herself a Christian. She intends to enter either the University of California or the University of Southern California for advanced training in physical education and hygiene. As well prepared women instructors in these subjects are greatly needed and very scarce in China, we are very interested in her getting this advanced training for further service in Soochow University.

A grant-in-aid of a few hundred dollars to each of these two instructors will be much appreciated by this University. May I request you, therefore, to take up this matter with the proper committee and let me hear from you at your earliest convenience?

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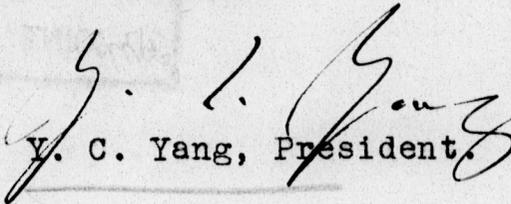
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All of us who are engaged in Christian education in China are most appreciative of the work carried on in the office of the Associated Boards under the direction of Mr. Garside and your good self.

With warm personal regards and the pleasant memories of meeting you in New York last summer, I am,

Yours sincerely,

  
Y. C. Yang, President.

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

Dear Mr. Parker:

In reply to your kind letter of February 6 which came to hand a few days ago, I am sending you herewith a copy of our Proposed Budget for 1940-41.

The Soochow University System, all under one administration, includes three Colleges -- Arts, Science, and Law -- and two Middle Schools. This budget covers the Colleges only.

On behalf of Soochow University may I submit the following requests for the consideration and approval of the Committees and the Associated Boards.

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| 1. For partial replacement of lost apparatus ---   | US\$5000.00        |
| 2. For Scholarships -----  | 500.00             |
| 3. For Care and Maintenance of our main campus in<br>Soochow and the buildings thereon ----- | 1000.00            |
| 4. For some house allowance to faculty and staff   | 1000.00            |
|  | <u>US\$7500.00</u> |

Item (1) -- Our total loss in scientific apparatus and equipment, based upon an itemized inventory, amounts to about US\$50,000. We are here asking for about 10% of our total loss, in order to enable us to replace some of the articles most urgently needed at once.

Item (2) -- We are now carrying about 60 scholarship students, involving a total of about \$7000. As the war becomes more drawn out, and the country becomes more impoverished, the demand for such help to needy students will grow keener. A modest sum of \$500 will be a small amount in America but will be a great help to many students here.

Item (3) -- It is to take care of our campus and buildings in Soochow, which we cannot now use, but which nevertheless demand a certain amount of care in order to prevent ruinous dilapidation or irreparable loss.

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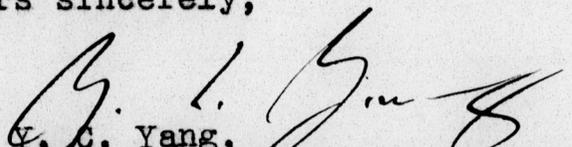
Item (4) -- This is to give some subsidy to the faculty and staff because of the very high rental charged for any kind of living accommodation here in Shanghai. While in Soochow we have a number of residences which we let teachers have for a nominal rental of \$15 to \$25 a month; now here in Shanghai you cannot get even a single room for less than \$50. We are giving a little bonus or emergency allowance, but it does not begin to touch the real need. According to the Shanghai Municipal Council, the cost of living has grown from 100 to 300 in the last two years.

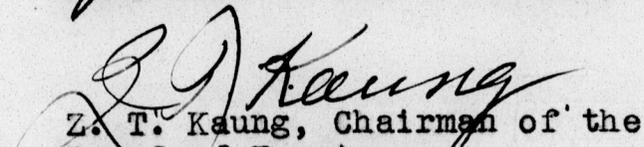
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Under separate cover I am sending you a copy of my Annual Report from which you may get fuller information as to our situation.

Please remember me to Mr. Garside. With kindest regards to your good self.

Yours sincerely,

  
Y. C. Yang,  
President of the University

  
Z. T. Kaung, Chairman of the  
Board of Trustees.

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Yours sincerely,

President of the University

Chairman of the Board of Trustees

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THE ASSOCIATED BOARDS FOR CHRISTIAN COLLEGES IN CHINA

150 Fifth Avenue  
New York City

VIA CHINA CLIPPER

March 9, 1940

President Y. C. Yang  
Soochow University  
334 Continental Emporium  
Nanking Road  
Shanghai, China

Dear Dr. Yang:

Your letter of January 18, in regard to nominations for scholarships and financial assistance for Mr. Hui-ling Li and Miss Gloria Li, reached me just two days following the meeting of our Committee. I am sorry that it did not arrive in time for presentation.

However, I know from the experience of the meeting of this Committee that they would have immediately asked for more careful presentation of the facts concerning these two people. In neither case have you given any amount which is being requested for financial assistance, and the Committee will not be able to give consideration under such circumstances. They are not in a position to know what amounts are required, and therefore cannot give adequate consideration to what may be required.

We also need to know what your plans are for these two people, as to whether they have made arrangements for study in certain schools, or whether there is something we need to do in getting them entered in the schools in which they wish to attend. I judge from your letter that they are planning to come and have made their own arrangements, but if this is not the case, any grants from the cash fund would depend upon the working out of other arrangements.

We have also discovered that it is practically impossible to get tuition scholarships from colleges unless we have full information and transcripts giving the academic experience and the teaching experience of the persons concerned. It is, of course, now very late to secure any scholarship help from colleges, as request for this sort of thing needs to be in the hands of the colleges concerned in some cases as early as December.

I am sending this letter to you by Clipper mail, in the hope that you can return to us as quickly as possible full facts regarding these two people. If the arrangements they have made for attending school are completed and it is only a matter of receiving some financial assistance from our cash fund, we will need to know explicitly what amounts are required, so that we can present these, together with the basic facts concerning the request, to the Committee.

I am sorry that it is necessary to have to write for more information, but with the limited funds that we have on hand, the Committee faces the necessity of reviewing the whole situation.

Sincerely yours,

*J. Parker*  
Secretary

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

Dear Mr. Parker:

Many thanks for your air mail letter which came to hand day before yesterday. In reply I am now giving you some additional information concerning Mr. Hui-Lin Li and Miss Gloria Li.

Mr. Hui-Lin Li has already been accepted as a candidate for the Ph.D. degree in the Biology Department of Harvard University. He will be working in the field of Botany, and hopes to get his degree in two years or less. He is planning to leave here in time for the Summer School, which may save him a term. Harvard has informally promised him some financial assistance, the details of which, however, will have to be worked out when he gets there. But with the promised help from Harvard, some financial assistance from Soochow University and some money from his own savings, he will still need some financial help. May we request on his behalf that the Associated Boards make a grant of US\$500 for this year?

