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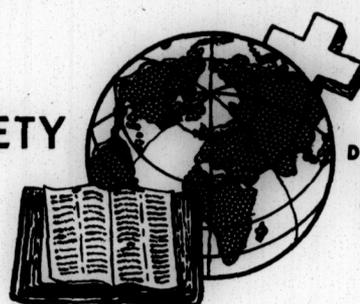
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Cable Address—"GO"

Telephone IRvington 1166

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January 9, 1941

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

Dear Dr. Garside:

We have recently received confidential information from three different sources that Dr. Searle Bates ought to come home on furlough now. His family is en route to the United States at present and will land in San Francisco on January 19. Our board of trustees was in session on Tuesday and Wednesday and had opportunity to hear a report from one of these confidential sources, a woman who has just come from China and who spent a week in the Bates' home shortly before she sailed from Shanghai.

The trustees voted to request Dr. Bates to take his furlough now while his family is here and to serve our headquarters as advisor on the East Asia situation. That vote was cabled to Shanghai last night to our Mission Secretary there. Dr. Alexander Paul is associated with the Mission Secretary and the two of them will relay this message to Dr. Bates. We thought that the Associated Boards might help in this situation and we wondered if it would be feasible for you to cable the office of the University of Nanking in Chungking suggesting that Bates come on furlough now. Dr. Paul wrote recently that the matter had been taken up with Chungking. No action had been reported at the time he wrote. You will know whether or not it would be wise for you to cable the University Office. We merely make the suggestion and pass on to you this information regarding Dr. Bates' physical and nervous condition.

Sincerely yours,

*E. K. Higdon*

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Dr. E. J. Caspary  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York City

Dear Dr. Caspary:

The information on which the  
above report is based is  
from the report of the  
Committee on the  
Education of Chinese  
Students in the United States  
and Canada, which was  
submitted to the  
Department of the Interior  
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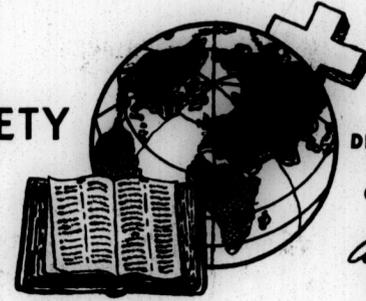
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Telephone IRvington 1166

January 27, 1941

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

Dear Parker:

Our foreign division had a long and profitable conference with Mr. Lyman Hoover on January 24. He had come to Indianapolis almost directly from the steamship and brought us particular word from our China Mission and a general interpretation of the situation in that part of China where we have our work.

We talked to him about the physical and nervous condition of Dr. Searle Bates. In fact, he brought up the matter himself. He said that he fears a repetition of the Minnie Vautrin experience. When we asked him whether or not Dr. Bates would come home if both our Society and the Nanking Board advised it, he said that it would be very difficult for him to leave unless someone was sent to Nanking to take over his responsibilities.

It was agreed that I should write you at once to inquire whether or not you have in mind anyone who could be transferred from Chengtu to Nanking or whether you have any plan at all to relieve Bates of his university responsibility. If nothing has been done toward this end, would it not be possible for the Associated Boards and the United Society to cooperate in the solution of this important problem.

Dr. Yocum and I have both returned our cards voting in favor of sending a cablegram to Chengtu asking the University to help arrange for Bates' furlough.

Sincerely yours,

*E. K. Higdon*

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February 1, 1941

Mr. E. K. Higdon  
Missions Building  
222 Downey Avenue  
Indianapolis, Ind.

Dear Higdon:

I have waited to answer your letter of January 27 until I could talk the matter through with some of the people here. Mr. Evans and I felt that Dr. J. Claude Thomson could give us as much light on the situation from the viewpoint of both Nanking and Chengtu as anybody available here. Dr. Thomson was in yesterday afternoon and we discussed the situation regarding Dr. Bates at considerable length. We, of course, did not have the benefit of the most recent reports, such as Mr. Hoover was able to give you. We also feared the necessity of making an immediate arrangement which would call for at least temporary adjustments at Nanking until such time as a replacement could come from Chengtu, if such proved either advisable or possible.

As we understand the situation in Nanking, there are two men at the University, Dr. Bates and Dr. Steward. Dr. Steward has been working with Dr. Bates and should be the one to take over the responsibilities, but it has also been considered necessary to have two men available so that no gaps come in the responsibility carried by any one individual. In order to release Dr. Bates from this part of the duties concerned, it would seem that the most immediate arrangement that could be made would be to ask Mr. McCallum to work with Dr. Steward. We had before us Dr. Bates' recent mimeographed letter which told of the many things to which he was related. It would seem that Mr. McCallum is already related to a good many of these and could take over without too much shifting of present responsibilities. There would on such items as the teaching at the Nanking Theological Seminary be the necessity of their finding someone else to take over Dr. Bates' work. This they should be able to do in Shanghai without much difficulty.

As to the possibility of having some one sent down from Chengtu, it would take very considerable argument and pressure to get this done. All the men who are in Chengtu are carrying large and important responsibilities, and the University administration is, of course, anxious to do as thorough and complete a job in Chengtu as can possibly be done. The person whose name occurs to us as being the one who would be most likely to fit into the situation at Nanking would be Dr. Smythe, because of his familiarity with the various responsibilities which Dr. Bates had carried. There is one other reason why a shift from Chengtu might not be advisable. This is the rapidly changing situation in regard to eventual political relationships in the Far East.

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In view of the above considerations, it would be our first suggestion that we attempt to turn matters over to Dr. Steward, with the appointment of Mr. McCallum to assist him and be the second man in relationship to the University, and that we then take a little more time to explore the advisability and the possibility of sending some other person to Nanking from Chengta.

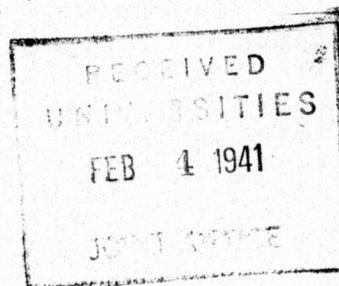
The question arose during our talk as to whether any advice had been received in your office, either through Mr. Hoover or through Mrs. Bates, from the doctors at Nanking regarding Dr. Bates' condition. It would certainly be very helpful if we could have some word from Dr. Brady, who, being of your Mission, might be very familiar with the situation and could give a dependable verdict as to not only the necessity of Dr. Bates' furlough, but of the necessity of immediate action. If you do not have such advice, you might perhaps be able to secure it through Dr. Paul or Mr. Edwin Marx. In any case, when the shift is made, I think medical advice will be helpful in what <sup>ever</sup> pressure may be necessary to get Dr. Bates to consent to the arrangement.

I will await further word from you after you have thought over these suggestions, but I can assure you that the Board of Founders will stand ready to cooperate with your Mission fully in avoiding any serious situation which may face Dr. Bates.

Sincerely yours,

*J. Parker*  
Assistant Secretary

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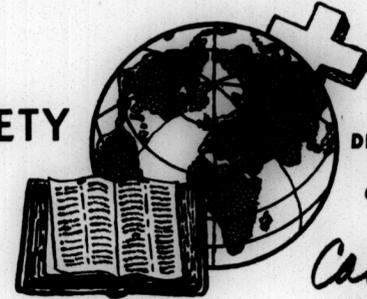
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Mr. Joseph I. Parker  
University of Nanking Office  
150 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y.

Dear Parker:

This morning we received a cable from Alexander Paul to the effect that all the men of the mission are remaining in China. This means that Dr. Bates has decided not to take his furlough at present.

Our foreign division met today with Dr. C. H. Plopper of Nanking Theological Seminary to discuss your letter and the implications of Dr. Paul's cable. Your suggestions regarding possible arrangements to relieve Searle were most helpful. We agreed to send the following cable provided you approve:

LETTERS AND CABLES RECEIVED. APPROVE DECISIONS EXCEPT OUR OPINION BATES UNCHANGED. ASSOCIATED BOARDS CONCUR FURLOUGH SUGGESTION AND SUGGEST STEWARD MCCALLUM RELIEVE BATES. CLIPPER LETTER SHOULD REACH YOU ABOUT FEBRUARY TEN. WE LEAVE FINAL DECISION TO YOU.

We do not want to send this cable unless you do concur in the opinion that Bates should take his furlough this summer. The cable to which I refer above and a copy of a letter from Dr. R. F. Brady may have some bearing on your decision. Dr. Paul had asked Dr. Brady to make professional statement. I am enclosing a copy of it.

