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Drew University,
Madison, N. J.,
Jan16th, 1933.

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TRANSFER

Mr. B. A. Garside,
150 Fifth Ave.,
New York City.

My dear Mr. Garside:

Yesterday I dropped in your office to show Mr. Avans my new typewriter and found your were out. This letter is written with the new typewriter. How does it look to you? I found it is very satisfactory.

I did not notice that to-morrow and next day after it will be the registration days again for next term. If I did, I might ask you yesterday to write me another check for the scgool fees and save both you and me some trouble to write again. Will please write me a check of #120.00 for the next term at your early convenience. Thank you very much for the trouble and the help.

With best wishes,

Yours cordially,

Lucius Dowag

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Drew University,
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Mr. B. A. Garside,
150 Fifth Avenue.
New York City.

TRANSMIT

My dear Mr. Garside:

In such a rushing time during the examination period I forgot at all to write you and acknowledge the receipt of the your letter of Jan. 20th with the check of $120.00. I beg your pardon.

Our new term's work will commence to-morrow morning. I found that I have to be more busy this term than the last, as I have to hand in the first draft of my thesis before the first of March. I am just starting it now and will devote all my time to it this next month. It is easy to collect materials, but it is hard to organize them and write out systematically. After I started it I feel more easy to continue it. Hope to finish the whole thing as the first draft in time.

Will you kind give me the name and address of Dr, Wood of the Prebyterian Church where we went the other day for their missionary meeting, as I want to write him for something?

Tnank you for all the help.

Cordially,

Timothy Dwight

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Drew University,
Madison, N. J.,
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Mr. B. A. Garside,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

TRANSFER

My dear Mr. Garside:

You must be pretty busy during these few days because of the banking situation. It is very interesting to watch how such a great problem will be solved. But it is mighty hard to pass these days when the banks all closed.

My school works come along alright, but I have been kept busy as usual. The major part of my desertation is done up to the present. But it works awfully slow as I have to take the full schedule of my school works besides it. The desertation should be handed in by the middle of April with its final coly. Fearing that my thesis might not be ready for that date, I have been advised by the head proffessor to hire one of my class mates to do the correction of English and final shapping for my desertation so to meet the requirement on time. It proximately will cost s mething around thirty dollars. I feel sorry that it brings another unexpected item of my school expenses. I just wnder how can you send my that mush of money now, since the banks close their exchange and transaction? If you think I have to come for it myself, I may rush to New York some time this week end.

Does the bank situation effect much of your office? How about the transaction of money to West China? I not very long they will open the transation and the bank business will resotre its normal situation.

I got words from Mr. Fong, the acting president of our West China Unnversity, saying that he got words from Mr. Silcock that his arrangements to go to England to study are alright for him to go this coming June. I am so glad that it Can be so arranged so that the Borad of Governors can be relieved from from another burdon for his expenses. Do you get any word directly from Mr. Silcock yet?

Can you inform me the name and address of the chairman of the Board or Executive, of the Harvard-Yuenching Institute? As I have some matter to write him about one of our graduate a plying from the university for further study.

Thank you for all the kindness. With best wishes for you and all your folks, I am

Cordially yours,

Lucile Dewey

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West China Union University

March 16, 1933

TRANSFER

Dr. Lincoln Dsang
Drew University
Madison, N. J.

My dear Dr. Dsang:

I am glad to learn from your letter of March 13th that your work is progressing so well.

As requested, we are sending you herewith a check for $30 to help in defraying the additional expense connected with your dissertation. I notice that some, at least, of the banks in Madision have now reopened, so I hope you will have no difficulty in cashing this check.

Our work here in the office was not very seriously disturbed by the bank holiday, though possibly we will feel the effects later in the form of reduced receipts.

While we have no direct word from Mr. Silcock, we understand that the arrangements for Mr. Fong's fellowship were successfully postponed until this fall.

The name of the chairman of the Board of Trustees of Harvard-Yenching Institute is-

Dean Wallace B. Dunham
Harvard School of Business Administration
Soldiers Field
Boston, Massachusetts

The Annual Meeting of our West China Board of Governors is, as you probably already know, being held here in New York on April 20th and 21st. We are counting on your being present at that time. If you could also attend the meetings of the Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China on April 18th and 19th, we would be very much delighted.

I am enclosing herewith a copy of Dr. Beech's report to the Governors, which has just been mimeographed.

With all good wishes, I am

Very cordially yours,

B A GARSIDE

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Drew University,
Madison, N, J,,
March 20th, 1933.

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

TRANSFER

My dear Mr. Garside:

Thank you very much for your letter of March 16th with the check of $30.00 to help in defraying the additional expenses connected with my desertation, and the copy of the report of Dr. Beech.

This term is rather crowded with additional expenses. As I was just informed last Saturday that I have to register for my graduation and pay $25.00 for the diploma before the first of April. When the first draft of my thesis is complete another additional expense will come for the typing copies. I am going to find out how many copies do they require and how much money will the copies cost in a few days. Then I will write you next week the total cost of these two items so to save you time and trouble to wrtie me check at one time. I hope they do not require the printing of the thesis right now as it might cost too much money to do it here in America. I plan to do it in China as it will be much cheaper over there.

I will keep the date free open for the Board of Governors' meeting on April 20-21, and probablly the 19th for the Associated Board meetings.

Thank you again for all the troble and help.

With best wishes, I am

Yours cordially yours,

Liuchen Dzeng

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West China Union University

March 22, 1935.

Dr. Lincoln Dsang
Drew University
Madison, N. J.

TRANSFER

My dear Dr. Dsang:

I have your letter of March 20th.

We would be glad to send the additional funds you mention, and will either send you the check for $25 now, and the remittance to cover the cost of typing your thesis when you know the exact amount - or else will combine the two items, as you may prefer. Do not feel hesitant to notify us whenever you need funds, or to ask for an amount sufficient to cover all your requirements. I am afraid that you have been economizing more than you should have.

If there is anything whatever that we can do to assist you with getting your thesis in shape for submission, we will be only too glad to help.

Very cordially yours,

B A GARSIDE

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Drew University,
Madison, N. J.,
March 26th, 1933.

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

TRANCTED

My dear Mr. Garside:

Many thanks for your letter of March 22nd, and your kind offering of assistance to my theisis work.

I think I can possibly have it done alright, and if I find at any time necessary to ask your help I will come to you for it.

I just found out that the typing and binding of the copies of my thesis will proximately cost around $30-35. The cost of a new Hood for the Ph.D. degree and the rent of cap and gown will be something near $15.00. Another thing I did not notice is that the school fees of this term or quarter will also be due to the first of April and so there another sum of $120.00 due before the end of this month. Then the total amount I need before the end of this month is:- $25.00 for the diploma; $35.00 for the typing and binding; $15.00 for the hood and rent of cap and gown; and $120.00 for the school fees of this quarter; which is totally $195.00 If you can break it into two checks for me it will be more convenp ient to cash them.

Yes, I have to be economizing, because I found that I still have sone more items of expenxes coming which will be rather heavy. The one is the item of printing my thesis. I found it is too expensive to do here in America, as it will cost something five hundred dollars gold, and it seems to me not worth while to do it. I can probablly get the school concent to let me do it later in China, as I think in Shanghai I can print it with say five hundred dollars mex. which will just monnt to U. S. money now $120.00, if we put the money now in silver. I think I can do it without much difficulty as the head professor told me the other day that the University seems very favourable to me as he said that I have made a good impression on the faculty and they won't raise any question serious to my graduation and will do what they can to favour my conditions.

Another item I have in mind is this, that I plan to go back to China through Europe this time. There is a homeward tour arranged by the Chinese Christian Student of New York to go through Europe which will leave America either at the last week of June or the first week of July. The tour is planned to visit places like London, Paris, Rome, Berlin, and Palestine. The total cost from New York to Shanghai is around $450. to $500.00. I hate to lose the chance to visit Europe and go with this tour, as there will be about 15 Chinese return students of the tour which will offer me some chance to make acquaintance with some leaders of China in the future, and to save troubles on the way through if I should go back by way of Europe myself alone. There is still another ad-

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vantage that I can visit some of the friends of both the Friends Mission and the Church Society of England. As Mr. Sewell wrote me that If I notice him about my arrival in London he can arrange for me to visit some of the members of their Council. I can even leave New York earlier and wait for the party at London if it is so desired for the arrangement. But the problem to me now is that the traveling expenses granted by our General Conference is rather too limited. They figured the expenses from Atlantic City to the Wester coast by the clergy rate of railway fare, and the steam fare is just around two hundred including everything. So from here to Shanghai the total mount they gave is just near three hundred dollars gold. Compare with the mount mentioned above there is a difference of two hundred dollars gold. I just wonder if it will be possible for me to ask the Board of Governors to help me with the difference so to make it possible for me to take that chance to visit Europe and some of the Mission Members over there. So I write you about it early enough and that you can find it out for me at the mean time before the Board's meetings. But I want you to be frank about it. If you find it too difficult to get the Board concent to it, please do tell me and I will either to find other means or to go back just the same way through the West Coast. Any how I appreciate your kind help very much for other things without which I can hardly to stay and have chance to finish my Ph. D. works in Drew. Concerning this extra item, if there is anything I should do to help it out, please let me know at your early convenience.

Sorry to trouble so much for such little things. But I am sure that you are always so kind to help me if it is within your reach. I hope I can drop in your office some time after I finish my first draft of the thesis in a week or so.

With my best regards to Mrs. Garside for the early recovery and happy year for all your family. I am

Cordially yours.

Lucile Deaver

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West China Union University

March 27, 1933.

TRANSFER

Dr. Lincoln Daang
Drew University
Madison, N. J.

My dear Dr. Daang:

I have your letter of March 26th. You summarize your immediate needs as totalling $195.00. I am sure that you have omitted a good many items which you should have included, so we are sending you a remittance of an even $200.00, in the form of two checks of $100.00 each.

I certainly agree that it would be very much worth your while to return by way of Europe if that can be arranged. It would be well for us to bring the matter to the attention of our West China Governors at their meeting on April 20th and 21st. Will you send me at your convenience a fairly detailed statement of what additional expenses you will probably have from now until you sail in June? I will then prepare a statement for submission to the Governors, and will ask them to decide as to your best course. I am sure that they will be very sympathetic to your idea of returning by way of Europe. You do not need to take time for the preparation of such a statement immediately. Sometime next week would be early enough.

We will be glad to see you in the office any time you may find it convenient to drop in. We can appreciate the fact that you are keeping mighty busy these days working on your thesis.

With all good wishes, I am

Very cordially yours,

B A GARSIDE

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WEST CHINA

Drew University,
Madison, N. J.,
April 5th, 1933.

TRANSFER

My dear Mr. Garside:

Many thanks for your letter of March 27th with the check of $200.00. I am sorry that I could not write you earlier to acknowledge the receipt of it because I am waiting to get the informations concerning the budegt of my expenses from now to the time of sailing. Hope you will excuse me for the delay.

According to your advice I make the detailed statement of what additional expenses I expect from now until the time of sailing in the following paragraph. In order to furnish you more information concerning each item, I make a short explanation of it. These are the items I expect:-

1. $ ~~30.00~~ 40.00 for the board and miscillaneous expenses after the school closes until the time of sailing. The school here will be closed at the first week and we will sail around the end of June or first week of July.

2. $15.00 for a summer suit if I should go by way of Europe, as I have not got a single summer suit and all my clothings are for colder weather.