Miss Gloria Li, who is going out to study Physical Education and Hygiene, has been granted admission by the University of Southern California and has received assurance through a missionary friend in America who took this case up with the Southern California University that a tuition scholarship will be available. In her case, may I request that a grant of US\$300 be made to her this year?

Both Mr. Li and Miss Li expect to remain in America for two years, so they will appreciate some financial assistance for next year also.

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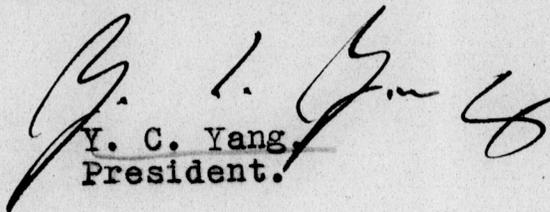
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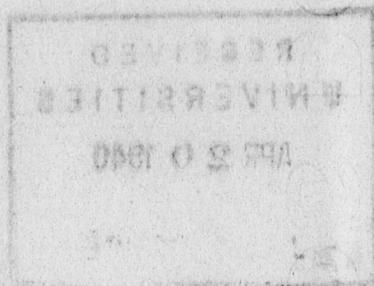
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Kindly let me hear from you at your earliest convenience and in the case of Mr. Li by cable since he desires to leave China in time for the Summer School at Harvard.

Yours sincerely,

  
Y. C. Yang,  
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MR. HUI-LIN LI

Native of Soochow, China

Age 28

B.S., Soochow University 1930

M.S., Yenching University 1932

Technician in botany, Biological Supply Service,

Soochow University, 1930-1934

Instructor in botany, Soochow University, 1932-1940.

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MISS GLORIA LI

Native of Tai An, Shantung, China

Age 28

Graduate of Ginling College School of Physical  
Education 1932

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- a. Shanghai P.E. School for Women and others,  
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May 15, 1940.

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

Dear Mr. Parker:

We deeply appreciate the efforts of you all in trying to secure fellowships for young instructors to study abroad. I am sending you herewith a few recommendations regarding instructors on our staff who desire and for whom the administration desires very much an opportunity to pursue advance courses of study in America.

1. Mr. C. Chao, Philosophy -- Mr. Chao is a cum laude graduate of St. John's University, who has been teaching in our University ever since the fall 1931. He started as assistant to Dr. W. B. Nance, but has done his work so well and has shown such capacity for independent instruction, that for the last six years he has been accorded full rank as an instructor in the College, conducting classes in General Philosophy and Psychology. He is a Christian, and a man of character, ability and distinct possibilities with a good background in Chinese Philosophy. He has served this institution faithfully and efficiently and will be invited and will most likely continue as a permanent member of our faculty. Transcript of his record in St. John's is herewith enclosed.
2. Miss M. T. Kaung, English or History -- Miss Kiang came to us a graduate of the McTyeire School, perhaps the best known high school for girls in China, and after four years of brilliant work graduated head of her class in 1936. She made one of the highest averages on record and maintained a uniform grade of A in all her classes in the senior year. She is a member of Phi Tau Phi, the only scholastic honor society in China. Although she majored in history her English was so good that she is now one of the principal English teachers in our University High School, where she also acts as Dean of Girls.

In addition to her brilliant record as a student and her faithful and efficient service as a teacher we are particularly interested in securing a fellowship for her to study abroad because of three other reasons:

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- (1) With the rapid development of co-educational work in Soochow University we are very anxious to add well trained teachers to our college faculty. Miss Kiang is a person whose contribution to teaching and influence upon students is already well established.
- (2) With government emphasis on Chinese as the medium of instruction in the Middle School, students whose command of English is good are few. She is exceptionally good material for development.
- (3) She has very intimate Church connections with our University. Her father is pastor of our leading Church and Chairman of the Executive Council of the China Conference.

3. Mr. Charles S. Feng, Business Administration -- Mr. Feng is now Business Manager and Bursar of the University. Before joining our staff in 1933 he had already served with distinct success for some years as Dean of Yates Academy. He was first in charge of our Registrar's Office, where his work was so much appreciated, that he was appointed about four years ago to the important position he is now holding. He is one of the most valuable men on our staff -- a man of outstanding efficiency and loyalty as well as of stirring character and high ideals.

Besides his administrative work he usually carries one course of instruction. He is a good religious worker among students, a faithful Church member, interested both in music and athletics, and his fidelity to the institution is attested by the fact that he has more than once turned away from more lucrative offers -- having been more than once approached by some other university, which desired very much to secure his services either as physical director or as business manager. It may almost be said that in applying for a fellowship for him it is more to meet our desire to extend his education rather than to satisfy his personal ambition for advancement.

4. Mr. M. B. Chang, History -- Mr. Chang is instructor in history. He graduated from our University in 1931 with good records, though the grades were not quite high enough for him to make the Phi Tau Phi Scholastic Honor Society. He first started out as a teacher of Western History in our University Middle School, but was later given charge of Freshman History. He is interested in the subject and has been giving his time almost exclusively to it for the last five or six years. He will be a very valuable addition to our college faculty if he can have the opportunity to study abroad.

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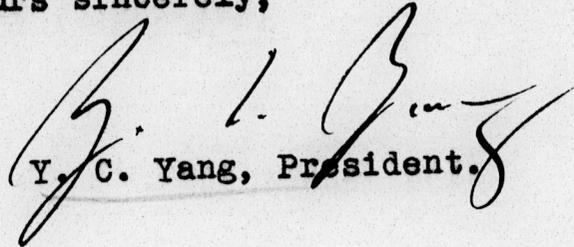
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In case of Mr. Feng, most of the teachers from whom he has actually taken instruction have left, but there at least two of the former professors of the Shanghai University, where he took his college education who knew him quite well and who are in America. These are Dr. Daniel H. Kulp, who, I understand, is at present in Columbia University (if not at Brown) and Mr. Gordon Poteat, who is now at Crozer Seminary, Chester, Penn., who may, therefore, be given as reference. While in the University of Shanghai his name was spelled Feng Dja Shen.

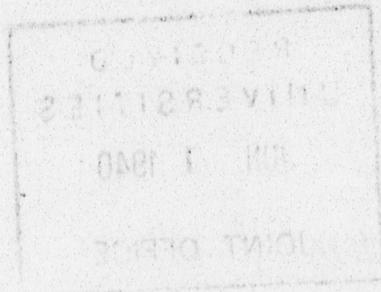
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With assurances of our deep appreciation for all that you are doing for the Christian Colleges, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

  
Y. C. Yang, President.

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May 24, 1940.

