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

My dear Mr. Evans,

Many thanks for your letter of Jan.8th, and for the cheque enclosed. I return the receipt, duly signed.

Will you be so good as to tell Garside that I sent off the draft resolution regarding Dr. North to Dr. Endicott yesterday, asking him to send it direct to him, after making any changes that seemed desirable.

Ass soon as the Minutes reach me I will attend to the neceaasry correspondence, and send him copies of such lettes as I write.

I need hardly say that it is always a great pleasure to us in Canada to visit you all in New York, and we much appreciate your invariable kindness and hospitality; we greatly admire that thorough work that yourroffice is doing, and value much our personal contacts.

With kindest regards,

Yours very sincerely,

Frank Anderson

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

My dear Garside,

I have just received a long letter from Dr. Beech; it is most unfortunate that did not reach me before the recent Meeting of the Executive Committee.

I am sending it to-day to Dr. Endicott, and asking him to forward it to you, with his comments on its contents.

There is one point which I should mention at once. His letter is dated Dec. 13 1935 at Chengtu; he says that a letter of mine dated Oct. 21, had reached him "some days ago"; but that the Minutes of the Crozer Meeting of the Board of Governors had only reached him the previous evening, Dec. 12th. That seems a very long time, and may have been due to some fault of the postal service. We have always sent the minutes by First-Class mail; I am wondering whether by an oversight these were sent in the same manner as those for the U.S.A. and Canada, that is, open, and printed matter.

I will not write more now, but shall await your comments on his letter, especially as regards the question which it raises as to whether the date of the Annual Meeting of the Board of Governors should be pushed forward to the autumn in the hope that Dr. Beech would then certainly be able to be with us.

With kindest regards,

Yours very sincerely,

Frank Anderson

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

My dear Garside,

I thought that I need not wait till the Minutes reached me before taking up the matter of Miss Robertson. I also thought that the proper person to write to would be Mr. Castleton, and the action was really taken by the United Committee.

I enclose copy of a letter which I am sending to him. It is , perhaps, easier for him to take up the question of her affiliation with Mr. Silcock and Mr. Barclay, than if we were to write to them direct. I hope that I am doing the right thing.

Dr. Endicott writes to me that he has sent you the draft of the Minute regarding the late Dr. North.

With kindest regards,

Yours very sincerely,

Frank Anderson

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Sent w/ Dr. Anderson's letter same date

Jan. 15 1936.

Rev. A.G.Castleton,
Edinburgh House,
2 Eaton Gate, London, S.W.1.

Dear Mr. Castleton,

Many thanks for your letter of Dec, 11th, covering minutes of the United Committee of Nov 8th 1935. These were presented to the Executive Committee at its meeting held in New York last week, on Jan 7th. There was not matter, it appeared, which called for special action.

However, inasmuch as the sending out of Miss Robertson, has been really the work of the United Committe, I think that it may as well that I address to you a word about this. The executivs had under very careful consideration the question as to how Miss Robertson might be affiliated to one or other of the cooperating Boards. While enquiries have been made, and it is not impossible that the American Baptist Woman's Board would be prepared to accept her as one of their missionaries onthe certificate of the English Baptist Missionary Society, still it was felt that , as she is and English lady, and all her connections are with England, it would be preferable if some way could be devised by which she would have an English affiliation. May I ask you to be so good as to ake the maater up both withMr. Silcock and Mr Barcaly, and find out whether either the Friends Service Council or the Church Missionary Society would be willing to accept her as one of their missionaries; of course, it is understood that the Board of Governors is responsible for her support. Her case is, of course, exceptional; The President, the Bursar--indee, all ooficers of the Board of GOvernors, were already missionaries of the one of the cooperating Boards, and they retian tha connection But the Baptist Church in England is not thus related to the University.

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I do not know whether Mr. Silcock sent to Dr. Garside copies of the arrangements made with Miss Robertson, such as would embody in full the terms of her appointment. I think that it is important that these should be in our files. Perhaps you will so good as to see that I am furnished with them.

The date of the Annual Meeting of the Board of Governors is not yet settled; but this will be done in the near future; it will, in any case, probably be before the end of May, and will be held in Toronto. I see that the next meeting of your Committee is to be held on April 6th, so that we may hope to have your minutes in hand before the Board meets.

It looks as if the question of Military Training is settling itself, and that the feelings of the members of the University are being considered in the matter. I may be able to send you further information about this in a day or so.

May I add that another alternative in the case of Miss Robertson would be that the Baptist ladies on the field might accept Miss Robertson as one of themselves, possibly, however, without granting her any right to vote on matters which concerned their Mission. This would maintain for her her denominational fellowship.

With kindest regards,

Yours very sincerely,

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

My dear Garside,

Many thanks for your letter of Jan 14, with all the enclosures. Your letters are admirable statements of the positions in each case, particularly the one that you wrote to Silcock. I am now in a position to complete all the correspondence arising out of the Minutes.

With regard to E 1202 I enclose a letter which I have written to Dr. Decker; but there appears to be only one copy of the Statement that Dr. Endicott presented to the Committee. I wonder whether one of your office staff could find time to copy this, and enclose a copy in my letter, and mail it to Dr. Decker, returning the original to me; you may perhaps like to have a copy for your files.

CAE sent letter & document to Dr. Decker 1/9/36.

I enclose also a letter from Dr. Beech; I sent th is to Dr. Endicott, and enclose also his reply. I asked him to be so good as to have this copied in his office, and to send a copy of it, together with a copy of his reply to me direct to you; this, by an oversight, he does not appear to have done. ; so I send it straight to you; you may think it worth while to retain copies of both these in your office. In any case please be so good as to return the originals to me, with your comments on what Dr, Endicott says about postponing the Annual Meeting till the Fall, in order that we have the advantage of Having Dr. Beech with us. I certainly do not think that we should recall him from China , while he thinks that he can complete the work that he doing. We could easily arrange a meeting of the Executive Committee in New York at the time when the Associated Boards meet, and so take care of such matters as needed attention at the end of the fiscal year.

I can assure that it always a great pleasure to meet you all, and we are most grateful to you for all your hospitality.

Warmest regards. Yours very sincerely
Frank Anderson

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Dr. Frank Anderson
26 Grosvenor Street
London, Ontario

My dear Dr. Andersons

I have received your letter of January 14th and also Dr. Beech's letter of December 13th which Dr. Endicott forwarded with the reply he sent you on January 15th.

I am puzzled that the copies of the minutes we sent to West China arrived later than your letter of October 21st. On the same day that you were writing, we sent copies of these minutes by first-class mail to Dr. Beech, Dr. Dsang and Mr. Albertson accompanied by covering letters. At the same time a supply of the minutes for distribution to the Board of Directors was forwarded by second-class mail. Perhaps our letters just missed the steamer which carried yours, and therefore did not get to Chengtu until sometime after yours arrived.

I certainly feel quite strongly that we should postpone the Annual Meeting of our West China Board of Governors until Dr. Beech can be with us. It would seem to be a simple matter to have a meeting of our Executive Committee at the time most of the members will be in New York anyway for the Annual Meeting of the Associated Boards in April or May, and at that time we could take care of such matters as require attention then. We could then plan for the Annual Meeting in Toronto during September or October.

The other matters dealt with in Dr. Beech's letter do not require any special comment. As you know, my own personal inclination is to push along much more aggressively than most of the members of our West China Board of Governors are inclined to do. Despite all the problems created by the present economic situation, I believe our West China group could make some genuine progress toward getting the funds needed for the new hospital, and also for its maintenance and operation, if we only had the cooperation and determination necessary to follow Dr. Beech's lead.

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For example, within the last month our Yenching Trustees have, with President Stuart's assistance, secured about $40,000 in new funds and have every hope of getting considerably more during the coming weeks. There is no reason whatever why our West China group could not do just as much as the Yenching Trustees if they would only apply themselves to the task. But I recognize that any attempt whatever is foredoomed to defeat unless the members of the Board themselves have the necessary attitude of determination to accomplish the task, and faith that it can be accomplished.

We have mimeographed the memorial resolution for Dr. Frank Mason North and are distributing it with the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting. I assume that you are sending copies to Mrs. Frank Mason North and to Dr. Eric M. North.

Very cordially yours,

B A GARSIDE

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Dr. B.A/Garside
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My dear Garside,

I enclose copies of some other letters that I have written.

I am not sure whether I asked you return the letter from Dr. Beech, and Dr Endicott's comment on it, which I sant you yesterday. No doubt you will do so, when you have finished with them.

I find that I am almost out of envelopes similar to the one is which this letter is enclosed. Shall I get them and have them printed here? It might be more economical; I rather think that I did this before.

With kind regards,

Yours very sincerely,

Frank Anderson

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Rev. Joseph Beech B.D.
West China Union University,
Chengtu, Szechwan China,

My dear Dr. Beech,

Many thanks for your letter of Dec. 13th. I cannot understand how it was that the minutes took such a long time to reach you, as Garside always takes the greatest care in despatching them, and there was no delay in having them prepared and sent out.

I am sorry that your letter reached me just after I returned from the Meeting of the Executive Committee in New York. I got into immediate communcation with Toronto and New York, with a view to determining what advice to give you As soon as we have been able to give consideration to the matter, I will write to you again; but I want you know that we shall act as quickly as we can, so that you may be able to make your plans. I am inclined to think that the view will be that the Annual Meeting should be postponed till the Fall, in order that we may be certain to have you with us.

I am glad to read what you say about the Military Training; you will see from that minutes that the resolution appearing in the General Faculty Minutes of Nov. 13, had already led the Committee to decide that no immediate action is called for.

I am writing on various other matters to President Dsang I do not think that there is anything more that I need to say to you.

With kindest regards,

Yours very sincerely,

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Jan. 17 1936.

President Lincoln Daang D.D.
West China Union Universeity,
Chengtu, Szechwan China.

My dear President Daang,

Dr. Garside has kindly sent me a copy of his letter to you which accompanied the copies of the Minutes of the recent meeting of the Executive Committee.

There are one or two additional matters to which I Thin I should make reference:--

1. E 1201 (a) We shall be very glad to have any information that you can give us regarding this matter of the authority which grants the degrees, under the Absolute Charter which has been granted.

2. E 1201 (b) The action taken by the Executive Committee under this head explains itself. I may say that a letter received by me from Dr. Beech just after the Committee had met gave us further details, and confirmed us in the view that it is not neceasary, and might not be wise to take any further action just now.

3. E 1201 (g) You will note the probable date of the Annual Meeting of the Board of Governors I hope that every effort will be made to get the Budget figures sent to Mr. Garside, so that they may be carefully considered and passed at this meeting.

4. E1201 (f) I have written further to the British members of the Board about this; we hope that it may soon be possible to report that a beginning has been made in the matter of carrying into effect some at least of the plans proposed for the use of this Fund. Any report that you may have to give will be very welcome.

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I do not think that there are any other special matters on which I need to write further. A reference to past minutes will enable you to get a clear view of the bearings of the various subjects which have recently received the consideration either of the Board or of the Executive Committee. Miss Robertson has, no doubt, by this time settled down to her work, and I know that you will find her services of the greatest possible value. We are still exploring the question as to just how she can be best related to one or other of the cooperating units of the University.