3. $15.00 for either a steamer trunk or a big suit case as my old one is borken.

4. $204.76 to make up the required traveling exsenses by way of Europe. The deatiled count will be shown as the following tiems. Mr. Kate Kendig wrote me as information from the Committee on Firnedly Relations Among Foreign Students, "The estimated total cost including sixteen days on the continent and eight days in Eggpt and Palestine is $501.50. .... This includes all necessary accomodations in the way of hotels, meals, sight-seeings, entrance fees in connection with the sight-seeing trips, taxes, and Hotels. .... The rate quated does not include passport or visa fees, which may amount to $11.90, nor personal items such as laundry and steamber tips." So I figure out myself that the additional expenses on the way, besides the two figures metioned above, will be--30.00- for the personal items, tips on the steamer and buying some small articles in Palestine to illustrate my speeches when I go back to West China. Then the total amount on the way including everything will be proximately $543.40. I just got a letter from Dr. Markham of the treasurer office of the Methodist General Conference stating that the amount they figure for my traveling back home is 338.64 which is now in his hand and will be delivered to Dr. Sutherland of the Foreign Mission Board of the Methodst Church at New York as I requested. So the amount needed is the difference between these two figures--$543.40 deduce338.64 which will be $204.76.

5. $125.00 for the printing of my thesis. As it is too expensive to print it here in America which I found will cast about over five dollar gold, I plan to print it in Shanghai which I figure $125.00 gold will cover it if we can change it into

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silver right now. I think I can get the university consent to let me to do it later and send my printed copies of the thesis afterwards. So we can save some money of the printing of my thesis and to use it to help other itmes.

With all these five items the additional expenses will mount to $389.76.
399.76

Thank you for the trouble to present it to the Board.

With best wishes, I am

Cordially yours,

Lincoln Dsang

Lincoln Dsang.

Mr. B. A. Garside,
150 Fifth Ave.,
New York City.

P. S.

If there anything I should to make it more clear please just let me know at any time.

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Drew University,
Madison, N. J.,
May 1st, 1933.

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

TRANSFER

My dear Mr. Garside:

As you know that a week ~~ago~~ from last Friday I had drawn the money set for the printing of my thesis from Mr. Evans (#125.00) as I fear the rate of the gold dollar will be further down. + changed into silver.

Since I decide to go back to China through the Pasific Ocean I plan to leave Drew as soon as the school close. On the way I may stay in Chicago for a few days to visit the World Fair and to sail from San Fransisco on the 16th of June on the S. S. President Hoover.

Disparticipating the items of expenses of the vacation board of the Easter and attending the Boards meetings, I found perhaps I still need about $20.00 to cover the missilla-neous expenses for this term. But since I am going to leave Madison soon after the school close I do not have to have any preparation for the summer as I mentioned in the budget. If it is convenient for you I would also be glad to have the $30.00 which I mentioned for the summer closing and the large suit case or trunk now so I can at the mean time to buy them. I also want you to ask Mr. Evans to send me the $50.00 which I deposit at his office for buy books for our university of West China some time ago, so that I can select books while I have time to do it before I leave here.

I am now just starting my written examinations this week, and the oral examination will come on the third week of this month. After these examinations the regular examinations will be held and I may have one week free for my packing, etc.

As Dr. Edwards wants me to speak at the Preachers' meeting next Monday, so I may drop in your office to call on and see how are you getting along.

With best wishes for you and your family and my besr regards to Mr. Evans.

Cordially yours,

Leucadia Deang

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TRANSFER

West China

May 4, 1935

My dear Dr. Dsang,

As requested in your letter of May 1st, we are sending you herewith a check for $100.00, as follows:-

On draft for book purchases	$50.00
Personal expenses	50.00

You do not seem to be leaving much margin for your personal expenses before you leave. If you find you need more than this, don't hesitate to call on us.

Hope that the examinations this week have been going well. We look forward to seeing you here next week, if you find it convenient to drop in.

With all good wishes, I am

Very cordially yours,

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B A GARSIDE

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WEST CHINA

Drew University,
Madison, N. J.,
May 5th, 1933.

TRANSFER

Mr. B. A. Garside,
150 Fifthe Ave.,
New York City.

My dear Mr. Garside:

Many thanks for your letter of May 4th and the check of $100.00 as I requested for.

It is very kind of you to be so thoughtfull of my difficulties all the time. Certainly I will come to you for further help if I do find some urgent need later. But I do not think now that I need any more help up to the time when I leave here.

The writtne examinations will come out alright, and I think the oral examinations won't be too difficult for me as they will be confined within my thesis.

If I should succeed with my examinations and can finish all the regular requiremtns for the Ph. D. degree, I must thank you again for all the encouragement and help. Looking to see you again on Monday morning next week.

With all best wishes, I am

Very cordially yours.

Lucius Soothill

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Drew University,
Madison, N. J.,
May 11th, 1933.

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

TRANSFER

My dear Mr. Garside:

It makes me rather embarssing to write you again that the corrections held my thesis delayed and costs more of retyping. I have finished my written examinations and the thesis is about to be handed in this afternoon as the final copies.

I was informed this morning that the retyping for the re-corrections will make me additional cost around $20.00 more than I fugured. But I hope that this special item will be the last one to close up our count with your office. It will be very appreciated if you can send me $20.00 at your early convenience. I must thank you again for all the help.

With best wishes, I am,

Very cordially yours,

Lincoln Dsang.

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WEST CHINA

West China Union University

May 13, 1933.

TRANSFER

Dr. Lincoln Dsang
Drew University
Madison, N. J.

My dear Dr. Dsang:

In accordance with your request of May 11th, we enclose herewith check for $20.00 to cover the additional cost of retyping your dissertation.

With all good wishes, I am

Very cordially yours,

B A GARSIDE

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August 7, 1933

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TRANSFER

President Lincoln Dsang
West China Union University
Chengtu, Szechwan, China

My dear Doctor Dsang

During the last month I have had a considerable amount of correspondence with several of the men in the New York State Education Department regarding the securing of an absolute charter for West China Union University.

I am enclosing herewith an excerpt from the regulations of the department describing the procedure to be followed by the institution desiring to replace its provisional charter by an absolute charter.

Dr. Horner has also written suggesting that in the case of our China colleges he wishes to have a somewhat more detailed statement than would be required for a university located here in New York where it could be studied at first hand by the men from Albany. Dr. Horner writes, "your application for an absolute charter in the form prescribed by the Deputy Commissioner should be accompanied for my help in making a report and recommendation by detailed exhibits dealing as comprehensively and at the same time as briefly as possible with

(1) the background and history of the University, including its legal status up to date.

(2) its property and income.

(3) trustees and faculty.

(4) student life and activities.

(5) curriculum in the several courses.

(6) enrolment.

(7) objectives.

(8) experience of graduates undertaking advanced work in other institutions in China and in the United States and other foreign lands.

While this application for the charter, together with its supporting material, will be transmitted to Albany in the name of the Board of Gov-

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ernors of West China Union University, we will need your help on the field in getting together most of the material asked for by Dr. Horner, as set forth abbve.

Item #1, the background, history, and present status of the institution, we can supply here.

Under Item #2, property and income, we can supply most of the essential facts from our Treasurer's statements, but the field will be able to add certain information, particularly as to the amount and sources of your income in China.

Under Item #3, trustees and faculty, we can supply the information relative to the trustees, but must look to the field for information as to the faculty. I believe this should include both a list of present faculty members, Western and Chinese, showing the degrees held and present position, and also a brief summary showing the total number of faculty, their division into the various professorial classes, the number holding various important degrees, such as Ph.D., M.A., M.S., B.A., B.S., M.D., etc.

Under Item #4, student life and activities, we will look to the field to provide the information you consider most suitable.

Under Item #5, curriculum in the several courses , we will also look to the field. Our latest West China catalogue for 1931-1932, issued in July 1931, will probably supply sufficiently up-to-date information at this point. Since, however, our supply of this catalogue is entirely exhausted, we would suggest that you send us a dozen additional copies of it. In addition it would be well for us to outline within a few typewritten pages the essential facts as to the curriculum in each of the colleges.

Under Item #6, enrolment, you will probably wish to use the figures for enrolment after the University gets under way this autumn. It would be helpful if you would also include enrolment statistics for the last four or five years, so as to give a basis for comparison. These enrolment statistics could well be analyzed by colleges.

As to the objectives of the University, it might be sufficient to quote the statement appearing in our Constitution under Article II. If you so desire, we might also elaborate this somewhat more fully.

The information under the last item, experience of graduates studying abroad, can best be supplied by the field. We have only a general and undefined knowledge of what the experience of our graduates in the West has been, but I am sure you will be able to supply very concrete and convincing information.

I have already written to the field regarding the matter of degrees which we will ask authority to confer.

I believe we will be able to convince the Regents that our resources are adequate to meet their minimum requirements. In our statement we will include the $300,000.00 held for us by the Harvard-Yenching Institute, which I trust will be accepted by the Regents as equivalent to endowment. The support of our cooperating Mission Boards both in cash and personnel should also be given recognition.

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I hope that it will be possible for your office, without too much extra work, to send us quite promptly this material which is so necessary for the preparation of our report and application. At best we are likely to have a rather long process ahead of us, and any delays along the line would hold us up almost interminably.

Very cordially yours

B A GARSIDE

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Excerpt from Pamphlet

"Procedure with Respect to Incorporation by the Regents"

Replacement of Provisional Charter by Absolute Charter.

When the trustees of an institution having a provisional charter are satisfied that they can offer to the Regents evidence that the institution possesses resources and equipment available for its use and support and sufficient and suitable for its chartered purposes, and maintains an organization of usefulness and character satisfactory to them, they may proceed to call and hold a meeting of the board of trustees and adopt a resolution requesting the Board of Regents to replace their provisional charter by an absolute charter, and at the same time authorize the president and secretary, on behalf of the corporation and its board of trustees, to execute a petition to be addressed to the Regents for such purpose. This petition should set forth in brief the history of the institution, the date of the granting of the provisional charter, the character of its work, its property holdings and equipment, its curriculum, the number of students registered and the qualifications of its teaching staff. The petition should be acknowledged and there should be attached as an exhibit a certified copy of the resolution adopted by its board of trustees asking for the absolute charter. There may also be attached exhibits showing in greater detail the character of the work that the institution is doing, a financial statement duly verified, and any other evidence which the institution desires to present. These papers should be submitted in quadruplicate so that they may be transmitted to the members of the committee on charters of the Board of Regents. If the evidence submitted is satisfactory,to the Regents under the provisions of section 60 of the Education Law, appropriate action will be taken by the Board of Regents on such petition.

In case degrees are sought to be conferred under the absolute charter, the application must show beyond question that the institution has resources of at least $500,000, as required by Section 61. The evidence should be very carefully prepared and submitted under the oath of the fiscal officer of the institution. There should also be submitted a very careful statement as to the courses of instruction, the members of the faculty and their qualifications, and other evidence that may satisfy the Regents tha the institution is worthy of such absolute charter.

Petitions must be in the hands of the committee on charters at least ten days before the meeting of the Board of Regents at which action is to be taken. Since all applications must be investigated and considered by the appropriate Assistant Commissioner before transmittal to the committee on charters, sufficient time should be allowed for this purpose.

The distinction between incorporation and registration should be kept in mind.

