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COMMITTEE FOR
CHRISTIAN COLLEGES IN CHINA

July 14, 1923.

Dr. F.L.H. Pott,
St. Johns University,
Shanghai, China.

My dear Mr. Pott:

We send you herewith a complete copy of Minutes and report to date that you may be fully apprised of the proceedings in the direction of closer cooperation for promotional work in this country on behalf of Christian Higher Education in China.

The actions of the Committee have been forwarded to Dr. John W. Wood for your institution with the request that they be considered by your Board in this country. They will no doubt appreciate any information or comment from you which will bear on this matter.

Faithfully yours,

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ST. JOHN'S UNIVERSITY
PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

COMMITTEE FOR

SHANGHAI, CHINA.

December 10, 1925.

China Union University,
Central Office,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City, N.Y.,
U.S.A.

Cord Campbell

Gentlemen:

In the absence of Dr. Pott who is now on furlough,
the minutes of the first meeting of the Permanent Committee
for the Coordination and Promotion of Christian Higher
Education in China have come to me, and I write to thank you
for the same.

Very truly yours,

John A. Ely

John A. Ely
Acting President

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CORNWALL,

July 10th 1926

Dr. Eric M. Holt
Secretary

COMMITTEE FOR
CHRISTIAN COLLEGES IN CHINA

Permanent Committee for the Coordination
and Promotion of Christian Higher Education
in China.

Dear Dr. Holt:

I am in receipt of your communication of June
18th and thank you very much for sending me the
account of the second meeting of your Committee.

Yours sincerely
F. P. Hawks Pott

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PERMANENT COMMITTEE FOR THE COORDINATION
AND PROMOTION OF CHRISTIAN HIGHER EDUCA-
TION IN CHINA

June 18, 1928.

The Reverend F. L. Hawks Pott, D. D.,
281 Fourth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Dr. Potts:

While your institution is not officially related to the Permanent Committee for the Coordination and Promotion of Christian Higher Education in China, I thought you might be interested in the account of the second meeting of that committee which was held on May 6th, and I am, therefore, enclosing a copy of the minutes of that meeting for your information.

Cordially yours,

Secretary.

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PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

ST. JOHN'S UNIVERSITY

SHANGHAI, CHINA

May 25, 1935.

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

My dear Dr. Garside:

I have looked over your interesting pamphlet on the Story of the Christian Colleges of China. When I look at the map on pages 8 and 9 I think it gives the impression that there are no Christian colleges in Shanghai. It seems to me that although the University of Shanghai and St. John's University are not members of the Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China, some mention might be made of the work they are doing. On page 12 you ignore entirely the existence of these institutions. I do not think that the interests of Christian education in China should be promoted in this spirit. It is more in keeping with modern commercial ethics than with those of Christianity.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Dr. John
W. Wood.

Yours sincerely,

D. L. Hawks P. K.

President

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 Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, at
 Washington, D. C., on June 4, 1935.
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June 14, 1935

President F. L. Hawks Pott
St. John's University
Shanghai, China

My dear Dr. Hawks Pott:

Thank you for your letter of May 25th, commenting on our pamphlet "The Story of the Christian Colleges of China."

You raise one of the very difficult questions we have all been trying to solve in connection with our united promotional work on behalf of the Christian universities and colleges of China - that of what reference we should make to the institutions that are not just now sharing in this united promotional undertaking.

The desire of the group in the Associated Boards has always been that of trying to picture fairly and impartially the whole range of Christian higher education in China, without making any distinctions. We do find it difficult, however, when it comes to speaking on behalf of the two Christian universities of Shanghai which have not yet accepted the invitation of the Associated Boards to join with us. We are between the horns of a very puzzling dilemma. If we seem to include these two institutions in our descriptions of the group we are representing, we are always open to the challenge that we are speaking on behalf of institutions that have not given us that authority and that we are giving the impression of representing a larger group than we have. If, on the other hand, we do not mention the institutions that are not participating in the Associated Boards we seem to be ignoring them. The compromise we have usually tried to follow is that when we have described the institutions cooperating in the Associated Boards we try to add some friendly reference to the excellent work being done by the two other Christian universities in China which are not represented in our group. This compromise often involves us in embarrassment, however, for we are constantly being asked to explain just why the two institutions are not cooperating with us, what is their attitude on the whole subject of cooperation both in China and in the West.