I hope that all is going well with you at the University. What a wonderful privilege it is to have even a small part in such a work as this.

With warmest regards,

Yours very sincerely,

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Jan. 17 1936.

Mr. H.E.Langford,
Messers Rowell, Reid, Wright & McMillan,
38 King Street West,
Toronto 2.

Dear Mr. Langford,

At a recent meeting of the Executive Committee of the University, the question came up as to the exact manner in which the various ccoperating units hold their property. I recalled the fact that, at a recent date, you had very kindly gone fully into this question; but I could not put my hand on any final statement regarding it.

My impression is that the United Church of Canada hold a Deed for the whole as Trustees for the cooperating units, and that it is matter of internal economy for the University to define in a manner satisfactory to each unit just what portion of the whole each unit is entitled to occupy. I am further under the impression that such an arrangement commends itself to you as satisfactory, and that, in China at any rate, the difficulties of parcelling off the property by separate deeds from the United Church would be very serious and costly.

I wonder whether I may trespass on your kindness by asking yout to write me, at your leisure, on this point.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

J.A.

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Dr. Frank Anderson
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London, Ontario, Canada

My dear Dr. Anderson:

You are becoming a very faithful correspondent of late - I have for acknowledgment this morning letters from you dated January 15th, 16th, and 17th.

Letter of January 15th. With this you enclose a copy of the letter you wrote Mr. Castleton regarding Miss Robertson. I am glad you wrote, for I trust that both Castleton and Silcock will take an active interest in working out the best possible relationship for Miss Robertson on the West China staff.

Letter of January 16th. Our correspondence last week seems to have been at fault in making it clear that we had sent Dr. Decker a copy of the "Statement Regarding Present Situation in Dentistry in the West China Union University" and that Dr. Endicott had sent us a copy of the letter from Dr. Beech and also of the letter he wrote you on January 15th. I am enclosing herewith the copies of these three communications which you enclosed with your letter. I have already written commenting on Dr. Endicott's suggestion with reference to postponing the next annual meeting of our West China Board of Governors until the autumn, when Dr. Beech would probably be with us.

Letter Of January 17th. With this you enclose copies of letters you had just written to Dr. Beech, President Dsang, and Mr. Langford.

I believe that the most economical as well as the simplest, method of secureing the supply of envelopes you need

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would be to have them printed there in London. You could probably get equally good work done there at less cost and would save the expense of mailing the envelopes from New York. Unless we hear from you to the contrary we will assume you are having your supply printed there.

Very cordially yours,

B A GARSIDE

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Jan. 22 1936.

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Dr. B.A/Garside,
Assoicated Boards,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York.

My dear Garside,

Many thanks for your of Jan 20th, with enclosures.

I enclose a copy of a leter which I have written to Dr Endicott, which explains itself.

I wil get the envelopes printed here, as you suggest.

If you will be so good as to send me the addresses of Mrs. North, and of Dr. Eric North, I will forward to them copies of the Resolution; as you say that these have been mimeographed, will you also send me copies enought for this purpose, and also to place in my file with the Minutes.

With kind regards,

Yours very sincerely,

Frank Anderson

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32 Badeau Avenue
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Jan. 22 1936.

Rev. James Endicott D.D.
299 Queen Street West,
Toronto 2.

My dear Dr. Endicott,

With reference to your letter of Jan.15th, and question of postponing the Annual Meeting of the Board:--

You write:-- "I favour an autumn meeting this year of the Board. I think it would be advisiable for Dr. Garside to get in touch at once with the group in New York and vicinity and learn their views on the question. On hearing from him I shall take up the question with the Board members here."

Dr. Garside writes:-- I certainly feel quite strongly that we should postpone the Annual Meeting until Dr. Beech can be with us. It would seem to be a simple matter to have a meeting of our Executive Committee at the time most of the members will be in New York for the Annual Meeting of the Associated Boards in April or May, and at that time we could take care of such matters as require attention then. We could then plan for the Annual Meeting in Toronto in September or October".

I entirely agree with this; I think that we should act as quickly as possible, in order that we may be able to cable to Dr. Beech what we decide. What procedure shall I adopt in the matter? Would you be prepared kindly to secure the judgment of the Board Members in Toronto, and forward him the result, asking him to secure the opinion of as many members as possible in New York and vicinity?

The minutes have now been circulated, and I think that all coresponcence in connection with them has been carefully attended to.

With kind regards,

Yours very sincerely,

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Dr. Frank Anderson
26 Grosvenor Street
London, Ontario, Canada

My dear Dr. Anderson:

As you will note from the enclosed notice, we are planning to have the meeting of our Associated Boards and of the various College Boards during the week beginning April 20th. We were compelled to choose this week because practically all of May is taken up with improtant denominational gatherings, such as the Methodist General Conference and the Presbyterian General Assembly.

I am sorry to note that your card informs us that it would be very difficult for you to attend meetings during the week of April 20th. I hope, however, that it will not be too difficult for you to come for at least a part of that week. It is, of course, quite important to have you present at the meeting of the West China Executive Committee which has been suggested for that time. We would, of course, like to have you on hand for the meeting of the Associated Boards and of the Fukien Board of Trustees.

We are now actively engaged in setting dates and hours during the week for the various committees we must fit in. In the past we have begun our Associated Boards meetings on Tuesday, leaving Monday free for travel to New York and for smaller groups. This has not been entirely satisfactory, because it involves the crowding of too many meetings into a period of four days - Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. If, however, we begin our Associated Boards meeting on Monday, we would lose some of the Presbyterian members who have a Board meeting that day, and might find that many out of town members would be late in arriving.

What do you think would be the best time for the meeting of our West China Executive Committee? We might hold such a meeting on Monday, April 20th if that was satisfactory to the members. The Presbyterian group is not involved. Also, there is not the same need for holding such a meeting <u>after</u> the Associated Boards has concluded its sessions, as is the case where Boards of Trustees are meeting. Our West China Executive Committee would probably not take very definite action anyway on the recommendations concerning general policy which the Associated Boards may make, and would defer such matters for consideration by the Annual Meeting of the Governors which has been tentatively set for the autumn. I believe that, except for yourself, all the other members of our West China Executive Committee would be available practically any day during the week of April 20th.

Very cordially yours,

B A GARSIDE

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January 24, 1936

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26 Grosvenor St.

Dr. Frank Anderson
26 Grosvenor St.
London, Ontario, Canada

My dear Dr. Anderson:

In accordance with the request contained in your letter of January 22nd, we enclose herewith copies of the memorial resolution for Dr. Frank Mason North which you are to send to Dr. Eric M. North and his mother, Mrs. Frank Mason North. I give below the addresses for these two people:-

Dr. Eric M. North
32 Badeau Ave.
Summit, N. J.

Mrs. Frank Mason North
16 Madison Avenue
Madison, N. J.

In accordance with the suggestion in your letter to Dr. Endicott, I am circularizing the West China Governors here in New York to ascertain their views as to the postponement of the Annual Meeting until the autumn. I am sure that as soon as we have word from Dr. Endicott on the subject, we will be in a position to cable Dr. Beech informing him that the shift in dates has been agreed to.

Very cordially yours,

B A CAPSIDE

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January 28, 1936

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26 Grosvenor St.

Dr. Frank Anderson
26 Grosvenor St.
London, Ontario

Dear Dr. Anderson:

I have just received a letter from Mr. Silcock reading as follows: -

"Minute G.1193 of the Annual Meeting of the Board of Governors expressed the wish that British members should have an opportunity of making readjustments in the proposals regarding the use of the Hodgkin Memorial Fund if they so desired. I have consulted with them all about this and they feel that no change is needed."

I have written to Mr. Silcock acknowledging his letter and stating that we will bring this item to the attention of the Executive Committee at its next meeting.

Very sincerely yours,

B A GARSIDE

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Jan. 30 1936.

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

My dear Garside,

Many thanks for your of the 28th, covering information received from Silcock regarding the Hodgkin Memorila Fund, which I have noted, and will report to the meeting of the Executive Committee.

As I said in my last letter to you, I can make it possible to attend a meeting of the Executive Committee on Monday, April 20th. On hear ng from you when all is finally settled, the fist notice of the meeting could be sent out.

With kind regards,

Yours very sincerely,

Frank Anderson

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

My dear Garside,

I take it that by this time you have been able to find out the views of the New York group, with reference to the postponement of the Annual Meeting of the Board of Governors till the Fall; I presume that they will h ave agreed , and that you have probablyu advised Dr. Beech by cable of this, so that he will not be hurrying home.

I do not know yet whether you have finally fixed the other meetings in the week proposed, viz. that beginning Monday April 20th, on which the meeting of our Executive Committee will be called. If this is now final, I will arrange to get out the first notice of the meeting.

I do not think that I have anything else special to communicate to you.

With kindest regards,

Yours very sincerely,

Frank Chamberlin

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Dr. Frank Anderson
26 Grosvenor St.
London, Ontario, Canada

My dear Dr. Anderson:

I should have reported to you before this that all of our New York members of our West China Board of Governors were entirely favorable to the proposal that we postpone the Annual Meeting of our West China Governors until the autumn, and that we have the meeting of the West China Executive Committee in connection with the meetings of the Associated Boards in April. We have cabled Dr. Beech to this effect, and have expressed the hope that he can be with us in the autumn.

We have sent you a postcard confirming the schedule of China Colleges meetings in April. I believe that everything is now in order for you to send out the first notice of the West China Executive Committee at any time you decide to do so. Is there anything we can do to assist in arranging for this meeting? Shall we hold it in one of the Board rooms here at 150 Fifth Avenue, or would you prefer that we meet in one of the hotels, or some other place where we would be a little further removed from telephones and routine interruptions?

Very cordially yours,

B A GARSIDE

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First Notice

To the Members of the Executive Committee

Ladies & Gentlemen,

I take pleasure in informing you that a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board of Governors will be held, God willing, on Monday, April 20th 1936 at 9.30 a.m. at 150 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

A full agenda will be sent you in advance of the meeting. Meanwhile, will you be so good as to book the date. It is earnestly hoped that you may be able to be present

Frank Anderson
Secretary

Office of the Secretary
76 Grosvenor Street,
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Dr. B.A Garside,
Associated Boards,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Garside,

Many thanks for your letter of Feb. 17th.

I am glad to know that all is satisfactorily settled; thank you very much indeed for so kindly cabling to Dr. Beech. I enclose the draft of the first notice, and shall be very grateful if you will be so good as to send these out from your office I do not feel quite clear as to whether we should send one to Sir Joseph; he is apparently not actually a member of the Committee; and, perhaps, I made a mistake in suggesting that he should be advised of the last meeting that we had. I think that I will write to Dr. Endicott, and find out what he thinks about it, and let you know.

As to the place of meeting; I feel sure that it will be much more convenient for you and Mr. Evans to have the meeting at 150 Fifth Avenue. I think that this advantage can be well set over against the possibilities of a few interruptions. But, please feel free to do what you think best.

With kind regards,

Yours very sincerely,

Frank Rawlinson

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

My dear Garside,

I have two orthree communications from you, for which many thanks.