Registration means approval of a course of study for acceptance toward a university credential. A college to be registered must have a minimum productive endowment beyond all indebtedness of at least $500,000. For the purpose of registration an annual assured income, as well as a fair compensation for the actual teaching service of nonsalaried teachers, the continuation of whose services is guaranteed by a responsible organization, may be considered in determining the amount of productive income.

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August 10, 1933

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President Lincoln G. Dsang
West China Union University
Chengtu, Szechwan, China

My dear Doctor Dsang:

Mr. Garside wrote you with regard to obtaining an absolute charter from the New York State Education Department. In that letter he asked that you send to our office about twelve additional copies of the 1931-32 English Catalogue.

This morning we have received from West China one copy of your Annual Catalogue and Bulletin of General Information for 1933-34. We do not know if it is your intention to send us additional copies, but we should be very glad to have you mail to us some fifty copies of this Catalogue. So often we receive requests for information which can be answered only from an up to date Catalogue.

Very cordially yours,

Assistant Treasurer

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West China Union University

CHENGTU, WEST CHINA

Sept., 22nd., 1933.

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Mr. C.A.Evans,
Christian Colleges in China,
New York,

Dear Mr. Evans,

Your letter of August the 10th, requesting that we forward more catalogues to you has just come to hand. We are sorry but our supply of the 1931-32 copies is all used. We are sending under separate cover forty copies of the 1933-34 number. Tenty-five of these are copies of the General Catalogue while fifteen are copies of the separate catalogues of the various colleges. We hope this is satisfactory.

The request of Mr Garside for more information in preparation for the application for a complete charter from the University of the State of New York has also been received. We will give this immediate attention and forward the information when it is collected. Thus we hope to avoid unnecessary delay.

Yours sincerely,

Lincoln Evans

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Pres. Louden Dany

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West China Union University

CHENGTU, WEST CHINA

October 8th., 1933.

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To The Members of
The Board of Founders of
The West China Union University,

TRANSFER

Dear Friends,

At the meeting of the Senate of the University held on Thursday afternoon, October the Fifth, we were requested to write to you telling of the present status of the university in respect to registration with the National Government and to express to you our deepest appreciation of the continued loyal support of the Board of Founders as the university now passes definitely into a new era of its history.

Two weeks ago we received from the Provincial Bureau of Education a document, a copy of which we will enclose with this letter, informing us that our petition for registration had been granted and making certain recommendations in regard to our work. We had been waiting for some time for this document and although we had been assured from time to time that there was no doubt about the ultimate result of our request yet it was impossible for us to assume that we were registered until official word had been received and no definite steps could be taken toward altering the form of our administration.

It is not necessary for us to review in detail all the steps taken by the university and by the Board of Founders to prepare for the day when this word would come. It is true that for nearly two years we have been acting under a Board of Directors on the Field and with meetings of the General Faculty in harmony with the new constitution which had been prepared by you some years ago. These two years have been a period of tutelage and have been very valuable both to us and to the members of the Board of Directors as it has made it possible for us now to pass into our new stage easily and naturally. Up to the date of receiving the official word of registration the Senate was kept in existence and the General Faculty acted as a committee of that body while the Board of Directors assumed definite responsibility for the work necessary in preparation for registration.

In as much as we had now instituted the new machinery for the administration of the university only very infrequent meetings of the Senate were called. One was called in March 1932 when all the minutes of the Faculty up to that date were received and approved. The next meeting was held last Thursday October the eighth 1933. It was with mingled feelings that the members of the Senate gathered on that afternoon as they realized that it was the last time that they would meet as a Senate. As they thought of the history of the Senate and the many questions and problems that had been discussed and settled in that body and of

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the many members who had sat on that body in early years and planned the work of the university but who are no longer with us, feelings akin to regret continued to assert themselves. But when it was remembered that it was for this day that we had been definitely working and planning for many years feelings of rejoicing prevailed with a deep feeling of gratification that another milestone had been passed and a new ideal attained. This was to be the last meeting of the Senate and it was the Senate iteself that had been largely responsible for that fact. It is said that it is the duty of every missionary to make his presence in any particular movement unnecessary by raising up native workers to take his palce and who can do the work more efficiently. This is what the Senate had deliberately done and had now met to declare that this goal had been reached and its existence was no longer needed .

Bishop Song, the Chairman of the Senate, was present and presided at the meeting. A communication from the Board of Directors was read stating that definite word had now been received from Nanking that we were registered and also that at their last meeting they had passed a motion stating that they were reddy to sign the Contractual Statement between them and the Board of Founders and thus to assume the responsibility which registration placed upon them. The Order fron Nanking declaring that we are registered was also read. The Contractual Statement by which the Board of Directors binds itself to carry on the university in the interests for which it was founded was also read for the information of the Senate.

A brief history was then given of the preparation of the university for this significant event. It was with great care and anxiety on the part of the members of the Board of Founders and the members of the Senate that they approached the problem seven years ago. The Members of the Board at home will remember that at the meeting in Toronto in September 1928 this question first came before them in a definite form. The question seemed of such great importance and fraught with such significance that it was decided that it could not be adequately discussed in the two days at the disposal of the Board at that time and it was decided to adjourn and meetin New York one month later for the express purpose of discussing registration. This meeting was held and the result was a clear motion in favor of registering. It was then that the Board in a great act of faith and with courage born of definite belief in the leading of the Holy Spirit decided to enter into partnership with the Christian leaders in SzeChuan in this work of building up an institution of Higher learning under Christian auspices. During the next three years work on the problem was continued and at the meeting held in England in 1930 with Dr Beech present a minute was passed authorizing the Senate to take all the steps necessary in preparation. Another three years have passed during which reports and readjustments were made, all information required was sent to the government, inspections were undertaken by government representatives until they were finally satisfied that we in every way met their requirements.

It is true that in the Order sent out by the government certain recommendations are made, but these need a little explan-

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A brief history was then given of the preparation of the university for this significant event. It was with great care and anxiety on the part of the members of the Board of Trustees and the members of the Senate that they approached the problem and the members of the Board at home will remember very vividly the meeting in Toronto in September 1931 that finally set the question at rest. The question seemed to such great importance and strength with such significance that it was decided that it could not be expedited very easily discussed in the Board at that time and it was decided to adjourn the meeting now York one month later for the express purpose of discussing registration. This meeting was held and the result was a clear motion in favor of registering. It was then that the Board at a great sacrifice of its staff and with courage rose to meet the challenge of the Depression by the closing of the Model School in order to enter into partnership with the Provincial Department in Education in this work of building up an institution of Higher learning under Provincial auspices. During the next three years work on the problem was continued and at the meeting held in England in 1930 with Dr Reech present a minute was passed authorizing the Senate to take all the steps necessary to bring about the amalgamation. Another three years passed during which reports and resolutions were made. All fundamental questions were answered to the Department's satisfaction and finally we were in a position to proceed with the erection of buildings.

It is time that in the older sent out by the Government certain recommendations are made, but these need a little explanation to the university as they appear to the public. Some may be of the opinion that we have not been sufficiently careful in the matter of appointments.

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Bishop Sowl, the Chairman of the Senate, was present and presided at the meeting. A communication from the Board of Directors was read stating that definite word had been received from Mankind that we were registered and also that at their meeting held on the 22nd of November a motion stating that they were ready to sign the Contract Statement between them and the Board of Governors and thus to assume the responsibility which registration had upon them. The Older Mankind decision that we are registered was also read. The Contract Statement by which the Board of Directors binds itself to carry on the university in the interests for which it was formed has also been for the information of the Senate.

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ation. Unfortunately one of the inspectors sent by the government to investigate our institution belonged to the left wing and maintained the attitude of a critic rather than a sympathetic investigator and in his report succeeded in distorting many of the facts and gave a wrong impression. For example, he reported that attendance in religious classes was required and that religious teaching was masked under other names. He also severely criticized our Science department, probably because a certain government university teacher was not permitted to borrow apparatus from us for his own classes. When the report was sent in in this form, it was necessary for the government to recognize it and included a reference to it in their order but we do not feel that these criticisms were valid nor do we feel that any changes have to be made to conscientiously meet goverment requirements. The last recommendation that our Medical and Dental course be reduced from seven years to six has not yet been dealt with but will come before the Medical Dental College. It may be that they will feel that they cannot reduce or that more work will have to be done in each year.

A resolution was passed at the meeting of the Senate, in which we expressed our appreciation of the sympathetic attitude of the members of the Board of ########## Founders all through these years and their promise of continued support as we pass under our new constitution. The university will continue to do the same kind of work, the support of the Church at home will be needed for long years to come and we have ###### recognized and added the ever-growing constituency of sympathetic supporters on the field. The three great changes which the university was compelled to make and which we faced with some misgivings and anxiety seven years ago were the creation of a Board of Directors on the field, the appointment of a Chinese President and the making of religious work in the institution entirely voluntary on the part of the students. These changes have all been made and we are satisfied that they were all in the best interests of the institution. We have no regrets but believe that even if the government had not required them we would to-day find it necessary to make# them.

It gives us great satisfaction to know by your letters and by the minutes passed at various times that you are altogether with us and as deeply interested in the work of the university as in former years when it was at a more tender age and kept closer under the parental roof. We might say that it is now in its adolesee cent years but yet far from maturity. It was difficult for us here onn the field and in close touch with the problems of the country and its changing temper to be altogether and readily reconciled to the necessary changes so we wish as a Senate to express our deepest gratitude to the Board at home for the whole-hearted way in which they have continued their interest through these years of change and for the assurance that we have that that interest will be continued for many years to come.

This term has opened with good prospects. ########## The enrolment of students is about three hundred and fifty, nearly the same as last year and a good spirit prevails.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Lucien L. L. Wang

Isro. W. Sparling

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(Sent up Green Doings letter 10/8/33)

From the Educational Bureau of the

Province of SzeChuan.

Order number 1207.

An Order to the West China Union University.

Some time ago we appointed a representative to inspect the univeristy in reference to the place of Religion in the curriculum and other matters to which our attention had been drawn. The report was submitted to the Ministry of Education in Nanking and the following order has been received.

Order number 8741 from the Ministry of Education, Nanking " Having now a thorough knowledge of the work of the West China Union University through the reports given by inspectors sent to examine the university and learning that changes are being made in harmony with our orders and that the university is now in its main essentials in agreement with government regulations, we hereby grant registration to the said university.

"However, we submit the following recommendations to the University. The College of Science should increase its equipment and engage some more highly trained teachers in each department. Consideration should be given to improving the status of Chinese teachers on the staff. More freedom should be given to students in electing courses in religion. The university has fixed its medical course at seven years, so we would point out that our regulations are that a student with Senior Middle School graduation and pursuing a course in Medicine should study five years followed by an interne year. The University should change in harmony with this regulation.

" Forward this Order to the West China Union University with instructions that they put these recommendations into effect".

We hereby submit this order in harmony with instructions from the National Ministry Of Education.

Dated September 23rd, 1933.

Signed, Kueh Hung Lien.
Head of the first Department
of the Educational Bureau,

also

Acting Commissioner of Education
for Szechuan.

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WEST CHINA

West China Union University

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November 6, 1933

Dr. Lincoln Dsang
West China Union University
Chengtu, Szechwan, China

Dear Doctor Dsang:

Thank you for your letter of September 22nd, replying to our request for more West China catalogues. Every mail brings an allotment and it is my impression that the entire forty copies have been received.