We have not as yet reached a satisfactory solution of this problem. As a general rule, when we produce any publicity material, or make any addresses, where the various institutions are described, we usually add some reference to both St. John's and Shanghai. In certain cases we have not done this, either because we did not possess the exact information we needed or because we were afraid that such a reference in that particular instance might create embarrassment for us all.

The map on pages eight and nine of the pamphlet "The Story of the Christian Colleges of China", is one that we have all discussed on many occasions without ever reaching any entirely satisfactory decision. We felt that to put in St. John's and Shanghai in the same way as the other Colleges are indicated would give the impression that we were claiming to represent them in the same way as the others. If we should put them in in any other way, or make some footnote with regard to them, this would seem to make unfavorable comparisons and to draw invidious distinctions. Always at the end of our discussions, we have come back to the conviction that the only thing we could do in fairness to them, was to omit them from the map entirely.

Much the same might be said with regard to the tabulations on pages twelve and thirteen of this booklet. In addition to the considerations I have just mentioned, I believe that we also lacked at least a part of the up-to-date figures we would have needed for St. John's and Shanghai.

For the past two years our Associated Boards has had a similar embarrassment in the case of Hua Nan College. We have all been very happy this spring that the Hua Nan Board of Trustees voted to accept our invitation to participate in the Associated Boards. They were officially welcomed to membership at our Annual Meeting in May.

Of course, so far as the Associated Boards is concerned, the invitation extended several years ago to all of these Christian universities and colleges to join with us in working together for the interests of Christian higher education in China still stands. We sincerely hope that within the near future both St. John's and Shanghai will see their way clear to accept this invitation. We feel that we are all working for exactly the same cause, and that all of our problems are much the same. We recognize that the positions of both St. John's and Shanghai have certain special characteristics, but much the same is true of each of the other institutions. The spirit of the Associated Boards from the beginning has been that of seeking to maintain all these necessary individual characteristics, while at the same time emphasizing the essential unity of the group.

We are very glad to have the advantage of having in the Associated Boards a number of the men who are leaders in the St. John's and Shanghai groups. For instance, Dr. Wood is with us both as a Hua Chung Trustee and as a Fukien Trustee. We try to consult with him on matters of policy where St. John's interests might be involved, though I am afraid that occasionally when both he and we are extremely busy we may fail to check with him as frequently as we should.

We will sincerely welcome and appreciate at all times your suggestions as to how we can best carry on our publicity on behalf of Christian higher education in China so as not to slight any of the institutions which may not be participating in the Associated Boards, and yet not do them an injury by making distinctions which might cause misunderstanding.

Very cordially yours,

BAG:MP
Copy to Dr. Wood

ASSOCIATION
BOARDS

May 20, 1936

Dr. F. L. Hawks Pott
St. John's University
Shanghai, China

My dear Dr. Pott:

Attached is a copy of a folder describing one of the World Forum Tours which is planning to visit China this summer. You will note that this tour is being planned by the Committee on International Travel for Adult Study and World Activities. Professor Benjamin R. Andrews of Teachers College is Chairman of the Committee. The names of the other members are also shown.

You will note that the party is planning to be in Shanghai from August 16th to August 18th. While their complete itinerary for these three days has not been worked out, the group should by all means try to find time to visit St. John's. The exact size of the party cannot be given as yet, because bookings for the tour have been open for only a short time.

Dr. Andrews suggests that someone from St. John's University write to Miss McIntosh in care of the Imperial Hotel, Tokyo, so it will be awaiting her when she arrives there July 25th. She would be glad to have your assurance that the University is ready to assist in making the party's stay in Shanghai as pleasant and as profitable as possible.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Dr. Andrews. I know that he and Mr. Caldwell, together with Miss McIntosh will keep you informed of such details as the size of the party, and any shifts in their plans.

We all sincerely hope that through such tours as this we will from year to year be able to bring a growing number of philanthropically minded men and women in America into direct contact with our Christian higher educational work in China. This should prove of great ultimate value to these institutions, not only through stimulating the interest and support of those who visit the campuses, but also through the influence they will exert upon others after they return to America. Of course, there will be no thought of any promotional solicitation while these parties are engaged in these tours.

Very sincerely yours,

BAG:MP
Encl.

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August 14, 1936

Dr. F. L. Hawks Pott,
St. Johns University,
Shanghai, China.

Dear Dr. Hawks Pott,

Under separate cover we are mailing a dozen copies of the Annual Report of the Associated Boards for the year ending June 30, 1936. If you care for additional copies, we will be glad to supply them.