Our opinion here is that what Dr. Brady says about, "the mental or psychological strain which is the real factor," and his further statement that, "conditions may arise in the next three months to change my present opinion" is of utmost importance. It pretty largely cancels his opinion regarding Dr. Bates' physical condition. Dr. Plopper said this morning that Minnie Vautrin could have passed a physical examination with flying colors even on the

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Mr. Parker

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day she boarded the ship to come home and yet she was in no condition to remain on the field and should have taken her furlough six months or a year before she did.

Please wire me if you approve of that part of the cable quoted above which refers to the Associated Boards.

Sincerely yours,

*E. K. Higdon*

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Sincerely yours,

*[Handwritten signature]*

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January 6, 1941

Dear Mr. Paul:

Your letter regarding Searle Bates received and duly considered. I had a conference with Dr. Bates and found that he himself wishes to defer decision until later. This is not inconsistent with Dr. Bates physical condition. As I see it, there is nothing new in his physical condition and he has not needed advice or care during the past year. It is the mental or psychological strain which is the real factor and over which I have difficulty in accurately gauging.

However, I feel that he is fit enough to carry on for another 17 months, until regular furlough time. Should he decide to go this summer, I feel that it should be within the regular arranged 9 months furlough allowed after 6 years service and not on a health basis.

However conditions may arise in the next 3 months to change my present opinion of his condition.

Sincerely yours,

(signed) Richard F. Brady, M.D.

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January 6, 1941

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Sincerely yours,  
(signed) Richard F. Brady, M.D.

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March 10, 1941

Mr. E. K. Higdon  
United Christian Missionary Society  
222 Downey Avenue  
Indianapolis, Indiana

Dear Mr. Higdon:

We have recently received from Chungku replies to our cable regarding Dr. Bates' furlough. You will be interested in seeing what President Chen and Miss Priest have to say about this situation. We are, accordingly, enclosing copies of President Chen's letter and a part of Miss Priest's which applies to the subject.

After looking these over, we will be glad to know what further reactions you have regarding this subject.

Sincerely yours,

*J. L. Parker*  
Assistant Secretary

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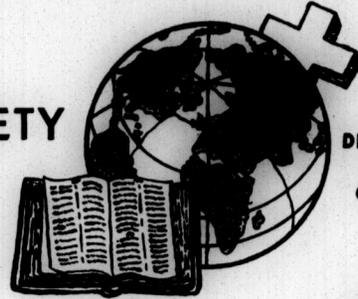
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Department of Latin America Missions

April 8, 1941

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*JDP*

Department of Oriental Missions  
Alexander Paul, Executive Secretary  
E. K. Higdon, Executive Secretary

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

Dear Mr. Parker:

Mr. Higdon has asked that we send you the following information.

On April 4 we received a cable from Alexander Paul in Shanghai saying that Searle Bates is sailing on the TATUTA MARU May 9 for San Francisco where he will arrive about May 29. Mrs. Bates came home in February and is living at Carmel-by-the-Sea, California.

Very sincerely yours,  
*Janice M. Bennett*  
Secretarial Assistant  
DIVISION OF FOREIGN MISSIONS

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June 11, 1941

Mr. E. K. Higdon  
Missions Building  
222 Downey Avenue  
Indianapolis, Ind.

Dear Higdon:

At the Annual Meeting of the University of Banking Board of Founders, two actions were taken calling for communications with the constituent Mission Boards. I quote hereunder the sections of the minutes which deal with these actions:

STAFF VACANCIES

"It was reported that, in accordance with the original agreement, the constituent Mission Boards are making cash appropriations whenever vacancies occur in their staff appointments to the University. The Methodist Board and the United Christian Missionary Society are making such appropriations at the present time.

"Attention was called to the serious situation now faced by the English Department at the University which has been caused by a number of resignations of members of the staff. Minute EE-152, of the Executive Committee in Chungku, was noted, and it was

"EF-1148 VOTED to communicate with the Mission Boards concerned, the request that serious consideration be given to the English Department at the University in planning any transfer of missionaries from occupied to Free China.

"Dr. Cartwright pointed out that, in addition to the securing of satisfactory candidates, the obtaining of passports at the present time places additional barriers on the carrying out of appointments. Nevertheless, it was agreed that every effort should be made to find qualified candidates for appointment whose names could be proposed to the authorities on the field."

COMMITTEE ON WESTERN STAFF

"Dr. Cartwright reported on the deliberations of this Committee, outlining the problems discovered and discussed. Recommendations were presented to the Board and the following actions were taken:

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Mr. E. K. Higdon

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June 11, 1961

"BF-1169 VOTED that any request made to the Boards of Founders for the filling of vacancies on the staff be referred to the Committee on Western Staff, and to recommend to the constituent Mission Boards that vacancies be filled as soon as possible."

We hope that you will be able to give careful consideration to these two actions and counsel to you any action which your Board may be able to take in carrying out the request of the Banking Board. Our office will be glad to cooperate with you in any way in the considerations arising from these requests.

Sincerely yours,

*J. J. Parker*  
Assistant Secretary

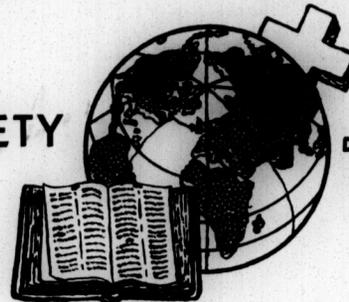
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Telephone IRvington 1166

June 26, 1941

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Mr. Joseph I. Parker,  
 150 Fifth Avenue,  
 New York City.

Dear Mr. Parker:

Your letter of June 11 calling attention to actions taken at the Annual Meeting of the University of Nanking Board of Founders regarding staff vacancies and the Committee on Western Staff came just as I was leaving the office for an absence of ten days.

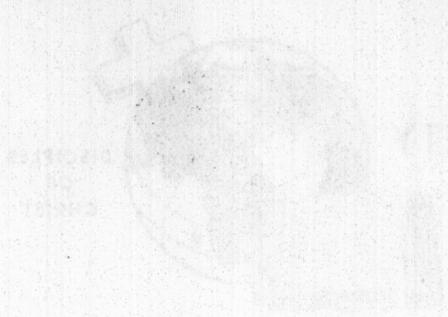
We do not contemplate making any transfers from our staff in the Yangtze Valley to Free China. If developments in the future should make such transfers necessary or advisable, we shall keep in mind the actions you have referred to us.

Sincerely yours,

*E. K. Higdon*

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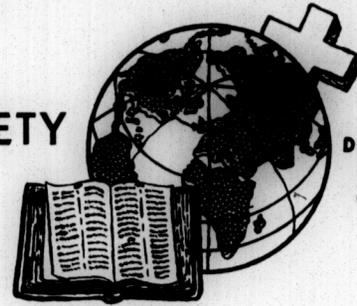
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Telephone IRvington 1166

July 28, 1941

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Mr. C. A. Evans,  
Associated Boards,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York, New York.

Dear Evans:

Last month our board of trustees approved the budget for our fiscal year that extends from July 1, 1941 to June 30, 1942. You will be interested in the following items:

Nanking University	
New York Office Expense	\$175.00 ← <i>also Bd.</i>
University Subsidy	1500.00 -
Hospital Subsidy	375.00 -
Substitute teachers	600.00
Total	\$2,650.00
Ginling College Subsidy	1,000.00
GRAND TOTAL	<u>\$3,650.00</u>

I am enclosing a sheet showing our schedule for paying these amounts.\*

Sincerely yours,

*E. K. Higdon*

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\*Paid quarterly - July, October, January and April

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THE UNITED CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY  
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THE COLLEGE OF THE BIBLE  
LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY

STEPHEN J. CORKY  
PRESIDENT

September 25, 1941

*Ack  
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JCP*

Dr. B. A. Garside  
China Christian University  
156 Fifth Avenue  
New York City

My dear Dr. Garside:

I was unable to attend any of the meetings of the University of Nanking or the affiliated schools last year because of other obligations at the time of the meetings. I am to be in New York on October 16th attending a board meeting of Colegio Ward and would like to sit in on any meetings with regard to the China schools in case you would be having them at that time. I am not sure just what my membership is in that regard at the present time. I would like to have you inform me on this matter. I am still deeply interested, but do not have the opportunity for intimate contact with the work which I had when with the United Christian Missionary Society.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely yours,

Stephen J. Corky

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September 25, 1941

Dr. Stephen J. Corey  
College of the Bible  
Lexington, Kentucky

Ack  
10/6/41

Dear Dr. Corey:

Your letter of September 25 to Mr. Garside has come to my attention. I greatly fear that someone either in this office or the office of the United Christian Missionary Society has been very negligent in keeping you informed regarding changes in appointments. It is apparent that, for some reason or other, a letter which should have been written some time ago has not been prepared. It may be possible that in the rather sudden change of Mr. Garside's release, to undertake the work of the United China Relief, lies the explanation for failure at this point.

