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Dear Dr. Garside:-

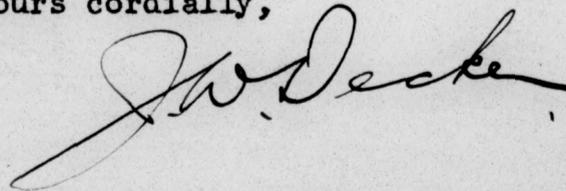
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Dr. Lobenstine asks that the possibility of Rockefeller Foundation help be kept strictly confidential. I pass this on to you for your information. I am

Yours cordially,

Dr. B. A. Garside  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York, N.Y.



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Dear Dr. Lohenside:-

Dr. Lohenside has written to me a very interesting suggestion with respect to the possible use of micro-film in West Coast in lieu of paper and some expensive library books. We have not yet spoken to you about this matter. The writer in part as follows:-

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Yours cordially,

Dr. E. A. Garbide  
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May 21, 1940

Dr. John W. Decker  
American Baptist Foreign Mission Society  
152 Madison Avenue  
New York, New York

Dear Dr. Decker,

Thank you for your letter of May 16, in which you quote Dr. Lobenstine's suggestion with regard to the possible use of micro-film in West China. Mr. Caldwell has also told me of his conversation with Dr. Lobenstine along much these same lines.

We will await with interest further developments in the appeal to the Rockefeller Foundation for help along these lines. Meantime, we will keep the matter confidential.

While I hope very much that the assistance outlined by Dr. Lobenstine can be secured, I do not believe that it will entirely - or even largely - take the place of other types of books urgently needed for the library in Chengtu.

Very cordially yours,

B A GARSIDE

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June 6, 1940

Dr. John W. Decker  
Baptist Board  
152 Madison Avenue  
New York, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Decker:

I am glad to be able to report to you that a very fruitful Annual Meeting of the Board of Governors was held in New York on Wednesday, May 15th. We had the great advantage of having with us the Chancellor of the University, Dr. Joseph Beech, who had just returned from China and was in a position to give us the latest details concerning the progress of the University.

The minutes of the proceedings are enclosed herewith, and it is hoped that you may find time to give them a careful perusal, conveying to the members of your Board the main points in their contents. There are just two items referred to therein, Nos. G-1463 and G-1465, to which the Board asked me to direct the special attention of Board Secretaries and the Mission Boards which they represent. These deal with the Union Middle School and the Union Theological College. The Board of Governors received full reports of the work of both these institutions; that of the latter has already been circulated to all members of the Board of Governors and, no doubt, you have already studied it. I am asked to say that the Board is entirely satisfied that both these institutions are doing vitally important work, which has a direct bearing upon the University and the ideals for which it stands. The Board trusts, therefore, that each Mission Board will give them the fullest support within its power.

With sincere greetings, I am

Cordially yours,

Frank Anderson  
Secretary

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MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY  
Department of Chemical Engineering  
Cambridge, Massachusetts

February 15, 1940

Mr. C. A. Evans  
150 5th Avenue  
New York City

Dear Mr. Evans:

Mr. John Kao, a graduate student in Chemical Engineering at the Institute, has expressed a fear that his scholastic record to date may not justify a continuation of his fellowship for next year. I understand that you are involved in the fellowship awards, and am writing to explain something of Mr. Kao's position, as I see it.

As you know, Kao graduated from West China Union University, in 1930; took two years of graduate work at Yenching, and has been teaching at West China since 1933. His work there has been largely in Chemistry, and his background in Mathematics, although reasonably good, has not been put to use in his recent teaching experience. Last summer he had a serious ruptured appendix from which he recovered rather slowly. Under the circumstances, I feel that his first term's record at the Institute is quite good indeed. His rating on graduate courses is definitely above that required for the Master's degree, although not up to the mark where we would encourage him to continue for the Doctorate. It is based on too little work to either justify encouraging or discouraging him at the present time. I understand that his work has improved throughout the term, and I have a suspicion that his June record will show a very marked improvement.

We have a number of former graduates now in China, and I understand that the Chemical Engineering training, including the work of our School of Chemical Engineering Practice, is exceptionally valuable under the present circumstances in China. I would venture to suggest that the completion of a two-year program by Mr. Kao, even assuming that he does not improve enough to justify the continuance for the Doctor's degree, would be of very great benefit to him and to China. I should also like to suggest that his fellowship be continued for next year, even though you may not see fit to see him through the three years for the Doctor's degree. I think he will come through in good shape, but even if he doesn't improve materially, it would seem to me to be better to have him complete the two-year program than to start in a new man next year.

I trust that you will not think I am butting in, but I think I understand his situation and I do have confidence in his ability to come through. We have a large number of graduate students, and it is quite usual for men who have been out some time and men from other countries to have considerable difficulty during their first semester at the Institute. As I explained above, I think Mr. Kao's performance was quite satisfactory in view of his particular circumstances.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) Thomas K. Sherwood  
Chairman  
Departmental Committee on  
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## BOARD OF MANAGERS

To Dr. Frank Anderson, Secretary  
Board of Governors of the  
West China Union University  
London, Ont., Canada

This will notify you that at the meeting of the Board of Managers held June 24-25, 1940 action was taken as follows:

Under the sponsorship of the Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China a plan has been prepared to unite the Boards of Founders (or Trustees or Governors) of such Christian Colleges in China as may approve, into a single United Board. The United Board would in general carry the same responsibilities, and enjoy the same relationships to the Mission Boards and to the Boards of Directors of the separate Colleges in China, as is now the case with the individual Boards of Founders. The plan is proposed for consideration by the individual Boards of Founders and by the respective Mission Boards, these bodies being invited to suggest any modification they deem desirable in the proposed plan, and to indicate their attitude toward it. The plan has had the careful study of the Joint Officers' Council and has been considered by Section II. The Boards of Managers of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society and of the Woman's American Baptist Foreign Mission Society in joint session heard Dr. Eric M. North, the Chairman of the Committee on Greater Unity of the Associated Boards, explain the plan, and following his presentation, it was carefully discussed. It was pointed out that the Board of Founders of the University of Shanghai, at its meeting in Richmond on December 22, 1939, had before it some advance information regarding the proposal and had voted as follows:

"That the Board of Founders of the University of Shanghai cannot enter upon any such plan of unity."

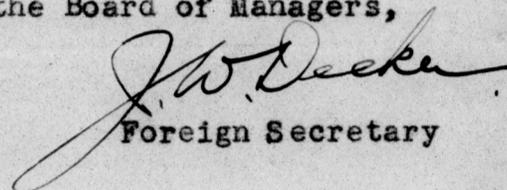
After the discussion, the Board of Managers of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society and the Board of Managers of the Woman's American Baptist Foreign Mission Society, voting separately, took the following identical action:

- VOTED: 1. In view of the fact that the Board of Trustees of the University of Shanghai has already given some consideration to the proposal and has recorded the conclusion that it is not in the best interests of the University to enter such an arrangement, we cannot consider the plan as applying to that institution.
2. That we refer the plan for Greater Unity to the Boards of Founders (or Governors) of the other Colleges in China in the conduct of which the Baptist Boards cooperate, namely, Nanking University, Ginling College and West China Union University, for their favorable consideration.

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3. That the Treasurers of the Boards of Managers be asked to arrange for a study of the legal aspects of the proposal, for report to the Boards of Managers.
4. That the Boards of Managers express their willingness to appoint representatives, on the nomination of Joint Officers' Council, to meet with representatives of other Mission Boards and of the College Boards for considering and perfecting the plan.

On behalf of the Board of Managers,

  
Foreign Secretary

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Dr. Frank Anderson, Secretary  
Board of Governors West China Union University  
London, Ont., Canada

Rev. Joseph I. Parker, Secretary  
Board of Founders University of Nanking  
New York City

Dear Fellow Workers:-

At a recent joint meeting of the Board of Managers of our Society and our sister Society, the Woman's American Baptist Foreign Mission Society, action was taken with respect to the proposal for Greater Unity in the China College Boards, formal notification of which is enclosed. This notification is being sent to you in your capacity as Secretaries of the Board of Governors of West China Union University and the Board of Founders of the University of Nanking respectively, the two institutions in China, in addition to the University of Shanghai, in which we cooperate.

It was the desire of our Board to express its favorable attitude toward this plan, and yet at the same time not to put the University Boards under any undue pressure. We shall look forward with much interest to the consideration your Boards give to this question.

Assuring you of our earnest desire to cooperate with you to the fullest extent in the further consideration of this important matter, I am

Yours cordially,

*J. W. Decker*  
Foreign Secretary

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(Signed in Dr. Decker's absence)

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August 8, 1940

Dr. John W. Decker  
152 Madison Avenue  
New York City

Dear Dr. Decker:

Thank you very much for your letter of June 27, telling of the action of your Board in reference to the proposed plan for Greater Unity, and its relationship to West China Union University and the University of Nanking. We very much appreciate this favorable action, and we will see that it comes to the attention of the Boards at the proper time.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

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Copy for Mr. Garside

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August 22, 1940

Dear Dr. Arnup:-

Thank you very much for yours of August 21st, written after receiving a copy of my letter to Dr. Best. I understand fully that your Board did not endorse the coming to this country of Doctors Hsieh and Yoh, but it is something of a surprise to learn that you were as uninformed as I previous to their coming. However, that does not alter the fact that since Dr. Best is a member of the Medical Faculty of West China Union University, and since no formal arrangement was made for sponsorship, he would seem to be the logical man to take the lead in such arrangements. To this has been added the fact that up until now he has, perhaps, been in the best position to undertake responsibility for contact with the two young folk involved.

In one of his recent letters to me Dr. Best spoke of returning to West China some time in August. Can you tell me whether he got away too soon to receive my letter, or if still in this part of the world when does he plan to leave? I have had no reply from him.

This case illustrates clearly the necessity for making it plain to our field authorities that students like the Hsiehs should not be sent to this country until definite and proper arrangements have been made for their sponsorship by some person, or preferably some organization.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Mr. Garside for his information. I am sure we can count on your cooperation in getting the clear picture of the Hsiehs' affairs which is needed if the Associated Boards is to sponsor the remainder of their stay.

Thanking you for your cooperation, I am

Yours cordially,

*J. W. Dack*  
Foreign Secretary

Rev. J. H. Arnup, D.D.,  
299 Queen Street  
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P. H. J. LERRIGO  
HOME SECRETARY  
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TREASURER

Dear Mr. Garside:-

I am enclosing a copy of the latest communication received from Dr. A. E. Best dated September 3rd. May I also acknowledge with thanks the copy of your letter of August 22nd to Dr. Best which you so kindly furnished me. As has been the case with everything I have gotten out of Dr. Best, this letter of September 3rd is very inexact and does not supply us with what we need. He has told us only something about the amounts contributed from Canada in aid of the Hsiehs without going at all into the question of their budget for the future. It would appear that we must go ahead ourselves and secure in one way or another from Dr. Hsieh the information which we need.

Under the circumstances it seems that it would be best for the Associated Boards to take the initiative in exploring Dr. Hsieh's situation and in doing what we can to aid them in completing their project for study in this country. For liabilities we must face the question of money needed to supplement their present means of support for the remainder of their stay, and second, there is the matter of passage for the return to China -- presumably in the summer of 1941. Against these liabilities we have, first, possibly some unspent portion of the specific which came from one of our pastors, Dr. Merrill Lenox; second, any unspent portion of a grant made in their behalf from the funds of W.C.U.U.; third, the possibility that our Society may secure the release for the benefit of the Hsiehs of a specific (\$300) received from a donor for another purpose.

*Letter to  
Dr. Openshaw  
11/19/40*

You will note from our past correspondence that I suggested that Dr. Harry J. Openshaw, whose address is 324 South Westlake Avenue, Los Angeles, California, be asked to act as local sponsor for the Hsiehs. Dr. Openshaw is one of our very able retired missionaries who formerly served in West China and who had very close personal ties through many years with Mrs. Hsieh's family. I believe you could depend entirely on Dr. Openshaw's investigating their situation and securing exact facts as to their needs. I should be glad to write to Dr. Openshaw myself but it would seem to me simpler for the correspondence to come from one office and you can quote me as recommending him for this service. If you desire, however, I shall be glad to write to Dr. Openshaw.