I am very sorry that I really cannot come to New YOrk at this time for the purpose of attending the Committee Of the Associated Boards, of which I may be a member. I hope that you will find that most of the other members can attend.

With regard to the joint Board of Trsutees proposed by Yenching University, I presume that I cannot do more than bring the matter before the Executive Committee on April 20th. It is possible that by that time there may be further information to guide us.

I see from General Faculty Minutes #344 that the field Budget has been struck at $81.505; I presume that they will furnish us with details about this.

I have received from Dr. Edwards a copy of the letter which ~~he~~ wrote to you about the increase in Mrs. Beech' s rent, owing to her having moved to Chicago. I imagine that the M.E. Board have regulations which govern such a case as this, which would come into force; and that if such an increase is according to their rules they will ounnt on the Board of Governors paying it. I am writing to Dr. Edwards on the point.

With kind regards,

Yours very sincerely,
Frank Anderson

P.S. I am sorry that I have not yet had time to look over the matter re Contractual Retirement.

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March 13, 1936

Dr. Frank Anderson
26 Grosvenor St.
London, Ontario, Canada

My dear Dr. Anderson:

Thank you for your letter of March 2nd.

We have recognized, of course, that it would probably be impossible for you to make a special trip to New York for our Associated Boards Committee meeting next week. I am, however, enclosing herewith a docket of the Executive Committee meeting on the 18th, and would welcome any comments you may have to make.

The most important matter which will come before the Executive Committee is that of the proposal concerning a united board of trustees. I suppose that the committee will not do more at this time than to discuss the proposal rather briefly and then appoint a special committee to give the matter more detailed study and to work out a definite plan for submission to the annual meeting next month.

Personally, I feel very strongly that such a union of our various boards of trustees would prove highly beneficial to the whole program of Christian higher education in China, as well as to at least most of the individual institutions. After having spent nearly a decade here in the New York office trying to serve each of these universities and colleges, I am firmly convinced that our present system of separate boards of trustees not only involves a tremendous waste of time, energy, and funds, but that in the end it does not serve the best interests of the colleges themselves, either individually or collectively.

It seems to me that such a union as this would be particularly advantageous to West China. Whereas some of the Colleges in certain areas of China do not have a clearly defined place and function and might be compelled by a united board to limit their program or to combine with other institutions, the place of West China is so distinct and so clearly recognized that it has nothing whatever to fear at this point. It would, however, have much to gain. As you know, our West China Board of Governors has never been at all active in seeking increased support for the University, and I am quite certain that under the present conditions it never will be. With the death yesterday of Miss Carolena Wood, we have lost the only one of our West China Governors who has evinced any interest or activity in this sphere. Whenever Dr. Beech comes to North America, he is left almost without support or assistance, and has to get whatever he can through his own personal resources.

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When Dr. Beech is not in America those of us here in the office who are trying to serve all the colleges find it almost impossible to do anything on behalf of West China because we do not have any adequate support from the Board of Governors or others who are definitely interested in the University.

It is interesting to contrast at this point the comparative totals of new gifts and pledges secured this year for the various institutions. The amount we have secured in designated gifts for West China is only $75. For Yenching University we have meantime secured over $135,000. The difference does not lie in the greater importance, or the more appealing claims of Yenching University, but merely in the fact that we have here in America a group of earnest, active trustees who are constantly talking about and working for the interests of Yenching, whereas West China has no one. Those of us who are here in the office do not deserve major credit for the fact that Yenching has secured so much - neither do we deserve the major blame that West China has accomplished so little. All that our office could possibly do is to provide facilities through which the Colleges can get support if their Boards of Trustees and their leaders on the field go out for it.

I hope that the members of the other Boards of Trustees will recognize the fact that in coming out in favor of a united board, our Yenching Trustees have taken an extremely unselfish and statesmanlike action. A month ago the Yenching Trustees faced very frankly two diametrically opposite courses. One was to go ahead largely on their own responsibility and seek the substantial sums of money for Yenching which undoubtedly they could secure in America during the next few years. The other was to merge completely the identity of the Yenching Board with a united board of trustees and to work wholeheartedly for the entire group of Christian Colleges in China. When the Yenching Trustees unanimously voted to follow the latter course, they established a remarkable precedent of unselfishness and desire to work for the best interests of Christian higher education in China. Since our Cheeloo Governors have already gone on record as favoring such a united board we have two of the larger institutions already committed to this course. If at least three or four of the other union institutions will join with them, we will have a sufficient basis for going ahead in a most effective manner.

Naturally we are all hoping very much that West China will join with the other union universities in such a united board. The Methodist Board of Foreign Missions has already gone on record as favoring such a united board so we can be sure of the support of that group. As yet the Baptists have not taken action, so we cannot state what position they would take. By far the most important group in West China is that of our Canadian friends. The United Church of Canada has the largest membership on the staff, and the most important field of missionary work in Szechwan. If the Canadian Board favors such a union, the matter will at once be settled. If not, the question becomes a complicated one. Dr. Wallace has already written me expressing his warm personal approval of such a union. I do not, however, know just what attitude Dr. Endicott and Sir Joseph will take. Dr. Endicott has been such an outstanding leader of the union movement in Canada that we would normally expect him to take a similar stand in a similar movement among our China Colleges. But within the last year or two, he has taken a

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puzzling attitude of disapproval.

I would warmly welcome your own comments on the matter and your suggestions as to the steps we should take. I believe that between now and the date of the annual meeting of the Associated Boards the Executive Committees of several of our China Colleges will be meeting, and I hope that some of them will go on record as favoring the united board of trustees and recommending to their own Boards of Trustees that they support the proposal. While such actions by the Executive Committees will not commit any of the Boards of Trustees, they will at least give the Associated Boards a great deal of encouragement when the matter is discussed. If our West China Executive Committee could take such a favorable action at the meeting on April 20th, it would do much to stimulate progress at the meeting of the Associated Boards the next day.

Earlier in my letter I mentioned the death of Miss Carolena Wood. I enclose herewith the clipping from this morning's New York Times. As you know, Miss Wood has been very ill for a number of months, and I believe that the end was imminent even before the pneumonia developed.

I certainly hope that the field wi l be sending us full details of the budget as soon as possible. We need this information in making a report to the Harvard-Yenching Institute, as well as for study by our West China Governors.

Very cordially yours,

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April 8, 1936

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Dr. Frank Anderson
26 Grosvenor St.
London, Ontario, Canada

My dear Dr. Anderson:

In accordance with your letter of March 31st, I am at this time sending out the final notice of the meeting of the West China Executive Committee on April 20th. A copy of the notice, with the attached dockets, is enclosed herewith for your information. Since Daylight Saving Time does not begin until April 26th, this particular complication will not be a factor in our various meetings during the week beginning April 20th.

Our discussion and correspondence during recent weeks have again impressed upon us the necessity of avoiding any appearance of haste in bringing to the attention of at least some of our groups the proposal with regard to a United Board of Trustees. This is particularly true of our West China group. Since we have spent almost six years on a comparatively simple process of revising our West China Constitution and By-laws and have still not completed the task, it would be rather too much to expect that we could hurry through such an important proposal as a fundamental change in the character of our organization! We must keep constantly in mind the tendency some of our distinguished colleagues have to develop an acute case of taxuphobia whenever there is any indication that a situation might move too rapidly for them. So my own inclination in setting up the agenda for the meeting on April 20th would be to omit any specific mention of the proposal for a United Board. This can come up naturally in connection with item nine "Matters Referred from the Associated Boards" if any of the members of the Committee so desire. It can then be discussed simpliciter as some members of the Committee would probably prefer.

Very cordially yours,

BAG:MP

P.S. I have a card from Mrs. Hales stating that she is planning to attend the meeting of the West China Executive Committee. While her name does not appear on the list of members as appointed by the last Annual Meeting, the death of Miss Wood leaves the Committee without any woman member, and it therefore seems in order to add the name of Mrs. Hales. I am doing so on the agenda.

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

My dear Garside,

I am afraid that I have treated you shamefully lately in the matter of letters; but Holy Week and Easter have been desperately busy time with me, that I have hardly been able to give attention to anything but the work connected with the season.

Many thanks for all the communications that you have recently sent me, which I have studied carefully. I am afraid that I have not yet been able to think out properly the matter of the Joint Board of Trustees; I am inclined to think that you are right in deeming it premature to bring it up at the forthcoming meeting of the Executive Committee. I shall be able to get a better idea of the bearings of the question after hearing it ventilated at the meeting of the Associated Boards.

I note that the meetings are to be at 152 Madison Avenue; also that the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Associated Boards is to be held on the afternoon of Monday at 150 Fifth Avenue. We must contrive to get such matters as Finance, Constitutional amendments etc dealt with in the morning when you are with us.

I shall look forward to seeing you in New York next Monday morning. All good wishes,

Yours very sincerely,

Frank Rawlinson

P.S. I am very glad that Mrs Hales is to be with us.

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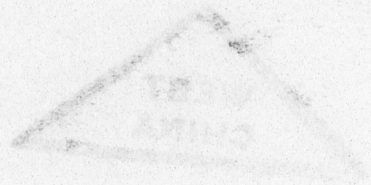

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Dr. Frank Anderson
26 Grosvenor Street
London, Ontario, Canada

My dear Dr. Anderson:

At last we are sending you herewith the minutes of the meeting of our West China Executive Committee held on April 20th. The completion of these minutes was delayed by the fact that we had a large quantity of material to mimeograph following the series of meetings. We have sent a package of five copies of these minutes to the field. I have also sent one copy direct to Mr. Albertson accompanied by the letter of which a copy is enclosed herewith. We are also mailing two copies to Mr. Silcock and one to Dr. Beech. All the other members of the Board of Governors are receiving one copy each. If you need any additional copies of this material either for your files or for any other use you may have, we will be glad to supply your needs.

I enclose herewith a copy of a letter I wrote Mr. Silcock yesterday and also the letter from Dr. Decker concerning their action on the request for a dentist, which I should have sent you before the meeting of the Executive Committee. Likewise, I am enclosing a copy of the letter from Dr. Wallace inviting the West China Governors to hold their annual meeting this fall at Victoria University.

I trust this clears the immediate responsibilities of our New York office for the minutes and the other material growing out of the April 20th meeting of the Executive Committee. If we have overlooked anything, please call the omission to our attention.

Very cordially yours,

B A GARSIDE

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AMERICAN BAPTIST FOREIGN MISSION SOCIETY
152 Madison Ave.
New York,N.Y.

March 18, 1936

Dear Mr. Garside:

I suppose that this action taken at a recent meeting of our Board of Managers in reply to the request of West China Union University for the appointment of a dentist should clear through you. I do not have to add how much I regret our inability to meet this truly pressing need, but the financial situation of our Society permits no other answer.

Sincerely regretting that we were not in a position to give a favorable reply, I am,

Yours cordially,

J. W. Decker.

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

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AMERICAN BAPTIST FOREIGN MISSION SOCIETY
Board of Managers

To Mr. B. A. Garside
New York City

This will notify you that at the meeting of the Board of Managers held March 16-17, 1936 action was taken as follows:

With reference to the request of the Board of Governors of the West China Union University for the appointment of a dentist to the staff of the Medical and Dental School of the University, it was

VOTED: That, while recognizing the urgent need and greatly desirous of meeting that need, the Board regrets that financial conditions prevent the appointment by the Society of a dentist for service at the West China Union University.