I note that early attention will be given to the request for more information to be used in preparation for the application for a complete charter.

You will be interested to know that the Associated Boards luncheon held at the Hotel Commodore in honor of President Wu of Ginling College, Bishop Roots, and Dr. Liu of Shanghai College, turned out to be a great success. More than three hundred attended, and there was a very keen interest shown. A demand was voiced for other similar luncheons. This is the first meeting of its kind prepared by the Associated Boards, and it is especially gratifying to feel that real progress is now being made.

Very cordially yours,

CAE:RC

Assistant Treasurer

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West China Union

November 24, 1933

President Lincoln
Mr. George W. Sparling
West China Union University
Chengtu, Szechuen, China

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My dear Dr. Dsang and Mr. Sparling:

Let me acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 8th addressed to the members of our West China Board of Governors. We have had this letter mimeographed and distributed to all members of the Board and to a few others who are directly interested.

It is good news, indeed, that West China has at last completed the long and difficult process of securing this final recognition from the Ministry of Education. We realise that the task has been one requiring a tremendous amount of tact, skill and patience.

May I take this opportunity of sending to both of you, cordial greetings and good wishes for the approaching holiday season.

Very sincerely yours,

BAG:MP

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West China

January 29, 1934

President Lincoln Dsang
West China Union University
Chengtu, Szechwan, China

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My dear Dr. Dsang:

We enclose herewith a copy of the minutes of the meeting of our West China Executive Committee held on January 24th. Thirty copies are being sent you under separate cover for distribution to the Board of Directors. Since, in the absence of Dr. Anderson, I acted as the Secretary for this meeting, I will comment below on the matters which seem to require special attention on the field.

Matters Arising From Field Minutes. (a.) General policy in transmitting requests and recommendations to Governors. The Executive Committee gained the impression as it reviewed the minutes of recent months, that as yet the field has not worked out any very clear line of procedure in transmitting requests and recommendations to the Board of Governors. It is our understanding that the present organization on the field provides that all matters requiring formal consideration by the Board of Governors should come from the Board of Directors, and not from the General Faculty or other administrative groups. Where recommendations originate with the General Faculty or some of the other administrative groups, they should be transmitted first to the Board of Directors, and then by the Board of Directors to the Board of Governors. Is this in line with the understanding of the field? The Governors do not wish to require any unnecessary red-tape in handling these affairs, and of course they are anxious to cooperate with the field as fully as possible. But unless we have a clearly defined line of procedure we are almost certain to have sooner or later a confused situation in which we may find ourselves working at cross purposes, or getting into misunderstandings. Action E-1085 defines the situation as the Governors understand it. If this is not in accord with your views, please let us know.

(b). Land for Leper Hospital. The Committee noted minute #150 of the General Faculty but by action E-1086 asks the Board of Directors for information and recommendation in regard to the matter.

(c). Election of President. The Committee asked me not only to call your attention to action E-1087, but to send you in addition the warmest of personal greetings and good wishes from each member of the Committee. All of the Governors remember with great enjoyment your year with us, and all will continue to have a very friendly personal interest in you and in your work as president of the University.

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(d). Application for Charter. We were disappointed that we did not have any action from the Board of Directors on this important subject. Our friends at Albany would like to see definite action taken with re

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(d). Application for Charter. We were disappointed that we did not have any action from the Board of Directors on this important subject. Our friends at Albany would like to see difinite action taken with as little delay as possible. From minute 182 of the General Faculty, together with the detailed information supplied us by Dr. Sparling, it seems to be clearly indicated that everyone on the field is in favor of making application for an absolute charter. However, the Governors feel that it is highly desirable that the Board of Directors give their formal approval to this proposal before any final action is taken. Since the matter would probably have been deferred in any case to the Annual Meeting of the Governors which will be held in England on June 25th and 26th, this request for action by the Directors should not cause any real delay in completing this undertaking. We urge, however, that the Board of Directors - or in case it is not planning a meeting in the near future, then the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors - take definite action on this matter as promptly as possible, so that we may have their request in hand to deal with at the Annual Meeting in June.

(e). Registration of University. The Executive Committee made record of the Governors' profound satisfaction that the long process of registration has now been successfully completed. We hope that with this new recognition from the Ministry of Education, the University will be able to render an even larger service than before. The Committee noted with interest the recommendations of the Ministry of Education with reference to certain modifications in the University program. It expressed the hope that the field would keep us informed of the steps taken in line with minute #36 to put these recommendations into effect.

Memorial to Dr. Hodgkin. I am sure you are already acquainted with the plans initiated by a group of friends in Great Britain to raise five thousand pounds sterling as an endowment fund for West China in memory of Dr. Hodgkin. However, I am enclosing for your information a copy of the folder sent out by the Committee in charge of this undertaking. I understand that thus far some one thousand seven hundred pounds has been secured.

Cooperation with the Associated Boards in Promotional Work. Action ABEC-186 adopted by the Executive Committee of the Associated Boards on November 15th, 1933 was taken with a view of securing definite statements from the cooperating boards of Governors and boards of Trustees as to their promotional plans and objectives and their attitude toward cooperation in a united promotional undertaking. Practically all of the major Universities and Colleges have now taken action along lines quite similar to that of minute E-1091. We are having a meeting of our Associated Boards Promotional Committee this week to review the progress made and to go forward with other steps with the formulation of plans. Of course, no one has any expectation of undertaking in the near future any extensive or ambitious campaign to raise new money for the China Colleges. Before that can be done two things must be accomplished:- In the first place, our Colleges themselves must show somewhat more clearly that they are able to work together in a thoroughly unified program of Christian higher education. In the second place, the whole economic situation here in America must be radically improved.

However, the present does provide a very excellent opportunity for surveying the ground, and making plans to go ahead just as far and just as fast as conditions will permit.

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Dr. Lincoln Dsang 1/29/34

We are particularly anxious to have the judgment of the field on the list of financial objectives given in action E-1091. The first part of this tabulation, Immediate Current NSeds, is based on our estimate of what additional income is necessary to keep the present program of the University going ahead during the next three years. The second part of this tabulation, showing the Capital Requirements to be met during the next five years is based on the estimates shown in the Correlated Progras as adopted by the Council of Higher Education in January 1930. It is quite possible, however, that the field may wish some modification made in some of the items set forth in this action. If so, will you please send us detailed recommendations as to changes together with an explanatory statement as to the necessity for such change, in time for us to bring the matter before the Annual Meeting of the Trustees on June 25th. Meantime, we will use action E-1091 as a tentative basis on which to go forward in cooperation with the other Colleges.

Financial Matters. All of these are self-explanatory, and do not require any extended comments. I am enclosing a copy of the Treasurer's report, and I am sending a few additional copies with the set of minutes being mailed under separate cover. I am also writing to Mr. Main with reference to Action E-1094. We would welcome any comments and recommendations the field may wish to make on this question of the investment of funds of the Board of Governors now held in China. These funds, like all the resources held by the Governers, or for the benefit of West China Union University, are the sole responsibility of the Governors to administer as wisely as possible.

Annual Meeting. Undoubtedly you have already received information as to the general plans for the Annual Meeting in England on June 25th. Sir Michael Sadler has very kindly arranged to have the Board Meeting at Oxford. I hope that we can count on having Mr. Fong with us, and possibly others from the University as well. Will you see that all matters requiring the Governors' attention this year are in our hands in time to permit adequate preparation for the meeting? I presume that Mr. Silcock will be the Secretary directly responsible for the meeting, so material can best be sent to him. However, on the matters I have discussed above where the Executive Committee has asked for specific information it would be well for you to send our office a copy at least of any actions taken or information supplied.

With all good wishes, I am

Very cordially yours,

B A GARSIDE

BAG:MP

Copies to

Dr. Anderson
Dr. Joseph Beech
Mr. W; B. Albertson

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Mr. Garside

WEST CHINA UNION UNIVERSITY

May 26, 1934

H. T. Silcock, Esq.
Secy., Board of Governors
China House, 91 Gower St.
London, W.C.I.



Dear Sir:

I am requested by the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of West China Union University to make a brief report to you of recent happenings here.

We have been favored with many distinguished visitors recently. The University has been favored in being permitted to welcome the China Scientific Association, the Provincial Conference on Szechuan Productions, The Engineer's Association, the Journalists Party and most recently the visiting Bankers' Association.

Our first Chair endowed by Chinese supporters is now an accomplished fact. We have not yet decided what the Chair shall be but the funds have been provided by officials and professional friends in Chungking.

Mr. Chang Kai-ngao, prospective manager of the Bank of China, member of our Board of Directors, is suggested as representative to the Board of Governors. We should like your approval of this.

The registration of the University with the Nanking Government is an accomplished fact and the papers have all come through stamped and in good order. We are delighted at the successful conclusion of this long struggle.

The Union Hospital project for the University is a very live issue. We hope that you will use your influence among the participating Missions to bring about this union.

The dormitory accommodations of the University and Middle School, while much improved over past years, are still quite inadequate. We trust that you will move among the Missions and press for the improvement and addition of dormitory space, otherwise our work will be seriously curtailed. At present we are overcrowded and cannot take additional new students that apply to us and whom we need to assist in the better running of our school. Thank you for much needed help in this project.

Our finances are tight in China in common with the rest of the world. For this reason we cannot do all that we would like. But we have reason to believe that conditions are becoming gradually better in the financing of our Christian educational work.

Please accept our thanks for all your help and splendid cooperation. Depend upon it that we at this end will do our utmost to cooperate with you in dispensing wisely the funds we receive and in maintaining an institution here worthy of the sacrifice and faith already invested in the enterprise.

Very sincerely yours,

/S/ C. T. SONG - Chairman of the Board
/S/ LINCOLN DSANG - Pres. of the University
/S/ S. C. YANG - Chairman of the Executive

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WEST CHINA UNION UNIVERSITY

Chengtu, West China
May 27th, 1934.

The Board of Governors
West China Union University

Dear Sirs:

One year has nearly gone since I came back to the University. Sorry that due to the crowded days and busy work I have not yet been able to write you about the University and myself. But you may already have heard some of the news through other friends.

I really intended to write this letter a long time ago, but the situation did not permit me to do it. On the one hand my quiet times have always been disturbed by all sorts of affairs, and on the other the lack of an English secretary is quite a discouragement to keeping up my foreign correspondence. However, I have never forgotten you, friends, in my thinking and prayers.

The University has had a very prosperous year, and is gaining quite a good name throughout the country. This is due to such things as the visits and publicity of the Science Society of China, of the party of leading newspaper men from Shanghai, Nanking and Tientsin, of the representatives of the Ministry of Education of Nanking, of the Engineering Group of the Government, of the representatives of the local board of education of all the districts, and of thousands of other visitors. They all give very fine compliments both to our campus and equipment and to the good spirit of our students and faculty. The local community is now very friendly and helpful, especially the government officials. It is quite an encouragement to me. Registration helps/a lot, and makes all the students and outsiders pay more respect to our University. It might make a new page in the history of this institution. Please, friends, pray for us and direct us all the time, so that during such a transition period we can carry on this institution in the light of Him and for real service to the people.

The appreciation of the local people of our University is shown by some special contributions given by some Chinese people. Ten scholarships are given by Mr. Ko Su-Gao, and one is offered by Dr. Shiao, one of our own medical graduates, each year right through the school period. A chair in the department of Sociology has been endowed by a friend in the Bank of China. These things are only a beginning, but under present conditions in China, they are very significant. This appreciation, together with the increase of students, indicates a great future for our University.