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Mr. Joseph I. Parker,  
Associated Boards for Christian  
Colleges in China,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City, N.Y., U.S.A.

Dear Mr. Parker:

We certainly wish to thank you for the radiogram which has just come from you informing me that the Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China has made available a sum of US\$300.00 for Mr. Hui-ling Li.

Both on behalf of the one directly profited by this grant and on behalf of Soochow University, may I express to you our deep appreciation and thanks.

Miss Li, the other instructor mentioned in my letter of April 1, is also making definite arrangements to go to America this summer. An official letter has been recently received from the University of Southern California granting her a tuition scholarship, but the money which she herself has saved up for this purpose, being, of course, in Chinese National currency, has again shrunk in value since I wrote you last because of the exchange situation. If some little help can be given to her it will also be greatly appreciated.

With sincere thanks and personal regards,

Yours sincerely,

*Y. C. Yang*  
Y. C. Yang, President.

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We cordially wish to thank you for the information which has been furnished to us regarding the situation of the Christian colleges in China. We are glad to hear that the amount of \$25,000.00 for Mr. and Mrs. Li, made available to them, has been received.

Both of the other institutions mentioned in your letter of May 15, 1940, are also making definite arrangements to receive the aid which has been recently received from the University of California. We are glad to hear that the money which was sent up for this purpose, is being used for the maintenance of the students.

With sincere thanks and personal regards,  
Yours sincerely,  
C. C. Young, President

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May 27, 1940

President Y. C. Yang  
Soochow University  
Associated Christian Colleges  
in Shanghai  
353 Hanking Road  
Shanghai, China,

Dear President Yang:

The other day we sent you a cable telling you that \$300 was available for the use of Mr. H. L. Li, who is going to Harvard this next year. The Scholarship Committee, in making its grants, had to consider a very large number, and because of the very small amount in our fund we were unable to give consideration for more than this amount to the applications from Soochow University. This grant is not the total for which you asked, but we hope that it is sufficient to enable Mr. Li to proceed with his work. We are indeed sorry that we do not have sufficient funds to make a grant for Miss Gloria Li.

Very shortly I will be sending to you a letter regarding applications for grants from Scholarship funds for the year 1941-42. Our experience this year indicates that we must have applications in hand much earlier than we had this last year, and it will therefore be necessary for such to reach us not later than the first of November, 1940. Full information regarding this will be sent to you as soon as available.

Sincerely yours,

*J. P. Parker*  
Secretary

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Via S.S. "Pres. Monroe"  
from San Francisco, Calif.

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May 28, 1940.  
*ack by C. C. Yang  
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Mr. Joseph I. Parker,  
Associated Boards for Christian  
Colleges in China,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Parker:

With reference to my letter of May 15 in which I recommended some of our instructors for the Columbia University Fellowship I am sending herewith the scholastic records of Miss M. T. Kaung and Mr. M. B. Chang. These have been made out by our Dean's Office from informal records, and information gathered from all possible sources. There is no question of the courses taken by them. The grades are believed to be at least ninety per cent correct.

In case of Miss Kaung, there is perhaps another point which calls for a little explanation. Although she is now essentially a middle school teacher, there is perhaps no other person whom we are more interested to develop into a college teacher of English than her, nor is there any other person whom we consider to be any more promising.

As to Mr. Feng, since he graduated from the University of Shanghai, we have to see what sort of statement they can give with their records lost. We are recommending him because we know the man and his work, and are fully persuaded that the man is worth the investment and that whatever additional training given to him will add to his usefulness to Christian education and Christian cause in China.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

*Y. C. Yang*  
Y. C. Yang, President

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May 15, 1940

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of May 10, 1940, regarding the matter mentioned therein. The enclosed report contains the information requested by you. It is hoped that this will be of assistance to you in your work.

Very truly yours,  
[Signature]

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I am sure that you will find the information contained in the report to be of interest and value. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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ASSOCIATED BOARDS FOR CHRISTIAN COLLEGES IN CHINA

150 Fifth Avenue  
New York City

*Via Clipper*

June 10, 1940

President Y. C. Yang  
Soochow University  
Associated Christian Colleges in Shanghai  
353 Nanking Road  
Shanghai, China

Dear Dr. Yang:

Several times during the past year we have had occasion to write concerning various reports that need to be made out and sent to America. In one of my letters, I promised to remind you of these again at the time when the reports should be prepared. I am listing hereunder the item required. This is required fairly early in the Fall and since the China mails are so uncertain, we wish to request you to have this report prepared immediately upon the closing of the books as of June 30, 1940. This will insure its reaching us in time for use, so that no complications will arise.

Statistics for Annual Report of the Associated Boards. We have mentioned at various times the information required for the Annual Report of the Associated Boards. In the past we have had considerable difficulty because of the lateness with which this information comes in, and this has greatly handicapped us in the use of our Annual Report. We should have the material in hand so as to begin the preparation of our report not later than the first of September. In our general letter dated March 5, we attached a form asking for certain information for our statistics. We are attaching another copy of this form, so that you may have it at hand to fill in and return to us as promptly as possible. If this information can be secured from each one of the Colleges, it will enable us to make a much more complete and accurate Annual Report than has hitherto been possible.

We earnestly request your careful attention to the items listed above concerning these various reports. None of these reports should reach us later than the last week in September if we are to use them properly. As mentioned above, the uncertainty of the China mails makes it important to allow plenty of time for the reports to reach us.

Thanking you for your cooperation in the preparation of these reports,

I am

Sincerely yours,

*J. L. Parker*  
Secretary

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June 11, 1940

President Y. C. Yang  
Soochow University  
Associated Christian Colleges in Shanghai  
353 Nanking Road  
Shanghai, China

Dear Dr. Yang:

Attached hereto are the minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Associated Boards. No attempt will be made at this time to go into great detail regarding these minutes, particularly as some of the references to the Executive Committee call for action by that group in order to complete the instructions of the Annual Meeting. However, I would like to call your attention to the following:-

On page 4, you will note reference to a report on the Colleges by Dr. Cressy. The Executive Committee is making further study of this report. The document itself is quite bulky, and we are uncertain just how it will fare in second-class mail to China. We have, therefore, suggested to Dr. Cressy that he take a sufficient supply of these copies with him when he returns to Shanghai and see that they get into your hands as soon as possible thereafter.