On behalf of the Board of Managers,

J. W. Decker

Foreign Secretary

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EXCERPT FROM DR. WALLACE'S LETTER TO DR. GARSIDE

March 14, 1936

....."I understood from Dr. Endicott that the Board of West China University is likely to meet in Toronto next year. I told him informally that if you care to have the meetings held here in Victoria University, rather than down town, I should be glad to take the matter up with some of the staff. This semi-invitation is contingent upon the meeting coming after our centenary celebration which takes place on October 9, 10 and 11. I do not know how far we could provide for entertainment of members of the Board. That would depend upon the numbers and upon the accommodation available in our residences. Unfortunately the members of the staff are scattered throughout the city, and many of them at a long distance. We could provide a comfortable room for the meetings, and comfortable provision for meals in Burwash Hall.

....."Let me know what you think of the plan, with some idea of just what is involved in the way of numbers and dates."

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

My dear Garside,

Many thanks for your letter of May 8th, covering copies of the Minutes etc. I am extremely grateful to you for thorough way in which you have dealt with all matters arising out of the Meeting on April 20th.

I do not know the address of Miss Carolena Woods brother; I wonder whether it would be troubling you too much to ask you to send to him a copy of the resolution about Miss Wood.

I have written to Dr. Beech with regard to the action on the matter of the Titles to the University property. I have also written to Dr. Endicott and asked him to take up with the Toronto group the question of the exact dates of the meeting of the Board of Governors in October; as soon as I hear from him, I will communicate with you. I would like this matter to be settled beofre the holidays. I also wrote to Mr Castleton, as the recent meeting of the United Committee does not seem to have taken up the question of her status.

I will look carefully through the Minutes and see if there is any other matter on which I have to write.

I do not think that there is anything else to say just now.

With kind regards,

Yours very incerely,

Frank Anderson

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

My dear Garside,

Many thanks for your letter of May 23, 2ith enclosures.

I think that I can answer it to some extent before I hear what Dr. Endicott thinks about the various points to which you refer.

I seems to me that we could well have taken up the question of our appointtees to the various Committee of the Associated Boards at our Executive Meeting. I am fraid that the only thing that we can do now is to let the present names stand, and make some improvements when the matter comes before the Board of Governors in the Fall.

I do not see why the Chairman of the Board should name two members to act on the preliminary Committee which is to explore the question of the United Board of Trustees; it is merely a matter of investigation and not of action. It would certainly be a good move to send full information regarding this matter to those members of the Board of Governors who may be unacquainted with the proposals.

As regards our Financial objectives, I do not see that we can do otherwise than write to Dr. Beech, and ask what he considers sould be inserted under the three heads that you have named; with this in our hands we shall better be able to decide how we can get authority for action, whether by consulting the groups in New York and Toronto separately, or in what other way may seem feasible. It is possible that we can deal with the two Budget appropriations in some manner by correspondence, as there is now increase involved. Will you write to Dr Beech on the above, or shall I?

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There is one other matter that occurred to me. I wonder whether you ever received from England a copy of the agreement that was entered into by the group there with Miss Robertson. I presume that you must have done so, in order that the amount of the salary stated might be remitted. I think that, perhaps, the terms of it should be reported to the Board of Governors, as it does represent an expenditure, for which the Board is responsible. I wrote to Mr; Castleton, asking whether they had any further light on the matter of her Missionary status; but have not yet recived any reply.

With kind regards,

Yours very sincerely,

Frank Thomson

P.S. I hope that you are having a good meeting of the Executive Committee to-day. I am thinking of you.

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Dr. Frank Anderson
26 Grosvenor Street
London, Ontario, Canada

My dear Dr. Anderson:

I have for acknowledgment your letters of May 16th, May 22nd, and May 27th. Notes by MB

Letter of May 16th. I am writing to Miss Carolena Wood's brother, L. Hollingsworth Wood, transmitting the resolution adopted by the last meeting of our West China Executive Committee.

Letter of May 22nd. Sorry that some of our postcards to Canada have gotten out of the office without our putting on the additional one-cent stamp. It frequently happens that a large number of cards or envelopes must be gotten out rather quickly and sometimes we fail to catch the pieces of material which should have special attention. Perhaps with increasing years we will improve in efficiency!

Letter of May 27th. Thanks for your comments on a number of the questions raised in my letter of May 23rd. We will be mailing to you tomorrow the minutes of the meeting of the Associated Boards Executive Committee which was held on May 27th. You will note the actions taken on a number of the questions mentioned in my letter:- All material pertaining to the proposal concerning the united boards of trustees can be left until the Annual Meeting of the West China Governors in the autumn. Unless Dr. Endicott sees some objection to sending information regarding the matter to those members of the Board of Governors who were not present at the Annual Meeting of the Associated Boards, I will distribute copies of this material for their study in advance of that meeting.

I will at once get off a letter to Dr. Beech with regard to the statement of our West China promotional objectives. This is the one item which we ought by all means to clear off as promptly as possible, in order to insure that West China is given adequate consideration with the Associated Boards prepares its unified list of promotional objectives for next year.

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The Executive Committee confirmed the appointments of members on all the standing committees for the ensuing year to the extent that nominations have been made by various Boards of Trustees. In cases where nominations have not yet been made, the Executive Committee requested last year's representatives to continue to serve until new nominations have been made.

I have not as yet had any final word from Mr. Silcock as to the arrangements concerning Miss Robertson's relationship to some one of the supporting Mission Boards. I understand from correspondence both from Miss Robertson herself and from Mr. Silcock that steps are being taken to give yer an affiliated relationship to the Friends Service Council. This seems to be working out to everyone's satisfaction, and I hope that within a month or two some definite arrangement will be completed. Meantime, our New York office has each month been sending her a draft to cover her salary, as a temporary expedient until more definite arrangements can be made. In making these remittances we have used the salary scale of the Woman's American Baptist Missionary Society. If the arrangements with the Friends Service Council are consummated, she would thereafter receive her salary and allowances on the schedule followed by that group with its regular missionaries and our office would make payments to the Friends Service Council.

When do you get away for your summer vacation? We hope you are going to enjoy another pleasant summer at Muskoka Lakes.

Very cordially yours,

B A GARSIDE

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Dr. Joseph Beech
Apartment 8E
Delaware Towers
25 East Delaware Place
Chicago, Illinois

My dear Dr. Beech:

There is one very important matter which we must clear as promptly as possible. Since we understand that you are not planning to reach New York for about three weeks, I hope we can dispose of it by correspondence.

The Associated Boards is asking the Boards of Trustees of each of the Colleges to submit their lists of financial needs which can be used in preparing a unified statement of our promotional objectives for the coming year. The Associated Boards suggests that this list of needs be prepared in three categories:-

First, urgent current needs for funds which should be sought during 1936-37.

Second, urgent capital needs (endowment and/or buildings), for which funds should be secured during 1936-37.

Third, other capital needs for which we should seek funds during the next five years.

Most of the Boards of Trustees have now prepared their lists of promotional objectives and have submitted them to the Associated Boards. The Associated Boards Finance Committee will be holding a meeting in about two weeks time to review these needs and to prepare a unified list of promotional objectives. It will then submit this list to the Associated Boards Executive Committee for final ratification.

Thus far our West China Governors have not made any definite move toward preparing such a list. This is partly due to the fact that the West China Executive Committee meeting was held before the Annual Meeting of

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the Associated Boards and no further meeting has been held since then. Even more largely our lack of activity has been due to our desire to consult with you on these matters, and to be guided largely by your recommendations.

Since the time available for reaching decisions is so limited, I have ventured to prepare some tentative suggestions as to what we might include in such a list of West China objectives. In preparing this list I have tried to utilize such information as we have in our records here. I want you to feel free to prepare an entirely new statement of our needs, based on your own more intimate knowledge of the situation, and I am enclosing these tentative suggestions merely to give you a point of departure.

I hope that you can prepare your list and get it back to us within a few days, so that we can take it up with the various members of the Executive Committee. We hoped for a long time that you would be here in New York early enough to permit our consulting with you in person concerning this list, and so have delayed longer than we should have done.

Very cordially yours,

B A GARSIDE

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

My dear Garside,

Many thanks for your letter of May 29.

I received the enclosed from Dr. Endicott this morning, and hasten to send it to you.

It seems to me that if the Chairman of the Board feels that a Meeting of the Executive Committee should be called, we must do our best to arrange a meeting. You will observe that he feels that it should be held in Toronto, if at all possible, and gives as a possible date the week of June 31st.

I expect to be in Muskoka from Monday next (June 8) till the following Monday (June 15), and shall be available for a meeting either in Toronto or New York any day during the week that he suggests. But I am afraid that the mails will not be running regularly to Muskoka so early in the season, and that it will not be possible for me to attend to correspondence of an urgent nature such as this will be. I wonder whether you will be so good as to get into touch with the members of the Executive in New York, by telephone, and find out whether they could come to Toronto for the meeting, and on what day; any day will suit myself and Dr. Endicott; you will not be able to reach me by mail here after Saturday morning next; so, if you are able to settle anything, and want to advise me, perhaps you would wire me not later than Saturday. A letter to Woodington P.O. Muskoka, Ontario (later) would reach me at the end of the following week.

It is obviously important that Dr. Beech should be with us; perhaps you will be able in some way to get into touch with him about it all.

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I think that, if a really representative gathering can only be secured in New York, we should meet there; but, as you see, Dr. Endicott feels that it as reasonable to suppose that it should be held in Toronto. It would be perfectly easy for me to come to New York; and Dr. Endicott indicates that he could go there, if it is necessary; I imagine that he feels that the expense should not come on the United Church; perhaps there would be some way of getting round this.

Many thanks for all the information that you give regarding Miss Robertson; this seems to be working out in a very satisfactory manner.

I hope that I am not imposing too much on you in asking you to do so much in the matter of the Executive Committee meeting, and that we shallbe able to arrange one which will be well attended. When the date is settled, will you be so good as to call it is the usual manner, advising Dr. Endicott as soon as possible.

With kind regards,

Yours very sincerely,

Frank Oldfield

P.S. Please return Dr. Endicott's letter to me.
I am a little doubtful if we get a good attendance in Toronto; but I am afraid I must leave the decision as to place to you.

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Dr. James Endicott
Dr. Frank Anderson

My dear Dr. Endicott and Dr. Anderson:

We have Dr. Endicott's letter of May 29th and Dr. Anderson's of June 1st discussing the possibility of a meeting of the West China Executive Committee sometime during the week beginning June 21st. Certainly it is your turn to have a meeting in Toronto this time if it can possibly be arranged.