Within the school both the students and the faculty members are very loyal and cooperative. Owing to the fact that during the period of financial depression some of our foreign faculty members were withdrawn, we cannot offer as many courses as we ought to. But the students are so loyal that without complaining they just go ahead with more self-study. This is why I have to teach too in order to help out the situation. The only trouble

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to us is that the University has grown very rapidly, especially during this year, and it makes it too hard to keep in step with it.

But it seems to me unfair not to inform you of the difficulties we have at present.

First, the instability of our teaching staff. Because of the depression some of the missionary teaching staff have been withdrawn. With our very limited budget we cannot have these vacancies filled and so we cannot offer as many courses as we ought to have, and cannot help but over-burden our teaching staff. From Hankow westward to Tibet our University seems the only college people consider as safe and worthwhile to send their boys and girls to study. So we can hardly ignore our responsibility for the future of the youth of this vast area.

Second, the lack of accommodation. One can hardly believe that within this one province there are over three hundred middle schools. Each year they turn out so many graduates that they have very little chance to get into college, for besides our University there is only one government university in this area. Each year we have to refuse many good students just because we are lacking in accommodation. So we have to build more dormitories for the college grade students in order to save the situation.

Third, the lack of administrative staff. Since Mr. Fong went to England to study, we have not even a Dean of Studies. According to government regulations, we must have someone in charge of student discipline, but owing to our lack of staff we cannot afford to have anyone. All these duties naturally fall back upon my office, and I have to undertake them in order to save the situation. For a long time we have found it is very desirable to have an English secretary to assist our offices with English correspondence, with publicity and with other work. But due to our limited budget we have not yet been able to secure such a secretary. Especially this year we need such help very badly, because we have to do something along lines of University publicity both in China and abroad. This is the very reason you friends find that we are always so slow in keeping up our foreign correspondence. I myself feel quite ashamed that I have not written a single letter abroad since I got back. But lack of such assistance is the main reason. Since our University has been registered with the government, and because so many visitors are coming here, the institution is now "on the map", so to speak. From every side we hear good compliments. But it makes us, especially my office, so busy that we can hardly get on without special help.

Fourth, the living standard in China has gone so high that with the present salary scale our Chinese teaching staff can hardly get by with their home and social expenses. Before I got back last year it was already a very serious problem. Later on we got our teachers to see our difficulties. They quite appreciate the situation and still work as loyally and faithfully as ever. But we have to do something for them in order to release them from the financial worries. We are trying hard to get some help from the local people and government, but we do not know yet whether or when it will be realized.

However, despite all these difficulties, the prospects for the future of this institution are still bright. Recently I received word from friends in the Ministry of Education at Nanking that the government is now con-

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sidering some plan to help out the private institutions during the depression period, if they do good work. According to the word from my friends there, they consider our University as one of the best. We do hope that after this destructive period, and when our government gets more strong and stable, there will be a great future for this institution in which it will be able to make its own distinctive contribution to our people.

Personally I have to thank you all for the assistance to me when I was in America. My study in America means much to my present office. It assists me very well both in teaching and in administration. It gives me necessary prestige to meet both inside and outside problems. This is the very thing our University has to do in order to train its own staff as other Christian universities do down river. Only the good Christian teaching staff can offer ideal education to the youth of China at present. I hope that all of you friends will keep your eyes on this and will seize every opportunity to attain this purpose.

Next year will be the twenty-fifth anniversary of our University. We plan to celebrate it with a large publicity program designed to make the people understand our work and to give us some help. We do hope that the Board of Governors can have representatives come to join us in the celebration. It will surely give us some encouragement. The way to ask the local people to help us seems open now and we have to make more contacts with them.

Another thing which I should have told you before is that since I got back last year the Board of Directors and the Alumni members have been very cooperative and friendly. I just try to keep my Christian attitude toward them and make them see clearly what things we should do, and make them responsible for doing them. They should keep on in such a fine spirit since there is no misunderstanding between the University and them. I will try to make things we do inside open to them, if possible, and so to cast away all misunderstandings and suspicions. May God's blessings be upon this institution and its products.

Sorry that I have to write you in such a crude way, but I cannot help it. I hope you will excuse my poor English writing. I fear that I may not express my ideas well and clearly. But I hope that you can understand them better than I can express, as when I was in America people often told me that they understand me better than I could express my thoughts.

May God bless you with a very successful meeting, and with a joyous year in all your work for Him. Please give us your directions and instructions at all times.

With my best wishes and kindest regards,

Yours faithfully,

/S/ LINCOLN DSANG

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June 4, 1934

President Lincoln Dsang
West China Union University
Chengtu, Szechwan, China

My dear Dr. Dsang:

We enclose herewith the first number of our Associated Boards News Bulletin "The China Colleges." Under separate cover we are sending you about a dozen copies for distribution to your West China staff or for any other use you may find.

We are extremely anxious that the administrative officers and faculty members of all our China Colleges will take an active part in the publicity being produced by the Associated Boards and will supply us with interesting material.

This first number of "The China Colleges" is necessarily very general in nature, since it is our first introduction to many of those on our mailing lists. Also we have had to prepare it without any very large amount of material from which we could draw. We earnestly hope that when we start to assemble material for future numbers, we will have an adequate supply from each of our Colleges and Universities. We want material that is full of human interest, and at the same time will serve to give a clear picture of what these institutions are actually accomplishing. We must have concrete facts, and must be able to describe definite illustrations of the service we are rendering if we are ever to give our North American constituency a clear picture of what these Colleges are doing. Nearly all those who have commented on the first number of this publication have agreed that the article "Cooperation - and Its Practical Results" on the second column of page four is the most interesting and attractive feature of this number.

Our tentative planis to issue this publication in September, December, March and June, though we may vary this schedule after we have experimented with it a little further. You will just about have time to send us material which you may have available, or can prepare promptly, for inclusion in the second number. This will go to the printer about August 15th. You will have ample time for planning and preparing material for future numbers. It is understood, of course, that with all ten of the participating institutions being invited to submit material we will be able to select only a small part of what is sent us. We will try always to choos material that will emphasize both concrete accomplishment and the growing degree of cooperation among our China Colleges.

Very cordially yours,

B A GARSIDE

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Copy for Dr. Beech

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July 27, 1934

President Lincoln Dsang
Dr. Joseph Beech
West China Union University
Chengtu, Szechwuan, China

Dear Dr. Dsang and Dr. Beech:

In this same mail we are sending to each of you under separate cover a copy of the following material:-

Minutes of Annual Meeting of the Board of Governors.
Minutes of June 25th meeting of Executive Committee.
Minutes of Business Meeting of the Board of Trustees.
By-laws of Board of Governors, with amendments to date.
~~Constitution of Board of Governors~~ omitted
Reports of President and Directors dated May 26 and 27.

Under separate cover we are also sending to the field thirty copies of the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Board of Governors.

I believe that there is not much that needs to be added in the way of comment, since the minutes are quite extensive and detailed.

It may be said in general that we had an unusually pleasant and profitable meeting. Our surroundings at University College, Oxford, were ideal, both from the standpoint of personal enjoyment and from the encouragement they gave to careful and unhurried study of the problems confronting us. The attendance from the British Section was very gratifying, and the interest shown by those present was even more pleasing. Our representation from North America was somewhat disappointing, because at the last minute neither Dr. Edwards nor Mr. Cartwright could attend to represent the Methodists, and because all of our efforts to secure some woman representative were unsuccessful. The arrangement of having a joint meeting between the British United Committee and the Associated Boards on the day after the West China meeting, followed on the next day by a meeting of the Cheelee Governors, helped us to secure and hold a good attendance.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

These minutes are quite brief and do not require any special comment.

MEETING OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES

This, as you know, is a pro forma meeting held merely in accordance with requirements of our charter.

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ANNUAL MEETING OF BOARD OF GOVERNORS

G-1116. Correspondence. A letter from the Society of Friends led to a very careful discussion. It, together with the communication from Dr. Edwards, reminded us of the serious problems involved in our efforts to maintain at as high a level as possible the support of our cooperative Mission Boards. With tremendous decreases in income, it is practically impossible for any of our Mission Boards to avoid substantial cuts in each of the appropriations they make.

G-1117. Report of the University. The Chancellor's report was given very careful and detailed study, and was referred to constantly throughout the meeting as various items on the agenda were brought up. The report of the Woman's College was also reviewed carefully.

G-1119. Absolute Charter. You will notice the action taken under this head. We are now preparing our petition for presentation to the Regents of the University of the State of New York. Similar applications are also being sent in for Nanking, Fukien and Ginling.

G-1121, 22. Investment of Funds Held in China. This matter was discussed at some length. You will note the action taken referring it to the Finance Committee for further study.

G-1123. Amendment to Directors' Constitution. This was adopted as recommended by the field.

G-1124, 25. Representation of Governors on Board of Directors. You will note the action confirming the appointment of Mr. Chang as a representative of the Governors on the Board of Directors. Action G-1125 is a very important one, and we commend it to you for careful study. After a prolonged discussion, the Governors recorded their judgment that at least one of its two representatives on the Board of Directors should be an individual who can be a real link between the Governors and the Directors, and can at least occasionally attend meetings of the Governors. In adopting this resolution the Governors were not thinking so much in terms of nationality as of ability to keep in close touch with what the Governors are doing and thinking. It would be not only an anomalous situation, but also a most unfortunate one, to have men serving on the Board of Directors who are nominally representatives of the Board of Governors, but who, as a matter of fact, know absolutely nothing about the Governors, their trends of thought, or their views as to policy. This would seem to indicate that we would probably choose some Westerner as one of the Governors' two representatives, since it is more likely that a Westerner could keep in close touch with the Board of Governors and could attend meetings at least occasionally. This, however, is a matter that deserves further study and correspondence.

G-1128, 1136. Request for English Secretary. I believe that all those present were in complete agreement as to the urgency of this need. The only problem is that of finding the necessary support. At this time of economic difficulty, any need that is classified as being outside the regular and fully recognized expenditures is almost certain to be left unsupported because of inadequate funds. That is what has happened thus far to this request for an English secretary. Action G-1136 is left in such a way that the Executive Committee can reopen the question if any special income can be secured. Personally, I hope very much that we can provide a secretary for the University, for it is wretchedly burdensome

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for all of our administrative officers to try to carry on without any adequate secretarial assistance.

G-1130. Report of Treasurer. You will note the steps taken to clear the very substantial deficit with which we closed the year.

G-1131. Henry T. Hodgkin Memorial. The special committee created by the resolution in this minute will undoubtedly be corresponding with you direct with reference to this matter.

G-1135. Budget Estimates. The Governors were very anxious to appropriate in full the amount requested by the field. When they examined their sources of anticipated income, they found that something more than U.S.$2,000. would be needed to do this. It was a very courageous act of faith on their part to appropriate the entire amount requested by the field. As yet we do not know just where we can get the U.S.$2,266. still required (this might quite probably be increased by other losses in income during the year), but I believe we can rely on the Governors to exert every effort to raise the money without having to fall back on the small reserve fund that we have been building up in New York over a considerable period of time.