As earlier correspondence from me has indicated, I will be obliged to have quite exact information as to the Hsieh's needs and probable resources in order to obtain the release of the \$300 referred to above. I do not wish to take unfair advantage of the Associated

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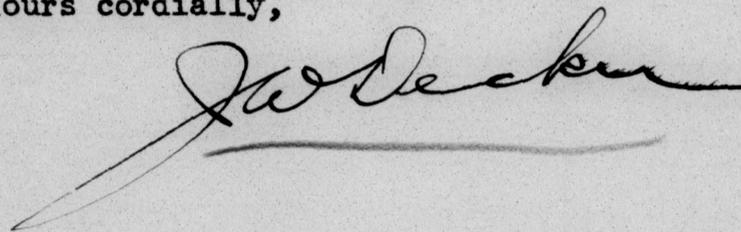
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Awaiting your response to these suggestions, I am

Yours cordially,



Dr. B. A. Garside  
150 Fifth Avenue  
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Dr. Garfield

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REC'D  
Dr. E. A. Garfield  
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85 Asquith Avenue, Toronto  
Sept. 3, 1940.

Dr. J. W. Decker,  
152 Madison Ave.,  
New York, N.Y.  
Dear Dr. Decker,

Yours of Aug. 14 to hand. I was delighted that you had been successful in securing Mr. Garside to act as my successor. I can think of no one more suitable. A few days ago I received a letter from him indicating his willingness to act and I passed on to him such information as I then had.

Today I got word from the W.M.S. as to what they have done for Helen Yoh (Mrs. Taylor was away so that there was some delay). Her assistant has informed me that they gave in all \$300 as a Society and that on the Field the missionaries there subscribed enough (she did not know the sum) to make up sufficient to get her home here to Canada. This amount I cannot therefore supply to you though for your purpose perhaps what the Boards gave is of more significance. I have already mentioned the position of our Men's Board at present. Thinking that you were interested only in what Boards gave I did not mention what one of our churchmen gave privately until I learned from you that the Lenox brother's gift was to appear on your books in the regular way. This man's gift to the Hsiehs will not appear on our books (he does not wish it to I understand). Perhaps I should not have mentioned it at all but for the fact that without it you might easily conclude that nothing at all was being done here for Dr. Hsieh.

To follow your method of reckoning, it might therefore be said that Our Church and church people here in Canada have contributed \$750-800 to the work of the Hsiehs. This may help you as you approach your people. I do not know of any other assistance given them but I do know that they themselves had been saving up for years for this postgraduate work, which also may help in any appeal you have to make.

Next Monday I start off on my journey towards Vancouver. I take this opportunity ere leaving to express my pleasure of having met you again and my appreciation of your thoughtful courtesy in connection with this affair of the Hsiehs. It is a matter of some regret that it all could not have been more business like; we both feel that it has been very loosely jointed, as is our dear old institution, but they were sent in faith, they themselves came in faith and though they are by no means out of the woods yet it does look almost as if they are going to after all "muddle through". When the time comes for them to return I shall be very glad from the vantage point of the Field to make an estimate of what it is likely to take to deliver them from the coast in to Chengtu. By that time affairs in China may be more stabilized than now. Perhaps by that time you may be making another visit to the field. I hope so.

Cordially,

A. E. Best (sgd)

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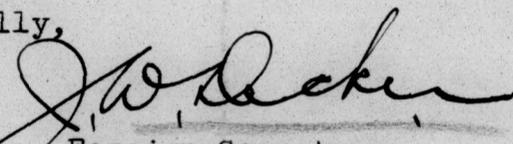
Dear Mr. Parker:

You are acquainted with the fact that Mr. John Kao from West China, one of the teachers in the West China Union University, is now studying in this country. Our missionaries, Mr. and Mrs. J.E. Moncrieff, were very intimate with Mr. Kao. The Moncrieffs are now on furlough in this country and have very recently had an interview with him. I enclose for your confidential information two copies of excerpts from a letter of September 23 which Mr. Moncrieff wrote me after seeing Kao.

Have you had any reports which will be useful to me in replying to Mr. Moncrieff? Are you in any position to secure such reports from M.I.T.? The Moncrieffs are deeply interested in Mr. Kao's welfare, and you can be assured that any information furnished me to be relayed to them will be carefully guarded and will be useful to them as they attempt further to aid Mr. Kao.

I am,

Yours cordially,

  
Foreign Secretary

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

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W. M. J. PARKER  
Foreign Secretary

October 1, 1940

W. M. J. PARKER  
Foreign Secretary

Dear Mr. Parker:

You are acquainted with the fact that the  
American Baptist Foreign Mission Society is  
conducting a study of the situation in  
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cooperation with the Chinese Baptist  
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in order to determine the needs of the  
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the best way to meet these needs.

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Yours cordially,  
*W. M. J. Parker*  
Foreign Secretary

Mr. Joseph I. Parker, Secretary,  
Associated Board of Christian Colleges in China,  
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Excerpts from letter of September 23, 1940 from J.E. Moncrieff  
to J. W. Decker re John Kao.

"When I first saw John Kao, without the least notion that he was nearer than Buffalo, I wondered if he was in trouble of any kind; but apparently not; I think he just wanted to have a little time with some of 'his own folks' and we are the nearest he has to that in this country. He told us about his work and his ambitions, and from his account he is doing a bit better than at first, although he finds the work very hard. He is keenly interested in it, and I am confident will do us honor in it. He did not mention financial matters at all, so I cannot say how he is meeting his difficulties in that particular. He has to be handled very carefully for he is very sensitive about such matters. We suggested to him that he was not writing as frequently as he should to people interested in him and his progress, and all he said on that point was that he was wrestling with a philosophy of life, and until he felt a little more sure of himself, he didn't feel like writing to anybody. But that is no excuse for the way he has neglected both his wife and his well-wishing friends in the matter of answering letters at least briefly."

"He expects to be in Buffalo on an M.I.T. project till near the end of October; then after some weeks in Cambridge he goes to another job at Bangor, Maine, in connection with paper manufacture. He will also be working on a thesis. I think his English has greatly improved, and that he has practically no language handicap now, whatever, either in understanding or in expressing himself."

"Are you having any reports whatever on his work from the authorities in charge of his studies? and, if so, will you please not share them fully with us. We want to help John all we can, and have so assured him. I believe that he trusts us, and will let us know if we can; but he is so uncommunicative that we need, more than would ordinarily be the case, some sort of report from others; we should want it in any case, but in his it is most important, I believe."

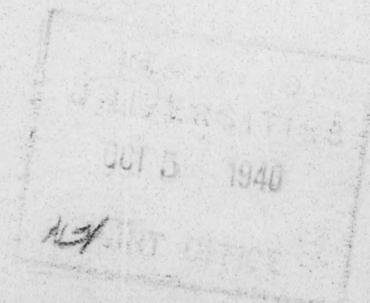
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"When I first saw John Kao, without the least notion that he was nearer than Buffalo, I wondered if he was in trouble of any kind; but apparently not; I think he just wanted to have a little time with some of 'his own folks' and we are the nearest he has to that in this country. He told us about his work and his ambitions, and from his account he is doing a bit better than at first, although he finds the work very hard. He is keenly interested in it, and I am confident will do us honor in it. He did not mention financial matters at all, so I cannot say how he is meeting his difficulties in that particular. He has to be handled very carefully for he is very sensitive about such matters. We suggested to him that he was not writing as frequently as he should to people interested in him and his progress, and all he said on that point was that he was wrestling with a philosophy of life, and until he felt a little more sure of himself, he didn't feel like writing to anybody. But that is no excuse for the way he has neglected both his wife and his well-wishing friends in the matter of answering letters at least briefly."

"He expects to be in Buffalo on an M.I.T. project till near the end of October; then after some weeks in Cambridge he goes to another job at Bangor, Maine, in connection with paper manufacture. He will also be working on a thesis. I think his English has greatly improved, and that he has practically no language handicap now, whatever, either in understanding or in expressing himself."

"Are you having any reports whatever on his work from the authorities in charge of his studies? and, if so, will you please not share them fully with us? We want to help John all we can, and have so assured him. I believe that he trusts us, and will let us know if we can; but he is so uncommunicative that we need more than would ordinarily be the case, some sort of report from others; we should want it in any case, but in his it is most important, I believe."



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October 11, 1940

Dr. J. W. Decker  
152 Madison Avenue  
New York City

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Dear Dr. Decker:

I have not answered your letter of October 4 immediately since I wanted to look up all the correspondence with John Kao and the M.I.T. before attempting to try to answer your questions. I will be glad to have you pass this letter on to Mr. Moncrieff, so that he may know what information we have heard. I am accordingly enclosing a duplicate of the letter so that you may forward it to him if you wish to do so.

We do not have any very recent word from the M.I.T. Most of our correspondence with them concerns the situation last year, particularly in preparation for the securing of scholarship aid for the present year. We have had contact with a number of people in Cambridge who have kept us somewhat informed of the situation, and I am undertaking to quote from one or two letters which will give you some idea of how things went last year.

Mr. Kao had a scholarship of \$600 at M.I.T. last year, which was given from special funds. For the present year, he was asked to apply through the regular channel and was granted a \$300 scholarship. This was \$300 short of the previous year's allowance, and Mr. Kao was therefore given consideration under the special scholarship funds of the Associated Boards, the \$300 needed being made up from this source, so that he has had the same amount of scholarship aid both years.

Last year when John Kao came to this country, Mr. Evans had a bit of difficulty discovering just what he needed in the way of money. I think this was finally worked out so that he has gotten, and is still getting, a regular allowance of \$70 a month, which is sufficient to take care of his needs according to all that we have been able to discover. As Mr. Moncrieff states in his letter, it has been a bit difficult to correspond with John Kao as he has not been very good at answering letters, and items concerning finances have been particularly difficult for us to get.

I am attaching hereto copies of correspondence with several people in Cambridge. Some of the letters are quoted in their entirety, and the rest of the material consists of quotations from letters.

I trust that this will answer the question that Mr. Moncrieff has in mind. If we secure anything further from M.I.T., we will share it with you immediately.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

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MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY  
Office of the President  
Cambridge, Massachusetts

March 10, 1940

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

Dear Mr. Caldwell:

In Dr. Compton's absence, but after consultation with him, may I respond to your letter of February 23. Last year the Institute departed from its customary procedure on scholarships and made a special appropriation to cover the tuition of Mr. Kao. In other words, he was handled as a special case totally outside our scholarship grants.

This year, in the face of a cut in our budget and a necessary reduction in the amount of funds allotted to Graduate Scholarships, it is manifestly difficult to consider any special grant such as that provided for Mr. Kao.

This does not mean that he is cut off from receiving aid from the Institute. Having provided him with special assistance for his first year, it seems now the proper procedure for him to apply (as I understand he has) in the regular way to our Graduate Scholarship Committee for aid. Professor Sherwood in the Department of Chemical Engineering is thoroughly familiar with Mr. Kao's situation and anxious to be of help to him as are all of us. We all agree nevertheless that his proper procedure is to take his chance along with other applicants for scholarships.

I have talked with Mr. Kao and he understands the situation and probably plans to consult you about it. We regret of course that we cannot continue the aid in the same manner as last year, but we sincerely hope that this does not preclude his receiving the necessary assistance to make a continuance possible.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) J. R. Killian Jr.  
Executive Assistant

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June 24, 1940

Dear Mr. Parker:

Mr. John Kao has completed his year at M.I.T. with a very fine record. Out of seven subjects he had obtained honors in five. The man has grown a great deal during the past year in many ways. Tech. has done a lot for him. I rather think from now on his study here in America will be most valuable to him, for he has become oriented to life in this country and to educational ideals. I also think that he has found out what the slogan at Tech. really means, "Tech is Hell". I think West China University has been very wise in selecting a young man of his promise for study here. He should take back to the U. U. some qualities which will be very valuable in these days of foundation laying. He has lots of ambition to seek further knowledge and wider understanding. Give him all the help possible. He is well worth it.