Sometime ago we received from the United Christian Missionary Society a notification that, upon the expiration of your term as their representative on the Board of Founders of the University of Nanking, Dr. Hopkins was appointed for the ensuing term. I believe the reason for this was that Dr. Hopkins was in so much closer touch with the Society than you have been since you have moved to Lexington. Your membership on the Associated Boards was automatic because of your membership on the Nanking Board, and the two continue or come together.

I would like to take this opportunity to say to you that we have in this office, and I am sure that I can speak for the members of the Board of Founders, very much appreciated your service, interest and association with us in the work of the University. Our only regret is that you have been so far away that it has been inconvenient for you to attend many of our meetings. This, however, does not in any way decrease the very real feeling and great amount of appreciation we had in our relationships with you.

Sincerely yours,

Assistant Secretary

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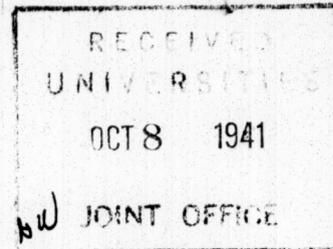
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THE COLLEGE OF THE BIBLE  
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STEPHEN J. COREY  
PRESIDENT

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*JJP*

October 6, 1941



Mr. Joseph J. Parker  
University of Nanking Office  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Parker:

I have your kind letter of September 25, and can understand fully the development in the matter of Nanking University and the associated colleges of China. It is quite natural for the United Society to suggest dropping my name and suggest putting that of Dr. Hopkins in my place, because he is no President of the United Christian Missionary Society.

I had hoped I might keep this connection for I am very deeply interested in all of these matters. However, it is perfectly natural to have the men who can serve best and who are closest to the situation. I was in the group at the time of the founding of Nanking University many years ago and, of course, have been in rather close touch during all the years since that time. This has kept my interest alive for a long period in Nanking and the other Christian Universities and Colleges in China.

I know these are difficult days for these institutions, and they will always have my prayers and best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

*S. J. Corey*

SJC:rp

Dictated by Dr. Corey, but signed in his absence.

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April 24, 1942

Dr. E. K. Higdon  
Hotel Sequoia  
Fresno, California

Dr. C. M. Yocum  
Hotel Lassen  
Richita, Kansas

Dear Friends:

I am writing with respect to the recent invitation of the Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China to Dr. H. Searle Bates. I had a good talk with Dr. Yocum about this matter and no doubt it has been discussed by correspondence or otherwise between you. Let me say that we appreciate the earnest consideration which we know you have given to our proposal. Dr. Bates also shared with me his long letter to you setting forth his reactions to it and this morning he has told me of the most recent word received from Dr. Hopkins. Dr. Hopkins recognizes the importance of the work the Associated Boards has in mind for Dr. Bates but suggests that you have a specific alternative proposal to make to him and urges that he give the Associated Boards a negative answer.

This afternoon I went over the whole matter again with the Committee on Executive Leadership of the Associated Boards, and also with Dr. Bates. On my earnest request he assented to my suggestion that I should write you about it as his immediate superiors.

I think I do not have to stress the critical situation which the Associated Boards faces, the tremendous values in Christian work in China which are at stake, and our overwhelming need for Dr. Bates' services. Incidentally, the mention of Dr. Bates' name in this connection has met with unanimous approval among the leadership of the Associated Boards with whom our proposal has been somewhat confidentially shared.

The Associated Boards has been passing through an extremely trying period of uncertainty regarding Dr. Carside's plans now resolved, and at the same time facing the most acute and critical situation the Christian Colleges in China have ever faced. The Committee on Executive Leadership has searched long and earnestly to find some one for this position and we have no alternative name. Indeed from the moment Dr. Bates' name was mentioned it has been

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impossible to get consideration for any alternative name, so great was the hope that Dr. Bates would accept. Let me say here that as a brother mission board secretary I have full sympathy with you as you think of the critical need of your Society for Dr. Bates' services. I realize what a tower of strength he can be to you at this particular time. I do not think however that his connection with the Associated Boards will entirely eliminate the possibility of at least some service on your behalf. The Associated Boards would not want Dr. Bates if you did not consider his service with you almost indispensable, and in any plans that he makes, doing one worthwhile task would involve turning aside from another.

From Dr. Bates' own personal standpoint I believe the Associated Boards' offer deserves consideration. It seems quite clear that his family situation would not permit him to consider any immediate return to China. On the other hand the Associated Boards, while it would be delighted to ask him to accept the executive secretaryship on a permanent basis, nevertheless is ready to invite him on the temporary basis. When the way opens for him to return to China the Associated Boards itself will be deeply interested in that return and will want to expedite it in every way possible, much as we should dislike to lose his services here. It also seems to me that the Associated Boards can offer Dr. Bates service in a field in which he would be particularly effective and which would be closely related to his personal interests. We believe it will be a congenial opportunity for him to make use of his splendid talents while he is detained here in the United States.

There is another consideration which has weighed heavily with me personally, for Dr. Bates is a long-time and cherished friend. I have felt that the situation in which he has found himself has involved demands for his services in too many different quarters, resulting in his being pulled here and there without adequate chance for rest or for the sort of intensive and effective service which his own high standards demand. There is also the question in my mind as to whether he has been getting the absolutely necessary rest.

I think you can see from the above that I am urging favorable consideration for the invitation of the Associated Boards from the standpoint of the needs of the Associated Boards, Dr. Bates' widest usefulness and his own personal welfare. Let me say again that I am writing in full consciousness of the importance of his relationship to the work of your Society and with sincere regret that the acceptance by him of the Associated Boards' invitation would involve your deprivation. Whatever the decision may be I am confident that you both, with Dr. Hopkins, will give our proposal earnest and careful consideration.

As I have said above, I am writing you two as Dr. Bates' immediate superiors, but I would be very happy to have you share this letter with Dr. Hopkins or others at your discretion.

Praying that you and we and Dr. Bates may be guided to the right decision whatever that may be, I am

Yours cordially,

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April 25, 1942

Dr. F. E. Higdon  
Hotel Sequoia  
Fresno, California

Dr. C. M. Youss  
Hotel Lassen  
Wichita, Kansas

Dear Friends:

Without the knowledge of Dr. Decker or Dr. Bates, I am writing to  
explain the communication mailed to you by Dr. Decker under date of April 24th.

Even long before Dr. Garvide actually left our Organization to take up  
his headquarters with United China Relief, we were in need of a person to assist in  
the administrative and contact work of our Colleges. As far back as October 1940,  
Mr. Garvide was devoting a major portion of his time to developing a United China  
Relief organization, and thereby our work suffered greatly.

Having experienced this situation and realizing the implications when  
his services were entirely severed, I approached Dr. Bates as soon as he arrived  
in the East after his return from China. At that time he told me of his commit-  
ments and his obligation to your Board, and with a degree of finality turned my  
request aside. It was then in the nature of a temporary situation -- there being  
rather definite convictions that it would not be too difficult to secure a permanent  
Executive Secretary if Dr. Garvide did not return to our staff.

One of the considerations Dr. Bates had in mind when I first talked with  
him was the probability of his returning to China at the end of the year. That con-  
ditions in the world have changed in the past twelve months needs but passing comment.  
Dr. Bates finds an altered situation in his own family. You would not want to send  
him to China for some time to come. Therefore, some primary objections regarding  
our offer to him have been removed. The way seems clear for him to improve his  
position and that of his family by spending a period of possibly a year or so with  
us. By doing this he does not destroy his status with your Board, but lifts into  
the limelight of your own constituency this most important educational program in  
which the Colleges are embarked. We are not merely asking the loan of a U. C. N. S.  
missionary, but we are asking the privilege of <sup>having</sup> an international citizen in the fore-  
front of our organization which represents the most outstanding piece of work of its  
kind in the world today. Your Board, therefore, is sharing in a remarkable degree  
and will benefit immeasurably by such an alliance.

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Dr. Higdon  
Dr. Yocum

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For the past year, I have been endeavoring to re-organize our staff into a harmoniously working unit, and I am gratified with the progress which has been made, but if you would contribute Dr. Bates to this effort he would cap the climax of my efforts, as the spirit which he would bring into the organization would go far beyond that of any individual I know.

My whole point in writing is to say how keenly I feel the fine opportunity presented to your Board to make an outstanding contribution in a way which will give entirely new emphasis to what you stand for.

My prayer is that the Lord will lead you in recognizing this unusual opportunity.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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Telephone IRvington 1166

October 8, 1942

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American Office,  
University of Nanking,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York, New York.

Dear Friends:

Your booklet on the University of Nanking has just come to my attention and I am wondering if it will be possible for me to have copies of this booklet in quantity and if so, what the cost will be.