With the death of Miss Wood, the three New York members of the Committee are Dr. Edwards, Mr. Cartwright, and Dr. Decker. Dr. Edwards has within the last few months retired almost completely from his foreign missionary responsibilities, so the active members of the Committee are reduced to Mr. Cartwright and Dr. Decker. I hope that at least one of them can arrange to attend a meeting in Toronto, although I have not as yet been able to clear finally with them. I also hope that it may be possible for Dr. Beech to arrange his plans so as to attend such a meeting. He has not given us detailed information as to his plans for this month, and about the only thing we know definitely as to his movements is that he is spending June 11th here in New York. I am sending an air mail special delivery letter to him in Chicago asking him to let us know at once what dates during the week of June 21st he could attend a meeting in Toronto. I will try to clear with both Dr. Decker and Mr. Cartwright on Monday, and may be able to get off a wire to Dr. Endicott that same day.

We are having a meeting of the Associated Boards Finance Committee on June 11th to prepare a unified list of promotional objectives for 1936-37. A meeting of the Executive Committee will be held sometime during the last half of June for the purpose, among others, of approving this list. It is possible that if the West China Executive Committee meets on June 22nd or June 23rd the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Associated Boards will be a few days later, and so could take into account all the actions taken by the West China Executive Committee.

I presume that under the circumstances all the Associated Boards Finance Committee can do on June 11th will be to take note of the fact that no list of askings has been submitted by the West China Governors and perhaps to make some recommendation to the Executive Committee with regard to the inclusion of the items for West China in the unified list of

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of promotional objectives if the West China askings have been stated when the Associated Boards Executive Committee meets.

We agree with Dr. Endicott that it is unfortunate that these matters from the Associated Boards were not before the Executive Committee when it met in New York on April 20th. But since the Annual Meeting of the Associated Boards was not held until after the meeting of the Executive Committee, of course, it was impossible to bring any of these items up in any official way. I believe I did discuss informally with the West China Executive Committee some of the items which were coming before the Annual Meeting of the Associated Boards. It might have been possible that such routine matters as the nomination of representatives on the various standing committees could have been dealt with in advance of the Annual Meeting. But it is, of course, always desirable to proceed in a regular way if that is at all possible. One of the major difficulties in our present China Colleges organization is that ~~in order~~ to carry out effectively and in regular order all of the procedure called for by the Constitution and Bylaws of the Board of Trustees of eleven universities and of the Associated Boards would require about three times the number of meetings we now have, and perhaps about the same budget and employed personnel. We are constantly confronting the unhappy dilemma of trying to keep the work going ahead within our present resources and without producing an outright mutiny among the members of our Associated Boards who are already complaining that they are asked to attend far too many meetings.

Of course, one of the immediate causes of delayed progress in these West China affairs this spring has been the desirability of postponing the Annual Meeting of the Board of Governors until the autumn. Had the Board found it feasible to hold this Annual Meeting this spring as was originally proposed, it would have been comparatively easy to clear off all these questions in proper and regular order.

I am enclosing a copy of a letter I have just received from Dr. Beech, together with the list of financial objectives he encloses. I am sending copies of this material to the other members of the Executive Committee for their information.

Very sincerely yours,

See "Beech" 6/8/36

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~~199 REGENT STREET, LONDON, ONTARIO~~
26 Grosvenor St.

My dear Garside,

Many thanks for your telegram.

I may say that it seems quite clear that Dr. Endicott is away in the West, and will not be back in Toronto till June 21st. I think that he means us to select any day in that week for the Meeting, without further reference to him. As I said, I am quite free that week, and can come either to Toronto or New York on whatever date is selected.

I go to Muskoka on Monday and hope to be back in London on the evening of Monday June15th, and shall be here all the week. I hardly think that you need bother to try to reach me at Muskoka; but on second thoughts the best address will be GREGORY P.O., Muskoka Lakes, Ontario. I think that what you mail in New York on Wednesday next might reach me there. Otherwise it will do if I know when I get back.

I am awfully sorry that I am giving you so much trouble, and am most grateful for what you are doing; perhaps you will so good in calling the meeting in a formal way to state the main ~~Agendada~~ Agenda that will be before us.

With kind regards,

Yours very sincerely,

Frank Anderson

P.S. If not too much trouble you could work in duplicate both to London & Muskoka

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26 Grosvenor St.

Dr. Frank Anderson
26 Grosvenor St.
London, Ontario, Canada

My dear Dr. Anderson:

In a letter we recently received from Dr. H. D. Robertson, acting Chancellor of West China Union University, we find the following paragraphs discussing the channels of communication between the groups here in the West and those on the field:-

"At this meeting of the Executive Committee we discussed the matter of correspondence with the officers in the United States and Canada. Since the organization of the Board of Directors there has never been a satisfactory understanding of the relationship in the matter of correspondence, between the Secretary of the Board of Governors and the Secretary of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors. It is desirable that the Board of Directors and their Executive Committee should become increasingly conscious of their place in the present system, and it would seem that the establishment of regular correspondence between the secretaries would be one method by which this could be accomplished. At this meeting we suggested that the Secretary of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors should in future deal with correspondence concerning the actions of the Executive Committee and that correspondence from the home officers should be addressed to the Secretary of the Executive Committee. In this connection it seemed wise that the administrative offices in the Administration Building of the University might be used as the permanent address of the Secretary of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors.

"There is some uncertainty also as to whether correspondence should be addressed to Dr. Herbert Anderson as the Secretary of the Board of Governors or to yourself as one of the Executive Secretaries of the Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China giving special attention to the West China Union University and its interests. Your last letter was addressed to Dr. Dsang and Dr. Beech, and no copy went to the Secretary of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors. Might I suggest that during the coming year such communications be addressed to Dr. Dsang and myself and also to Gerald S. Bell, the Secretary of the Executive Committee of the Board of

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Directors. Such communications can be enclosed in one envelope addressed to this office."

I also enclose a copy of a letter I am writing Dr. Robertson today.

Very cordially yours,

B A GARSIDE

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June 9, 1936

Dr. Frank Anderson
Gregory Post Office
Muskoka Lakes
Ontario, Canada

My dear Dr. Anderson:

I have your letter of June 6.

Dr. Beach informs us that June 22nd is a satisfactory date for him to be in Toronto. I have talked with both Dr. Decker and Mr. Cartwright and find that June 22nd is as satisfactory a date as we could find so far as they are concerned. It is doubtful whether both of them will be able to make the trip to Toronto, but at least one of them will be able to go.

In accordance with the request in your letter, I am therefore sending out a notice to the members of the West China Executive Committee, calling the meeting in Toronto at 10:00 a.m. June 22nd. I doubt whether the Committee will need all day for the meeting, but perhaps all of us from out of town will be arriving early that morning, and would prefer to have a morning session of the Committee. Then, if we need to continue in session during the evening we will be free to do so. I am taking the liberty of announcing the meeting as being held at 299 Queen Street West, since our friends in the Canadian Board have always extended to us the hospitality of their board rooms. I am enclosing herewith a copy of the notices of the meeting and also a tentative agenda. It is quite possible that you will have to add other items, but this will possibly give a reasonably satisfactory starting point.

Very cordially yours,

B A GARSIDE

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Gregory P.O.
Muskoka Lakes.
June 14. 1926

My dear Grande,

I think that you will be glad to know that all your communications have reached me safely.

I cannot tell you how grateful I am to you for all the trouble that ~~I~~ you have taken about arranging this meeting of the Executive Committee.

I shall hope to see you at 10 a.m. on Monday, June 22 at 299 Queen St. West, Toronto. By the way, Toronto, as you may know, is on Daylight Saving Time.

I note that you will probably be having another meeting of the Executive Committee of the N.B. before the end of the month. I would be free to attend this, if you think it worth while, & if West China could meet the expence. Can you let me know?

We return to London to-morrow (Monday June 15); from Tuesday night to Friday morning I shall be within easy reach of London at Alma College, St. Thomas, Ontario. Anything mailed in N. York not later than Wed. will reach me there.

Much looking forward to seeing you in Toronto.

Yours very sincerely
Frank Anderson

We have had a week of wonderful weather here

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June 18, 1936

Dr. Frank Anderson
20 Grosvenor Street
London, Ontario, Canada.

My dear Dr. Anderson:

I have your letter of June 14, but did not succeed in getting a reply to you yesterday. Since you said you would be at Alma College only until tomorrow morning I am not sure this letter will reach you there. I am therefore sending it in duplicate, one copy to Alma Collegeand one to London.

You raised the question as to the date of our Associated Boards Executive Committee meeting and asked whether your attendance would be important enough to justify a special trip to New York. The date set for the meeting of the Executive Committee is the morning of Thursday, June 25. The Committee will be dealing with some very important matters and we would certainly be happy if you could be present. I am a little afraid that the meeting may not be as significant as it might have been earlier in the season, for at this time in June many of the members are away and attendance is likely to be rather unsatisfactory. As a result the Committee will be inclined to deal only with items which must be cleared and to defer other matters for consideration at a later date when a better attendance can be secured. Of course your presence would help materially both the attendance and the number of view points and institutions represented. So far as the expense is concerned, we would be quite justified in charging your trip against the item for incidental expenses of the Board of Governors in our West China budget.

Looking forward to seeing you in Toronto next Monday,

I am

Very sincerely yours,

B A GARSIDE

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26 Grosvenor

Dr. Frank Anderson
26 Grosvenor St.
London, Ontario, Canada

My dear Dr. Anderson:

I enclose herewith the following:-

1. Two copies of the Executive Committee minutes for your own files, and one copy for you to forward to President Dsang with the usual covering letter.

2. Copy of letter to Mr. J. Gurney Barclay.

3. Copy of the First Notice of the Annual Meeting of the Governors on October 21st and 22nd.

4. Copy of my letter to Mr. Albertson commenting on financial items in the minutes of the June 22nd meeting.

Our office has mailed copies of these minutes to all members of the West China Board of Governors, and has sent a copy to Mr. Silcock in case he has need of it. We have also sent five copies of these minutes to the field for distribution. We have forwarded a copy of the minutes to Dr. Beech. Along with the minutes we have sent all members of the Board of Governors copies of the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors Executive Committee held on March 21st, and minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors Executive Committee held on March 30th. I gave you copies of these two minutes in Toronto.

The only two covering letters I have written dealing with items in these minutes are those to Mr. Albertson and Mr. Barclay, copies of which are enclosed. We also sent Mr. Silcock a few days ago a draft for £25 as directed in action E-1225. If there are any other matters in these minutes with which our office should deal, will you please let me know.

It was very delightful to have you with us here in New York on Thursday. Your presence at the meetings of both the Executive Committee and

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the Committee on Christian Character was very much worth while. I am sorry that at this season of the year the attendance at both meetings was so small. I hope that it may be possible for you to attend at least an occasional meeting of these committees during the fall and winter when they will, I trust, be dealing in a constructive way with a number of very important matters.

Very cordially yours,

B A GARSIDE

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June 29 1936.

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

My dear Garside,

Many thanks for the minutes etc. which reached me this morning. All seems to be in perfect order.

I will write a brief line to President Dsang, though I do not think that there is anything very special to say. The minutes seem to be to be fairly self-explanatory.

I greatly enjoyed my visit with you, and must thank you very much for your kindness. I am afraid that I really was not of much service; but I think that I gained a further insight into the work of the A.B. I got Dean Wigle's report, and have been studying it. I shall have more time to do this when we are at Muskoka, for which we hope to start on Wednesday.