Cordially,

(Signed) Morton F. Yates

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QUOTATION FROM A LETTER FROM MR. AVERY A. ASHDOWN  
DATED FEBRUARY 17, 1940

"Mr. Kao Yo-lin has been successful in his school work during the first term and he is now taking up his second term. I see him fairly often here in the halls of the Institute or at the Graduate House and he always appears to be in good spirits and good health. I believe that he is making a number of new friends among the students and he is making some acquaintances among the staff.

"I am sure that Mr. Kao has shown himself entirely capable of carrying on his work and capable of making new friends and associates in the United States."

(Note: Mr. Ashdown is connected with the Research Laboratory of Organic Chemistry of M.I.T.)

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*F. J. P.*

Dear Mr. Parker:

Thank you for your kindness in writing us so fully about Mr. John Kao. I am passing on this correspondence to Mr. Moncrieff, as the Moncrieff family is especially interested in Mr. Kao's welfare and can aid him effectively.

I am,

Yours cordially,

*J. W. Decker*  
Foreign Secretary

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

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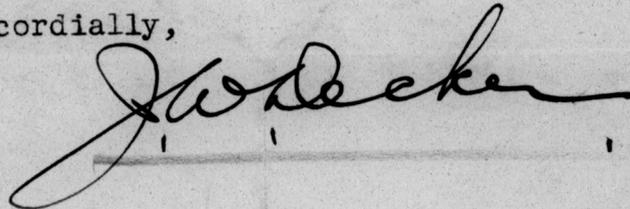
Dear Mr. Garside:-

I have carefully reviewed your letter of November 14 addressed to Dr. Endicott and myself, as well as the correspondence you enclosed from the architects to Dr. Brown and Dr. Beech.

Under all of the circumstances I am prepared to consider the architect's reply satisfactory, provided the comments and directions are forwarded to the field with instructions that they be carried out if contemplated changes are made. It would seem to me that this should adequately safeguard the proposal.

I am

Yours cordially,



Mr. B. A. Garside  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York, N.Y.

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addressed to Dr. Lindcott and myself, as well as the  
responses you enclosed from the architects to Dr. Brown  
and Dr. Beebe.

Under all of the circumstances I am pleased to  
consider the architect's reply satisfactory. Provided  
the comments and directions are forwarded to the said  
architects and that they be carried out in accordance  
with instructions that I would send to me this should  
be satisfactory regarding the proposal.

*Handwritten signature*

Mr. B. A. Gersie  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York, N. Y.

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November 28, 1940

Dr. J. W. Decker  
152 Madison Avenue  
New York, New York

Dear Dr. Decker,

We have at last received from Dr. H. J. Openshaw detailed information and plans concerning Dr. and Mrs. H. H. Hsieh of the West China Union University staff. In response to specific questions which we asked, Dr. Openshaw writes as follows:

1. Your statement of the case is correct -- they have used \$150 of the \$300 turned over for travel expenses.

2. They say that they will still need \$350.00 to cover expenses up to June 30, 1941. This includes entire support for Dr. Helen, covering food, rent, books, miscellaneous.

3. Dr. H. H. receives a monthly stipend from the Children's Hospital of \$45.00 per month plus his food. They pay \$26.00 for their present apartment, and are comfortably situated, not far from the Children's Hospital, but alas! quite a distance from the General Hospital. Each trip costs Dr. Helen \$.14.

4. Besides the above named amount they have received from Rev. Merrill Lenox, brother of Dr. John, Chengtu, Minneapolis, the sum of \$200.00 - a gift.

5. They were glad to receive the \$50.00. I do not think they are in immediate need of more at the present. The amount named above may be pro rated to them monthly.

6. Dr. Hsieh thought it would be best for you to address him, Care Children's Hospital, 4614 Sunset Boulevard, Hollywood, California.

7. They were unable to state the approximate cost of their return trip to China. Circumstances may greatly affect cost.  
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November 28, 1940

Tourist from here to Hongkong; then airplane to Chungking. Dr. Decker would be in position to give you rates, as we have just had a young couple travel that way to West China.

Now may I make some general observations. In conversations with the Hsiehs it has come out that for some unknown reason they actually suffered some rather severe privations during their stay at Toronto. They evidently lived in an attic and were cold and hungry last winter.

They are both experienced physicians and will be invaluable to our work on their return. They have both had good salaries in China."

Summarizing the information given above, it would appear that the Hsiehs will need a minimum of \$300-\$350 to cover their necessary expenses to June 30, 1941. Thereafter, they will need money to pay for their return travel to China - the exact amount being difficult to determine at this date because of the rapid fluctuation in costs of travel and means of transportation. I believe we can assume, however, that it will cost at least \$600 to get the Hsiehs from California to Chengtu, and this cost may be heavier if the means of transportation are further impaired.

Toward these anticipated needs, we have on hand the sum of \$600. This amount should, if at all possible, be retained in its entirety to cover the cost of the return travel of Dr. and Mrs. Hsieh. It is obvious, therefore, that we will need at least \$300 more in order to meet the needs of the Hsiehs until June 30, 1941, and to provide for their return to China.

I understand that the Baptist Board has on hand a specific gift of \$300 which might possibly be made available for helping with the expenses of Dr. and Mrs. Hsieh. If this fund could be utilized for this purpose, it would seem to be a providential solution of the very serious financial problem which now confronts us as we endeavor to help these fine, Christian young people make the most of their period of preparation for further service to China.

Very sincerely yours,

B A GARSIDE

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New York, N. Y.

Duplicate of Treasury Department Letter

January 6, 1941

Ack. 1/7/41 (by copy of letter to Arnup 1/7/41)

Dr. Jesse H. Arnup  
The United Church of Canada  
299 Queen Street, West  
Toronto, 2, Canada

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Dear Dr. Arnup:

Dr. Decker has referred to me your letter of December 18 concerning the titles to the West China University property.

I have been reviewing our files in connection with this matter and I would like to know the date of the document you refer to in the first paragraph of your letter. In our files we have a Declaration of Trust dated Toronto, March 27, 1916 between the Methodist Church of Canada of the first part, the Board of Governors of the West China Union University of the second part and the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society, the Friends' Foreign Mission Association, Great Britain and Ireland, the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, U.S.A., and the General Board of Missions of the Methodist Church Canada, of the third part.

In reviewing our Board records I would infer that as a result of negotiations in 1930-31 a restatement of this document was made and an agreement entered into dated June 30, 1931 between the United Church of Canada and the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society covering this Society's buildings in the West China Union University. I presume a similar agreement was entered into with the other Boards. Dr. Anderson, in acknowledging one of our letters on January 25, 1940 stated that a copy of the June 30, 1931 document was in Mr. Langford's office.

When the earlier correspondence was received indicating that the United Church could not hold property in trust, I talked briefly with the Society's resident counsel. He was of the opinion that a form of agency agreement could be worked out which could be approved by the Board of the United Church and the boards of the various organizations cooperating in the University. This form of agency agreement could clearly indicate the purpose for which the property was held and that the United

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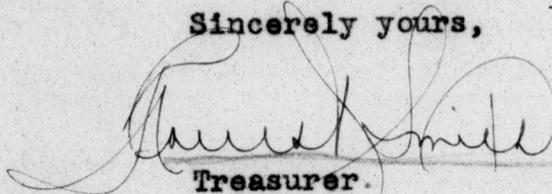
Church would agree not to sell, mortgage or otherwise encumber the property without the permission of the interested Board.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Dr. Cartwright and Dr. Garside. I will be glad to cooperate in any way that I possibly can in working out this problem.

With kindest personal regards and best wishes,

I am

Sincerely yours,



Treasurer.

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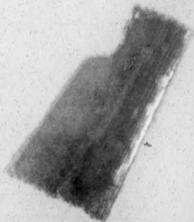
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Sincerely yours,

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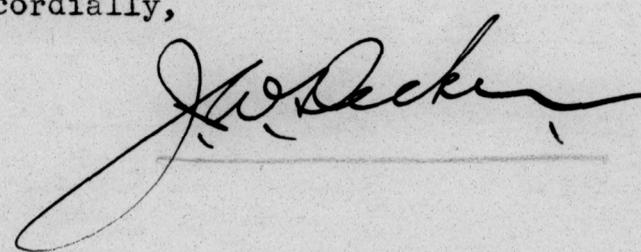
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Dear Dr. Garside:

I am sending you herewith a copy of a letter I am writing today to Dr. Arnup, which is self-explanatory. I am also enclosing copies of my correspondence from Dr. Dye and Dr. Thomson which includes the letters they propose to send to Dr. Collier via Dr. Arnup. I consider that this is a very important matter and I hope you will keep it in mind. Perhaps you had better keep this material for your files, and I can secure it from you in case I need to write further.

I am,

Yours cordially,



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

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January 14, 1941

Dear Dr. Arnup:

You are well aware of the fact that for a long time now the question of more adequate coordination of the work at present being done on the West China Union University campus has been very much on our minds. When you and I were in West China, along with Dr. Cressy and Bishop Ward, you will recall how much time was given to a discussion of this matter. At Atlantic City I had a long talk with Dr. Daniel S. Dye and also with Dr. J. C. Thomson of the University of Nanking. I was pleased by the fact that they were in complete agreement as to the need for more adequate efforts and plans along the line of needed coordination as well as for an improvement of the work being done. We spent considerable time in discussing this matter and I regret very much that they did not succeed in talking it over with you, as I suggested they do. I wish very much you might have shared in our conference together.

Both Dr. Dye and Dr. Thomson agreed that if more adequate plans were to be made in Chengtu, it would be necessary to bring in some outside person or persons who were disinterested and yet who had sufficient prestige and backing to act and plan with some assurance that the plans recommended would be carried out. I pointed out that Dr. E. H. Cressy of the China Christian Educational Association was making preparations to transfer his headquarters from Shanghai to West China. The latest word from our Mission is that Dr. Cressy succeeded in getting his visa for this transfer and that he was to leave Shanghai about December 10. Drs. Dye and Thomson felt that Dr. Cressy would be able to do much, but that from an academic standpoint his work would need to be supplemented by some one else. They suggested the name of Dr. H. B. Collier, former missionary of yours in Chengtu, now at Macdonald College in Canada. Dr. Dye, who knows Dr. Collier very well, felt that he could render an outstanding service at this particular time. Dr. Thomson agreed, from Dr. Dye's description of the man in question, that his qualifications appeared to be excellent. Dr. Dye knew that there was considerable doubt as to whether or not Dr. Collier could be pried loose from his present work to undertake this service in West China.

The net result was letters from both Dr. Dye and Dr. Thomson addressed to Dr. Collier-- letters which have been written but have not yet been forwarded to Dr. Collier because both they and I were of the opinion that you ought to be consulted about this very important matter before Dr. Collier was even sounded out. I enclose these letters which are self-explanatory. If after you have read them you approve the suggestion, will you be so good as to forward them to Dr. Collier? You will be at perfect liberty to send on to him a copy of

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this communication of mine to you (an extra copy is attached for your convenience) as a covering letter in part if you so desire.

You will understand that this proposal to Dr. Collier is a tentative one and that further steps are dependent upon his reaction. I talked this matter over very briefly with Dr. Garside. While no definite commitments can be made, both of us feel that a project of this sort would be very worthy of consideration by the Associated Boards as they plan for the allocation of the current emergency funds or those which may be raised in the future. The Associated Boards and their friends and supporters have been very earnest in the desire to see an improvement in the matter of correlation and cooperation in West China. Personally I can think of no better way to spend our money to this end than to support an endeavor like that proposed for securing Dr. Collier.