On page 5, you will note the report of the Committee on Christian Character, Staff and Curriculum. As this has been referred to the Executive Committee, such items in it as concern the field will be forwarded to you upon completion of their action.

On page 9 is the report of the Committee on Correlation under action AB-1093. We recommend this to your attention, particularly in reference to the items mentioned in the report.

Actions AB-1094 and AB-1095 will be considered by the Executive Committee shortly, and if anything can be done in connection with these actions, you will be advised as soon as consideration has been given.

Under the report of the Committee on Finance, you will note action AB-1090 to recommend certain procedure regarding the Sustaining Fund for the coming year. The working out of the details in connection with this action is now in the hands of a special committee. The effect of this on your program will be discussed as soon as the Executive Committee has taken action.

We trust that these minutes will reach you in good order. Also enclosed are the minutes of the Executive Committee of May 3 which preceded the Annual Meeting. There is nothing particular in these minutes which need discussion in this letter.

Sincerely yours,

JIP:VW  
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Secretary

Via S.S. "Pres. Taft"  
from San Francisco, Calif.

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June 13, 1940

President Y. C. Yang  
Soochow University  
334 Continental Emporium  
Nanking Road  
Shanghai, China

Dear Dr. Yang:

I wish to acknowledge your letter of May 15, in which you make four nominations of members of your faculty for advanced study in America. You will have received my letter telling what should be done for this coming year.

These nominations which you have made recently will have to be considered for the year 1941-42. I must again call attention to the very serious limitations of the fund which we will have available, and the likelihood that we will not be able to help more than one person from any one school at the best. Our committees have just been studying the plans for the raising of funds next year and we have not been able to include a greater amount for faculty aid than was in our campaign this last year. If it were not for the very great uncertainties caused by the war in Europe, we might have been able to do more this coming year, but this is apparently going to force us to continue our activities in a very limited way.

May I assure you that we will give every consideration to these nominations? While we felt it was necessary to indicate our inability to deal with some of these nominations, it should not be taken to mean that we are not interested. We are very much so, and we deeply regret our inability to help everyone who should be given consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

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June 14, 1940

President Y. C. Yang  
Soochow University  
334 Continental Esplanade  
Nanking Road  
Shanghai, CHINA

Dear Dr. Yang:

I discovered that I had not acknowledged your letter of March 18 relating to the budget of Soochow University.

This budget arrived in good time for us to use in preparing the material for the study of our committees, and we very much appreciate your cooperation in making a complete analysis possible. Our Executive Committee will shortly be taking final action in regard to the plans for next year. We hope to be able to let you know soon what the Sustaining Fund will undertake for the coming year.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

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Via U.S. Express, Adams  
from San Francisco, Calif.

President Y. C. Yang  
Soochow University  
353 Nanking Road  
Shanghai, China

June 17, 1940

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Dear Dr. Yang:

In a recent letter to you we suggested that a letter would be forthcoming, giving information about the handling of faculty scholarships for the year 1941-42. There has been opportunity to see some indication of what might be available for next year, and it now appears that the amount of money which can be included in the Sustaining Fund for this coming year will still be the very limited amount which was included this last year. This means that we will not be able to give help on many of the applications which will be sent in. However, we do want to continue to work at this problem, with the hope of getting it so organized that as means develop which will enable us to take care of more applicants, we will have the plan operating in an efficient way. Perhaps during this next year, we can get at least our plans worked out.

One of the greatest difficulties this past year has been the time element, particularly in reference to the presentation of cases to different schools in time for proper consideration. We are, therefore, asking that all applications be sent to us in time to reach the New York office not later than November 1, 1940. There are, no doubt, applications which were made for the fall of 1940 on which we have not been able to help. Will you please repeat the applications for any such persons whom you wish considered for beginning work in the fall of 1941?

There are a number of details yet to be worked out by our committee, and this will be done early in the fall. In the meantime, the most important factor is the one of getting the applications, together with full information, into our hands so that we may begin our investigation of possibilities in November. Another important item is this matter of complete information. Every application should be accompanied by a transcript of grades, showing the courses taken and the grades received for college work taken to date. Any college in America considering an applicant requires this information, and it is useless for us to present a case without this record. Our committee, of course, will want to know the prospective plan for each person. This should include the length of time which the candidate expects to spend in America studying, as well as some indication of what your institution expects to do for him or her in the way of assistance on the expenses.

Attached hereto is a part of the report of the Committee on Christian Character, Staff and Curriculum, which deals with the sub-committee handling scholarships. This gives the background of the discussions to date. You will note a number of things which indicate the way in which this committee is approaching the problem. Each section of the report deals with some particular problem connected with scholarships, and the problem of making them effective. It is hoped that you will give this report careful attention, and in making applications for help in the year 1941-42, that you will give careful consideration to the tentative plans suggested therein.

I must again express to you our regret at not being able to enlarge this fund for the coming year. The funds available will only help a few. It is hoped that by keeping this small beginning alive and working, it will develop into something much larger in the coming years.

Sincerely yours,

JIP:VW  
Enc.

Secretary

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Y. C. Yang

Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China

One Hundred-fifty Fifth Avenue . . . New York, N. Y.

June 21, 1940

To the Presidents of  
the China Colleges

Dear Friends:

Owing to the volume of work concerning the holding of the annual meetings in May, we did not get a general letter written to the field at the regular time. Since the last general letter, there have been a great many things happening. The Annual Meeting of the Associated Boards has been held, as well as a number of the annual meetings of the individual boards. I will make no attempt to discuss particular items dealt with at the meetings, since you will have received the minutes and covering letters concerning them.

The week beginning May 13 was a very busy one for every one connected with the China Colleges. Monday, the 13th, and Tuesday morning, the 14th, were set aside for the Associated Boards meeting. We were very fortunate in having with us Dr. Joseph Beech, Chancellor of West China Union University, who had recently returned to America. Every one was greatly interested in the honors which he had received from the Chinese Government. It was our further good fortune to have Bishop Ralph Ward present, who had just completed a trip to China which had taken him into a large number of the locations where our Colleges are working. Two of our own board members from America had been in China during the year. These members, Dr. E. C. Lobenstine and Dr. L. S. Ruland, were able to give us first-hand and fresh information concerning the situation on the field. On Monday evening we had the friends of the Colleges together for dinner, and Dr. Beech and Bishop Ward spoke of their recent experiences in China.