I had a letter from Barclay, telling me that he is making a tour in the Far East this Fall, and will be in Toronto about Oct. 9th.. I have written to ask him if he cannot possibly defer his arrival there, so as to attend the Annual Meeting of the Board. There should be time to make a change.

All good wishes, and I do hope that you will get a real holiday. I am sure that you need one.

Yours very sincerely,

Frank Mason North

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Dr. Frank Anderson
Gregory P.O.
Muskoka Lakes
Ontario, Canada

I enclose herewith a copy of a letter I have recently received from Dr. H. T. Robertson, together with a copy of the reply I have sent him. - See "H.T. Robertson - 6/11/36 + 7/16/36

You will note that at least some of these matters should be brought to the attention of the Governors at the Annual Meeting in October.

What is your judgment with regard to the request for a special appropriation from the Governors of U.S.$1,000 to meet the expenses in connection with the Twenty-fifth Anniversary celebration to be held October 11th to 13th? Obviously action should be taken before that time if the money is to be available for use in connection with the celebration. And if the Governors are not favorably inclined toward this request, we ought to convey that information to the field so that they can make their plans accordingly and will not be expecting a contribution to come along later. But the summer is a very poor time to get any action on these matters, and I am always reluctant to try to appeal by circular correspondence among the members of the Executive Committee with items involving the disbursement of funds for special purposes outside our usual appropriations.

I hope that Muskoka Lakes has escapte the "heat wave" in which New York has been sweltering for the last ten days.

Very cordially yours,

B A GARSIDE

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

My dear Garside,

Many thanks for your communications of July 13.

It is my judgment that there is no need to refer this matter to the Board of Governors or to the Executive Committee.

We had to return to London about ten days ago, on receiving news that our second daughter had given birth a boy. I am sorry to say that we found her very ill, and we had a pretty anxious time. I am thankful to report now that she is well on the mend; the baby is fine. We shall stay till she is able to go home, that is to say, probably about the end of next week.

I have thought of you several times in the terrible heat that we have just had. I have never known anything like it since we came to Cacanda.

With kindest regards,

Yours very sincerely,

Frank Anderson

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

My dear Garside,

Many thanks for yours of July 16th, covering copies if correspondence with Dr. Robertson.

I will just say a word about the three matters referred to:--

1 Form of Diploma. You have stated the situation in the fullest possible manner, and I do not think that I can add anything much to it. I think that the best plan will be to work out a form from the diplomas already in use in China, rather than take American or British models. In harmony with the principle of making the University as indigenous as possible, I think that the printing should be done in China. I am afraid that to give the required prestige to the Diplomas, it will be necessary to make a reference to the connection with the Regents of the University of the State of New York, though I wish that this could be avoided. There should be no difficulty about the securing in advance the signatures of any officials who might be absent from Chengtu. I do not think that our Executive Committee need to consider the matter any further; but it might be a good plan if the draught of the diploma were submitted to the Chairman of the Board, yourself and myself, before the printing was is taken in hand. I am afraid that the graduates of this year will have to wait for their diplomas.

2. Extension Work. I think that your reply quite covers the ground in this matter. The Governors are not likely to listen to any extension story, unless the funds can be secured from such sources as the Rockefeller Foundation; and then the question will arise as to what is to happen to the work at the expiry of the five-year period, if the grant is not renewed

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or if it is reduced. I do not think that any action should be taken until the Board of Governors has been able to study the whole matter. I look forward to reading the promised statement about it.

3. Twenty-fifth Anniversary. As you remark it is a great pity that this matter was not brought to our attention earlier, so that action could have been taken at one of our recent meetings. I am afraid that I do not see that we can do anything about it, till the Board of Governors meets. But I am writing to Dr. Endicott to find out what he thinks; I think that his judgment will coincide with mine.

I am glad to day that our daughter continues to make good progress towards recovery; she was moved back home on Saturday; all being well, we shall return to Muskoka on Thursday of this week.

I hope that you are getting the cooler weather that we are having here.

With kind regards,

Yours very sincerely,

Frank Underhill

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Dr. Frank Anderson
Gregory Post Office
Muskoka Lakes
Ontario, Canada

My dear Dr. Anderson:

I have just received from Miss Winnifred Thomas, General Secretary of the Woman's Missionary Society of the United Church of Canada, a notification that her Society has elected as its representative on the West China Board of Governors for the coming year, Mrs. G. B. Atkinson, 35 Admiral Road, Toronto. We assume that Mrs. Atkinson is succeeding Mrs. Hales.

I am passing this information along not only for your records, but also with the thought that you may wish to send, as Secretary of the West China Board of Governors, a cordial word of welcome to Mrs. Atkinson.

Very sincerely yours,

B A GARSIDE

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Gregory P.O.
Muskoka.
Aug. 1. 1936
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My dear Garside,

I have just received Pres. Doang's Report, with comments on one or two matters by Dr. Robertson. We can settle later on whether this should be mimeographed & mailed to members of the B. of G. in advance of the meeting. It is, however, somewhat long, but invaluable for the information which it affords of the position & problems of the University.

In a letter received from Dr. Endicott he says that he feels that the request for $1000 for the Celebration of the 25th year of the Univ. cannot be dealt with till the meeting of the B. of G. He expresses surprise that Dr. Beech or Dr. Sparling did not mention the matter at the meeting of the Executive Committee in Toronto. Will you write to Dr. Robertson about this, or shall I?

We returned here last week, & reports from our daughter are, I am glad to say, satisfactory.

Kindest regards,
Yours very sincerely
Frank Anderson

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WEST CHINA

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Dr. Frank Anderson
Gregory Post Office
Muskoka Lakes, Ontario
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Dear Dr. Anderson:

I have your letter of August 1.

We will await your judgment as to whether President Dsang's report should be mimeographed and mailed to the members of the Board of Governors in advance of the meeting. As a rule it is well to supply the Board members with such material far enough in advance of the meeting to permit their studying it carefully. If you consider Dr. Dsang's report too long, we might condense it somewhat. We hope, however, that our West China Governors will be willing to take time to give careful study to the report in its present form.

8/5/36

I will be glad to pass along to Dr. Robertson the judgment of the officers of the Board of Governors that it will not be possible to take action until the annual meeting of the Governors on the field's request for $1,000. to assist in financing the celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the University. I will get off such a letter in the next mail to China.

Very cordially yours,

A GARSIDE

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WEST CHINA

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26 Grosvenor St.

September 4, 1936

Dr. Frank Anderson
Gregory Post Office
Muskoka Lakes, Ontario

My dear Dr. Anderson:

Glad to learn from your letter of August 29th that you are continuing to enjoy Muskoka Lakes.

Yes, I would assume that we could well follow the usual schedule at our coming annual meeting of the West China Board of Governors with the Executive Committee meeting during the first morning, and having the meeting of the full board begin in the afternoon.

The public dinner held in connection with our last annual meeting in Toronto was a particularly pleasant affair, and I hope that it helped to maintain and strengthen interest in the University among our Canadian constituency. Dr. Endicott and his associates will be the best judges of whether somewhat similar arrangements are desirable this year.

Thanks for your comments on our first attempt to prepare an annual report of the work of the Associated Boards. Like most initial experiments, it has a number of defects. But if the general idea seems to be a good one, we can probably smooth them out in subsequent issues.

With all good wishes, I am

Very cordially yours,

B A GARSIDE

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September 17, 1936

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26 Grosvenor

Dr. Frank Anderson
26 Grosvenor Street
London, Ontario, Canada

My dear Dr. Anderson:

At last we have finished the mimeographing of Dr. Dsang's report to the Board of Governors. I am enclosing a copy herewith, together with a copy of a brief covering letter sent by Mr. Robertson. I enclose a copy of the Report of the Treasurer of the Board of Governors as of June 30th, 1936 and two copies of the minutes of the General Faculty meeting of March 4, 1936.

We are awaiting your instructions as to the disposition of President Dsang's report, Mr. Robertson's covering letter and the Treasurer's Report. We have sufficient copies of each to supply the members of the Board of Governors. We can mail copies direct to the members of the Board, can send them to you for distribution, or can hold them to go out with the docket of the annual meeting — whichever you may prefer.

No doubt you are back in London, getting off to a good start on your work for the autumn. I hope that you did not find saying farewell to Muskoka Lakes too painful an ordeal. I must admit that I keenly disliked coming to the end of my vacation and having to start back to office routine.

Very cordially yours,

B A GARSIDE

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Ack'd 10/10/36

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

WEST CHINA

My dear Garside,

Many thanks for yours of Sept. 17th, together with the various reports.

I am very greatful to you for getting this work done in your office. My own judgment would be to send these out to the members of the Board with the docket of the meetings. I do not think that there would be any gain in sending them earlier, and it would be simpler for your office to send them all together.

I am awaiting information from Dr. Endicott about the nature of the evening gathering, which is being planned. As soon as I hear from him about this, I will prepare the Agenda , and let you have it for duplicating and mailing, if you will be so good as to do this.

I am afraid that it was not very easy to day Good-bue to Muskoka; we always enjoy the place so much. We shall commence lectures at the College this week, and from then on-wards shall be pretty busy.

With warmest regards,

Yours very sincerely,

Frank Chang

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Ack 10/11/36

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

My dear Garside,

I thought that it was time that I commenced the final preparations for the Meetings in Toronto.

I enclose what appears to me to be the Agenda for the meetings; please make any addition to this that you think fit, and then, if your office could mimeograph it, I should be very grateful; you could also, perhaps, prepare the envelopes for mailing, in which will go the other documents referred to.

The final notice of the meetings is drafted, but I cannot complete it, till I hear from Dr. Endicott what the group in Toronto propose in the way of a dinner As soon as I hear from him, I will insert the needed paragraph, and send it to you.

Dr Wallace Crawford is in London, and I hope to see him with reference to item 13. I have no statment about this, as far as I know.

I am writing to Mr. Cartwright about his Committee (Item 5 (2))

The request for a grant of $1.000 would, perhaps, come under item 16.

Is there anything else that it occurs to you that we should do?

With kindregards,

Yours very sincerely,

Frank Anderson

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Oct. 5 1936.

Ack 10/10/36

My dear Garside,

I enclose a letter which I have just written to Dr. Endicott; it explains itself: also the draft of the final notice. When you hear from him, will you be so good as to draft and insert the required papa, and send the whole material out. I am afraid that my carbom was bad; but against a white background I think that you will be able to read it.

With kindest regards,

Yours very sincerely,

Frank Anderson

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My dear Dr. Endicott,

I am a little anxious to get the final notice of the Annual Meeting of the Board of Governors out as soon as possible. All the material is already in Garside's hands for sending out. I thought that it would a good plan to insert a para stating just what had been arranged in the way of a public function.

In order to save time would you be so good, as soon as matters are settled, to advise him direct as well as letting me know. He will then draft the required para, get the notice mimeographed, and send it out from his office. All the members were advised in June of the dates; but I think that the second notice should go out as soon as we can now.

I am afraid that you had a very strenuous time at Ottawa. I am greatly distressed to read that you are relinquishing your post in the United Church. I hope this does not mean that we shall no longer have you on the Board of Governors.