This is our first attempt to issue an Annual Report of this type. Like most initial experiments, it leaves ample room for improvement. One obvious fault is the lack of complete and accurate statistical data as to the enrollment, staff, and field income of the Colleges. In order to have the Report ready for use this autumn, we had to utilize such information as was available here in America, even though this left some gaps to be filled in as best we could.

In preparing the tables of information concerning the different Colleges, the question arose as to whether we should try to include figures for St. Johns and Shanghai as well as the eleven institutions participating in the Associated Boards. It was our desire to include both St. Johns and Shanghai if their boards of trustees agreed and if the necessary information was available. Due to Dr. Woods' absence at the time, it was difficult to get much either of information or advice concerning St. Johns. The men we talked to concerning Shanghai stated that they believed the necessary statistics for that institution were not available here in America, and they would advise that we do not attempt to include any reference to the University of Shanghai in this year's Report. So it seemed wisest to follow the same policy for both Shanghai and St. Johns.

We would be glad, however, to include in future issues of these Reports whatever information and statements you and Dr. Herman Liu may suggest. We would also be grateful for whatever information concerning St. Johns you may care to send us throughout the year. We are constantly preparing material concerning the work of the Christian Colleges in China - and can only build as we have the material available. Our failure to give due credit to the work of this or that institution is usually due to our lack of the necessary facts, rather than to any intentional omission.

With all good wishes for the continued success of St.

Johns, I am
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Very cordially yours

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PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

ST. JOHN'S UNIVERSITY

SHANGHAI, CHINA

September 11, 1936

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

My dear Dr. Garside:

I have received your letter of August 14th and shall be glad to see the copies of the annual report.

I was under the impression that Mr. Cressy kept you informed as to the statistics of the Christian colleges in China. I am mailing you a copy of our last catalogue which contains the information about St. John's.

Yours sincerely,

P. L. Hawks Pelt

President

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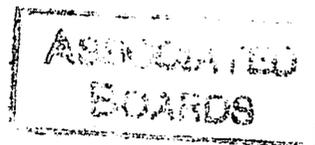
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Dr. B. A. Garside
Executive Secretary
Associated Boards for
Christian Colleges in China
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City, U.S.A.



My dear Dr. Garside:

I notice that I have not replied to your letter of June 23rd, 1936 in regard to the securing of exchange professors and teachers for Christian colleges.

Owing to the death of one of our staff, Prof. F. W. Gill, we are in need of a teacher for our Department of English Literature and Language to replace him. Of course I have written to Dr. Wood, our General Secretary, in regard to this matter. If you know of anyone who would be qualified for such a position, I shall be obliged if you will communicate with Dr. Wood and put him in touch with the applicant. //

Our appointment for the first term for teachers is three years, and if the work of the man is satisfactory, at the end of the first period he is recommended for a year's study at home. Regular appointments, of course, are made from the home office of men approved by the administration out here.

With kind regards.

Yours sincerely,

D. L. Hawks Pelt
President

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October 30, 1936

President F. L. Hawks Pott
St. John's University
Shanghai, China

Dear Dr. Pott;

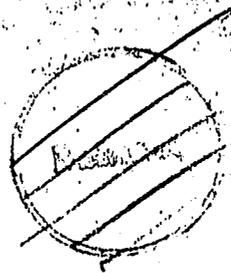
Thank you for your letter of September 11th, and
for the last catalogue of St. John's University.

Mr. Cressy has certainly been doing his best to
keep us supplied with statistics of the various Christian colleges
in China. We draw on this material wherever it is available, and
usually communicate direct with his office when we are seeking for
additional information. We know, however, that it is sometimes
difficult for him to get information from all the colleges as
promptly and in as complete form as we would like. Occasionally
we must supplement his information with material which we are able
to dig out of our own files, or to get from the institutions
direct.

With every good wish for the continued success of
St. John's during the coming year, I am,

Sincerely yours,

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December 15, 1936

St. John's

President F. L. Hawks Pott
St. John's University
Shanghai, China

My dear Dr. Hawks Potts

Thank you for your letter of October 20th.

Our office will be happy to pass along to Dr. Wood any information we have as to potential candidates for your vacancy in the department of English Literature and Language. Within recent weeks I have sent him information concerning a few men who are particularly interested in St. John's and might possibly prove worthy of further consideration. Our usual experience, however, is that filling each vacancy that occurs involves a special hunt for an individual with the exact qualifications which the specific position demands.