At the present time, we are all busy trying to get the Sustaining Fund for the current year completed. The process of getting the remaining amounts necessary to reach the goal is proving to be quite difficult. The chart has been crawling up gradually towards the final mark, but we are not yet sure that June 30 will see the \$250,000 reached. Recent happenings in Europe are, of course making it more difficult to raise money in America, since so many new appeals of an emergency nature are being presented every day. The Executive Committee has been wrestling with the problem of plans

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To the Presidents of  
the China Colleges

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June 21, 1940

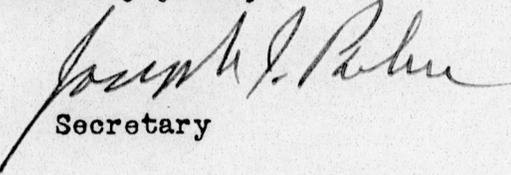
for next year, and will meet again this week to set a final figure for our 1940-41 Fund. We are having to approach the coming year with a greater amount of faith than has been required in previous years. No one knows what the effect of the war in Europe will be upon life in America, and whatever the results, our work for the China Colleges will undoubtedly be involved in those things which affect the life of the nation. We are going ahead, planning definitely on a Sustaining Fund campaign, with the belief that we cannot fail in supporting the great need of the Colleges.

Attached hereto are the two most recent bulletins of the progress of the 1939-40 campaign. These give more detailed information as to what has been happening.

The staff in New York will be working through the summer, each one taking a bit of vacation as the schedule allows. Mr. Garside is going to be active in the Pacific Seminar, which will be held at Silver Bay in July, and will be in the office a good part of the remaining summer. The rest of us are dividing up the time during the summer in such a way that some one of us will always be available for the handling of the regular business which should be looked after.

As this school year comes to a close, we want to again thank you for your fine cooperation during the year, and to assure you that we are looking forward to another school year of even greater accomplishment in the Colleges in China.

Sincerely yours,

  
Secretary

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Enc. - Progress Bulletins Nos. 14 and 15

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Via S.S. "Pres. Cleveland"  
from San Francisco, Calif.

June 27, 1940

President Y. C. Yang  
Soochow University  
353 Nanking Road  
Shanghai, China

Dear Dr. Yang:

Enclosed are the minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Associated Boards held on June 21, 1940. May I call your attention to the following items:-

1. Report of the Committee on Special Askings. This Committee had the very difficult task of considering the askings from the various Colleges, both as to the items to cover budget deficits, as well as special emergency askings. The Committee spent considerable time in going over the figures very carefully and adjusting them to come within the total amount set by the Annual Meeting of the Associated Boards for the Sustaining Fund this coming year. The processes concerned in doing this particular job are always difficult, and the members of the Committee made their recommendations with a great feeling of regret at not being able to give each of the schools the full amount of its askings. At the same time, the Committee was under the pressure of the effects of recent war news from Europe, and plans for the raising of the Sustaining Fund for next year had to be approached with a great deal of faith.

You will note in action E-1104 the amounts allocated divided into two columns. It is hoped that these amounts can be raised and sent to you, but they will only be available if and when secured. You will note under vote E-1105 the arrangements for the distribution and accounting of these amounts. The Executive Committee has made no attempt to limit the authorities on the field in the administration of these amounts from the Sustaining Fund, and no indication is given as to whether they apply to budget deficits or special items. As the amounts allocated become available, it will be left to you to decide what items on the field are the most urgent to which these should be applied.

2. The Associated Boards Budget for 1940-41. This item is handled in America, and we have written to the officials of each college board concerning the items included under vote E-1107. Explanations preceding the vote indicate how the shares were determined.

3. Visit of Board Members to the Field. Under vote E-1108 you will note the action taken regarding the visits of Dr. Ralph Diffendorfer and Dr. L. J. Shafer. Dr. Diffendorfer is a member of the University of Nanking Board, and Dr. Shafer is a member of the Fukien Christian University Board. We do not know yet what their itinerary will be, but they have been asked to visit any of the Colleges which are convenient to their trip as planned. If they succeed in getting to your campus, we hope that you will make use of their visit for strengthening the contacts between our work in America and the work on the field.

Other items in the minutes are self-explanatory.

Sincerely yours,

*J. L. Parker*  
Secretary

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July 3, 1940

President Y. C. Yang  
Soochow University  
334 Continental Emporium  
Nanking Road  
Shanghai, CHINA

Dear President Yang:

Your letter of May 24th addressed to Mr. Parker is at hand. As he is absent for a vacation, I am acknowledging same.

We were indeed sorry that a larger fund was not available for the 1940-41 distribution, and the prospects are not bright for a further expansion this coming year.

As Mr. Parker has stated, it was a difficult task to make a selection. But, in the final analysis it appeared to be the most equitable adjustment which could be made among the different applications. In view of the limited amount received toward this appropriation there seems to be absolutely no chance of any further distribution, and as much as we would like to render the desired assistance to Miss Li, it seems to be out of the question.

By the time this letter reaches you no one can tell what will have transpired. Nevertheless, we are working on in faith and hope that out of all of this turmoil will come a finer way of living.

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

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SOOCHOW UNIVERSITY  
SOOCHOW, CHINA  
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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

July 15, 1940.

Ack. 8/13/40

Mr. B. A. Garside,  
Associated Boards for Christian  
Colleges in China,  
150 Fifth Avenue, N.Y., N.Y.

Dear Mr. Garside:

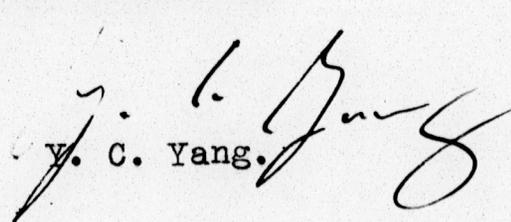
Enclosed herewith I am sending you a copy of the opening remarks I had the honor of making on behalf of the Associated Christian Colleges (in Shanghai) at our recent Joint Commencement. My remarks in Chinese are naturally longer, and goes fuller into the significance of Christian higher education and the service it hopes to render. But the condensed remarks in English give some glimpse of what and how we are carrying on this phase of the Christian enterprise in China.

We here in Shanghai are very appreciative of the help we have been receiving from the Associated Boards in New York without which we could not have served the college students and the Christian Church in China in the same way and to the same extent as we have been doing.

I have also sent you, a few days ago, a copy of the program for the Joint Baccalaureate Service. The collection taken up at the Service was for student relief in Europe. The amount of \$249 collected would be insignificantly small when changed into U.S. currency or sterling pounds but it is an expression of world-wide Christian fellowship and an application of the passage, "And add to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, charity," in the scripture lessons read to the congregation.