Our missionary organizations in the state of Oregon are assuming as a project this year partial support of Dr. Lewis Smythe and his work in the University of Nanking and with industrial co-operatives, and we are endeavoring to give to them as much educational material as possible about the University. Anything else you might have in the nature of fliers, etc., would also be very acceptable. We could use 125 copies of the booklet if they are available.

With appreciation for any help you can give us, I am

Sincerely,

*Mrs. H. B. Marx*

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Dear Sirs:

Enclosed for you are two copies of the report of the Board of Directors for the year ending June 30, 1902. The report contains a full and complete statement of the work of the Society during the year, and also a statement of the financial condition of the Society. It is hoped that you will find it of interest and value.

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July 23, 1943

United Christian Missionary Society  
222 Downey Avenue  
Indianapolis, Indiana

Dear Friends:

Rapidly developing events in China have brought about a situation within the basic financial structure of the Colleges that demands immediate consideration of all participating Mission Boards.

In connection therewith, attention is called to the minutes of the Special Committee on Emergency Askings of the Associated Boards held on June 3rd, also the minutes of the Executive Committee held on June 23rd. Both sets of minutes have been distributed.

References to these minutes will reveal that United China Relief approved approximately one-half (\$666,000) of the original askings (\$1,238,857.67) for the Colleges for 1943-44. Late arrivals from China state that the 50% exchange grant only compensates for the additional advances in costs since the budgets were figured and that the original askings must be met.

Later adjustments - paring here and there - have reduced the final goal to US\$965,531.00 which the Executive Committee approved on June 23rd. With United China Relief approving only \$666,000 for the current year, it will be seen that the Associated Boards must raise the balance elsewhere. We are pledging every effort to do this and are hoping for income from the following sources:

- (a) Increased Support from Great Britain.
- (b) New Support from Canada.
- (c) Increased Support from the Constituent Mission Boards.
- (d) Special Effort by the Associated Boards.

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The foregoing is set before you to show the problem which we face for 1943-44 and is the foundation for what follows.

First of all, we must always bear in mind that the Christian Colleges in China are the result of Mission Board activity, with the exception of Lingnan. Mission Boards made substantial cash contributions toward the establishment of these Colleges and undertook their continuing support by supplying personnel and a yearly cash contribution. For years this was considered by the several Boards as a major obligation, but of late years, there has been a tendency to cast more responsibility upon the Associated Boards.

Before 1936-37 Mission Board Annual Support, as shown in personnel and appropriations, was more than \$500,000. In 1938-39 the actual figure by close checking was \$465,155. In 1941-42 they were revised by correspondence with all supporting boards, and the total was \$406,039. Last April (1943) we again reviewed the situation and found that Board Support had decreased to less than \$350,000. Actual data could not be secured readily, but we estimated that more than 50% of the decrease was chargeable to loss in foreign staff without corresponding cash contributions for the vacancy.

The first paragraphs of this letter show the shift in control. It is passing into the hands of relief agencies and others who have not the keen sense of the Christian value of the institutions.

And the picture involved in the normal on-going budget (formerly averaging \$800,000 consisting of Endowment Income and Foundation Gifts etc.) is not much brighter. The 1942-43 estimate in May showed it had decreased to \$660,000 due to losses from Mission Boards and Endowment Income. Thus, regular income decreased while relief askings increase. We are seeking in the latter category this year nearly a million dollars from sources that do not hesitate to assume authority in the conduct of the Colleges. It is useless to answer that much of the relief funds come from Christians. Few donors of undesignated gifts have any say in their final distribution. But, more serious still is the continuance of the program of education in China upon which China so much relies. Every Board should honestly face the necessity of doubling its present support of the Colleges, at least.

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Is it not time that all Mission Boards make it a major task to review their participation in these Colleges and determine whether or not they desire to be the major influence, both as to personnel and to support? It is my understanding that appeals to the churches for relief have brought income to various Boards far in excess of the anticipated amount. Even in this light, should not a larger portion of Mission Board funds be allocated to the Colleges, both in personnel and appropriations?

This is not a matter for post-war planning, but a situation which must be faced at once, especially in the light of the budget requirements of the present fiscal year. Further, this condition has not been reported to the Committee on Greater Unity as it would greatly modify the Mission Board participation in the new organization.

This letter is not mailed in the spirit of criticism, but comes from the standpoint of an administrative task which must be met currently and which all participating Mission Boards should share. You established these institutions and should know the trend of the times.

As we cannot hope to have a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Associated Boards until early fall, this situation should not be allowed to drift while the various Boards are distributing funds elsewhere.

Meanwhile, we shall be glad to confer with any, or all of you, but by no means should the matter go by default. To that end, I shall welcome suggestions and comments.

Very sincerely yours,

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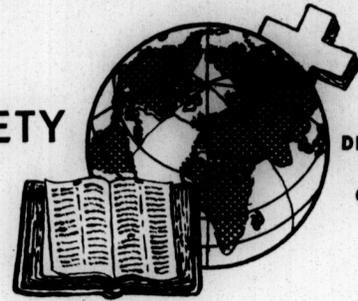
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July 27, 1943

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Mr. C. A. Evans,  
Associated Boards for  
Christian Colleges in China,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York, 11, New York.

Dear C.A.:

Your letter of July 23, puts the case for the Christian Colleges in China quite clearly. I wish I could have had it two months ago when we were making our budgets for the fiscal year, July 1, 1943- June 30, 1944. You will recall that three or four months ago, you and I discussed this a bit at luncheon and I asked you to write me specific suggestions so that I would have a basis for recommending an increase in our support of the University of Nanking.

We do have emergency funds and I shall ask our Budget Committee to make an appropriation from those funds for the two colleges in which we are primarily interested. But this request cannot be taken up until after September 1, because our staff is pretty widely scattered on vacations.

Thank you for writing us. We shall let you know in the Fall what we have decided in the matter.

Yours,

*E. K. Higdon*

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August 20, 1943

Dr. E. K. Higdon  
The United Christian Missionary Society  
Mission Building  
222 Downey Avenue  
Indianapolis, Ind.

Dear Dr. Higdon:

Your letter of July 27th refers to mine of the 23rd relative to the Christian status of our Colleges.

I am reminded of our failure to follow through regarding certain specific suggestions for the University of Wanking. This definitely was my own responsibility, but unfortunately I put it in the hands of a member of our staff who is no longer with us, and after having taken that initial step I dismissed it from my mind. Various data we have on hand now reveals that you were left void of any suggestions, for which I must apologize.

At the time we lunched, however, the situation which has developed in the 1943-44 budget did not exist and it is since that time that a larger sense of control has been evidenced by those outside of our organization.

We are planning to review this situation early in September and we will write again at that time.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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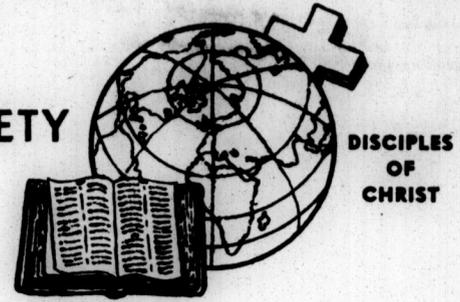
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Miss Katherine Shutze,  
Ginling College Office,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York, New York.

My dear Katherine:

I have your good letter of September 8. I am glad that you are having such a fine experience in New York City and that the conference at Princeton was so helpful. You certainly did have a group of celebrities at the conference. I know several of the individuals whom you named, including Mrs. New, Dr. Wu, and Timothy Lew.

I have no suggestions to make concerning the rooming situation at Missions House in New Haven except to suggest that you go on up there and settle it after arrival. Word from Pauline indicates that she will be happy to share a room with some one else so that you may have the single room, if you like. When Bates and I assigned the last available space to Miss Strain I was under the impression and I think that he was too that all other requests had already been taken care of by Mr. Walker. Go on up to New Haven when you get ready and I am sure that everything can be worked out in a manner satisfactory to everybody concerned.

I am wondering if you knew Miss Grace Tedford who was one of our missionaries in China and who came home, I believe, just about the beginning of the depression and for that reason was unable to go back. She is now 45 years of age and would like to return to China in some capacity, possibly for relief work or for any other type of work that would be agreeable. She is studying Chinese in Southern California while she carries on her work as a medical officer in the public health department of the Los Angeles city government. Since coming home she has been a secretary in a large insurance office, also in a Doctor's office

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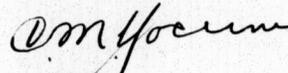
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or rather the office of a group of doctors.