After you have carefully considered this matter, if you see good reasons for withholding these letters from Dr. Collier, you will I know write me fully and give us all the benefit of your advice or suggestions. I shall anxiously await further word from you.

I trust the New Year is opening up for you in a very satisfying way. I still feel myself very much to blame and very much chagrined that I did not have an opportunity to talk with you in Atlantic City.

I am,

Yours cordially,

Dr. Jesse H. Arnup  
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299 Queen Street West  
Toronto 2, Canada

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Yours cordially,

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Dr. J. W. Decker,  
A.B.F.M.S.,  
152 Madison Ave.,  
New York City.

ANS. J. W. D.

JAN 14 1941

Dear Dr. Decker:

This covering letter is explanatory. Dr. Thompson and I did not come on the same train from Atlantic City and have the final talk. Neither did I succeed in finding Dr. Arnup to have the more careful talk on this matter. Possibly Dr. Thompson succeeded.

I sent the original of this letter to Dr. Thompson to revise or amend or re-write. This is for your information.

If you and Arnup approve and Dr. Collier is rather in favor of going himself, Dr. Thompson and I could write to our two groups out there to push from that end. I know that Sewell and Spooner as well as Chinese on U U staff would urge his coming. We worked hand in glove with the other science staff members.

I believe we should not go forward with writing to the field until after we get Collier's reaction. And I feel that we ought not approach Collier until we get the reaction of some of the members of the Board.

Tomorrow I am starting to Ohio to do deputation work, but I shall be back here by Jan 13th. Mr. Jackson's office knows of my whereabouts in case you need to write me before that time.

Yours sincerely,

*D. S. Dye*  
Daniel Sheets Dye

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JAN 6 1941

Pendle Hill, Wallingford, Pa.  
January 3, 1941.

Dr. H. B. Collier,  
Macdonald College,  
Quebec, Canada.

Dear Bruce (and Mary):

I did appreciate your letter in response to my letter re your resignation. I understood and I appreciate, and then I rejoice that you are striking your stride in that fundamental biological, or rather physiological research. When I think of this last, it gives me pause, but I shall present the case for both sides as briefly as I can.

It does seem as though there are so few who are equipped with imagination as well as training in research, and who drive through to fundamentals--as you know how to do. I am reinforced in this conclusion by my attendance at the AAAS meetings in Philadelphia. Some of the reports were so uninspired. Nine out of ten seemed to give data and conclusions that had very little of significance save as to pile up data on work that had already been done. They seemed to be "copy cats" with little imagination in lining out problems. Then one man in ten would come along and reveal that he was "going places." These tenth men were developing new techniques in order to get at something vital or else they were using old techniques that enabled them to "turn corners" on ways that gave onto opening doors that glimpsed whole new worlds to be ~~interpreted~~ explored, interpreted, used. When one man can give bent to ten men, progress is made, but without that one man of vision, they largely fail.

As I try to sort out some of the problems of our science staffs at Chengtu, they align in descending scale about as follows:-

a. ~~xx~~ Personal frustration of teachers. Many on the several staffs feel that they are not recognized as they should be recognized. Some feel that one is ranked in inverse ratio to the number of hours that he teaches, ~~or~~ or/and in direct proportion to the budget that he has to spend. It is the man in any of the "five schools" whose hours sets the norm for all, and the man who teaches more hours feels that he is discriminated against. They do not look around and think in terms of teaching plus research and publication and administrative activities. There is a place here in research where we can take up the slack. Few men can research absolutely on their own, but more can work under direction and with advice and by inspiration of another worker. If we can get our men to step out of competition with others and find out their own possibilities and potentialities, there would be a lessening of the feeling of inadequacy, which I believe is basically beneath this "face pidgin." (Personally I have stopped worrying because I cannot think with Einstein or experiment with Compton, but I am disgusted when I do not get out of DSD's physique all that DSD is potentially capable of. In other words I have stopped competing with anybody but myself.) A Director of Research, who is not on any one staff but is above or with all the staffs could help men to find their own place, and determine their own worth.

b. Non-cooperation between the departments. Some have come to think of departments as being synonymous with certain men. Because of personalities, because of limited understanding of the real cost of the several departments in other schools, and because of lack of understanding of the real function of each department in an integrated institution, it is very difficult to work out cooperative budgets that are satisfactory to all concerned. Too often it is every department for itself. It rankles a bit

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Pondie Hill, Millington, Pa.  
January 2, 1941.

Dr. H. B. Collier,  
McGonville College,  
Quebec, Canada.

Dear Bruce (and Mary):

I did appreciate your letter in response to my letter re your resignation. I understand and I appreciate, and then I rejoice that you are striking your stride in that fundamental biological or rather physiological research. When I think of this last, it gives me pause, but I shall present the case for both sides as briefly as I can.

It does seem as though there are so few who are equipped with imagination as well as training in research, and who drive through to fundamental--as you know--to do. I am rejoiced in this conclusion by my attendance at the AAAS meeting in Philadelphia. Some of the reports were so uninspired. The one that seemed to give data and conclusions that had very little of significance gave as to pile up data on work that had already been done. They seemed to be "copy cats" with little imagination in lining out problems. Then one man in ten would come along and reveal that he was "going places." These tenth men were developing new techniques in order to get at something vital or else they were using old techniques that enabled them to "turn corners" on ways that gave onto opening doors that glimpsed "hole ne--worlds to be ~~katagorized~~ explored, interpreted, used. Then one man can give bent to ten men, progress is made, but without that one man of vision, they largely fail.

As I try to sort out some of the problems of our science staffs at Chongtu, they align in descending scale about as follows:-

1. Personal frustration of teachers. Many on the several staffs feel that they are not recognized as they should be recognized. Some feel that one is ranked in inverse ratio to the number of hours that he teaches, ~~xxxxxx~~ or in direct proportion to the budget that he has to spend. It is the man in any of the "five schools" whose hours sets the norm for all, and the man who teaches more hours feels that he is discriminated against. They do not look around and think in terms of teaching plus research and publication and administrative activities. There is a place here in research where we can take up the slack. We men can research absolutely on their own, but more can work under direction and with advice and by inspiration of another worker. If we can get our men to step out of competition with others and find out their own possibilities and potentialities, there could be a lessening of the feeling of inadequacy, which I believe is basically beneath this "race piggin'." (Personally I have stopped worrying because I cannot think with finiteness or experiment with comparison, but I am disgusted when I do not get out of DSD's physique all that DSD is potentially capable of. In other words I have stopped competing with anybody but myself.) A Director of research, who is not on any one staff but is above or with all the staffs could help men to find their own place, and determine their own worth.

2. Non-cooperation between the departments. Some have come to think of departments as being synonymous with certain men. Because of personalities, because of limited understanding of the real cost of the several departments in other schools, and because of lack of understanding of the real function of each department in an integrated institution, it is very difficult to work out cooperative budgets that are satisfactory to all concerned. Too often it is every department for itself. It rankles a bit

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Dr. J. W. Decker  
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152 Madison Avenue  
New York, New York

My dear Dr. Decker:

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Best wishes always.

Sincerely yours,  
*J. C. Thomson*  
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99 Claremont Avenue,  
New York, N. Y.,  
January 10, 1941.

Dr. H.B. Collier,  
Macdonald College,  
Quebec, Canada.

Dear Dr. Collier,

During my brief periods on the campus of West China Union University I have met so many of your good friends that I feel as if we were already acquainted. From them and from others whom I know in Chengtu I have learned of the valuable contribution which you have made to the University's educational work in West China. So I heartily concur with what Dean Dye has written, -both in his summary of the problems now facing the group of colleges there and also in his statement of the urgent need for someone, who is not at present connected with any of the institutions now on the WOUU campus, to take over the tasks of a "Director of Research" for the whole group. Moreover, we are both convinced that this Director should be a person who has lived in West China and who has a keen sense of the great opportunities for scientific research there.

As a foundation for the unification of all the research activities and programmes of the various colleges and universities now centered on the WOUU campus I think the new Director should coordinate all the science courses and projects on the campus as well as those radiating out from it. To be specific - the unification of all the Chemistry departments on the campus under one Supervising Chairman for the duration would eliminate duplicate courses; conserve materials and equipment; make possible a wiser use of classroom and laboratory space; permit a more effective use of staff members and surely release many hours of faculty teaching time for important research projects. Similar savings could be made in other science departments such as Physics, Biology and Mathematics.

As you are well aware this task will not be an easy one, but with the assured support of the Boards here and with the hearty cooperation of some of the science men in Chengtu I am sure it can be done. It is certainly of the utmost importance that it should be done if we are to prove ourselves worthy of the opportunities which are now facing us as a group of Christian educators in Free China. Our failure to make some rather obvious changes and readjustments during these past three years when so many of us have been guests on the West China campus has probably resulted in unnecessary friction and I am sure our slowness to cooperate and unite wherever possible has greatly reduced the value of the work which we have done.

Personally, I hope very much that the way may be open for you to return to Chengtu for a time and lead us in the very important work which awaits our united efforts.

If you happen to be in New York before the summer months I hope you will stop and see us here at the Missionary apartments in McGiffert Hall. We shall be very glad to see you and to talk about West China.

My best wishes are with you always.

Sincerely yours,

J.C. Thomson

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One or two more small contributions have been promised me for this project.

I am,

Yours cordially,

*J. W. Decker*  
Chairman, Committee on East Asia

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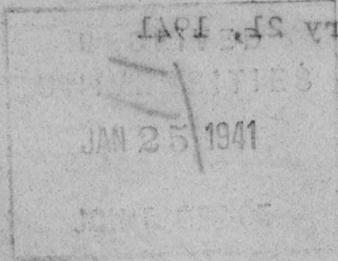
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Dear Fellow-Workers:

A few days ago I sent to each of you a copy of my letter to Dr. J. H. Arnup relative to the special service in Chengtu proposed for Dr. H. B. Collier. You will recall that I sent on to Dr. Arnup for his consideration, and for forwarding to Dr. Collier if approved, letters from Drs. Thomson and Dye addressed to Dr. Collier.

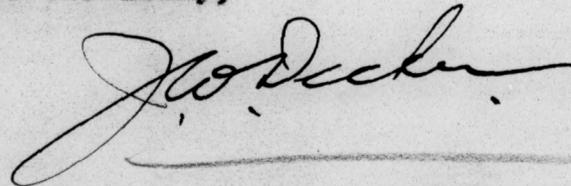
This morning, under date of January 21, I have received a reply from Dr. Arnup, a copy of which is enclosed. Dr. Arnup's letter is self-explanatory. I am holding here the letters for Dr. Collier which Dr. Arnup has returned.

It would appear to me that Dr. Arnup has possibly misunderstood the proposal. He seems to think of the appointment of Dr. Collier as one to the work of West China Union University, while our thought, as I grasped it, had been that he would be appointed to service with the group of cooperating colleges. Am I wrong on this point?

We are left facing the question of the next step to be taken. I happen to know that Dr. Dye is to be here in New York on February 4, when he meets our Board. I wonder if it would not be possible for the four of us to get together some time the next day (Wednesday, February 5), the hour as nearly as possible to fit the convenience of the group. I believe it would be best for you to write your reactions and suggestions to Dr. Garside, whose office is the normal clearing house for such matters.

I am,

Yours cordially,



Dr. Daniel S. Dye  
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Dr. Endicott was in the office and we had a very careful conversation on the whole matter. The upshot of it is that we agreed not to send forward the letters which you sent addressed to Dr. Collier. Dr. Dye's and Mr. Thomson's letters are enclosed herewith.

Of course, you are entitled to an adequate explanation. In the first place, let me say that we have no doubt about either Dr. Collier's ability or his character. He is an extremely high-minded, conscientious individual and a devoted Christian. He has also shown great gifts in his academic work. Of his administrative work I have little knowledge as that was all done in West China. But the question I raised in connection with his return to the field as Director of Research was this: "During the time of Dr. Collier's presence on the staff as professor of Biochemistry he was the centre of considerable tension, to which members of the staff, then present and now on the field, made varying reactions."