G-1137. Clinical Hospital. I trust that this resolution meets the wishes of the field. It is, of course, only a first step, something like the old recipe for rabbit stew that began by saying: "first catch your rabbit." Just where we are to catch the L.C.$240,000 estimated as necessary for the first three units of the original hospital is a question I cannot answer. The Benjamin Moore fund supplies us with a little more than 20% of the amount. What about the remaining 80%? Of course if there is any thought of trying to secure any substantial part of this sum from North American sources, we should go to the Associated Boards and ask its endorsement and assistance.

G-1139. Correlated Program. The Governors expressed very sincere appreciation of the interest taken by the Associated Boards in the financial problems of West China and voiced the hope that during the coming year we might be successful in securing the amounts indicated in Action AB-295. We all recognize, however, that if any funds are to be secured, that the representatives of each institution must do their share.

REPORTS OF PRESIDENT AND DIRECTORS

Unfortunately, these did not arrive in time for consideration by the annual meeting. I believe, however, that we did give very careful and sympathetic study to all the problems presented in these documents. While we would have profited greatly by having this material before us, I believe that the Governors could not have made any very important changes in their actions. We are sending copies of these two reports to all of the Governors, and they can be brought officially before the next meeting of the Executive Committee if that seems desirable.

I am writing a separate letter to Mr. Albertson with reference to our budget estimates for 1934-35.

Very cordially yours,

B A GARSIDE

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January 7, 1935

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Dr. Lincoln Dsang
Dr. Joseph Beech
West China Union University
Chengtu, Szechwan, China

My dear Dr. Dsang and Dr. Beech:

We attach hereto a copy of the absolute charter of West China Union University as granted by the University of the State of New York.

Although the charter was actually granted on October 18th, 1934, the engrossed copy of it was not sent us until some weeks afterward.

We are very much pleased that the University was given authority to confer the degrees of Doctor of Medicine and Doctor of Dental Surgery as well as the degrees of Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science.

Very cordially yours,

B A GARSIDE

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UNIVERSITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

Absolute Charter of

W E S T C H I N A U N I O N U N I V E R S I T Y

THIS INSTRUMENT WITNESSETH That the Regents of the University of the State of New York being satisfied that the required conditions have been met, have granted to West China Union University, located at Chengtu, in the province of Szechuan, China, provisionally incorporated on May 25, 1922, this absolute charter to replace its provisional charter, with power to confer the degrees of Bachelor of Arts (B.A.), Bachelor of Science (B.S.), Doctor of Medicine (M.D.), and Doctor of Dental Surgery (D.D.S), in conformity with the rules of the Regents of the University and the regulations of the Commissioner of Education for the registration of institutions of higher education; and have continued the said corporation with all its powers, privileges and duties.

GRANTED October 18, 1934 by the Regents of the University of the State of New York executed under their seal and recorded in their office. Number 4246

S E A L

James Byrne

Chancellor

Frank P. Graves

President of the University
and
Commissioner of Education

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

West China Union University

CHENGTU, WEST CHINA

January 29th, 1935.

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My dear Mr. Garside:

A quite few times I intended to write you, but due to the rushing and my sickness last Summer I failed to do it. Trust that you and all your family members are well.

Perhaps it does not need me to write you any more about our university since it is informed in the reports of Dr. Sparling. Generally I may say that since I came back to West China this institution has come to a very picular period, both of interest and difficulties. As you know that Mr. Fong left here for England before I came back to China and so I have to take some of his office works, as Dean of Studies, besides my own. During the time of depression and shrotage of staff it is most difficult to move the machinary go. We must thank God that under His guidance we have passed this difficult time without much hurt. You may be interested to hear that the reputation of our university has been growing very rapidly and nearly all throughout this country people knows it and seems quite appreciate its works. Students have been drawn to this institution from over ten provinces and quite a few foreign countries have snet their students here for dentistry. There is practically no opposition to our university, both from the Government and the people, except a few of our own graduates. Of course, you may remember that it is due to the dissatisfaction to their askings. Fro this point we never pay any attention to them, but do our nest for the works and young people of His Kingdom.

Personally I have a very hard time in this year and a half. Partly it is because of the difficulties of the university, and prtly because of my own illness. For quite a few months I have had the trouble of amoeba which cost me a great deal of trouble. During last Summer I was very ill that I nearly could not carry on my works. But I must thank God that it is now cured and My health has been recovered. All my family is well too. Inspide of all the difficulties, the work in the university is rather more interesting. The cooperative spirit of the staff and the students is still vivid and they understnad the difficulties of the university and work with us together nicely. They all take me as one of their own family members and it makes me feel very satisfied. If we can secure more help for my other works I would be able to write you oftener

Expecting to get some help from the Government financially I applied to it last term for ~~some financial help~~, as I heard from my firned near Nanking that there might be some chance for it. It is fortunately that we have some firneds in the Board of Education and so it helps us a lot to get a special grant of twenty tousands dollars this year. When I made this

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application I had it in mind that it may give us some help to wards the solution of the increase of the salaries of our Chine teachers as it is stated in the letter we send you by another mail. But because the grant has been specifically stipulated, it is impossible to reallot it. We have tried to reallot a certain part of the grant for some purpose of the dental dept., but it was turn down.

When I applied for help from the government we did not expect anything for the Chinese dept. as it can get along alright. But hearing that it might have some duction of the Harver Yenching fund this year, so we made some application for it so to appeal the government with the shortage of income as it is one of their conditions for application. Among all the askings only three departments have been granted with special help--Chinese deartment, Dental Dept., and Farmacy. This leave us a big whole, as we can not have any help for the salaries of the teachers which is the most urgent problem to us now. As stated in the letter to you by four of us, we have to do something for the Chinese teachers this year. On one hand they have never been paid with adquade salaries from the beginning, and on the other the living standard of recent years have been much higher than years ago. From my own experience, I sincerely know their difficulties. But they have been so nice and loyal and never make any trouble to us at all. This year, with all the financial difficulties, they can not get along any more. Some of them even get rather decouraged and want to find ther own way to overcome it. But it will make the university to lose the best ones. So we, both the Board of Direstors and the Administrative Offices, write you and want you to negotiate with the Board of Trusttee of Harver-Yenching Fund and see if they can let us use one half of the Government grant to the Harver-Yenching department for the general help of the Chinese teachers. This does not hurt the works we plan for this year so far as works under the aspices of Harver-Yenching Fund as we anticipate some deduction from it this year. So we would be glad to ask you to help us out to forward our asking to the Board of Trusttee with the expectatinn of favourable consideratinn. Of course, it is just for this year tomeet some emergent case, and not as a presidence. Hope you can wire us if they agree to it.

The communistic trouble is getting worse and we do have been disturbed. But know it is better as the Central Government is taken care of it and sent us quite a help with both soldiers and money. The university works are not effected by the communistic troubles, and we finished this term quietly last week. Please my best wishes to Mrs. Garside and your daughter.

With my kindest regards,

Cordially yours, Lucas Dsang

P. S.--I hope you can make use of the Chinese suit which I asked my friend to turn over to you and make it the souvenir of our friendship.

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West China Union University

March 8, 1935

President Lincoln Dsang
West China Union University
Chengtu, West China

My dear Dr. Dsang:

Let me acknowledge receipt of letters from West China under dates of January 19 and January 29, 1935. The letter of January 19th is signed by Mr. Yang, yourself, Mr. Sparling and Dr. Beech. It contains a request to the Harvard-Yenching Institute for permission to use $2,000 of the Harvard-Yenching Institute grant this year for general salary increases, due to the fact that a part of the grant from the Chinese Government is allocated to your work in Chinese studies, and so gives a larger amount in that department than is immediately necessary. We have transmitted this request to the officers of the Institute, and hope that they will be able to give it their approval. We will write you again as soon as we have any further word.

We have been very much concerned to learn of your ill health during the past year, and rejoice to know that you have now recovered. We trust that your recovery has been complete and permanent.

We are certainly delighted at the way in which the Chinese Government has this year made contributions to the support of all our Christian colleges. In some places we would have preferred that funds had been allocated without such rigid designations, but this is a relatively small matter. I hope we will not have any difficulty or serious delay in securing the Harvard-Yenching Institute's approval of the request you make them and we will be glad to cable you as soon as they reach a decision.

During recent months we have been watching with concern the movement of Communistic influences toward West China. We hope and pray that this added threat of danger will soon disappear.

It is too bad that, in addition to your ill health, you have been so weighted down by having to add the responsibilities of others to your own program of duties. I have long wished very much

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that we could in some way secure the funds necessary to provide the University with more competent secretarial assistance, but with the income of the Board of Governors still declining, it has been impossible to secure the additional funds necessary. Perhaps during the coming year something may be accomplished along these lines.

The promotional work of our Associated Boards has been getting under way during recent months. While the progress has necessarily been slow at first, I hope that we have been making a genuine advance. The wide-spread increase of interest in this unified effort of the group of China Colleges has been very gratifying, but as yet we have not gone very far in the securing of actual cash. This must be a more gradual growth. It has been very helpful indeed to have three of our Chinese Presidents in America to help us this year - Dr. Francis Wei, Mr. C.J.Lin, and Miss Lucy Wang. President Lin in particular has been giving unstintingly of his time and abilities and has rendered a splendid service. We miss you greatly, and wish that we had had you here during the past six months to help us with these initial promotional activities.

I must confess that I did not quite understand until I received this letter from you just what you had in mind in leaving that very fine Chinese costume behind when you returned to China. I believe it was delivered to the office here when I was away, and I gained the impression that you wished to have us hold it here until you could give us further instructions with regard to it. I appreciate more than I can express your desire to present it to me "as a souvenir of our friendship", though I have a sincere sense of my own unworthiness, either of deserving such a beautiful present, or of wearing it with the same distinction you always gave it. Both Mr. Evans and I will be happy to use the costume whenever occasion offers, but I hardly think we will have it completely worn out before the date when your next sabbatical leave in America is due. We count on having you with us again before many years pass.

Mrs. Garside and all the members of our family will wish to join with me in sending the warmest of greetings and good wishes to Mrs. Dsang, yourself and all the members of your family.

Very cordially yours,

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June 27, 1935

President Lincoln Dsang
West China Union University
Chengtu, Szechwan, China

My dear President Dsang:

In Januxry of this year we sent to West China a supply of blanks for making your annual statistical report as of June 30th, 1935 to the New York State Education Department. I am, however, enclosing duplicate blanks herewith for your use in case the earlier supply may have been lost en route.

We hope that by the time these blanks reach you your report for this year will already be on its way, or at least that you will be able to get it started within a few days thereafter. You will note that the form for 1935 is somewhat different from the on previously supplied by the Department. If you have already sent in your report on the forms previously supplied to you, those should be acceptable to the Department for this year, or if necessary, we will endeavor to fill out the revised form here in New York on the basis of the information you send us. If the old forms have not been filled out we would suggest that you use these new ones. I have written repeatedly to our friends at Albany recommending that they send us a new supply of forms early in May each year so that we can get these out to the field in time for you to receive them and prepare your report before the end of June. But apparently their office routine is so organized that it is impossible for them to make a special mailing of these forms for us before their regular supply goes out about the middle of June.

Very cordially yours,

B A GARSIDE

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

West China Union University

CHENGTU, WEST CHINA

June 27th, I935.

Mr. B. A. Garside,
Ninth Floor,
I50 Fifth Avenue,
New York City,
N. Y.,U. S. A.

My dear Mr. Garside;

I take a great pleasure to introduce to you my friends, Mrof. Hp Wen-juin and Miss Florence Peng, his fiancee. Both Prof. Ho and Miss Peng are on our staff and graduates from our university.