I am wondering if the secretary for Dr. Wu has been found and, if not, if Miss Tedford might fit into that situation. Her address is 1165 West Olympia Boulevard, Los Angeles 15, California. Would you mind speaking to Mr. Evans or to Dr. Wu about the matter and if the secretary has been found raise the question with Evans concerning any other position that Miss Tedford might occupy in China? She is a mighty fine individual, works well with other people and I am sure would do fine work in China. Trusting things are going well and with kindest personal regards and every good wish, I am

Cordially yours,



C. M. Yocum

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September 24, 1943

Dr. C. M. Yocum  
The United Christian Missionary Society  
222 Downey Avenue  
Indianapolis, Indiana

Dear Dr. Yocum:

Miss Shutze handed over to me your letter of September 13, referring more particularly to Miss Grace Tedford. I almost hesitate to pass this information on to our Personnel Committee, as we have had great difficulty in steering clear of a very undesirable lady, forty-seven years of age, our objections being based upon her age. With only two years' difference, I am almost afraid to recommend further consideration of Miss Tedford.

Presumably Miss Tedford has the Chinese language and possesses certain secretarial experience and stenography. I would think also her experience in a doctor's office would be very valuable.

Dr. Wu is now in Washington. When she returns I will discuss this matter with her still further, and if the outstanding young lady whom we are now considering is not accepted, it is quite possible Dr. Wu will desire to communicate with Miss Tedford.

With sincere best wishes to you, I am,

Very truly yours,

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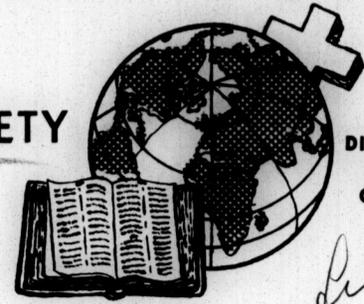
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E. K. Higdon, Executive Secretary

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

My dear Mr. Evans:

Your letter of September 20th addressed to Dr. Higdon has come to the office while he is in Jamaica paying a visit to our churches down there. He will be gone until about the 11th of October.

We have gotten in touch with Mr. Corathers and he has gone down to New Haven and has enrolled there. There is still some question as to just when he may go out to China. The opportunity through the Friends Service Bureau may still be available.

This will also acknowledge receipt of your letter of September 24th concerning my suggestion to the effect that Miss Grace Tedford might make a very acceptable secretary for Dr. Wu. Of course, I see the embarrassing situation in which you find yourself and am not at all of a mind to ~~express~~ express the matter. If you would care to follow it through a little later on, I will be happy to help in every way possible. Dr. Wu is coming to Indianapolis, I understand, for October 8th, and though I am going to be away in the interim, I hope to be here while she is here.

Cordially yours,

*C. M. Yocum*

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*United Christian Missionary Society*

December 18, 1943

Dear Dr. Higdon:

You are well aware that both the Committee on East Asia and the Associated Boards have been deeply concerned for some years over the increasing difficulty of Christian middle schools in China in meeting high standards of Christian effectiveness, educational efficiency and vocational preparation for their many graduates who cannot secure a higher education. A special committee has been appointed by the Associated Boards to make a study of the Christian middle schools in China, looking forward to strengthening and co-ordinating their work now and in the post-war period.

The Committee needs the services of a missionary experienced in middle school education in China, who would be allocated to this work by his or her mission board for a limited period of time in order to make as thorough a study of the Christian middle school situation in China as is possible under present circumstances. It should include such items as location, enrollment, mission participation, etc. This study survey is essential as a preparation for the consideration of any programs of advance for these important Christian institutions, which have so largely been left to their own resources.

I am writing to inquire if among the missionaries of your Board now in this country you have a person qualified for this work who would be available to begin this service shortly after the first of the new year. The Committee would wish the mission board to contribute his or her services, and the Associated Boards would provide the office space and expense and also a supplemental amount for higher living costs in New York.

In sending me the name of any such qualified middle school educator (man or woman), will you please provide me with a sketch of his or her training, education and qualifications for this office.

This inquiry is being addressed to several mission boards having middle school work in China, and the Committee hopes to receive from the list of suggested names one highly qualified to begin this work as soon as possible.

Your early cooperation is appreciated.

Very sincerely yours,

Dr. E. K. Higdon  
Missions Building  
222 Downey Avenue  
Indianapolis, Indiana

Lloyd S. Ruland  
Chairman of the Committee on Middle Schools.

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December 20, 1943

United Christian Missionary Society  
222 Downey Avenue  
Indianapolis, Indiana

Dear Friends:

During July of this year we called attention of all Cooperating Mission Boards to the decreasing proportion of their participation in the work of the China Colleges. At that time we said that the cash and personnel contributed by all cooperating Mission Boards had decreased from approximately \$800,000 in previous years to an aggregate of \$660,000 in May 1943.

We have had several acknowledgments to that letter and quite naturally the question has been asked whether or not due consideration was given to the increased cost of salaries and maintenance in China. Insofar as could be done at that time a liberal allowance was made for these increases, but obviously the figures were not exact.

The Associated Boards has given thought to the problem and appointed a special committee to study the situation, and to make further report to its Executive Committee. Will you not kindly, therefore, give us the following figures for each of the Colleges in which you are participating :

- (a) Cash contribution at the present time—whether paid in China or through our office.
- (b) The number of staff members and support as shown by your latest reports from China.
- (c) If you are making a cash contribution in lieu of personnel, kindly indicate this and the amount.
- (d) Kindly indicate your understanding as to the number of persons your Board should have on the staff of the University.

You will be doing something very helpful and constructive if you will get these to us promptly. We would like to use these figures in our Annual Report which is now in process, and the earlier the reply the better.

Very sincerely yours,

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C. A. EVANS

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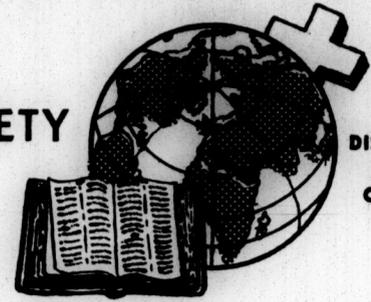
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E. K. Higdon, Executive Secretary

Cable Address—"GO"

Telephone IRvington 1166

January 11, 1944

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Mr. C. A. Evans,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York 11, New York.

Dear Mr. Evans:

This is in reply to your letter of December 20 asking for information on four points. The enclosed sheet tabulates the information (a - b) for both the University of Nanking and Ginling College. There seems to be some confusion regarding personnel so I am discussing (d) here.

Under date of October 24, 1943, Dr. Lewis Smythe, writing about his furlough plans, says that when he took up the matter with the University at my insistence he wrote the Dr. Bates plans to go to Chengtu and "would be one of three" for the University. The University officials in their reply objected to Smythe's statement that we would have only three members on the staff and said that the original agreement called for five. I have written Smythe to get the official statement on this matter, if there is one, and to send me a copy of any document which may contain it. However, the question of what we have done in the past or agreed to do is not so important as what we should do in the face of the need in the days to come.

In Chicago last week I discussed this matter with Dr. Bates who thought that the University had depended upon us for four members of the staff and a doctor in the University hospital. Whether or not a sixth member was added, he did not know.

At present Cammie Gray, Lewis Smythe and Margaret Lawrence are teaching in the University. The women are on University assignment only temporarily. Bates plans to go to Chengtu next July, but the Smythes will come home in April or May. J. Edwin Corathers who is now studying at Yale has been requested by the University, as you know, for assignment to the College of Forestry. When Bates, Corathers, Smythe, and Dr. Brady are on the field we shall still be short one man or one couple. Or, is it two couples? Do you have any records that throw light on this matter.

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Mr. C. A. Evans

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January 11, 1944

So far as Ginling is concerned, it is my understanding that we have not paid the salary of any faculty member. The Ginling board in appointing Miss Pauline Starn has requested that we consider adding her salary to our budget.

Sincerely yours,

*B. K. Higdon*

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So far as dining is concerned, it is my understanding that we have not paid the salary of any faculty member. The dining board in appointing Miss Louise Stern has requested that we not alter adding her salary to our budget.

Sincerely yours,

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REPORT FOR ASSOCIATED BOARDS NEW YORK AS REQUESTED  
IN THEIR LETTER OF DECEMBER 20, 1943

University of Nanking

New York Office -----	\$175.00
University-----	1500.00
Hospital -----	375.00
Substitute teacher -----	600.00
Total -----	<u>\$2650.00</u>

Ginling ----- \$1000.00

Mrs. Luther Shao has been registrar at Ginling since the fall of 1941. She and Luther Shao together receive \$21,000 Chinese which would be, according to the last report on exchange from Lewis Smythe, about \$29.26 per U. S. \$ or \$702.00

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February 14, 1944

Dr. E. K. Higdon  
The United Christian Missionary Society  
222 Downey Avenue  
Indianapolis, Indiana

Dear Dr. Higdon:

Letters referring to the support of Mission Boards toward the colleges have been collated and they are still filtering in, one came today. In trying to reach an intelligent idea as to what is happening I have made several attempts at assembling the figures. In this process I find that you are asking about the support of personnel from United Christian Missionary Society for Nanking.