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(Signed) Jesse H. Arnup

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February 7, 1941

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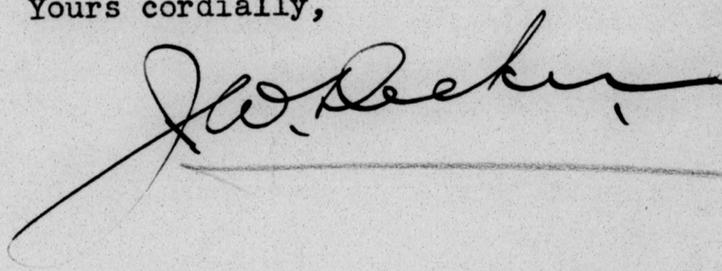
Rev. Joseph I. Parker:  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Parker:-

We have just secured release of the specific grant of \$350 for the use of Dr. and Mrs. H. H. Hsieh. I am very much gratified at this development. It would seem that your office should handle this fund, conducting the correspondence with the Hsiehs or with their adviser, Dr. H. J. Openshaw.

I am passing on a copy of this letter to our Treasury Department and our Treasurer, Mr. Forrest Smith, will, I understand, be ready to release the funds on your order.

Yours cordially,



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Rev. Joseph L. ...  
150 Fifth Avenue  
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Dear Mr. ...

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Dr. H. J. ...

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Yours cordially,

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NOTE: See Mar. 2, 1941- from H. H. Hsieh to Dr. Beech, filed under Hsieh

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March 27, 1941

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Dr. J. W. Decker  
152 Madison Avenue  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Decker:

I wish to acknowledge the receipt of the copy of Dr. Van's letter in which he encloses the special appeal to the Associated Boards. We will see that this is included in the preparation of budgets for the plans for next year.

The other day Dr. Joseph Beech, of West China Union University, handed to me a letter which he had received from Dr. H. H. Hsieh in Los Angeles - a copy of which is attached hereto. Our understanding of the arrangements with Dr. Hsieh is that the payments which we are making, of \$50. a month, to him will not continue beyond the end of June. This will leave sufficient money in our hands for his transportation back to China, and this is to be held for that purpose only, according to the instructions given us. Apparently Dr. Hsieh is looking for some additional support to enable him to stay longer than has been originally planned. Do you have any suggestions to offer about this case which might bear upon Dr. and Mrs. Hsieh's remaining for the period suggested in his letter?

Sincerely yours,

Assistant Secretary

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March 28, 1941

Personal and Confidential

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I would like very much to have the benefit of your advice on this delicate matter, for I respect your opinions very highly. What you might think would have large influence on the position I would take when the West China Executive Committee comes to make a final decision. It is not necessary that your reply in this matter be as prompt as in the case of the other letters in this same cover.

Looking forward to your advice, I am,

Yours cordially,

Dr. J. H. Arnup  
299 Queen Street West  
Toronto 2, Canada

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Yours cordially,

*W. H. Arnpup*

Dr. J. H. Arnpup  
299 Queen Street West  
Toronto 2, Canada

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March 28, 1941

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Dear Dr. Arnup:

You have in mind the extensive correspondence between us relative to the situation on the university campus in Chengtu and possibilities for further organization and coordination to the benefit of all. Your final suggestion in your letter of March 12 was that in connection with the coming meeting of the Associated Boards an informal consultation be had including at least the mission board secretaries who are related to the institutions now on the W.C.U.U. campus. You further suggested that we ask Drs. Dye and Thomson to attend this consultation.

I have just been in conference with the officers of the Associated Boards in preparation for the coming annual meeting of that body, set for May 5 next. One of the major subjects which we think should be discussed by the annual meeting is this of coordination in the work of higher education in China, either temporary or permanent. It would be very much to the point if we could have something worked out for Chengtu in advance of that meeting. After considering the whole matter, the staff agreed that I should write to you and ask what you would think of a consultation of this sort on the evening of April 25 next. It appears now that the Executive Committee of the Associated Boards will be asked to meet that afternoon to do the usual preparation work, review budget, etc., for the annual meeting. Then the evening would be given over to our consultation.

Of course this whole plan would be impossible unless there can be adequate Canadian representation, and so it was agreed that I should write to you with this suggestion and seek your reaction. Our thought is that we would ask the chairman of each of the boards concerned to attend himself or send a representative, along with two other members of his board and any mission secretaries directly related to it who might not be included in the above.

Please let me hear at your earliest convenience, for the time is short. What do you think of the plan I have outlined? Could you with, say, an additional Canadian member of the West China Board, attend on the evening of April 25? I know it is expensive for you to come to New York for such a meeting, and yet it is of such importance that I have the courage to ask. I am,

Yours cordially,

Dr. J. H. Arnup  
299 Queen Street West  
Toronto 2, Canada

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*J. W. Dyer*  
P.S. Further investigation shows that some important people may not be available for the evening of April 25. Would the previous evening.

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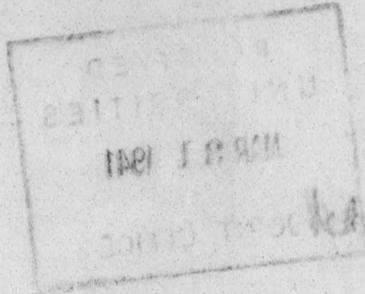
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299 Queen Street West  
Toronto 2, Canada

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March 28, 1941

*T. J. W.*

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I am,

Yours cordially,

Dr. J. H. Arnup  
299 Queen Street West  
Toronto 2, Canada

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Yours cordially,

*Handwritten signature*

Dr. J. H. Arupp  
299 Queen Street West  
Toronto 2, Canada

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H. J. OPENSHAW

324 S. Westlake Ave.,  
Los Angeles  
Cal.

Dr. J. W. Decker, Secy  
A.B.F.M.S.  
New York

Dear Bill:-

Many thanks for letter and for recent 'confidential  
China matters.'

The arrest of the American missionaries in Korea will  
further complicate the already difficult situation, and increase  
American-Japanese friction.

I see Dr. Joe Taylor often and others you mention  
occasionally. Shall be glad to remember you to them.

Re. the Doctor Hsiehs. We have had Doctor Helen with us  
for a week end. Her Father was my very best friend in West China.  
They are both happily situated, Dr. Hsieh taking work at the Childrens  
Hospital, Hollywood, while Helen spends her days at the General  
Hospital.

They are not very socially minded and do not come to  
see us. They are now trying to have their pass-port privileges  
extended, for their time is up in June. I went with them to the  
Chinese Consulate and to the Immigration Office etc. Dr. Joe  
Beech has written them, asking that they take some further work  
in XRay at Chicago. This the Dr., is keen to do. All will depend  
on reply from the Immigration authorities at Seattle, their port  
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They enjoy and appreciate the help they have been re-  
ceiving from our Board. They had a hard time getting along while  
in Toronto, so this is leaving a little better taste in their mouths.

They are fearful of speaking before American audiences,  
and have refused all invitations along those lines. They are both  
in love with their profession, and will be much more efficient  
workers when they return to West China.

The National Christian Mission meetings here were a great  
success. Shrien Auditorium jammed for the last meeting, Sunday after-  
noon -- 7700.

Hope UNITED CHINA RELIEF goes over BIG.

Best wishes, Sincerely,

Harry J. Openshaw

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meet their own expenses. HJO

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H. J. OPENSHAW  
824 S. Westlake Ave.,  
Los Angeles  
Calif.

Dr. J. W. Becker, Secy  
A. R. F. M. S.  
New York

Dear Bill:

Many thanks for letter and for your kind interest in  
China. I am glad to hear that you are interested in  
the work of the American Asiatic Union. I hope  
that you will be able to visit us in the near future.  
I am sure that you will find our work very interesting  
and that you will be able to do much good.

Re. the Doctor's letter. We have had Doctor Hahn with us  
for a week and a half. He is a very good friend in West China.  
They are both really situated, Dr. Hahn taking work at the  
Hospital, Hollywood, while Hahn spends his days at the  
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Dear "Uncle Harry":-

Thank you very much for your recent letter. I was particularly glad to hear about the Doctors Hsieh. I had heard from the Associated Boards of their hope to extend their stay in the United States. However, I had already written Mr. Parker of the Boards that we had done all that was possible in financial aid for them and no further help could be expected from us. I was glad to get your assurance that they are expecting to finance this venture themselves.

With all good wishes, I am

Yours cordially,

Dr. H. J. Openshaw  
324 S. Westlake Avenue  
Los Angeles, California

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April 3, 1941

Dear Uncle Harry:-

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*Dr. E. J. Openshaw*

Dr. E. J. Openshaw  
334 S. Westlake Avenue  
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April 18, 1941

Dr. Forrest Smith  
152 Madison Avenue  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Smith:

Following our telephone conversation, I am enclosing our check for \$100.00. We are deeply grateful to you for your help in forwarding this amount to

Mr. Frank E. Manton  
16 Lancaster Road  
Rangoon, Burma.

Mr. Manton is the Pastor of the American Community Church in Rangoon, and I am sure that your representatives there must be well acquainted with him.

I am enclosing a copy of a cable which we tentatively prepared, but did not send to Mr. Manton himself. This should give you background of the information which we had originally intended to send to Rangoon. I do not think it is necessary for us to send this supplementary cable, because Mr. Manton will know what the money is for.

For your own information, I would like to add, however, that we have in Rangoon a shipment of some six thousand books destined for West China Union University in Chungku. We got free transportation as far as Rangoon, but apparently there are certain port charges to be taken care of before the University trucks can handle this shipment.

I would suggest that in your instructions to your representatives it will be necessary only to say that Manton should be notified that \$100.00 has been made available for his use by the China Colleges through your office. I shall send him an airmail letter to clear up the details.

I hope I may some day be able to return this courtesy.

Very sincerely yours,

Oliver J. Caldwell

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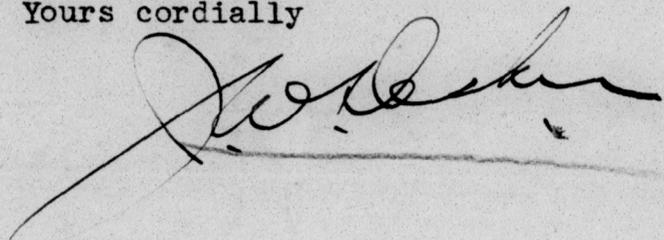
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Dear Mr. Evans:-

I know that you have been very much concerned about Mr. John Kao from West China Union University who is now studying at M.I.T. If the Associated Colleges are to be asked to sponsor him further or to support his study either directly or through the funds of West China Union University, I would appreciate being consulted before decision is made. I am in position of some information of a rather confidential character which might be pertinent to this decision. I am,

Yours cordially



Mr. C. A. Evans  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York, N.Y.

JWD EK

P.S. I am taking this opportunity to pass on to you a recent comment from Dr. Openshaw with reference to the return of the Drs. Hsieh. He writes as follows:\* "Here's another sample of how they do things these days of the 'unusual.' I received the following cable from Wilford; it came while I was away; forwarded to me and thus got nowhere: Openshaw. 'Kindly inform Hsieh-Yoh University agrees first class steamer fare if necessary.' Wilford."

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*Supervisor Board*

Mr. C. A. Evans,  
Secretary, Board of Governors  
West China Union University  
New York, N.Y.

Mr. John H. Reisner  
Secretary, Committee on East Asia  
New York, N.Y.