With warm personal regards and best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

  
Y. C. Yang.

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UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO  
PHYSICS DEPARTMENT  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Dear Mr. [Name]:

I have the pleasure to inform you that your application for a position in the [Department] has been received and is being considered. We are currently looking for individuals with a strong background in [Field] and a Ph.D. in [Field].

If you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at [Phone Number] or [Email Address].

Sincerely,  
[Name]

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Opening Remarks for Joint Commencement

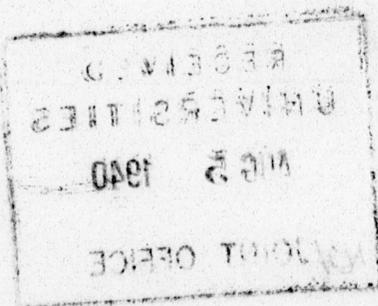
June 29, 1940.

Ladies and Gentlemen: On behalf of the six Christian Colleges and Universities now holding their third Joint Commencement, I have the honor, as their designated representative for this occasion, to bid you all a most hearty welcome.

These six institutions have this year a total enrollment of about 3500 students and give instructions in a wide field of knowledge, covering Arts and Sciences; Engineering and Commerce; Law, Medicine, and Theology. They work in close fellowship with each other, exchanging courses, sharing facilities, providing joint lecturers, solving common problems, etc., expressing an essential unity of purpose in their common task of serving youth and the country by giving them the best that Christian education can offer. These institutions, each and all, labor faithfully to uphold a high standard of scholarship, to develop Christian character, and keep aflame in this "Modern Dark Age" of conflict and confusion that torch of light which we believe will make men free and lead them to the Truth and the Way of Life.

We are greatly encouraged by your presence here today. To friends and patrons of these institutions, we extend our hearty greetings; to graduates and their parents and relatives we tender our hearty congratulations; and to all those who have given us help and assistance for this function we wish to extend our sincere thanks.

And now to Mr. Julean Arnold, our honored guest and Commencement orator, we wish to express our great appreciation for his kindness in responding to our invitation to address us this morning. I now have the great pleasure of introducing Dr. Julean Arnold with the assurance that we will now, as we say in Chinese, "wipe our ears, and give him our respectful attention."



Y. C. Yang

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Opening Remarks for Joint Commencement

June 29, 1940.

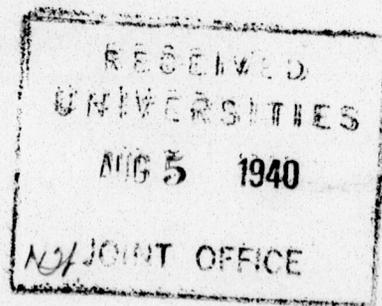
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Y. C. Yang



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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

SOOCHOW UNIVERSITY  
SOOCHOW, CHINA  
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MOORE MEMORIAL CHURCH  
316 YU YA CHING ROAD, SHANGHAI

*Ack.*  
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*JSP*

August 1, 1940.

Mr. Joseph I. Parker,  
Associated Boards for Christian  
Colleges in China,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City, N.Y., U.S.A.

Dear Mr. Parker:

Enclosed herewith you will please find  
Statistics for Annual Report of the Associated Boards which  
I have prepared in accordance with instructions given in  
your letters to us. I hope this will reach you in good time.

We are just now having a six weeks summer  
school in which we have a total enrollment of 360. Two of  
the most interesting classes are a class for the primary  
school teachers for the study of methods of teaching in  
primary schools and the other a seminar class for the middle  
principals for the discussion of middle school administration  
problems. There are seventeen members in the former group and  
fifteen members in the latter group from the Christian schools  
now operating in Shanghai.

We hope that the Associated Boards has been  
able to raise the balance of some \$29,000.00 which, according  
to the latest report received here, was still needed to attain  
the full amount of sustaining fund sought for the Christian  
Colleges in China for this year. We are much indebted to you  
all for the help thus given us. I can assure you all of our  
deep appreciation and of the fact that there is probably a  
deeper interest, and more conscientious effort at correlation  
here in East China than many persons are aware of.

With personal regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

*Y. C. Yang*  
Y. C. Yang, President



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August 13, 1940

President Y. C. Yang  
Soochow University  
334 Continental Emporium  
Nanking Road  
Shanghai, CHINA

Dear Dr. Yang,

Thank you for your letter of July 15, and for the copy of the opening remarks in English which you made at the recent joint Commencement of the Associated Christian Colleges (in Shanghai).

We have been very much gratified at the continued success of the Associated Christian Colleges during the year which has just closed. Your joint Commencement constituted a very fitting climax to a year of outstanding accomplishment.

During recent weeks we have been viewing with increasing anxiety developments taking place both in Europe and Asia. We realize that these developments may have a profound effect upon our Christian work in Shanghai during the coming year. But we do earnestly hope that your Associated Christian Colleges can continue to operate under much the same conditions as have prevailed during the past two and a half years. Should adjustments be inevitable, we hope that other arrangements can be made that will keep this fine work going forward.

Very sincerely yours,

B A GARSIDE

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*Presented by Mr. Li attached to Mr.*

SOOCHOW UNIVERSITY  
SOOCHOW, CHINA  
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SHANGHAI

*Li's letter of  
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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Aug. 19, 1940.

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

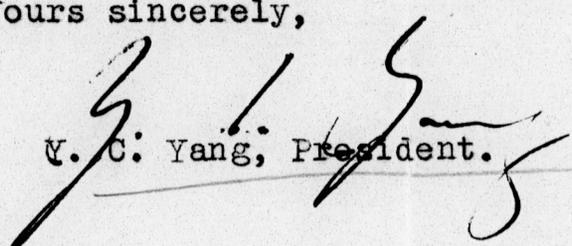
Dear Mr. Parker:

It gives me pleasure to introduce to you the bearer, Mr. Hui-ling Li, one of our instructors who is proceeding to study in Harvard, to whom the Scholarship Committee of the Associated Board has been kind enough to make a grant-in-aid of \$300. I am asking Mr. Li to call for it in person so that he may also have an opportunity to call on you and Mr. Garside.

Mr. Li, as I told you in my letter of recommendation, is a Christian from a Christian family and has been on our faculty for nearly ten years, with a very good teaching record.

Mr. Li will be working for his Ph.D. and expects to be in America for two years. May I, therefore, request that you will consider him an applicant for financial subsidy for next year (1941-1942) also, and make him as generous a grant as possible, for which we shall, as an institution, also feel grateful.