I have had the Nanking minute books from the date of organization piled up on my desk for several days and have used odd moments in trying to find the answer to your question. My last word is that there was no reference to married or un-married people in the original agreement. It called for five missionaries in full cooperation. If I find anything different than that I will write you later on. Meanwhile I did not wish to hold up a reply to you any longer.

Very truly yours,

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March 28, 1944

Mr. Wilbert B. Smith,  
International Committee Y.M.C.A.,  
347 Madison Avenue,  
New York 17, N. Y.

Dear Smith:

I'm writing this on a train between Berkeley and Portland and sending it to my office to have it typed. This is supplemental to my letter of March 8.

This past week, I had three visits with Ellsworth Lewis during one of which Mrs. Lewis was also present. I am well impressed by them.

His training includes an academic High School course; an A.B. in Chapman College with a major in History and Political Science; work at the College of the Pacific leading to a General Secondary Teaching Certificate; and the studies he is now doing at the Pacific School of Religion in Rehabilitation and Relief. He lacks about one semester of an M.A. for which he can get part credit for the R. & R. subjects. He sold insurance in 1935-36; worked in the Y 1936-38 full time and 1939-43 part time; he taught in a Fresno High School 1939-43 - English, History, Social Sciences, and Athletics. His Y. experience has included the duties of business secretary, boys' work, director, and physical education. He is 26 years of age.

Mrs. Lewis had a combination technical and academic High School course, including pre-college subjects and bookkeeping, typing, home economics. She edited the school paper in a high school of 1300 students. She had one semester's study in 1936 in the College of the Pacific and is now taking the R. & R. course with her husband. She needs at least two years and perhaps two and one half to complete her college education.

She has had secretarial experience in a transportation company and an insurance company, a total of four and one half years. She was president of the Oakland and Sacramento districts of the Epworth League when she met Mr. Lewis. She is 25 years of age.

Both are members of the Church of the Disciples of Christ. They have a 15 month old girl.

Mr. Wilbert B. Smith

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March 28, 1944

They do not want to commit themselves to life-time service but they have decided that he can go to Free China this fall, if opportunity arises, to serve there while she continues her training. She will join him at the close of the war.

I suggested that the Y. might appoint him for a term with the understanding that he would go as a short-termer for you. If he should fit into China well and want to make it his life work, our Society could appoint him and his wife. He might serve the Y. a full first term and then transfer, while she joined our mission in Nanking or elsewhere in China as soon as she can get out.

This plan would be contingent on an examination of the credentials I have asked them to send me, a visit to Indianapolis to meet our personnel committee and our board, and approval by the board of such a joint appointment as I have suggested.

Slack will interview Mr. and Mrs. Taylor Reedy in Los Angeles. They have unusual qualifications for missionary service but are older than the Lewises and need further training.

Sincerely yours,

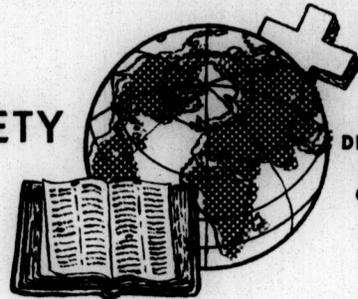
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BALLOU

REC'D 6/14

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Cable Address—"GO"

Telephone IRvington 1166

June 12, 1944

Mr. Earle H. Ballou  
Associated Boards for  
Christian Colleges in China  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York 11, New York

Dear Mr. Ballou:

Mr. and Mrs. Ellsworth Lewis are good missionary material. I have good references regarding them from a half dozen or more men and women who know them well. We have been in correspondence with them since September 1943 and I had three interviews with them in Berkeley the latter part of March.

Mrs. Lewis does not yet have the academic training which our Society requires. She has had good practical experience. Mr. Lewis should have further preparation but that can wait until his first furlough, provided he wishes to return to the field for a second term. They are willing for him to go out this fall while she remains here to continue her studies.

I am enclosing a copy of a letter addressed to Wilbur B. Smith of the International Committee of the YMCA. It summarizes the schooling and practical experiences of both the Lewises and outlines the possible course of action which I discussed with them. You will note that Smith and I were considering a joint arrangement between the Y and our Society. If Lewis is interested in taking the position on the faculty at the University of Nanking, you and I should clear with Smith.

Our Society is unable to finance another missionary in Free China at the present time. In fact, our executive committee there has urged us to reinforce the staff by sending two or three of our missionaries who are now on furlough, but we do not have the funds to pay travel and living costs. Therefore, unless one of the other Boards could finance Lewis, we could be of no help to you.

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The Lewises are not under appointment. In fact, we do not appoint candidates until a few weeks before time for them to sail. We have had to <sup>de</sup>part from this regulation in one or two cases for China in order to enable the candidates to get their language study but in the case of the Lewises, we have been collecting references since I interviewed them in March preparatory to further conferences with them here at headquarters. Our Board meets next week and the time is too short for them to come then. We shall probably not have another meeting of the Board until the middle of September. This is the body that appoints our missionaries. Would that be too late for your purposes?

Sincerely yours,

*E. K. Higdon*

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TO THE EDITOR  
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United Christian Miss Soc. June 5, 1944  
Rev. E. K. Higdon  
Missions Building  
222 Downey Avenue  
Indianapolis 1, Indiana.

Dear Mr. Higdon:

As you know we are looking for some reenforcement to the English faculty at the University of Nanking which will enable the Associated Boards to retain more of the time and service of Bill Fenn. We are casting our net in a good many directions but so far the haul has been nil -- every fish has slipped through the meshes.

I understand there is a young couple studying at Berkeley who are hoping to go out under your Beard, Mr. and Mrs. Ellsworth Lewis. They are highly spoken of by the faculty, and in reply to an inquiry as to whether any of the young folks there might qualify for and be interested in Nanking University's proposition they are ranked first among several.

What is your reaction to the suggestion that they be approached in connection with this Nanking position? I suppose it would mean that Lewis would have to go without his family. There is a possibility that one of the other Boards interested in the University, short on its quota, might be willing to undertake his support for a time. If the war should end before he came home, he would be that much nearer to the area in China where the Disciples have work. Undoubtedly a good deal of careful thought would have to be given to any arrangement that would be satisfactory, but the first question is regarding his possible availability. Your opinion as the secretary of his Board would be determinative. Or, is it that he has only made application to your Beard and has not yet been given full appointment?

I will be very glad indeed to receive your advice and opinion on these various questions.

Yours very sincerely,

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Signed in the absence of Mr. Ballou

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June 19, 1944

*United Christian Miss. Soc.*

Rev. E. K. Higden  
Missions Building  
222 Downey Avenue  
Indianapolis 1, Indiana.

Dear Dr. Higden:

I thank you very much for your two letters of June 12 and 16. To acknowledge the latter one first, we are grateful for the favorable action of your Trustees in regard to meeting the appropriations for Hanking University and Ginling College, and note especially the increase in the grant to the New York office. I have turned this information over to Mr. Evans and the Treasury Department.

Your full reply to my inquiry in regard to Mr. and Mrs. Ellsworth Lewis was greatly appreciated. I wish we knew at the moment just what is the wisest course to pursue. Our thinking has been turned in another direction by the developments in the war situation in Central China. Word has come that all Americans from Fukien Christian University have been evacuated while the school is carrying on with its Chinese faculty alone. We understand that Lingnan and Soochow are having to move, not only the foreign faculties but the student bodies as well although this has not been confirmed as yet in detail. Among the uncertainties which these developments give rise to is that regarding what the American faculty of F.C.U. will do and where they will do it. If the University itself does ~~not~~ eventually move -- and there seems to be no logic in a part of its faculty rushing away if the rest of the institution was expecting to follow -- there is a real chance that several of the American teachers will be looking for jobs and among them are at least one or two who would undoubtedly qualify for the English job at Chengtu. We are therefore cabling Dr. Penn asking him to investigate the possibility of filling the vacancy from among these evacuees. Probably until we learn that this suggestion is futile we shall not go further in pressing our inquiries elsewhere. Furthermore with the tightening of the war situation there seems to be an even stronger likelihood that any new person going out from this country would encounter more than the usual difficulties in connection with his passport.