Dear Friends:-

Our missionary, Dr. Dryden L. Phelps of West China Union University, writes me under date of July 21st and I wish to share a part of his letter with you. It is as follows:-

"Your letter of 26 June to the Secretaries of the 3 China Missions concerning cooperation raises a question immediately confronting us. If we move quickly and wisely, it will be well. Here is the situation: Scotch and Irish Presbyterians are now in West China, seeking areas for permanent work. They are right now with Dr. Frank W. Price and the Canadian missionaries looking over the area near Fuchow below Chungking, which I understand the UCCM is willing to turn over to them. At the same time, the American (Southern) Presbyterians are also looking for a permanent area, and it has been suggested that they be given our Ningyaen field. All fine and OK, BUT - and here is the point: strong representation should be made to these new Mission Boards that they will be heartily welcomed to the West China field on condition that they become full participants, on the same basis as ourselves, in the West China Union University which serves all. This representation should be made, I should think, by the UU Board of Governors through the Board of Christian Colleges in China. But IT SHOULD BE MADE, AND AT ONCE."

*Smith*

Dr. Phelps here raises a question of considerable importance. We must keep this in mind as we plan further developments.

Yours cordially,

Dictated by Dr. Decker  
but signed in his absence

*J. W. Decker*

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Mr. C. A. Evans,  
Secretary, Board of  
West China Union  
New York, N. Y.

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Secretary, Committee on East Asia  
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Copy for Mr. C. A. Evans

September 27, 1941

Rev. C. Darby Fulton, D.D.,  
113 Sixteenth Avenue, South  
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Dr. Fulton:-

I was very much interested the other day in what you reported about the plans for your Mission to take up new work somewhere in Western China, probably in Szechuan Province. You raised the question as to what agency should be consulted with regard to comity relations, assignment of territory, etc. Certainly the National Christian Council should be approached. Formerly there was a very active Regional Christian Council in Szechuan and this Council would probably furnish a channel through which you and the National Christian Council could follow up the matter. I am not entirely certain whether West China has an inter-denominational Mission Committee to deal with questions of this sort, but I suspect that this may be the case. Without doubt comity and division of territory have been handled more satisfactorily in that region than in any other portion of China and we must be all the more careful not to impair this comity in any new plan.

In that connection I should have reported to you earlier a portion of a letter dated July 21st which I received from Dr. Dryden L. Phelps who is one of our missionary teachers in West China Union University. Dr. Phelps speaks of the plan for the Scotch and Irish Presbyterians undertaking new work in West China, and also mentions the possibility of your coming. He cordially welcomes this idea but believes that it would be essential that any new Mission entering that territory should also plan cooperation with West China Union University. I agree thoroughly with Dr. Phelps in this respect. The Union University has been the institution for higher education of all important Mission bodies in Szechuan, with the sole exception of the China Inland Mission. It would be a serious matter if a major Mission moved into that area and did not at the same time participate in the cooperative conduct of the University. In my opinion the same thing holds with regard to the comparatively recently established West China Union Theological Seminary.

Since this question was raised in the Committee on East Asia, and since it is so intimately related to the future of the West China Union University, I am taking the liberty of sending a copy of this letter to Mr. Joe J. Mickle, Jr., the Secretary of the

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Copy for Mr. C. A. Evans

Dr. Fulton

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September 27, 1941

Committee on East Asia, and to Mr. C. A. Evans, the Acting-Executive Secretary of the Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China.

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Yours cordially,

*JW Decker*  
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October 2, 1941

Rev. J. W. Decker, D. D.  
American Baptist Foreign Mission Society  
152 Madison Avenue  
New York, N. Y.

My dear Dr. Decker:-

I appreciated your letter of September 27 relative to the possibility of our Missions taking up work somewhere in West China. Thank you for the several suggestions.

Perhaps I should explain that we have made no plans as yet and that things are still in the preliminary stages of inquiry, though we have gone as far as to send a special delegation of two men to West China to make a direct survey of the situation. Their report has come in to our office but has not as yet had Board consideration.

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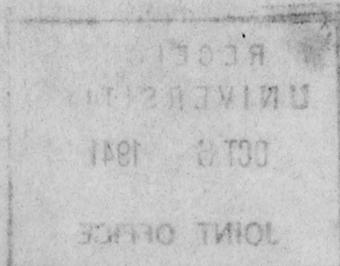
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With kindest regards and good wishes, I am

Sincerely,

(Signed) C. Darby Fulton

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copy for Mr. C. A. Evans

October 3, 1941

Rev. J. W. Decker, D. D.  
American Baptist Foreign Mission Society  
132 Madison Avenue  
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Decker:-

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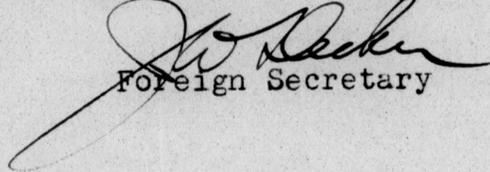
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BOARD OF MANAGERS

To Dr. B. A. Garside, Secretary  
Board of Governors  
West China Union University

This will notify you that at the meeting of the Board of Managers held Dec. 1-3, 1941 action was taken as follows:

Foreign secretary J. W. Decker stated that there is much evidence that the West China Union Theological College is faced with wholly inadequate resources for the current year. The present budget which was prepared nearly two years ago is entirely out of relation to the needs of the College in the situation which has since developed. The West China Reference Committee has recommended that, if possible, in addition to the regular appropriation, the Boards give something extra. The College Board of Management in its action #161-9/13/41 has also asked for additional help. It was VOTED: That, in response to a request of the West China field authorities, and upon the recommendation of the Joint Officers' Council, authorization be given to release from the Joint War Emergency Item in the World Emergency Fund a specific appropriation of Ccy\$2000 as an emergency supplemental appropriation to the current budget of the West China Union Theological College, in addition to the amounts included in the budgets of the two Boards for 1941-42.

On behalf of the Board of Managers,

  
Foreign Secretary

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Board of Governors  
West China Union University

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On behalf of the Board of Managers,

*[Signature]*  
Foreign Secretary

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*to Report  
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Dear Mr. Evans:

The enclosed official notification should have been addressed to you rather than Dr. Garside, but that does not affect the situation--it is for the records of the West China Union Theological College.

Since the above appropriation was made our mission authorities have sent in a request asking us to double our help for the current year, which originally was Ccy\$3,300. That is, their request was equivalent to one for an extra grant of Ccy \$3,300. We here had already agreed on the appropriation notified herewith and at least for the time-being do not propose to add it it.

I am,

Yours cordially,

*J. W. Decker*  
Foreign Secretary

Mr. C. A. Evans  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York City

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The enclosed report of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society for the year 1941 is being submitted to you for your information. It is a report of the work of the Society during the year and is a record of the progress of the Society in its various fields of activity. It is a record of the work of the Society in its various fields of activity. It is a record of the work of the Society in its various fields of activity.

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
THOMAS H. WATSON  
President

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Assistant General Manager

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*wrote A. C. Thomas &  
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To Mr. Joseph I. Parker, Secretary  
Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China  
New York City

This will notify you that at the meeting of the Board of Managers  
held Feb. 4-6, 1942 action was taken as follows:

*Noted  
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VOTED: That Foreign Secretary J. W. Decker be re-elected to  
membership on the Board of Founders of the University of Nanking  
for the three-year term ending December 31, 1944.

VOTED: That, in view of the vacancy created by the expiration  
of the term of Gordon Poteat, Albert C. Thomas be elected to  
represent the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society on the  
Board of Governors of the West China Union University for the  
term ending in 1944.

On behalf of the Board of Managers,

*J. W. Decker*  
Foreign Secretary

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C.A. Evans.

March 11, 1942

Clipper Mail

Pres. Lincoln Dsang  
Dr. Dryden L. Phelps  
West China Union University  
Chengtu, Sze., West China

Dear Fellow-Workers:

At the annual meeting of the Board of Governors of West China Union University held at Toronto on November 5-6 we had a considerable amount of most interesting material which had originated with President Dsang and Dr. Phelps.

The Board of Governors gave earnest consideration to the proposal from the field to erect an imposing and worthy new church building at or near the university campus. It was not entirely clear however that this proposal had had the formal approval of the Administration including the Board of Directors. The whole matter was carefully discussed and an appropriate minute was taken briefly outlining the content of the discussion.

I have before me the copy of the letter dated December 1, 1941 addressed to Mr. H. D. Robertson from Mr. C. A. Evans, the Acting Executive Secretary of the Associated Boards, covering the minutes of the Governors. This communication, including the minutes of the Governors, I hope you have received safely. In both the minutes and Mr. Evans' letter it is recorded that the Board of Governors requested me to write to the Administration covering somewhat more in detail the discussion had by the Governors. Since I am writing to Dr. Phelps about another matter and postal expenses are high, I am enclosing this letter in a cover to Dr. Phelps, asking him to share it with President Dsang, as it is jointly addressed to both of you.

I am sorry that I have been so long in carrying out the instructions of the Board of Governors. My excuse is the critical world situation which obtained following our Toronto meeting, a situation which made heavy demands on me and others. This was intensified after December 7 when there were so many insistent demands on the time of us all, demands which could not be denied. As I write, it is entirely probable that much of my letter will be out of date so far as your immediate planning is concerned, but nevertheless I shall go ahead and write, in part with the longer future in view.

The Board of Governors had some decided reservations with respect to your proposal. The first and perhaps the most serious of these reservations has to do with the plan for the congregation itself. If it is made entirely a university affair, that is, a university church, we recognize that very attractive and suitable church services can be arranged for the university group. The difficulty is that the students are almost certain to fail to think of the church as a function of an ordinary community. That is to say, students whose experience has been confined to university churches are apt to think of the church as something to be left behind when they leave school and not as an institution the relationship to which is to be continued throughout life. On the other hand, experience in many places shows that if a combination of the university church and the local community is attempted it is almost certain to be completely dominated by the university. A church so constituted becomes willy-nilly a university affair with a relatively unimportant fringe of community support.

The Board of Governors is confident that much thought has already been given to the above issues, but it wants to share its observations with you in the interest of our common guidance. There is much to be said for a situation where

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university students are related to the ordinary life of a number of churches which are thoroughly rooted in their respective communities. We want to be more certain of the promised effectiveness of the new plans proposed before we abandon the present situation with its admitted defects.

The second reservation of the Board of Governors had to do with the type of building suggested. In at least two other China universities we know of the reaction has been decidedly against a large church building capable of accommodating a big audience but at the usual religious services more than half empty. For example, around 1936 this matter was thoroughly discussed at the University of Shanghai and the final decision was for a large, separate auditorium to be used for the bigger audiences, while the church or chapel was made of a size which would comfortably accommodate the usual congregation. This aspect of the matter we think should be carefully gone into before West China Union University decides for a large church building. It should be borne in mind that the proposal that such a building should be smaller does not mean that it should embody any but the highest standards of taste and construction. In other words, it should be both impressive and worthy, though not because of its size.

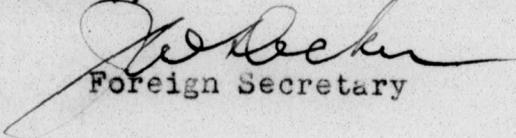
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Added to the above is the fact that with the Burma Road closed and other communications hazardous, it seems a particularly unpropitious time to attempt building operations. I realize that some of these considerations have come into focus since the Governors meeting in question, but they did have a real place in our thinking as we attempted to envisage the future.

We hope that active discussion of this matter may be continued and that when the proper time arrives we can cooperate with you in an effort to make worthy provision for the religious needs of the University.

May I digress from the subject matter of this letter to extend my cordial personal greetings to my many friends and fellow-workers on your campus. I pray that God will bless and keep you in your magnificent effort on behalf of China, the world and His kingdom. I am,

Yours cordially,

  
Foreign Secretary

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Yours cordially,

Foreign Secretary

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March 14, 1942

Dr. J. W. Decker  
152 Madison Avenue  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Decker:

I have been checking up on the questions raised in your letter of March 3 about John Kao and Dr. David S. K. Dai.

In the case of John Kao, he is being paid \$60.00 per month, chargeable to the West China Union University, and it is understood that this will continue through the present school year. Plans beyond that time are very indefinite and no assignments have been made for his stay after the end of the school year. The Associated Boards has given him a grant of \$300.00 for the current year and a like amount for the two preceding years. This amount is in addition to that given by West China University. Mr. Evans is keeping very closely in touch with Mr. Kao and knows the intimate details of his case.