With warmest regards,

Yours very sincerely,

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October 6, 1936.

WEST CHINA

Rev. Frank Anderson, D.D.,
26 Grosvenor Street,
London, Ont.

Dear Dr. Anderson:

Thanks for your note.

I am sorry that I am still without definite information regarding the proposed public function at the annual Board meeting. Chancellor Wallace told me that he would see how he could work it out and inform me later. I find that he is not well to-day and so I cannot get in touch with him. However, as soon as I can get word from Dr. Wallace, I shall notify Garside and you of the decision reached and the preparations being made.

Thanks for your kind personal word regarding my future. All I need say is that I am sure I did the right thing in refusing to let my name stand for re-election to my present post. Whether I can still serve on the Board of Governors is a matter for the Board of Governors itself to decide.

With all good wishes,

Very sincerely yours,

James Endicott.

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WEST CHINA

October 10, 1936

26 Grosvenor Street

Dear Dr. Anderson,

I enclose herewith a copy of the final notice of the West China Governors' meeting, and a copy of the Agenda. Since the Treasurer's Report, the report of Dr. Dsang, and the covering letter from Dr. Robertson have already been sent you, I am saving postage by omitting them from the envelope.

I will bring to the meeting an extra supply of the Agenda, the Report of the Treasurer, the Report of the President, and the letter from Dr. Robertson.

As I glance through the Agenda, I assume that you wish me to be prepared to help in the presentation of the following items:- 5 (3), 5 (5), 8, and 14. I know that Mr. Cartwright has been trying to get in touch with Dr. Beech in preparing the report of the Nominating Committee under item 17. This becomes an important task this year, with vacancies in the offices of Vice President and Treasurer, and with an urgent need for "new blood" in the coopted group.

I am not sure whether you have had the good word that Castleton is definitely coming over from England for the West China and Cheeloo meetings, and for other meetings with our China Colleges groups here. I believe that his trip should be valuable from many angles.

Sorry to learn that Dr. Endicott is insisting on his withdrawal from his present position in the Canadian Board. I hope, however, that he can continue with our West China Governors. Will this affect in any way the question of the Presidency of the Board?

I trust we have now done all the things you are counting on us for in preparation for the meeting. I look forward to seeing you on the morning of the 21st.

Sincerely,

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Enc.

B A GARSIDE

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Oct. 13 1936.

WEST CHINA

F Anderson Frank R

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

My dear Garside,

Many thanks for your letter of Oct. 10th.

I am very glad to know that the Final Notice of the meetings is now out. I think that it is not too soon.

Yes I shall be glad if you will be so good as to speak to the items you mention; also to the Budget 5(e).

Would you mind mailing a copy of everything to Dr. Wallace Crawford, 1049 Richmond ~~Street~~ North, London, Ontario. I am hoping to get into touch with him, and make sure that he is at the meetings.

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I am very glad to know that Castleton is to be with us. I knew it, but am not quite sure how..

I think that if Dr. Endicott remains amember of the Board of Governors--no matter how-- he would be eligible for retainigg the position that he now holds.

With kindest regards,

Yours very sincerely,

Frank Anderson

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Oct. 24 1936.

Ack 11/11/36

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

My dear Garside, ,

I enclose herewith the Minutes, and shall be glad if you can kindly arrange to have them mimeographed in your office and sent out. I hope that you will be able to make them out; please go over them carefully, and correct them wherever you deem it necessary. Also please add in the proper place any para about Financial matters. I have put in the para about the audit. You could, if you like, put the full list of members at the beginning, and "star" those who were present; this might be the best plan.

Could you also let me know what date you think would be the best for the meeting of the Executive Committee in New York in January? It was suggested that it should be either before or after the Meeting of the Foreign Missions Conference.

I think that we had a good meeting in Toronto; certainly it was well attended, and some very far-reaching resolutions were adopted.

Warmest regards,

Yours very sincerely,

Frank Anderson

P.S. My expenses in Toronto were $14.75; + I have paid out $6.00 for mimeographing (Dr. Crawford's scheme etc); total $ 20.75. Perhaps you could send this at your convenience

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Oct. 27 1936.

Rec'd 10/20/36

My dear Garside,

Dr. Sparling is very anxious that the resolutions regarding the Theological College should reach the Boards as soon as possible, so that they may consider them and make the required financial provision.

Would it be at all possible for your office to send me eight copies of those resolutions in advance of the minutes. I will then send these with a covering letter.

I am thinking of getting out a minute on the question of the annual appropriation of $4.000 to be made in future by the Boards. I could send this, as an explanation of the action taken

The draft of the Minutes was sent off to you yesteray by registered mail.

Warmest regards,

Yours very sincerely,

Frank Mason North

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xxxxxxxx November 4, 1936

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Dr. Frank Anderson
26 Grosvenor Street
London, Ontario, Canada

Dear Dr. Anderson:

We have your letters of October 24th and October 29th. With the earlier of these two letters you enclose the minutes of the meetings held in Toronto on October 21st and 22nd.

The mimeographing of these minutes is now being completed and copies will be mailed to the members of the Board of Governors, and a supply sent to the field about tomorrow afternoon.

We hope that you will find the setup of the first page of the Governors' minutes a reasonably satisfactory one. We have tried to follow out the suggestions made at the meeting that the Governors be listed by Boards and by dates when their turns of appointment expire. In the cases of some individual members we have not been able to get any absolute accuracy as to the date of terms of appointment, and have indicated with a # the names which will have to be checked up further. Our office can write to the Boards concerned, if you desire, and ask them to verify or correct the dates when their various appointees' terms expire. Once this list is gotten into correct order, it will be comparatively simple to keep it corrected up to date as reappointments are made.

Thank you for sending us the information as to the dates of appointment of the Methodist members of the Board.

You ask for suggestions as to the best date for the meeting of the West China Executive Committee next January. I find that the Foreign Missions Conference will meet in As bury Park, New Jersey, from the morning of Wednesday, Juanuary 6th through the evening of Friday, January 8th. This would indicate that if a meeting of the West China Executive Committee is to be held here in New York about that same date, it would be better to hold it on Tuesday, January 5th, since the day following the Conference is Saturday and that is never a good day for meetings. Sometimes an attempt is made to

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hold meetings at the same place as the Foreign Missions Conference itself, but it is extremely difficult to get members attending the Conference to meet for a sufficient period of time to transact any serious business not actually a part of the conference schedule. There is also a meeting of representatives of the various women's societies in Asbury Park from January 4th to January 6th. This would not affect, however, the personnel of the West China Executive Committee with the possible exception of Mrs. Humphreys.

We enclose herewith a check for $20.75 covering your expenses as set forth in your letter of October 21st.

Yes, it seemed to me that we had a very good meeting in Toronto and that very definite progress was made in dealing with extremely important questions.

With all good wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

B A GARSIDE

BAG:MP
Encl.

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26 Grosvenor Street

Dr. Frank Anderson
26 Grosvenor Street
London, Ontario, Canada

My dear Dr. Anderson:

We enclose herewith the following material:-

2 copies of the minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee, October 21st.

2 copies of the minutes of the Annual Meeting, October 21st and 22nd.

2 copies of the minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Board of Trustees, October 22nd, 1936.

Copy of my letter to President Dsang, Mr. Robertson, and Mr. Albertson, of November 12th, 1936.

In going over your draft of the minute of the Annual Meeting of the Board of Governors, preparatory to mimeographing, we made the following additions:-

Page 3 and 4 we changed somewhat your draft of minutes G-1242 to G-1244, so as to make the amendments to the Constitution of the Board of Governors stand out a little more distinctly. We also appended to the minutes the revised Contractual Statement because it seems to us that this is a document which should be in the hands of the members of the Board of Governors and of the Board of Directors, and should also be included with the official copies of our minutes.

Page 4 we added the section dealing with "Payment of Dividends in Arrears on Aluminum Stock."

Pages 5 and 6 we added the details of the budget appropriations for 1936-37.

We hope that you will find the minutes in accurate and satisfactory form.

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One point we did not catch until after the minutes were drafted is that Dr. Franklin's name was omitted from the list of coopted members as attached to the original draft of the minutes. He belongs, I believe, in the class of 1937. We have written this in on most of the copies of the minutes, but should note to see that this is corrected next year.

You will note the arrangement of the personnel of the Board of Governors given at the top of the first page of the minutes. We have tried to put this in the form suggested at the meeting on October 21st. We had difficulty at a number of points trying to ascertain the date when the terms of the members of the Board are due to expire. As a matter of fact, some of our cooperating boards seem to have forgotten all about the constitutional requirement that their representatives be appointed for a three year term and have gone on from year to year without any elections, leaving their representatives to serve during life or good behavior. We have indicated by a # the members for whom we could not get accurate information as to dates of termination of appointment. One of us should probably write to each of the cooperating mission boards before the next meeting asking them to verify or correct this listing of their representatives.

I have noted one other point in connection with the minutes in which I believe we overlooked something, but I do not see how we can make the correction without further action either by the Board itself, or by the Executive Committee. In the minutes of the 1934 meeting of the Board of Governors held in Oxford, the following notation appears:-

> "It was decided to suggest that the Secretary of the United Committee of Great Britain should be asked to accept the status of an assistant secretary of the Board, for the purpose of helping the British Secretary and bringing the United Committee into closer touch with the West China Union University."

I believe that this suggestion met with the cordial approval of the British United Committee, and for the last two years we have been considering Mr. Castleton as one of the Assistant Secretaries of the Board. But I find that neither last year nor this, did the Board of Governors take formal action electing Mr. Castleton as one of the officers of the Board. We might bring this to the attention of the next meeting of the Executive Committee, or let it go over until the next Annual Meeting.

I am enclosing five copies of the Contractual Statement, copied on West China letterhead, with the thought that you may wish to set in motion the process of having these documents executed and placed on file both with the Governors and with the Directors. You will note there are two original copies, and three carbons. It seems to me that both your office and that of the Secretary of the Board of Directors should have an original copy, and also a signed carbon in case you should ever have occasion to need a second copy. The other signed carbon copy might be sent to Mr. Silcock, the British Secretary. It seems to me the simplest procedure would be for you and Dr. Endicott to sign all five copies, affix the Governors' seal, then transmit all five copies to the Secretary of the Board of Directors, asking that the officers of the Directors execute all five copies, keeping one original and one carbon for their files, sending one carbon copy to Mr. Silcock, and returning the other two copies to you.

At the request of Dr. Beech, we cabled Mr. Robertson some days

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ago the ~~first~~ 9150 of the actions of the Governors with regard to the budget and the hospital. I referred to this in my letter to President Dsang, Mr. Robertson and Mr. Albertson.

With all good wishes, I am

Very cordially yours,

B A GARSIDE

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Nov. 14 1936.

Ack 11/xt

WEST CHINA

My dear Garside,

I have drafted the enclosed. Do you think that it would be wise to send it with a covering letter to each Board, drawing their special attention to the matter?

If you think that something of the sort might go, please alter the draft in any way that you think well. It is necessary to put the matter as tactfully as possible. I am sending a copy to Dr. Endicott, and asking his advice.