They are just on their way to Canada for Post-graduate study in Toronto University. Being friend with them for years I would like to introduce them to you and say that any assistance youcan give them during their visit to America would be highly apprefiated and deemed as a personal favour.

With best wishes and kindest regards to you and Mrs. Garside and your family.

Very cordially yours,

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August 28, 1935

President Lincoln Dsang
Dr. Joseph Beech
Mr. W. B. Albertson
West China Union University
Chengtu, China

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Dear Friends:

We attach herewith a copy of the report of the Treasurer of the West China Board of Governors for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1935. This report will be presented formally to the Governors at the annual meeting to be held early in October.

I trust that the report is sufficiently clear so that no extensive comments are necessary. You will note that both the market value and the income on our endowment securities increased during the year. This favorable tendency was, however, counter-balanced by a further decline in income from our cooperating Mission Boards. The net result was a decrease in our income for 1934-35 as compared to 1933-34. We had to draw $2084.78 from our permanent reserve fund to balance the accounts for the year.

It is impossible to give an accurate statement as to just how we stand at the close of this year, because of the "accounts payable" and the "accounts receivable" which must still be cleared with the field, not only for 1934-35 but also for 1933-34. We have already called your attention to those outstanding accounts and have asked your assistance in clearing them from our records.

We hope that the coming year will bring us more substantial progress in the direction of more normal conditions.

Very cordially yours,

B A GARSIDE

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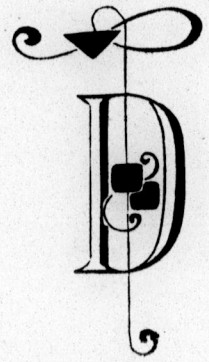
With Kind Thoughts and all Good Wishes
for Christmas and the New Year

Rev. & Mrs. Lincoln Dsang and Family.

Union University
Chengtu, West China

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October 3, 1935

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Dr. Lincoln L. G. Dsang
Dr. Joseph Beech
West China Union University
Chengtu, Szechwan, China

Dear Friends:

I am enclosing herewith the minutes of the meeting of the Committee on Finance, Property & Investment held September 23rd.

The principal purpose of this gathering was to discuss the funds held in China, and the outcome is clearly shown in the minutes.

You have received the treasurer's report for the fiscal year ending June 30th, as same was sent to the field some time ago.

The budget for 1935-36 was considered at some length. General approval was given to the recommended budget received from China, and it was passed on to the Board of Governors for final action. This meeting is to be held on October 8th and 9th at Crozer Theological Seminary. Immediately thereafter you will be advised as to the action on the budget.

With cordial good wishes, I remain,

Very sincerely yours,

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WEST CHINA

October 21, 1935

President Lincoln Dsang
Dr. Joseph Beech
Mr. W. B. Albertson

Dear Friends:

We attach hereto a copy of the minutes of the annual meeting of our West China Governors held on October 8th and 9th.

I will probably not have time before the China mail closes this afternoon to write you a covering letter to accompany these minutes. I will, however, get off some comments by air mail within the next day or two so as to catch the steamer for which the regular mail closes today.

Very cordially yours,

B A GARSIDE

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October 23, 1935 air mail

President Lincoln Dsang
West China Union University
Chengtu, Szechwan, China

My dear Dr. Dsang:

We have already sent you in the regular China mail copies of the minutes of the meetings of our West China Executive Committee and Board of Governors held in Chester on October 8th and 9th. I did not however have time to get these supplementary comments in the regular mail, so I am sending them along by air mail to catch the same steamer.

Dr, Anderson, as the Secretary of the Board of Governors will be writing to yo officially, and I need not do more than make a few informal comments on the discussion and actions of the Board.

Absolute Charter. I am afraid we have been somewhat negligent about pointing out both to the field and to the Governors the fact that under the absolute charter the conferring of diplomas and degrees now becomes the sole responsibility of West China Union University and need no longer be referred to the Board of Regents of the University of the State of New York. We should have written the field immediately after the charter was granted asking you for suggestions as to the policy to be followed, so that we could have had the suggestions to lay before this meeting of the Governors. In practically every case where absolute charters have been granted to our Christian universities in China the responsibility for issuing diplomas and granting degrees has been delegated to the Boards of Directors on the field. I presume this is the procedure we should follow in West China. You will note that by action G-1177 the Governors expressed general approval of this policy, and left the formulation of details in the hands of the Executive Committee in consultation with the field.

Appointment of English Secretary. We all are very happy that the Board of Governors was able to make very definite progress toward the appointment of Miss Marjorie Robertson as the English secretary of the University. We hope that the British friends of the institution will be able to provide her outfit allowance and outgoing travel, so that she can start for Chengtu in the near future. We all hope that her presence will prove of tremendous assistance to all of the administrative officers of the University.

We have been glad to learn from preliminary reports coming from China that West China seems to have begun this year in good style. We hope that

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the work will continue to go forward in a prosperous way and that we will not be seriously disturbed by any of the numerous threats of trouble which have so long lain along the Szechwan horizon. With warmest personal regards, and all good wishes, I am

Very cordially yours,

B A GARSIDE

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cc to Dr. Anderson.

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Copies of letter for

Dr. Anderson
Mr. Albertson

WEST CHINA

January 13, 1936

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President Lincoln Dsang
Dr. Joseph Beech

My dear Dr. Dsang and Dr. Beech:

I attach hereto a copy of the minutes of the meeting of our West China Executive Committee held on January 7th. Dr. Anderson will undoubtedly be writing to you with regard to the matters dealt with by the Committee, so I will confine my own comments to a few items with which our New York office has some special relationship.

E-1201 (c). Transfer of Endowment Reserves to New York. You will note that the Executive Committee has given the necessary instructions to carry out action G-1184 of the Board of Governors directing that the endowment reserve funds now held in Shanghai be transferred to America for investment under the supervision of the Board of Governors. We are writing to Mr. Main today requesting that he transfer these funds as soon as the present periods for which they have been deposited come to an end. This will mean the transfer of these funds at varying dates between March and May. I am sending Mr. Albertson a copy of the letter we are writing Mr. Main on this subject.

We are sorry that the present exchange situation is not as favorable as it was last year, but of course it is impossible to determine whether we might not lose rather than gain, if the matter is delayed any longer.

E-1201 (i). Contractual Statement. We have gotten into difficulties not only on the contractual statement, but also on the Constitution and By-Laws of the Board of Governors because of the fact that during 1930-31-32 when the revision of the organization of West China Union University was under consideration, we did not take the final action of approval by the Board of Governors necessary to make these documents operative. The Committee appointed under this resolution will have to get busy immediately if we are to clear off these questions in time for the Annual Meeting of the Board of Governors early in May.

Plans of Dr. Beech. We have not had any recent word from Dr. Bech as to his plans, but sincerely hope that he will be coming to America during the spring.

Very cordially yours,

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Dr. Lincoln Dsang
Dr. Joseph Beech
West China Union University
Chengtu, Szechwan, China

See "Minutes" 4/17/36

My dear Dr. Dsang and Dr. Beech:

We enclose herewith a copy of the minutes of the meeting of our West China Governors Committee on Revision of Constitution and Contractual Statement held a few days ago. You will note that this is a continuation of the long-drawn-out process we began while Dr. Beech was here in 1930-31 and which was never finally completed. As matters now stand, the Governors have not actually approved either the Constitution of the Board of Governors, the Constitution of the Board of Directors, or the Contractual Statement between the Governors and the Directors. This is a matter we must, if at all possible, try to close up at the Annual Meeting of the Board in the autumn of this year.

Constitution of the Board of Governors. Apparently no changes are necessary here, except one or two very unimportant changes in phraseology.

Constitution of Board of Directors. Dr. Beech will no doubt remember that early in 1931 the Church Missionary Society suggested a number of changes in the Constitution of the Board of Directors. The Committee we then had working on the revision of these documents discussed these changes with Dr. Beech, and he made certain suggestions as to modifications in the Directors' Constitution to meet the points raised by the Church Missionary Society. I believe, however, that these suggestions were never formally transmitted to the field; and, so far as we know, none of them have been embodied in the Directors' Constitution. The latest copy of the Directors' Constitution we have in our files here is the form passed by the Senate at Chengtu on May 8th, 1930 and amended by the Governors' Executive Committee on October 23rd, 1930. Since then one further amendment has been approved by the Board of Governors, at the Annual Meeting on June 25, 26, 1934, revising the composition of the Board of Directors.

We all recognize the fact that the Constitution of the Directors was one of the documents submitted to the Ministry of Education at the time the University was registered. We assume therefore that any substantial changes in this Constitution would have to be represented to the Ministry for their examination and approval. No one here has any desire that this be done. It may, however, be in order for the Directors to make minor changes in the Constitution without the necessity of resubmission. With this in mind our Committee on Revision has suggested three changes, all of them in line with the recommendations made by Dr. Beech in 1931. Since these suggestions have

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not yet been formally acted upon by our West China Executive Committee, they are not yet in shape for final action on the field. We are at this time only calling them to your attention informally for any comments and suggestions you may have to make.

Contractual Statement. When we examined the Contractual Statement carefully we found that a number of changes - some involving a change in meaning and others merely technical corrections. It therefore seemed simpler and easier to redraft the Contractual Statement in amended form. The redrafted Contractual Statement is attached to the minutes. Since we must have the concurrence of the Board of Directors in these or any other changes in the Contractual Statement, we would be grateful if you would get word to us as promptly as possible of any modifications you may have to suggest. Presumably, the Executive Committee at its meeting on April 20th will wish to take as definite action as possible on the Contractual Statement, so as to expedite final action by the Board of Governors at its Annual Meeting in the autumn. It is hardly time for the field to send us any suggestions or comments by regular mail, or even by air mail, in time for us to have them at the meeting of the Executive Committee on April 20th. If, however, you have any special suggestions to offer, you might be able to send them by cable letter. If the Contractual Statement in its present form is satisfactory to the field, we would be grateful if you would send us a cable with the single word "APPROVED" which we would interpret to mean that the Executive Committee might then take action approving the Contractual Statement in the present attached form and recommending it to the Governors for final action.

Very cordially yours,

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June 30, 1936

President Lincoln Dsang
West China Union University
Chengtu, Szechwan, China

My dear Dr. Dsang:

We have already sent a copy of the minutes of the fourth Annual Meeting of the Associated Boards to you. I believe, however, that we did not call specific attention to action AB-503:-

"VOTED, in conformity with the recommendation of the March 18th meeting of the Executive Committee, to approve the following proposal of the joint meeting of representatives of the Associated Boards and the Harvard-Yenching Institute on February 7th, 1936:-

"(1) That beginning with the fiscal year 1937-38, each of the six universities in China receiving a grant from the Restricted Fund of the Harvard-Yenching Institute prepare each year budget estimates showing in detail the expenditure it desires to make from the grant of the Harvard-Yenching Institute, together with similar expenditure to be made from other funds, and also a summary of the whole budget of the institution, this information to be forwarded both to the Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China and to the Harvard-Yenching Institute;

"(2) That the Harvard-Yenching Institute be requested to give consideration to any comments or recommendations that may be submitted by the Associated Boards before acting upon requests of the individual institutions."