Yours sincerely,

  
Y. C. Yang, President.

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September 5, 1940

President Y. C. Yang  
Soochow University  
Associated Christian Colleges in Shanghai  
353 Nanking Road  
Shanghai, China

Dear Dr. Yang:

Thank you very much for your letter of August 1, enclosing the statistics for our Annual Report. These figures will enable us to include reliable information about Soochow University.

We greatly appreciate your fine cooperation in getting these figures to us in time for preparation and inclusion in the report.

Sincerely yours,

*J. L. Parker*  
Secretary

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Via S.S. "Pres. Garfield"  
from San Francisco, Calif.

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September 10, 1940

President Y. C. Yang  
Soochow University  
353 Manking Road  
Shanghai, China

Dear Dr. Yang:

There is one matter on which we are having considerable difficulty in New York on which you can help us. Our supply of up-to-date catalogues of the Colleges is completely used up, and we are needing the most recent bulletins and catalogues which you have available. The only catalogues we have for a number of Colleges are very much out of date and we have frequent requests for information which is contained in such catalogues. May we request that you send us a supply (five to ten) of the most recent catalogues available, and also that, as such are published from time to time, that such a supply be sent to us upon publication?

From time to time Chinese students who are completing their work in colleges in America ask us for information about appointments to teaching positions. Our answer is always that such appointments are made by the authorities of the Universities on the field, and that the only thing we can do is to send information concerning them to the Presidents of the Colleges. There will probably be occasion for us to tell you of the availability of certain people of this kind, and such information is forwarded to you not with the idea of requesting you to find places for them, but rather that you may know of the availability of these persons and can consider whether or not you wish to have us follow up their qualifications. This we will be glad to do if you so desire.

At the present time, we know of the availability of Dr. and Mrs. H. T. Chu. Dr. Chu has his B.A. from the University of Wisconsin, his M.A. from the University of Missouri, and his Ph.D. in Political Science from the University of Illinois. Mrs. Chu has her M.A. in History from the University of Illinois, and has been a fellow and assistant in the Northwestern University for the last two years. These people are planning to go this fall to West China, and we have suggested to them that they get in touch with the Presidents of the Colleges in the West China area upon their arrival in that part of the country. This will serve to notify you of their availability if they should apply to you later on.

Another request we have had is from Dr. Paul Ching-szu Chen. He has been in this country about five years studying, and is now ready to return to China, hoping to find a teaching position. Certain information which has come to us indicates that it is important that his qualifications be thoroughly checked before any commitment or appointment is considered or made. In this case, we will conduct such an investigation if you are at all interested in his abilities or availability. He says that he has his M.A. from the Northwestern University, has done graduate work at Garrett Biblical Institute and the University of Chicago, and has his Ph.D. from the University of Iowa in the field of Religious Education.

Sincerely yours,

*J. L. Parker*  
Secretary

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Via S.S. "Pres. Garfield"  
from San Francisco, Calif.

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October 24, 1940

President Y. C. Yang  
Soochow University  
353 Nanking Road  
Shanghai, China

Dear Dr. Yang:

Enclosed herewith are the minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Associated Boards held on October 4. You will find in these minutes a number of items which will be of interest to you.

I particularly wish to call your attention to items included under the report of the special committee to make recommendations on the report of the Committee on Christian Character, Staff and Curriculum. This section of the minutes begins on Page 3. Included under each action is the quotation from the report of the Committee on Christian Character, Staff and Curriculum to which it refers. A number of these call for study and action on the field. These in particular appear under action E-1125. You will note that the action calls for referring the recommendations to the Colleges on the field through their Boards of Trustees. This will be done as the Boards of Trustees hold meetings here in America. However, as some of these Boards will probably not meet for some time, we feel that you should be notified of this action and be prepared to go ahead with such considerations as are necessary even though the matter has not yet reached you from your own trustee board.

In this action E-1125 there are several different matters covered. You will note that the first paragraph refers to a study of budgets in relation to departments of religion. Section (b) refers to items on which there will be need of cooperation between the field and the Boards in America. We will be glad to have your suggestions as to practical methods of carrying out these suggestions. Section (c) has to do with the character of the student bodies and this section is sent on to you for your careful consideration.

Vote E-1126 refers to a study which should be made through the Council of Higher Education in China. This request has been sent on to Dr. Cressy, with indication that it would also be sent to the Presidents of the Colleges, and that study should be initiated by the Council of Higher Education.

In vote E-1127 the Secretaries have been asked to correspond with you, particularly in reference to Section (b) regarding the supplementing of departmental budgets. We wish to get full information from you as to what will be involved in supplementing your regular budget in order to carry out a more effective piece of work in the department of religion.

In connection with the items mentioned above, we would like to again call to your attention the fact that our committees in America, both of the

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President Y. C. Yang

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Associated Boards and of the trustee boards, have been very much concerned regarding this question of the departments of religion and the carrying out of the Christian purpose of the Universities. We, as Secretaries, are constantly being urged by the members of the Boards to emphasize their very vital interest in this matter and to make sure that very real consideration is given to this problem on the field. We, therefore, will very much appreciate not only your careful consideration, but also all information that you can send us as to what is being done on this question.

Other items in the minutes do not require special explanation, although I am sure you will find several of them of real interest.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

*J. I. Parker*  
Secretary

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Via SS "President Cleveland"  
from San Francisco

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Oct. 30, 1940.

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

Dear Mr. Parker:

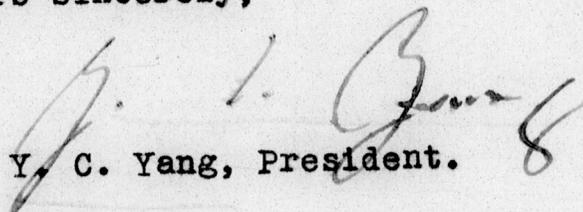
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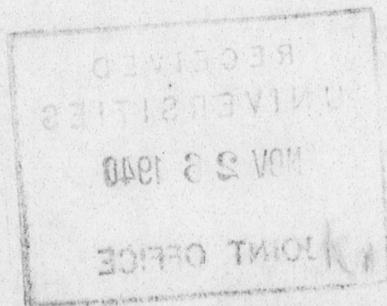
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Yours sincerely,

  
Y. C. Yang, President.

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Dec. 9, 1940.