With kind regards,

Yours very sincerely,

Frank Mason North

p.s. Many thaks for the Minutes. I think you have arranged them very well. Would you mind sending me two more copies of t he whole set. I presume that a copy has gone to Dr. Sparling, 55 Humewood Drive, Toronto.

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RESUME of the discussion at the Annual Meeting of the Board of Governors in Toronto Oct. 21 & 22 1936 with reference to Resolution #G1257 of the Minutes, which reads as follows:--

"VOTED THAT IT IS THE OPINION OF THE Board of Governors that each cooperating Board should endeavour to make a minimum annual contribution of G$4,000 to the University, and it invites the Boards concerned to give this matter their earnest consideration".

The Constitution of the University provides for its control by a Board of Governors representative of all the units cooperating in the University. While the main contribution of each unit is represented in the missionaries which it provides to act on the teaching staff, there is a large expenditure involved in meeting the salary and expenses of the President, Chancellor Bursar, English Secretary, Chinese teachers and maintenance of the University property. To meet this, the three cooperating units in North America at the time of the inception of the University agreed to provide G$6,000 per annum each, while the Friends agreed to $750 and the C.M.S., when it entered, promised $750 and the Woman's College unit $300

The Board thus set up, was in the position of a body of Trustees for the cooperating units, and while there was no formal legal and binding contract as between the cooperating units and the Board of Governors, the latter, in accepting the Trust with its heavy responsibilities, did so on the clear understanding ~~that~~ -- a Gentleman' agreement, if it may be so called-- thatthe cooperating units would not fail to supply the Board of Governors with these amounts.

Unfortunately this expectation has not been raalised; under financial stringency the Board have reduced their appropriations: at the same time the University has grown, and the expenditures have advanced; it is difficult to say what might have happened if the Board of Governors had not received some endowment funds-- utterly inadequate though these are for the needs; and even with these it is barely able to balance its Budget; the statement was indeed made that the Board of Governors is "bankrupt".

It is important that the situation should be faced. There is a danger that the University may be regarded as an outside institution which the Boards may or may not support as they please. By the manner in which it was constituted it would seem to have a prior claim on their resources, and the Board of Governors felt the importance of pressing upon the cooperating units this point of view, in the hope that it may lead them to accept the suggestion contained in the Resolution above quoted.

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Nov. 19 1936.

Ack 11/24

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

My dear Garside,

Many thanks for your letter of Nov.12th, covering copies of the Contractual Statement etc. I have sent these to Dr, Endicott for signature, and I will follow the procedure which you suggest, and which seems to me to be perfectly correct.

Dr. Endicott suggest a modified form of the remarks with which I will draw the attention of the Boards to the resolution regarding the incresed annual appropriation. I shall hope to have all the correspondence connected with the Annual Meeting completed to-day.

I note all the other points to which you draw attention in your letter, and will not lose sight of them.

I do not think that there is anything more to say at present.

With kind regards,

Yours very sincerely,

Frank Anderson

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Ack 11/47

WEST CHINA

My dear Garside,

I enclose a copy of the letter which I have written to President Dsang. There did not seem very much to be said, as the minutes will explain themselves, and your letter will make other matters clearer.

I will send forward the copies of the Contractual Statement as soon as they are returned from Dr. Endicott.

A note from Sir Joseph, acknowledging the notice of the meeting of the Executive Committee, mentions 10 a.m. as the time stated. I am wondering whether this is not a little late, and whether we could not commence at 9.30; if you agree we could intimate this in the final notice. I will prepare the Agenda later on.

I also enclose a copy of the Memorandum which I have sent, with a covering letter to all the Boards.

I think that this is all just now.

Kindest regards,

Yours very sincerely,

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President Lincoln Deang D.D.
West China Union University,
Chengtu Szechwan, China.

My dear President Deang,

I hope that by this time your copy of the Minutes of the recent Meeting of the Board of Governors has reached you You will notice from them that a large number of most important matters were discussed and action taken. We earnestly hope that the decisions reached will make for the solid progress of the University.

I should like to assure you how very much the Board of Governors appreciated the full and deeply interesting report which you had prepared; This report had been mimeographed and circulated previously to all the members of the Board; nevertheless it was read in its entirety at the Meeting, and Minutes G 1345 will indicate to you how profoundly thankful to you the Boar felt for the care and trouble that you had taken in presenting this picture of the position and progress of the Institution. It made us re ret all the more that we did not have as in previo usyeare similar reports of the Woman's College and of the Middle School. We hope that it may be possible for us to have in our hands full reports of both these at the time of the next Annual Meeting in May next year, a well as another from yourself covering the whole Univeriety.

Dr Garside has written to you touching Financial matters. so I will not touch on them.

We were glad to have before us the Minutes of the recent meetings of the Board of Directors, and I think that we dealt with all matters therein requiring the attention of the Board of Governors.

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I am writing separately to Dr. Robertson regarding the Contracual Statement, and sending him copies of the same in its final form as approved by the Board of Governors for signature by the proper parties in Chengtu.

As already mentioned, the next Annual Meeting of the Board of Governors will be held in New York in May 1937. We earnestly hope that the Budget for 1937-38 will be in our hands in time for this; it is very embarassing to the Board if the Fiscal year has to commence before the Budget Estimates have been approved. We shall also, as I have said, welcome reports from yourself of the Univeristy as a whole, and of the Woman's College and Middle School.

In closing I pray continually that God will guide and bless you and all who are working with you in the great task that you have in hand for His Kingdom.

With warmest personal regards,

Yours very sincerely

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WEST CHINA UNION UNIVERSITY.

MEMORANDUM from the Secretary regarding items in the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Board of Governors, Oct. 21 & 22 1936.

There are two matters in the Minutes to which the special attention of the cooperating units should be directed:--

1 INCREASE OF SUPPORT BY COOPERATING UNITS. (G 1257 page 8)

VOTED that it is the opinion of the Board of Governors that each cooperating Board should endeavour to make a minimum annual contribution of G$4,000 to the University, and it invites the Boards concerned to give the matter their earnest consideration.

In calling your attention to the above minute, I am taking it for granted that it is self-explanatory, and that the action recommended is greatly needed; but it is important that the situation should be faced. There is a danger that the Univeriaty may be regarded as an outside Institution which the Boards may or may not support as they please. By the manner in which it was constituted it would seem to have a prior claim on their resources, and the Board of Governors felt the importance of pressing upon the cooperating units this point of view, in the hope that it may lead them to accept the suggestion contained in the Resolution above quoted.

2. The following point is not actually in the Minutes, but relates to the composition of the Board of Governors. By the Constitution Article IV Section 1 it is providedthat

"The Board of Governors shall consist (1) of three members appointed by each of the original constituent missionary Organizations: (2) of such a number of members representing other Missionary Organizations as may agreed upon when such Organizations enter into participation in the Univeriaty; and (3)of members coopted by the Board of Governors to a number not to exceed twice the number of participating Missionary Organizations."

May I take it that the names of the representatives of your Board appearing on page 1 of the Minutes are correct? The names are:--

If so, may I further ask you to be so good as to let me know the dates of the expiry of their three years terms, in accordance with the last paragraph from the same section of the Constitution given below:--

"The members of he Board shall hold office for a term of three years, or until their successors are appointed."

We are most anxious to see that our records in this respect are correct.

FRANK ANDERSON

November 19 1936. Secretary.

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26 Grosvenor

November 20, 1936

Dr. Frank Anderson
26 Grosvenor Street
London, Ontario, Canada

Dear Dr. Anderson:

We have your letter of November 10th. Enclosed herewith you will find a notice of the meeting of the Executive to be held on January 5th. We trust this meets with your satisfaction.

We have sent copies of this notice to the members of the Executive Committee and to Dr. Sparling and Dr. Beech.

Very cordially yours,

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November 24, 1936

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26 Grosvenor

Dr. Frank Anderson
26 Grosvenor Street
London, Ontario, Canada

Dear Dr. Anderson:

Let me acknowledge receipt of your letters of November 14th, 19th and 20th.

In all three letters you discuss the memorandum which you have sent to each of the cooperating Mission Boards calling attention to the action taken by the Board of Governors concerning the increase of support by cooperating units. We hope that this will stimulate all the supporting Boards to more vigorous efforts to restore their contributions to the levels originally agreed upon.

You know, of course, my own personal feeling that in the discussions by our West China Board of Governors of support by the cooperating Mission Boards we frequently seem to create an antithesis which should not exist. Sometimes it is implied that all support for West China from western sources ought either to be supplied through the Mission Boards, or else the missionary societies are negligent of their responsibilities. Certainly we must continue to put pressure on all the supporting boards to contribute to the maximum of their ability both in personnel and in cash. I do feel, however, that the one group related to West China Union University which is most deserving of criticism for its failure to support the institution adequately is the Board of Governors itself. It seems to me that the whole theory lying behind the organization of these western boards of governors and boards of trustees responsible for our China Colleges, is not, as some contend, merely that they are the agents of the missionary societies which appointed some of the members. Rather, each governing board is a new corporation, with a very definite responsibility for assisting with the support of the institution to which it is related. I often feel that if the members of our West China Board of Governors would spend less time in our meetings taking the Mission Boards to task for not doing more in the support of the University and would give more attention to ways and means whereby the Board itself could secure increased income, we would all get along more rapidly and more happily.

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Aside from the endowment which came to the West China Governors through the Hall Estate largely because of the fortunate circumstance that it was one of the six union institutions in which the Trustees of the estate were interested, together with such gifts as Dr. Beech has secured practically single handed, there is really very little evidence of any activity in the direction of increased support for the University on the part of the Board of Governors during the last two decades.

If the Board of Governors would face up to some of these financial responsibilities squarely, they would not thereby lessen to any degree the responsibility of the cooperating mission boards to contribute to the support of the University. Rather, they would not only add substantially to the support of the University from new sources, but would encourage the Mission Boards to maintain and strengthen their own support.

All these observations are, of course, quite personal and informal, and are not for quotation. We have a great deal of respect for the viewpoint of our Canadian friends who believe that all support of these China Colleges must come through Mission Board channels, though we do not quite agree that this is the only way in which our Colleges in China can get the funds they must have in order to carry on and - what is vastly more important - maintain their essential Christian character.

I believe that all the other matters connected with the minutes of the last annual meeting have now been disposed of.

Very cordially yours,

B A GARSIDE

BAG:MP

Dr. Anderson -2- November 24, 1936

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My dear Garside

I have just heard from the C/M.S. that they are prepared to contribute the LC$450 towards the Union Theological College; in the letter the following para occurs:--

"It is not clear from the correspondence how and when the money should be paid or to whom; I should be grateful if you could let me know this, and, if it is to be paid through the Trustees (this seems to mean Board of Governors) in America would you also tell me the American dollar equivalent to the local currency 450 dollars sanctioned".

I told the writer that I am asking you to be so good as to answer this question. So would you be kind enough to write on the point to

Miss Edith Baring-Gould,
Acting Secretary, Far East Committee,
Church Missionary Society,
Salisbury Square,
London, E.C. 4 England.

With kind regards, and all good wishes for the Xmas season,

Yours very sincerely,

Frank Anderson

P.S/ Many thanks for that most interesting Booklet about Fukien

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