In this same connection, the Associated Boards strongly recommended (AB-486) that steps be taken to secure from the field authorities of the various institutions budget estimates for the new year in time to get these in the hands of the Committee on Finance not later than March 15th. We all appreciate the fact that this will involve the speeding up of the entire process of preparing budget estimates for the new year. No doubt the first step in this process should be set in motion by our office here in New York in collecting and transmitting to the field just as complete information as we can concerning what funds will be available from western sources. Mr. Evans and I will try to see to it that this task is undertaken during the autumn and that as complete information as possible is on its way to West China before Christmas. We would welcome your suggestions as to any other steps we can take here to facilitate your work of preparing the West China Budget.

In the past, our West China authorities have usually supplied us with budget estimates in plenty of time for this material to reach us before March 15th. For the past year or two this material has been delayed. We

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do hope, however, that in future you will be able to re-establish the former procedure and to get us this material by the dates indicated. Also, the budget estimates should be in sufficient detail as to give an adequate picture of the whole program of West China Union University. The last few years the details of the budget have been greatly condensed and sometimes eliminated altogether. In order to make any adequate comparative study of what each of the Colleges is doing, it is essential that the Associated Boards have detailed estimates from each institution.

Very cordially yours,

B A GARSIDE

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Copy to Mr. Albertson

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October 10, 1936

President Lincoln Dsang,
Mr. W. B. Albertson,
West China Union University,
Chengtu, West China.

Dear Dr. Dsang and Mr. Albertson,

We send to each of you herewith a copy of the Annual Report of the Treasurer of the Board of Governors as of June 30, 1936. I trust that the report is reasonably clear, but I will add a few comments:-

Endowment Section. During the year there was a gratifying increase in the market value of the securities held in our investment portfolio. This should be reflected during the current year by an increase in our annual income.

Current General. Income was slightly less than anticipated at certain points. This was, however, more than compensated by gains on exchange. As a result, we had to draw $857.70 less from our reserve fund than was anticipated at the beginning of the year. The situation has been improved further since the close of the year by the restoration to our reserve fund of $645.87 from gain on exchange, as explained in the letter I am writing Mr. Albertson today.

Current Special. You will note the status of these various accounts, and the balances now standing in each of them.

In general, we got through the past year in good financial condition, and within the coming year should be able to increase, to a modest extent at least, our contributions to the support of the University.

Sincerely yours,

B A GARSIDE

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

West China Union University

CHENGTU, WEST CHINA

WEST CHINA

15th October, 1936.

Ack 12/12/36

Dr. B.A. Garside,
Associated Boards,
156, Fifth Avenue,
NEW YORK CITY, U.S.A.

Dear Dr. Garside,

I ought to write you more often to thank you for all the information which you send me about the Board of Governors and the Associated Boards. This morning we have received the financial statement of the Board of Governors up to June 30th, and the report of the Associated Boards, i.e. the work done in the Central Office during the past year. Copies of your printed report came to hand a week or so ago and these have been distributed amongst the Faculty. We are very glad to be kept in touch in this way with the other Universities and with their Boards in the West. From our end we will do our best to keep you informed of our activities as frequently as possible.

As you know we have been celebrating our 25th Anniversary during these past days. The programme commenced on Saturday evening, October 10th, with a gathering of students, from the Middle Schools, Goucher School, Dewey Primary School with our students, followed by a Lantern Parade. This gathering was also a Double Tenth celebration. On Sunday afternoon Dr. Francis Wei of Hua Chung University gave a fine address at the Thanksgiving Service. His subject was "Christianity and Chinese Culture" and greatly appreciated by the large number of staff, students and guests who were present. The formal celebration ceremony was held on Monday morning when guests from official circles, kindred organisations, schools of the city joined with us. Words of greeting were received from officials, alumni and other friends in different parts of China. From this you will gather that the University is now quite definitely on the map, and people in all parts of China take an interest in its work. Dr. Wei spoke of Christian Education in China, its past and future. On Monday evening a large gathering of staff, students and alumni was held from 6 to 10.30, when we all enjoyed a programme of interesting stunts - plays, music and acrobatic items.

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Tuesday was an Open Day. Our idea was to give an opportunity for the relatives and friends of the students and the folk of Chengtu to see our University. All the departments did their best to provide some kind of an exhibit and all the dormitories were open to visitors. Despite the heavy rain of the early morning all the buildings were full until 5 p.m. Over 10,000 visited the Library and Museum, and the Woman's College say they had over 12,000 visitors. Through the kindness of the local Broadcasting Station we were able to give an hour's programme of speeches and music. In my talk of about 15 minutes I sent greetings to all the friends and alumni members of the University, and also gave a sketch of the history and progress of the University, showing what we are now doing, and what we hope to do in the future. Representatives of the three Colleges also made statements regarding their work. I hear this broadcast came over very clearly and was much appreciated by some of our students and alumni. This is the first opportunity we have had to make an official broadcast, and through it I am sure our University will have become much better known throughout the country, and also our friends in other parts will have been able to join with us in the anniversary celebrations.

We are hoping shortly to publish a special bulletin to follow up these celebrations, which can be used for publicity both here and abroad. Through this means we hope to cultivate the interest of friends. Later on, if possible this term or in the early spring, I hope to go down river to make contacts with some of our newly invited honorary members of the Board of Directors. Some officials have already agreed to become honorary members, such as Governor Liu Hsiang of this province, Governor Yang Yuin Tang of Hupeh, the chief secretary of the Executive Yuan, General Liu, military adviser to the Nanking Government and Minister Chang, Ministry of Foreign Affairs. If others agree to help us we will let you know, but by this list you will see that our University is being recognised by China's leaders and officials as one of the Chinese institutions of higher education, and not merely as a foreign organisation. Of course we must not expect much financial help from them, but their interest will give us good standing in the eyes of the general public, and mean much in the days to come. We greatly hope that the financial campaign will prove a real success, for all the Christian Colleges here are in need of help.

Please give my best regards to Mrs. Garside, to Mr. Evans and other friends of the Associated Boards,

Yours very sincerely,

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October 24, 1936

Dr. Lincoln L. G. Dsang
Mr. W. B. Albertson
West China Union University
Chengtu, Szechwan, China

Dear Friends:

There is not much to write about regarding the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting of October 19th.

The real estate mortgages held by the University are in very good condition. It is quite possible that reorganization of the two latter participating certificates will be forthcoming, and as a matter of fact, the 100 Lefferts Avenue reorganization plan came to my desk the next day after the meeting. Under the laws as now established and with the high class of judges that have been designated for these cases, there seems to be no fear that there will be any loss involved.

Following the instructions of the committee, the assistant treasurer had deposited as much as possible of endowment funds in the savings bank accounts of the Board of Governors. Further consideration was given to this situation at the board meeting held in Toronto, the minutes of which have not been written as yet.

The report of the treasurer has been discussed in a previous letter, the committee taking formal action to recommend its acceptance to the Board of Governors. A similar action was taken covering the report of the auditors.

With kindest regards, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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November 12, 1936

Dr. Lincoln Dsang
Dr. H. D. Robertson
Mr. W. B. Albertson

Dear Friends:

We enclose herewith a copy of the minutes of the following meetings:-

Executive Committee, October 21st.
Board of Governors, Annual Meeting, October 21st & 22nd.
Board of Trustees, October 22nd.

Dr. Anderson will be writing to you officially as the Secretary of the Board of Governors commenting on the various matters in these minutes which should be called to your attention. I will confine my comments to items related to the budget for 1936-37.

You will note that the actions on the budget appear on pages 5 and 6. The two points of greatest interest to the field are these:-

(1) The Board of Governors has agreed that for this year it will add a special appropriation of LC$10,000 to the figure of LC$50,000 agreed to in the Contractual Statement. This is done with the distinct understanding that this additional $10,000 is for the year 1936-37 only, and does not commit the Governors for the future beyond the $50,000 agreed to in the Contractual Statement.

(2) For the program of Chinese Studies the Governors appropriated LC$32,000 for the general program in this field, and an additional $1,000 for special library equipment which Dr. Beech assured the Governors is very urgently needed. Here to, it is well to warn the field that the LC$1,000 is a special appropriation for this year only, and is not to be considered a recurrent item. Whether the appropriation for the general program of Chinese Cultural Studies can be maintained in future at $32,000 depends upon both the amount of income we receive from the Harvard-Yenching Institute and also on the question of future support for Dr. Graham.

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We have added to the budget the special designated objectives which have already been going to the field, which we have already been paying out from year to year, but which have not been brought within the scope of our regular budget. The US$360 for the upkeep of the Coles Memorial Building is paid over each year to the Methodist Board here in New York. The amount for scholarships (which is now only $7 because of default in dividends in the securities where these funds are invested) is sent out to the field from year to year. The income from the Kate Atherton Fund designated for special library purchases is usually disbursed from year to year on the instructions of Dr. Beech. The income on the Hodgkin Memorial Fund for the promotion of world peace is being handled in accordance with the arrangements entered into between the Governors and the Directors during the past year.

At the request of Dr. Beech we cabled Dr. Robertson a few days ago as follows:-

"GOVERNORS APPROPRIATIONS BUDGET SIX SIXTY THOUSAND CHINESE STUDIES THIRTYTWO THOUSAND APPROVE APPEAL HOSPITAL FUNDS BUT CONSTRUCTION ONLY WHEN FUNDS SECURED - GARSIDE."

You will be hearing from Dr. Anderson in due course on the various other matters contained in the minutes.

Very sincerely yours,

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Dr. Lincoln L. G. Dsang
Mr. W. B. Albertson
West China Union University
Chengtu, Szechwan, China

Dear Friends:

We have been looking ahead with the purpose of lining up the 1937-38 budget figures for the various universities. As it takes longer to reach Chengtu, we are giving first consideration to the available funds for West China Union University.

We have studied this situation and see no reason why the $50,000 stipulated in the contractual agreement cannot be appropriated for 1937-38. The Board of Governors voted LC$60,000 with the express stipulation that it in no way affected the contractual agreement, but it was not to be taken as a precedent for future budgets.

It is quite essential that your budget estimates be returned to us for action in the early spring. There is no definite knowledge as to the time when the Boards will have their spring meetings, and whether or not the full Board will meet in the spring. Nevertheless, the Executive Committee certainly will be in a position to take action, and surely the budget estimates should be in hand in ample time for that. We are suggesting that the deadline - and we mean just that - be April 1st without fail. Various committees taking action upon the estimated time for the spring meetings set March 15th as the latest date when communications from the field would be given consideration. Realizing, however, that you are in a more distant location, we are giving you this additional leeway; but please get busy upon the estimates immediately upon receipt of this letter so that there will not be the delay we experienced last year.

As an additional thought in being prompt in your request, and that if, if the Boards have them in time for consideration at these meetings, any extra application which you may desire to file will have more of a chance for actual acceptance than if they are held over for a later period when the Boards require special sessions for consideration. Those who are wise, therefore, will take advantage of this psychology and get their estimates in early.

Very truly yours,

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Dr. Lincoln Dsang
West China Union University
Chengtu, Szechwan, China

Dear Dr. Dsang:

Let me acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 15th.

We are grateful for the information this letter contains as to the progress the University is making. Both you and we have been so engrossed in the urgent daily tasks of our offices as to make it difficult for us to exchange general informatory letters as frequently as we would like. I hope that with the coming of Miss Robertson it will now be somewhat easier for you to send us such letters from time to time.

We hope that despite the disturbed conditions in many parts of China, the University is going ahead with its program this year without any serious interruptions.

With all good wishes for the New Year, I am

Very cordially yours,

B A GARSIDE

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