With all good wishes for the New Year which will have begun before this reaches you, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

ST. JOHN'S UNIVERSITY

SHANGHAI, CHINA

October 29, 1938

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

My dear Dr. Garside:

I shall be much obliged if you will send me a copy of the constitution and by-laws of the Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China. I cannot find one in my files and Mr. Cressy is not able to supply me.

We appreciate very much the help the Associated Boards is giving to the East China Christian Colleges, and I would like to study its constitution again.

Yours sincerely,

F. L. Hawks Pott
President

President F. L. Hawks Pott
surname -
Hawks Pott

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Jessfield, Shanghai

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November 23, 1938

President F. L. Hawks Pott
St. John's University
Jessfield
Shanghai, China

My dear Dr. Hawks Pott:

In reply to your letter of October 29 in which you asked for copies of the constitution and by-laws of the Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China, we are enclosing copies of these documents herewith.

We trust that these will supply your need.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

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January 11, 1939

Dr. R. J. McMullen
Dr. T. K. Van
Dr. Y. C. Yang
✓ Dr. W. 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,

January 11, 1939

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,

BAG:MP

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Hotel Stolley

35 Washington Square

New York City

Nov 21st 1941

My dear Mr. Caldwell:

Enclosed please find the list of
former and present American faculty
members in East America at the present
time. I think it is fairly accurate,
but of course some of the addresses
may be out of date.

If you wish for a list of the American
members of the faculty who are in
China. I can compile it from the
catalogue.

I am sorry for the delay in sending you
the list.

Yours sincerely

F. L. Stansky

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November 21, 1941

Dr. F. L. Hawks Pott
Hotel Holley
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New York, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Pott:

Thank you very much for your list of former and present American faculty members in North America. We are grateful to you for your assistance, and you may be sure that this list will not be used in any way which you might not approve.

I hope I shall have the privilege of seeing you again before you leave New York.

Very sincerely yours,

Oliver J. Caldwell

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326 West 126th Ave
New Brighton
Staten Island N.Y.

J. S. Parker Esq,
Associated Boards
Christian Colleges in China

F. L. Pott

Dear Sir:

Excuse delay in acknowledging the receipt of
document in regard to proposals of Committee
on Eastern Work.

I was glad to receive it, and hope to
be present at the next meeting of the
Committee representing the Colleges in China
My present address is as stated above

Yours sincerely
F. L. Pott
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January 20, 1942

Dr. F. L. Hawks-Pott
Hotel Holley
Washington Square
New York, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Hawks-Pott:

We were sorry that you could not attend the meeting of the Committee on Greater Unity held last Friday. At this session the steps were taken which were necessary to get the remaining work of the Committee started. As a basis for the discussion of that meeting and others to be held this spring, a "Working Document" was prepared. Your copy is enclosed herewith.

In order to avoid duplications of documents and preparation of new material, it is hoped that this "Working Document" will be retained by the members of the Committee for reference throughout the study which will be made. You will note that wide margins have been left on a number of the pages so as to enable you to make notes as the various points of consideration come up.

The minutes of Friday's meeting are now in process of preparation and will be sent to you shortly. Dates for the next meeting have tentatively been set and, as soon as the exact time and place can be determined, notices will be sent out.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

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The Rt. Rev. H. St. George Tucker, D.D., Presiding Bishop and President

NATIONAL COUNCIL * Protestant Episcopal Church

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Vice-President for Administration

The Rev. Charles W. Sheerin, D.D.
Vice-President for Promotion

The Rev. Franklin J. Clark, D.D.
Secretary

Lewis B. Franklin, D.C.L.
Treasurer

CHURCH MISSIONS HOUSE, 281 FOURTH AVENUE, NEW YORK, N. Y.

January 24, 1942.

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The Rev. Joseph I. Parker
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Parker:

Would you please be sure that
Dr. Pott receives a copy of the "Working
Document" as well as a copy of the Minutes
of our meeting on January 16? His present ad-
dress is The Rev. F. L. H. Pott, D.D.
236 Westervelt Avenue
New Brighton
Staten Island, N. Y.

I want to be sure that he keeps in touch with
our progress.