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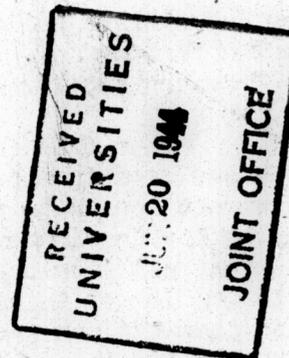
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Such being the case I think we shall not want to go further right now with any negotiations looking to securing Mr. Lewis for Ranking. At the same time I do not feel that the door should be closed. I note that you will not be in a position to give him appointment before September in any case. Certainly our situation ought to clear somewhat before then. Can we leave the matter in suspense until some of the uncertainties are removed? I return the information blank. Thank you for letting us study it. Mr. Lewis' qualifications are numerous and very promising. I will also keep in mind the fact that should we want to go farther there is the International Committee to be considered.

Very sincerely yours,

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REC'D 7/26

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Cable Address—"GO"

Telephone IRvington 1166

July 24, 1944

Mr. Earle H. Ballou  
Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York 11, New York

Dear Mr. Ballou:

Your letter of June 19 relative to Mr. and Mrs. Ellsworth Lewis did not call for immediate acknowledgement but I have recently had word from Wilbert Smith of the International Committee of the Y.M.C.A. that his organization is not considering the appointment of Mr. Lewis; so I write to say that when the time comes for you to take up this matter again, it will not be necessary for us to confer with the International Committee.

Ten days ago I had a letter from Mr. Lewis asking what progress had been made and I replied by giving him the gist of your letter. I also suggested that he and Mrs. Lewis consider making application to our Society for a scholarship loan for the 1944-45 school year with the understanding that they would press forward with their preparation so as to be ready to go to China under our Board when the time comes to return to our old fields. I have not yet heard from the Lewises on this matter.

I am enclosing another letter dealing with the plans for the Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China, I write this separately for convenience in filing.

Sincerely yours,

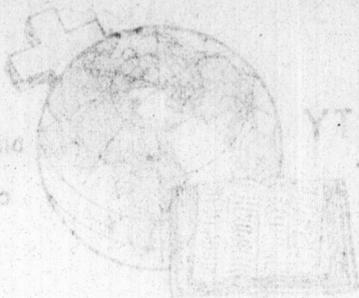
*E. K. Higdon*

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July 24, 1944

Mr. Felix H. Ballou  
Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York 11, New York

Dear Mr. Ballou:

Your letter of June 12 relative to Mr. and Mrs. Ellsworth Lewis did not call for immediate acknowledgment but I have recently had word from Wilbert Smith of the International Committee of the Y. W. C. A. that the organization is not considering the appointment of Mr. Lewis; as I write to say that when the time comes for you to take up this matter again, it will not be necessary for me to confer with the International Committee.

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July 27, 1944 .

*United Christian Miss. Soc.*

Rev. E. K. Higdon  
Missions Building  
222 Downey Avenue  
Indianapolis 1, Indiana.

Dear Dr. Higdon:

We are delighted to have your letter of the 24th announcing the unanimous approval of the new plan for a united Board. The replies are coming in slowly but surely there being nine approvals to date and no disapprovals. We shall keep in mind that you are the representative of your Board on the Preparation Committee.

Thank you also for the information regarding Mr. and Mrs. Lewis. We will keep what you say about the International Committee in mind if the way opens up again to consider them for any of the schools in West China. I regret that the latest news we have would seem to indicate that it is likely to be even more difficult, if not impossible, to get new people out to China than it was when last I wrote you. The baffling thing about the return of veterans is that while so many applications at the State Department are turned down yet occasionally somebody does slip through. Continual pressure seems to be the best formula for success, but for new people no one gives us any encouragement. Meanwhile the personnel out there is being steadily drained away by furloughs, health questions and family complications, with very few replacements indeed.

With kindest personal regards, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

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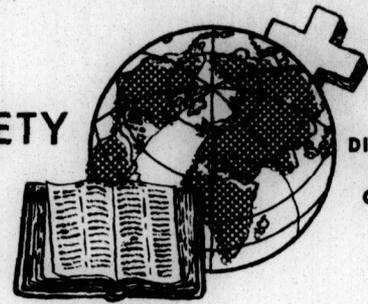
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October 31, 1944

Mr. C. A. Evans,  
Associated Boards for Christian  
Colleges in China,  
150 Fifth Avenue, New York 11,  
New York.

Dear Mr. Evans:

Your letter of October 14 came to me while we were in Columbus, Ohio, in the International Convention of Disciples of Christ, and since our return to the office, I have been pretty well swamped with an accumulation of mail. I have just now checked with Dr. Robert M. Hopkins regarding the possibility of using Dr. Y. G. Chen on November 30 when our Board of Trustee meets.

Our Board meets only once every two months. There are twenty-two members of it. The eighteen members of our cabinet are seldom in Indianapolis at the same time. But when the board meets, we must all be here to present our reports. So the time and the occasion <sup>are</sup> ideal for Dr. Chen's visit. He would have to cut his time short one day at Oberlin but I expect that Dr. Clarence Hamilton who is probably arranging his schedule would be willing to telescope it in order to permit him to reach Indianapolis so as to meet our group on November 30.

If he were to spend two weeks here at any other time, he could not get so adequate an idea of the work The United Christian Missionary Society does as he can in one-half day in the meeting of the Board listening to the reports and the discussions on them. We have a dinner meeting on the evening of November 30 and Dr. Hopkins would invite Dr. Chen to speak at that time and then to answer questions. We sincerely hope that Oberlin can change the schedule so that Dr. Chen can reach here on the morning of November 30. He would have to get a train out of Cleveland which leaves there about mid-night in order to do that.

*act 11/4/44*  
*Phoned Dr. Y. G. Chen in Cleveland 11/3/44*

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Mr. C. A. Evans

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October 31, 1944

Dr. Alexander Paul lives in Chicago but he is spending a good deal of his time under the supervision of our financial resources and it might be well for you to write to Virgil A. Sly at the above address to find out what Dr. Paul's schedule is for the early days of December.

Sincerely yours,

*E. K. Hayden*

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November 4, 1944

Dr. E. K. Higdon  
The United Christian Missionary Society  
Missions Building  
222 Downey Avenue  
Indianapolis, Ind.

Dear Dr. Higdon:

Your letter of the 31st came to hand yesterday just as we were going into the Cheeloo Annual Meeting.

My Secretary tried to get Dr. Chen but was unsuccessful until the middle of the afternoon. We finally located him in Cleveland and I read your letter to him and he was very much impressed. He promised to check with Dr. Hamilton at Oberlin and write directly to you.

I urged upon Dr. Chen your suggestion about the 30th of November and, I believe, he will make every effort to arrive in Indianapolis by the morning of the 30th.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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December 15, 1944

Dr. E. K. Higdon  
United Christian Missionary Society  
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222 Downey Avenue  
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Dear Hig:

Last spring I was asked to write you and secretaries of other Boards concerning the emergency which the China Colleges are facing, due to the constantly growing discrepancy between the obtainable rate of exchange and the steadily soaring cost of commodities. The replies which came from the several committees were encouraging, but guarded and provisional, as the situation fully justified. However, with the more optimistic outlook for exchange, and proposed economies in China, the Associated Boards felt justified in not putting into effect the drastic steps which would otherwise have been necessary.

On the basis of the first six months of operation of the new exchange arrangement, revised budgets from the field and an unforeseen grant from the National War Fund to the United China Relief in which the China Colleges are to share, it now seems clear that we should release the relief committees from any obligation for the \$200,000 for the current fiscal year mentioned in my April letter. In doing so, I want on behalf of the Associated Boards to thank you for your help in presenting this matter to your Committee. The sympathetic understanding of the plight of the Colleges is fresh evidence of the realization that the Colleges are a vital part of our whole Christian program in China.

At the same time the Executive Committee voted to make this immediate emergency appeal to the relief committee, it also faced the fact that at best those Colleges which return will find looted and badly damaged campuses. Staffs and students must be helped in their return journeys, and even the single problem of health rehabilitation for faculty families which have been undernourished for years is staggering. At best, the remaining buildings must be reconditioned and re-equipped. We are glad that at last reports so many are still structurally intact. Without waiting for a final over-all figure for rebuilding destroyed plants in the light of facts which will be clear only when fighting has ceased and of any new relationships which may evolve from present studies, the Committee therefore

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voted to seek as soon as practicable the \$3,500,000 which careful estimates show will be the minimum necessary.

The current financial situation has made it impossible for the individual Colleges to accumulate reserves for this purpose and meeting the annual operating budget will require as large sums as at present until China's financial situation is stabilized, inflation is greatly reduced and exchange reflects the actual differences in purchasing power between the various national currencies. Without discussing the desirability of indemnities and reparations, it seems clear that any income from this source would be problematical and long delayed at best.