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

Dear Mr. Garside:

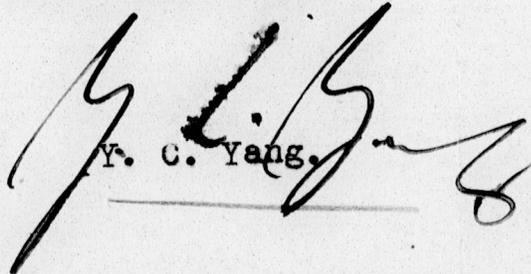
The latest bulletin of the "China Colleges" issued by the A.B.C.C.C. has just come to hand. I have read over it not only with great interest and appreciation, but also with great admiration. It gives such a true and vivid picture of Christian higher education in China -- stimulating as well as illuminating.

These are days of great difficulties and perplexities. It is therefore very comforting and encouraging to know that there are friends who understand our problems and can visualize the opportunities these Christian educational institutions now have.

The door of opportunity is at present indeed open wide and effective. There is clearly a call to attempt great things for God and to hope for far-reaching results and an abundant harvest. Such is my hope and prayer as I toil in a little corner, trying to make a modest contribution to the cause of Christian education in China.

You and our other Christian friends in America can count our utmost effort as we go about our humble task.

Yours cordially,

  
Y. C. Yang.

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President Y. C. Yang  
Soochow University  
410 Continental Emporium  
353 Nanking Road  
Shanghai, China

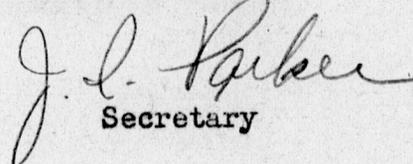
Dear Dr. Yang:

As suggested in a recent letter, a calendar of reports has been prepared for use in connection with getting these reports to our New York office at the time when they need to be used. In sending out this calendar, we hope that it will prove helpful as a permanent schedule for such reports. The dates are the dates on which the reports should be mailed from China in order to reach us by the proper time. Here in New York we will have a calendar which will indicate when we need to send a reminder to you of each report, and this will be done so as to call attention to the calendar.

This may at first thought sound as though we are perhaps overdoing the reminding about the reports, but we have discovered that it is best to do the reminding before the reports are needed, rather than to depend upon cable requests as we have so frequently done in the past.

We know we can count on you for full cooperation in the handling of these reports, and any failure heretofore has been because of our neglect in not keeping the matter before you. This neglect on our part is the item which we are trying to avoid.

Sincerely yours,

  
Secretary

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Via S.S. "res. Taft"  
from San Francisco, Calif.

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CALENDAR OF REPORTS  
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<u>Report</u>	<u>Date to be Mailed from China</u>
1. <u>Statistics for Annual Report</u>	July 15
2. <u>Field Treasurer's Report</u>	August 1
3. <u>Scholarship Applications for the Following Year</u>	September 1
4. <u>Report by Cable on Opening Enrollment</u>	September 15
5. <u>Proposed Budget for the Coming Year</u>	February 15
6. <u>Report for Annual Meeting of Board in America</u>	March 1
7. <u>List of Staff Members to be on Furlough in America:-</u>	
(a) Preliminary	April 15
(b) Final Changes	July 1

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Date to be Mailed from Office	Report
July 15	1. <u>Resolution for Annual Report</u>
August 1	2. <u>Field Promoters' Report</u>
September 1	3. <u>Administrative Analysis for the Following Year</u>
September 15	4. <u>Report by Office on Outlook for Following Year</u>
February 15	5. <u>Proposed Budget for the Coming Year</u>
March 1	6. <u>Report for Annual Meeting of Board of Trustees</u>
April 15	7. <u>List of Staff Members to be on Staff</u>
July 1	(a) Preliminary (b) Final Changes

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December 23, 1940

VIA - CHINA CLIPPER

President Y. C. Yang  
Soochow University  
334 Continental Emporium  
Nanking Road  
Shanghai, China

Dear Dr. Yang:

I wish to acknowledge your letter of October 30, in which you enclosed information concerning Miss Kaung Me-Tsung. We will put this among our other applications for consideration of our committee.

Our hope that the arrangement at Columbia University for a number of special scholarships will be developed to the point of actual operation has not been realized. It is taking more time to get the details worked out than we had supposed. This is partially due to certain local conditions, and perhaps political joggling within the University itself, and we cannot hurry the process. Some of our applications which were designed for this particular situation at Columbia will have to wait for further development.

I am somewhat uncertain as to just whom we should recommend regarding the applications from Soochow University. We have five Soochow faculty members whose applications will be before the committee, and at the most I can only hope to get help for perhaps one for this next year, because of the serious limitation of the amount to be available. I am wondering which one of the applicants should be placed for first consideration. I have a request from Mr. Hui-lin Li, who is at Harvard, for help in continuing his second year. We also have applications which you have sent in for Miss M. T. Kaung, Mr. M. B. Chang, Mr. C. Chao, and Mr. Charles S. Feng. Perhaps you will be good enough to indicate some order of precedence for these applications.

We are only sorry that conditions and amounts available will not make it possible for us to make immediate plans for helping all of these people. This faculty aid, being a fairly new program, will have to develop somewhat slowly, but we hope eventually that we will be able to get the amount of help required.

In sending in the applications for these various people, we note that the ninth question, "What financial provision can you make if fellowship is secured?" would indicate that the University in China is making available provision for the family in China and for travel expenses, and that the help in America needed is for tuition. Do I understand from this that if we are able to get tuition scholarships, the four people listed above will be able to come to America and take care of their other expenses? It may be possible that we can find scholarship help to the extent of tuition in some school where other funds will not be available. If it is true that no other financial help will be necessary other than the tuition scholarship, we may be able to do something for some of these people where we cannot if cash help from the scholarship funds is required.

Sincerely yours,

*J. D. Parker*  
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Religious Life in the  
Associated Christian College in Shanghai

Y.C. YANG - Pres. Soochow Univ.

A very active and successful program of religious work has been in progress among the Associated Christian Colleges in Shanghai. Each of these institutions, Hangchow University, University of Shanghai, Soochow University, and St. John's University, has both a strong faculty committee and a student Christian organization to plan and carry out their programs of religious work.

In addition there has been on the part of students and teachers a marked reaching out for cooperation relationships and, in many cases, unity of work. It is now almost an established custom for these four Associated Colleges to have a joint Christmas Worship Service, a joint Easter Sunrise Service, a joint Student Summer Conference, besides the joint Baccalaurette Service at Commencement time. Usually several other joint meetings for religious worship are held each year.

The result has been very encouraging. Practically every one of these institutions reports a larger number of students who receive baptism and join the church than ever before. There is evidently a new interest in religion and a new appreciation of the spiritual values of life and a desire to reach out for the eternal and fundamental. More than ever before education in these institutions can be and is distinctly and effectively Christian.

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