Faithfully yours,

J. T. Addison

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January 26, 1942

Dr. F. L. H. Pott
236 Westervelt Avenue
New Brighton
Staten Island, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Pott:

We have today received a notice from the office of the National Council of the Protestant Episcopal Church, giving the above address for you. Some days ago, we sent to you a copy of the minutes of the meeting of the Committee on Greater Unity of January 16 in addition to a set of the "Working Documents". If you have not received these papers, will you please let us know so that we may send additional ones as we are anxious that you should have the material with which we are working in this Committee.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

jip:d

Petersburg Virginia
March 2nd 1952

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My dear Mr. Parker:

My impression is that something was
said about a meeting of the Committee on
Senate Unity being held on March 6th.

I find that my engagements here will keep
me from getting back to New York until
March 7th. and therefore will not be able
to attend the meeting.

Regretting to be absent,

Yours sincerely,

T. L. Stranks Post

Address 326 West 10th Ave
New Brighton
Staten Island, N. Y.

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April 29, 1942

Dr. F. L. Hawks-Pott
Hotel Irving
26 Gramercy Park
New York, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Pott:

Dr. Wood has informed us that you are expecting to get back to New York on the first of May. We know that you will be interested in the Annual Meeting of the Associated Boards which is being held on May 4 and 5. An agenda for this meeting and a letter regarding the Annual Dinner on the evening of May 4 is enclosed. We will be very happy to have you present at any of the sessions which you find are convenient for you.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

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George T. Stockham,
Manager

Telephone
Gramercy 5-6263



Aug 21 1942
[Handwritten signature]

Dear Mr. Parker:

Many thanks for the notice about
Annual Meeting of the Associated Boards.

I hope to be able to attend some of the
meetings, and would like to be present
at the dinner

Enclosed please find check to cover the cost

Yours sincerely,

F. P. Stewart Polk

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Mr. J. Evans

Secretary of the Associated Boards of Christian Colleges

My dear Mr. Evans:

Will you please send a copy of
the Constitution and By-Laws of the Committee
on Evoked Unity, as far as they have been
formulated, to Rev. F. A. Cox D.D.

He was Chancelor of St John's University, Shepley,
and will be interested in the proposal now
under consideration.

His address is

The Rectory

5659 Darlington Road

Pittsburgh

Pa.

Thank you for the trouble
to which I am putting you

Yours sincerely

D. L. Hawks Pitt

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January 31, 1945

Dr. F. L. Hawks-Pott
Hotel Irving
26 Gramercy Park South
New York 3, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Pott:

We are having a small informal luncheon for Chancellor Chiang Mon-lin of Peking National University a week from today, Wednesday, February 7, 12:30, at the Aldine Club, 200 Fifth Avenue. Members of the Executive Committee are being invited to this luncheon, and we would like to extend a special invitation to you to be present. A postal card is inclosed for your convenience in replying.

Very sincerely yours,

EHB:mcc

February 23, 1945

Dr. F. L. Hawks-Pott
Hotel Irving
New York, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Pott:

Our Executive Committee, which was in session Wednesday afternoon, was informed that yesterday would be your 81st birthday. It asked that heartiest greetings and best wishes be sent you in the name of the Committee. I apologize that the lateness of the hour when we adjourned that afternoon and the multiplicity of items that had engaged our attention, plus another committee that followed almost immediately and lasted till nearly eleven o'clock in the evening, drove the matter temporarily out of my mind, with the result that this note is a day late.

The person that informed us of your approaching birthday added something which he said he was also quite sure of, but which seemed such a remarkable coincidence that some were inclined to be sceptical; not only were you to be congratulated on having reached in such good health and spirits the 81st milestone, in your own pilgrimage, and reached it on the birthday of George Washington, but also that Mrs. Pott would be celebrating the same occasion for herself, both as to the day of her birth and the number of her years! If our informant was correct, our greetings and best wishes are doubled--even trebled for such an unusually felicitous coincidence.*

Sincerely and respectfully yours,

* I think we should congratulate her anyway!

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Mr. Earle H. Ballou
Executive Secretary
Associated Boards of Christian Colleges in China

My dear Mr. Ballou:

Please accept my apology for being so long in
acknowledging your kind letter of Feb 23rd.
It was due to oversight and not to lack of appreciation.

Both my wife and I were much pleased to receive the
gifts. Last year we celebrated our eightieth birthday
together, as I reach the honorable estate of the octogenarian
before she had passed on to her eighty-first birthday.
She is a little older than I am, but I catch up to her
every year.

However remember that it is nice to be remembered, and to
receive a token of good will from our friends.
We both thank the members of the Committee very much

Yours very sincerely

F. L. Hawks Pott

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