Dr. Dai has not been aided by any funds either from the Associated Boards or West China University. The only relationship with him has been in connection with getting him re-located and transferred from New York. No request has come from him for financial aid.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

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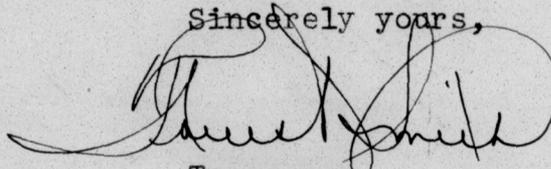
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Mr. C. A. Evans  
Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Evans:

Pursuant to the discussions in the meeting of the Executive Committee of West China Union University yesterday, I shall appreciate your preparing the complete file of the charter provisions, Articles of Incorporation, and the By-Laws and Constitution of the Board of Governors. I also have in my file a copy of the memorandum which was forwarded from your office regarding the titles to the University property, dated September 12, 1940. I am wondering if you still have copies of this memorandum available. If so, it would be well to have four copies to include in the docket of papers for the special committee.

Sincerely yours,



Treasurer

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May 8, 1942

Mr. Forrest Smith  
American Baptist Foreign Mission Society  
152 Madison Avenue  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Smith:

Replying to your letter of May 7th, we are enclosing here-  
with copies of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Board of Governors;  
also four copies of the Memorandum of September 12, 1940 written by  
the Secretary, Dr. Frank Anderson.

The first part of Dr. Anderson's Memorandum is an exact copy  
of the Provisional Charter which was in no way modified when the Absolute  
Charter was granted.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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May 8, 1942

Mr. Forrest Smith  
American Baptist Foreign Mission Society  
152 Madison Avenue  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Smith:

Relative to the developments in the land situation in China growing out of the Executive Committee meeting on Wednesday, may I place before you evidence of steps which have been taken thus far. To this end, I am enclosing minutes as follows:

Finance Committee of October 23, 1941  
Finance Committee of November 5, 1941  
Attorneys and Finance Committee of December 30, 1941  
Finance Committee of April 22, 1942

The minutes of the October 23rd meeting were considered at the Special Meeting held in Toronto on November 5th, which in turn were presented to the Board of Governors and approved. At that time arrangements were made to have the attorneys of the three Boards to meet in New York which was done on December 30, 1941. At that meeting full information in hand including the Constitution and By-Laws were given consideration, and the conclusion as set forth in the last paragraph of the minutes of December 30th dealing with that item were conclusive and were in full agreement with the understanding of all three attorneys at that time.

Since then we have been endeavoring to secure the papers which Mr. Whitehead was supposed to submit, and as soon as a letter came to hand from him a meeting was called on April 22nd and the minutes are enclosed herewith.

It is only proper for your Committee to have in hand this direct evidence of what has been accomplished by the Finance Committee within the past six or eight months.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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

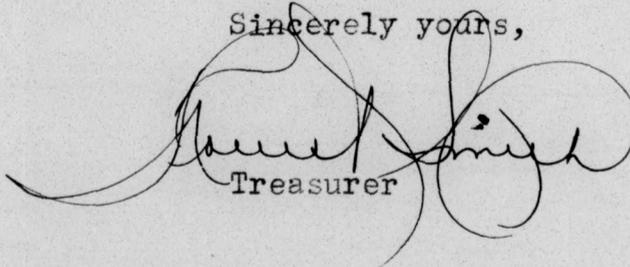
Dear Mr. Evans:

I thank you very kindly for your letter of May 8,  
in which you so promptly respond to my letter of the 7th.

There is no question but what suitable steps have  
been taken by the secretaries of the Associated Boards and the  
committees relative to the question of land titles. However, the  
difficulty seems to be that Mr. Whitehead has not forwarded the  
necessary documents and neither Mr. St. John nor Mr. Murray are  
willing to commit themselves as to what they are prepared to  
definitely recommend in writing to the Board of Governors. On  
the way over to the Executive Committee meeting, I asked Mr. Murray  
whether he was satisfied from the conference which was held in  
Mr. St. John's office and was prepared to recommend to his own Board,  
that these titles to the University property be transferred to the  
Board of Governors. He indicated that he had not sufficiently  
explored the situation so as to make this recommendation. That  
is the reason why I felt it to be absolutely necessary to gather  
all of these documents together and put this matter specifically  
before the group of attorneys.

I shall appreciate it if you will write promptly  
to the various Boards, requesting that the various documents be  
sent to me, in accordance with the minutes of the Executive Committee  
meeting.

Sincerely yours,

  
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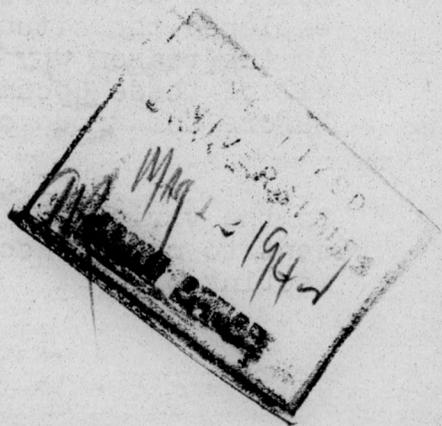
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May 19, 1942

Mr. Forrest Smith  
American Baptist Foreign  
Mission Society  
152 Madison Avenue  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Smith:

I am passing on to you the letter sent me by Dr. Cartwright as representing the understanding of the Methodist Board regarding the West China land situation and to which I alluded to at the meeting of the West China Executive Committee.

As you are collecting material for this matter, it is only proper for you to have this in hand. We are retaining a copy for our files indicating that the original is in your possession.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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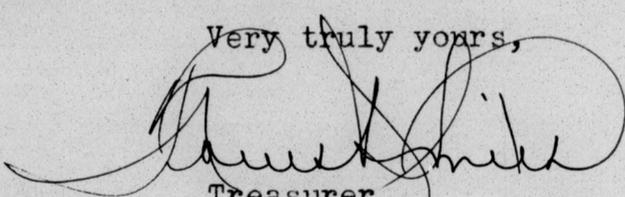
Mr. C. A. Evans, Executive Secretary  
Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Evans:

Thank you for your letter of May 19,  
enclosing original letter from Dr. Cartwright which  
represents the understanding of the Methodist Board  
regarding the West China land situation.

We have the general approval of our  
Board to work out this matter, in principle, along  
the lines indicated in the Methodist Board's memorandum.  
However, as you know, we have not as yet received the  
green light from the attorneys and that is what we  
hope to accomplish in the near future.

Very truly yours,

  
Treasurer

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*Original of this  
sent to Mrs.  
Harriet Smith  
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BOARD OF MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION  
OF THE METHODIST CHURCH

150 FIFTH AVENUE

NEW YORK, N. Y.

April 22, 1942

Mr. C. A. Evans  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Evans:

Mr. Murray and I have discussed the question which was raised in the meeting of the Finance Committee of the West China Union University at this morning's meeting.

We are ready to recommend to our Board of Missions and Church Extension favorable consideration of a document to be presented by the United Church of Canada wherein Mr. Whitehead will lay out a formal proposal somewhat as follows:-

(1) That ownership of property held in trust for the University and of properties which are in general use by the University be vested in the Board of Governors.

(2) That properties held in trust for our Board should likewise be conveyed to the Board of Governors under conditions similar to those wherein such properties are now held by the United Church of Canada.

We understand that an attitude similar to this will be expressed by the Baptist Board and that you will then take up with Dr. Arnup and Mr. Whitehead the procedure for presenting the proposal to the meeting of the Executive Committee on May 6th.

I sincerely hope that the long-drawn-out discussion of this problem can be ended and that definite action can be taken at this next meeting.

Fraternally yours,

(Signed)

Frank T. Cartwright

Associate Secretary

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June 15, 1942  
*ack 6/18/42*

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

Dear Mr. Evans:

Re: West China Union University

I have received Mr. Parker's letter of June 9th in which he encloses copies of the minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee held on May 6th.

I will be glad to render such service as I can as Chairman of the Finance Committee.

I note that I have been also named as Chairman of a committee to give consideration to the strengthening of the membership of the Finance Committee. I will be glad to see that this matter is given fairly prompt attention.

I wonder if, in referring to the question of property titles, it is best to state in the minutes that during the discussion it developed that the decision of counsel as delivered December 30th could not be deemed authentic. I would suggest that this read that while there was a conference with legal counsel on December 30th, that there were still several legal questions to be explored further. If I understand the situation correctly, neither Mr. St. John nor Mr. Murray agrees as to the finality of the decision reached at that conference. I gather, however, from your statement that you came away from the conference feeling that the matter was completely settled, and the only further necessary steps would be the transfer of certain papers. In view of this difference of opinion, I feel, therefore, that it would be well to have the reference in the minutes to this conference in a little different form.

I hope during the summer months that I can give some time and attention to this land situation. I would appreciate it, therefore, if you would forward the necessary letters to the several Boards as promptly as possible, so that the documents can be assembled at an early date.

Sincerely yours,



Treasurer

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Dear Sirs:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of June 10, 1942, regarding the proposed joint office of the American Board of Christian Missions Society and the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions.

I am glad to hear that you are interested in this project and that you are willing to discuss it further. I will be glad to meet with you at your convenience to discuss the details of the proposed joint office.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,  
Yours truly,  
[Signature]

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June 18, 1942

Mr. Forrest Smith  
American Baptist Foreign  
Mission Society  
152 Madison Avenue  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Smith:

I am answering your letter of June 15th and I am glad to know that you are willing to accept the additional responsibility as chairman of the Finance Committee of West China Union University. We have already discussed the possibilities of strengthening the Finance Committee.

This morning's mail brings a letter from Dean Sage stating that he has been refused by the United States Army for health reasons, but is taking up a voluntary hospital position for the United States Government. He does not mention his previous resignation.

As the minutes of the May meeting of the Executive Committee have been distributed to the entire Board, it is rather difficult to withdraw the statement contained on page 6 regarding the land situation. It is, however, factual as far as the attitude of the Executive Committee is concerned. The Committee refused the statements made by Dr. Cartwright and myself and overlooked the distribution of minutes as of December 30th and thereby abrogated the conclusions of that meeting. In my judgment, it would seem best to have as little as possible said about it.

The actual conclusions of the December 30th meeting were as follows:

1. That West China Union University could by its constitutional rights act as trustee for the other mission boards and the constitution was in the hands of the meeting.
2. That, in view of the established fact in the foregoing, the next step was to ascertain from each individual board the extent to which they would accept the recommendation of Mr. Whitehead and he was to check with the United Church of Canada and present a statement to be submitted to the other cooperating boards.
3. It was not until several letters were sent that Mr. Whitehead responded and forwarded a letter which was presented at the April 22nd meeting of

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the Finance Committee. To this situation Dr. Cartwright has acted for the Methodist Board.

We are notifying the various cooperating boards of the action taken on May 6th and that all material available is to be forwarded to you at 152 Madison Avenue, New York City.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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July 20, 1942

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

*ack*  
*7/22/42*

Dear Mr. Evans:

I have been hoping that during the month of July it would be possible for me to give some attention to the question of the land titles in connection with the West China Union University. The file of correspondence has been brought to my attention this morning, and I find that I have not received any information from any one of the cooperating Boards in response to the letter that you forwarded on June 18th. Will you follow up this matter further, or would you prefer that I now write to them?