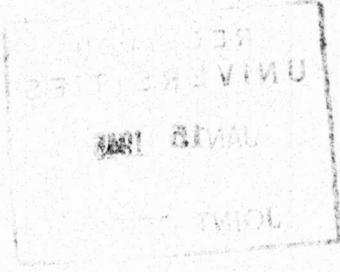
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Gratefully yours,

Wynn C. Fairfield

cc-Dr. C. O. Hawley

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cc-Dr. C. O. Hawley

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January 8, 1945

*United Christian Miss. Soc.*  
Rev. E. K. Higdon  
222 Downey Avenue  
Indianapolis 1, Indiana

Dear Dr. Higdon:

At the recent annual meeting of the Board of Governors of W.C.U.U. the following action was taken: Voted to extend invitations to the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. and to the United Christian Missionary Society (Disciples) to become participating organizations of the W.C.U.U.

I may add that at the same meeting it was also voted to extend invitations to the Church of England in Canada and to the Church of Scotland.

The thought at the meeting was that during these years of war a greatly increased importance has accrued to all Christian work in West China, which will not cease with the coming of peace. The University is now serving a wider constituency than has ever been the case before and this enhanced usefulness almost certainly will be permanent. The Board of Governors is under the impression that the Disciples are anxious to preserve and perhaps extend the work in that part of the country which has been so well begun during these war years. Certainly all Christian work in that area will continue to look to the University for the training of much of its leadership, both professional and lay. Hence it seemed a natural thing to the Board of Governors to extend to the United Christian Missionary Society an earnest invitation to share in the work of the University.

The terms of participation by a missionary organization in the University are not as specifically defined in the case of West China as they are in a number of the other China Colleges. The relevant paragraph in the Constitution of the University (Article IV, Section 2) reads as follows:

"Missionary Organizations founding Residential Colleges or providing suitable support for the work of the University may be admitted as constituent Organizations and elect members to the Board of Governors on such a basis as may be provided by the Board of Governors and by each of the then constituent Organizations."

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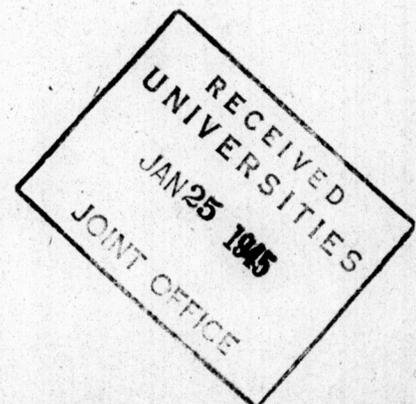
This would seem to admit of a broad interpretation short of "Founding residential colleges," and I believe it is the desire of the Board of Governors to broaden the basis of interest and support for the University rather than at this time to seek for additional plant or even for large increases of regular appropriations.

We hope that your Board may respond favorably to this invitation, and we shall be prepared to take up with the officers of the Board of Governors questions of detail as to the exact terms of participation which may be mutually agreed upon.

Very sincerely yours,

Earle H. Ballou  
Assistant Secretary

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February 5, 1945

*United Christian Miss. Soc.*

Dr. E. K. Higdon  
Missions Building  
222 Downey Avenue  
Indianapolis, Ind.

Dear Dr. Higdon:

Dr. Lewis Smith was in the office this morning and requested me to write you giving the basis of representation on the Board of Trustees of the University of Banking.

Full cooperation was based upon \$40,000 contribution capital funds, three regularly appointed missionaries, and an annual contribution of US\$2,400. A clause in the Constitution provided for those who cannot meet all of these requirements on the basis: by providing 10,000 U. S. dollars or \$20,000, or \$30,000 for capital use and providing for two and three times the amount of the \$10,000 participation in personnel and annual contribution.

From this you will see that those in the Hospital were separate from the arrangement of the University.

As the capital fund credited to your Society totalled \$66,675, it would appear that you are entitled to five members on the University and Hospital Staffs.

Most sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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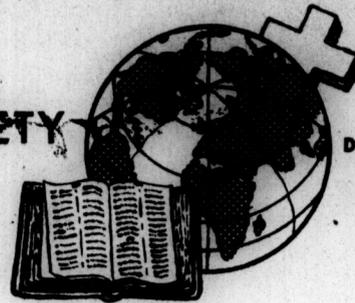
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February 5, 1945

Mr. Earle H. Ballou,  
Associated Boards,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York 11, New York.

Dear Mr. Ballou;

You wrote me on January 8 to extend an invitation from the Board of Governors of W.C.U.U. to become a participating organization in that University. We appreciate this invitation because we have become interested in W.C.U.U. through the wartime contacts established by the University of Nanking and Ginling College. But in normal times our work and our people do not come within a thousand miles of Chengtu. And if we should expand our territory in China in any direction, it would probably be over the border into Tibet where we once had a mission station.

In the field of higher education and interdenominational effort, our first obligation is to strengthen our present minimal contribution in staff and funds to the University of Nanking, Ginling College and the Nanking Theological Seminary.

And our next step in other union or cooperative enterprises would be those located in East Central China or those operating on a nationwide basis, rather than in another particular region so far from all our present duties.

So we should like to express our thanks to W.C.U.U. but say that we do not think it wise at least at present to accept the invitation.

Sincerely yours,

*E. K. Higdon*

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UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO  
540 EAST 58TH STREET  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Dear Mr. Ballou:  
I have just received your letter of the 14th inst. regarding the proposed visit of the Board of Christian Workers to the University of Chicago in the fall of 1945. I am glad to hear that you are planning to visit the University and to meet with the Board of Christian Workers.

Very truly yours,  
W. H. Ballou

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February 8, 1945

Rev. E. K. Higdon  
Missions Bldg.  
222 Downey Avenue  
Indianapolis 1, Indiana

Dear Dr. Higdon:

Your letter of the 5th has just come to hand explaining why it is not likely that the United Christian Missionary Society can accept the invitation of West China Union University to become a participating organization. Of course we regret this very much, but under the circumstances are not surprised. Your letter will be communicated to the next meeting of the West China Union University Board.

Very sincerely yours,

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March 12, 1945

*United Christian Miss. Soc.*  
Rev. E. K. Higdon  
Missions Building  
222 Downey Avenue  
Indianapolis 1, Indiana

Dear Dr. Higdon:

I was able to get hold of President Chen this morning on the phone. He will not be here before the very end of the week.

He says that he was favorably impressed by Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds and believes they will make useful additions to the University faculty. I got the impression that he would heartily favor your proceeding with negotiations along the line you suggested. He did not confess to having been asked to write you on the matter and it may be that the message was not given to him in a way suggesting any urgency. He assured me that he will write you now at once, so that you may have his own direct response.

I have often wondered if an apparent disinclination on the part of many Chinese friends to write letters is a carry-over from the difficulties of composition in their own language. At any rate the tendency to let letters go unanswered, especially when one is on the move much of the time, is a common failing among many of my Chinese friends.

Very sincerely yours,

Via air mail.  
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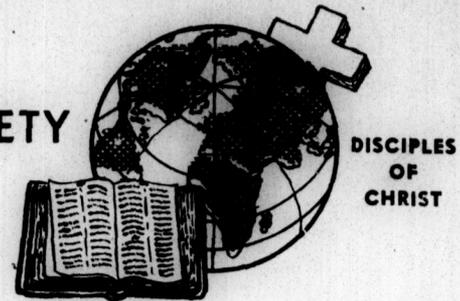
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March 9, 1945

Mr. Earl H. Ballou  
Associated Board  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York 10, New York

Dear Mr. Ballou:

Last month Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Reynolds, two of our volunteers for foreign service, were presented to our Board and accepted for candidacy. They are mature persons who have finished graduate courses, Mrs. Reynolds' leading to the degree of M. A. in Chicago and Yale, and Mr. Reynolds' to the B. D. in Yale. They have had five or six years of valuable experience working among students and in a Community House.

When President Chen was here last November-December, I discussed with him the Disciples' responsibility for personnel on the faculty of the University of Nanking. He said that he would like to have a couple who would devote practically all of their time to religious work among the students. I talked to Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds about this task and it appealed to them strongly. You will recall that I wired you to find out where Dr. Chen could be located. When I learned that he was in Chicago, I reached him by telephone and made an appointment with him for Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds. They had breakfast and a satisfactory conversation with him. They were well impressed by him and by his hopes and dreams for the University. I requested him in my telephone conversation and sent word to him by Mr. Reynolds to write me his impressions of that couple and whether or not he thought they could do the work that he had in mind. It has been three weeks since the interview was held and I have not heard from President Chen.

I have asked Searle Bates to talk to Dr. Chen about Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds in case he sees him in New York or Washington; but Bates may get away for Chengtu before he has opportunity to visit with President Chen. Therefore, I am writing to ask if you would be willing to sound him out about this couple. It is important that a decision be reached comparatively soon because Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds must make their plans for the study of Chinese this coming fall.

Sincerely yours,

*E. K. Higdon*

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