Sincerely yours,

  
Treasurer

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July 20, 1942

Mr. L. A. Evans,  
Associated Board for  
Christian Colleges in China,  
180 Fifth Avenue,  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Evans:

I have been hoping that during the  
month of July it would be possible for me to give  
some attention to the question of the fund which  
is connected with the work done by the Society.  
The file of correspondence has been brought up by  
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received any information from the office of the  
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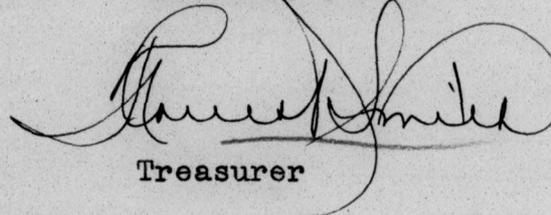
Mr. C. A. Evans,  
Associated Boards for  
Christian Colleges in China,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Evans:

Re: Land Situation -  
West China Union University Campus

Thank you for your letter of July  
22nd enclosing a copy of your follow-up letter to  
the various Boards concerned.

Sincerely yours,

  
Treasurer

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Associated Board for  
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150 Fifth Avenue  
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Dear Sir,  
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West China Union University  
College and Medicine and Dentistry  
Chengtou, West China  
July 25, 1942

Dear Friends Everywhere:

It has been a rather long time since we have sent out a general letter to you, and there remain so many things to say that one does not know just where to begin, and once begun, just where to stop! For such a long time mails were not coming through - From December to May - and there was not very much encouragement to write and now when mail does get through we have found ourselves busy winding up the year and hence little time to write.

We have appreciated the various letters and greetings which have come from a number of people and organizations, and hope that such will continue. We think of our friends very often, and of our church connections in Wilkinsburg, Greenville, Elizabeth, Philadelphia, etc. and of the many places we visited as guest speakers during our furlough. I am sorry that space does not permit my calling each by name, for I would like to say a special personal word to each one. I am thinking now of folks in the above cities and also in Minneapolis, Grand Rapids, Duluth, Washington, New York, Lewisburg, Middletown, Ossining, etc., and we wish for you all the joy of fellowship in service for the cause of Right.

**Tension Relieved Here** For the past year we have been much more peaceful for we have had no air alarms or raids. September 1st, 1941 was the last one, and it caught us returning from Yachow in a car. We had to scatter to the bamboo thicket beside the road but before we arrived there the Japanese planes were roaring overhead and machine-gunning the air field below. Since then all has been quiet in this respect and we can now look at the moon as a friend once more. But we frequently think of the sufferings which the people of the present battle zones must undergo, - and the bombing which we thought to be so severe here is relatively insignificant to what is taking place elsewhere in the world.

Business is prospering here. Laborers and artisans are making higher wages than before and seem to be living on a slightly higher plane. Carpenters, masons, cooks, etc. are often hard to get because the demand is so great. New buildings, street-widening, factory establishments, and such absorb much of the man power which has not been pressed into military service. In the new set-up, with the government pushing reconstruction even before victory is attained, living tends

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to be ever-ascending in cost until it is now about 40 to 50 times as high as in normal times. This makes it difficult for very many folk, but it seems in general that the public is better off and able to afford many things which one would not suspect.

Communications and transportation are rather poor, both locally and with the outside world. Hence a bicycle is worth more, up to \$9000 local currency! But still there is plenty of traveling around done in spite of cost and inconvenience. But more things are getting through now and that will help a lot. For a while there, drugs and X-ray films and other equipment just couldn't get through and prices went soaring and are still high. Just what the end will be we cannot tell but we hope that the foreign loans to China will help to stabilize her currency sooner or later.

Personally, as a family we are well. On March 18 of this year we added a daughter to our family as you all may know. Her name is Jacquelyn and she is growing fine and developing so fast we cannot keep up with her. Nurses are so much in demand we could not get one from the hospital to look after Mrs. Lenox, so I had to do a good bit of it in addition to my other work. Miss McConnell, our new Baptist nurse, did interrupt her language study enough to come frequently, bathe the "patients," and see that things were going well. She was a great help to us then. And I forgot to say, that although the baby was born in the hospital, it was not possible to stay there as all the rooms were filled. So mother and baby were brought home the same day. Daughter number one, Marilyn, was very much pleased with her new sister, and showed little or no jealousy for a long time. The three of them are right now at Behludin, a summering place about 50 miles away, and I will go to join them in another day or two. They have been there four weeks now and I am getting anxious to see them again.

**Hospital Full** I have already intimated that the medical work continues to thrive. Our hospital beds tend to be filled to capacity most of the time. Besides rendering a service to the public, this also gives us a good amount of material for teaching purposes. And classes are larger than ever, too large to allow the personal contact work which we would like to do. But, with so many refugees coming in from all parts of China, and with ours being nearly the best, if not the best equipped, school of medicine in free China, it seems that we are duty bound to take in a larger number than ordinarily would be the case. We have some very good doctors and students. Some who are now interning I would put alongside of students in the same phase of training in any country, and I think these Chinese boys would show up very well. Unfortunately, they are not all this good, but the same would be true of students elsewhere.

Our new University Hospital has started to open, We are conducting a regular departmentalized outpatient service there now and will add ward work this fall. In fact, there is already a TB students' ward there. Unfortunately, the crowding and other conditions associated with refugeeing has been responsible for an unusually large number of tuberculosis cases and many of them cannot afford the ideal diet and care. There is a refugee fund for this purpose and it is quite likely that many of you have given to this work directly or indirectly. If so, you can feel assured that it is doing a worthy piece of work.

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The ABMAC (American Bureau for Medical Aid to China) now represented by Dr. Bachman of NYC, is cooperating in a rather ambitious dental health scheme, which with the backing also of the government Public Health Service will provide dental care to thousands of patients not now able to get any kind of dental care. The scheme will use our dental school to train dentists and dental nurses of high grade, while dental technicians and dressers will be trained in other places. Dental clinics too will then be set up all over the province and staffed by people trained in the above system. If only it can be carried through it will be a great thing.

Chengtu A Great International Community      The number of occidentals in Chengtu is now appalling. The number of mission appointees of various missions and schools is more than double the normal figure. Then there are those of United Nations forces who are here for one reason or another. (Air Force personnel about 300 and the planes not yet arrived as far as we know.) There must be more than 500 altogether, and to think that we formerly knew nearly everyone who lived here or would be apt to pass through. Times are indeed changing and I would not want to miss this time in China for anything.

Opportunity      Opportunity is everywhere for cultural, religious, political and material contacts of all kinds. We could use more staff - our Baptist mission formerly contributed two medical families to the University but since Dr. Morse's death, we are the only one. We need another here and one to help cover our mission hospitals in Yachow and Shufi.

We are all well and hope that your work here will bring forth worthy fruit.

JOHN LENOX

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November 28, 1942

Mr. Forrest Smith  
American Baptist Foreign Mission Society  
152 Madison Avenue  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Smith:

Your letter of November 24th is at hand.

First of all, we must straighten out our thinking regarding the Trustees' appropriation toward the field budget. Originally the contractual agreement called for LC\$50,000. When local currency began to decrease in value, the appropriation was changed to US\$7,500 and still later this budget was increased by adding \$12,500, making a total of \$20,000 which the field has counted upon for several years, and which was voted by the Executive Committee on May 6th and the field so informed. They are now counting on \$20,000. Dean Sage laid emphasis upon this feature at the meeting of the Finance Committee. He was more interested with this item plus a sufficient reserve for decrease on income from endowment funds.

Neither is any part of the \$100,000 available for expenses in America. It was submitted to United China Relief on the basis of the projects in which the Colleges are working. It was approved by the Associated Boards Special Committee on Emergency Askings and the Executive Committee, and the information forwarded to the field.

There would be no cause for reviewing the West China Budget were it not for the change in attitude of United China Relief regarding expenses in America, and the decrease in cost of charges from the Associated Boards. As set forth in the memorandum to the Board last Monday, there are ample resources for West China to accept the recommendation of the Treasurer and the Assistant Treasurer, even though the case might well be presented later on to the United China Relief.

The Committee on Special Askings met yesterday and approved the second quarterly payment to the Colleges, and also authorized the officers of the Associated Boards to present West China's situation to the United China Relief.

I tried to get a meeting of the Finance Committee during the last two days but it was impossible, and Dr. Cartwright is now in Cleveland presumably until the 19th of next month. I regret that a committee meeting cannot be held until thereafter.

Very sincerely yours,

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November 24, 1942

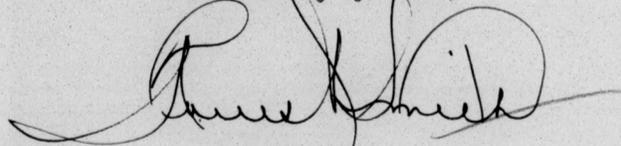
Mr. C. A. Evans,  
Associated Boards for  
Christian Colleges in China,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Evans:

You will recall that it was suggested at the meeting of the Board of Governors yesterday that the Finance Committee meet at an early date to consider the proposed budget for 1943-44. We should also call this meeting at a time that will give us sufficient opportunity to review the investment portfolio and discuss the memorandum that you made available to us covering the various mortgages.

During the meeting of the Board of Governors I made one or two notes on the copy of the budget that was presented that seemed to me to cover the discussion that we had at the Finance Committee meeting. A copy of this is enclosed. You will note that I divided the Home Administration into two amounts roughly on the basis of a percentage given in your memorandum, and I have also divided the Sustaining Funds. Of course I have no idea as to whether the provision of the Sustaining Fund is correct or not, but it is intended as an illustration rather than to cover the actual figures.

Sincerely yours,



Treasurer

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Revised Budget 1942-43

Budget Income

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| Mission Boards               |              | \$ 13,085.00 |
| General Endowment Income     | \$ 10,617.20 |              |
| Less reserve for shrinkage   | 1,117.20     |              |
|                              | \$ 9,500.00  |              |
| Designated Income (interest) | 691.44       | 10,191.44    |
| Coles Estate                 |              | 2,300.00     |
| H. Y. I. for Administration  |              | 1,000.00     |
| Special Gift Atherton Family |              | 1,600.00     |
| Harvard-Yenching Institute   |              | 12,421.04    |
| Sustaining Funds             |              | 100,000.00   |
| Total Budget Income          |              | \$140,597.48 |

General Budget Appropriations

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| Field Budget   |              | \$ 16,300.00 |
| Governors' Field Budget  |              | 6,000.00     |
| Home Administration  | \$ 4,200.00  |              |
| Promotion  | 4,430.71     |              |
| Incidentals (Mimeographing,<br>cables, stationery, safe<br>deposit rental) | 400.00       |              |
| Governors' Expenses (Auditing,<br>ratio of Fidelity Bond, travel)          | 400.00       |              |
| West China Promotion   | 200.00       | 9,630.71     |
|  |              | \$ 31,930.71 |
| <u>Specially Designated Items:</u>   |              |              |
| Program of Chinese Studies   |              | \$ 12,421.04 |
| Upkeep Coles Memorial Building   |              | 300.00       |
| Scholarship  |              | 6.44         |
| Hodgkin Memorial   |              | 385.00       |
| Sustaining Funds -   |              |              |
| Raised Direct  | \$ 20,554.29 |              |
| Thru United China Relief   | 75,000.00    | 95,554.29    |
|  |              | \$108,666.77 |
| Total Budget Appropriations  |              | \$140,597.48 |

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December 10, 1942

*Amer. Baptist For. Miss. Soc.*

Mr. Dana M. Albaugh  
182 Madison Avenue  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Albaugh:

In accordance with our previous understanding, I am  
enclosing a copy of Dr. Robert E. Brown's letter of September 17th.

With the Season's Greetings to you, I am

Most sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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TREASURER

December 21, 1942

Dr. C. A. Evans  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Evans:

I am just back from a trip to Chicago and find your letter of December 10th enclosing a copy of one written by Dr. Robert E. Brown under date of September 17th.

We have so far had no direct intimation from our West China Mission as to the background of this proposal although we have received several letters written after the middle of September. I shall be writing to Mrs. Salquist, our Mission Secretary, very shortly and will ask a number of questions which should help to throw light on this problem of the use of the Baptist Middle School dormitory.

Cordially yours,

*Dana M. Albaugh*

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