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WEST CHINA UNION UNIVERSITY

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New York, Oct. 7, 1927

To Members of the Board of Governors:

Dear Friends:

At the recent meeting of the Board at Toronto I submitted a rough draft of a statement which might be issued by the Board. I have redrafted this and submit it herewith. I have also worked out four resolutions which would, as it seems to me, give effect to a line of policy which was discussed at our last meeting. The more I consider the matter the more convinced I feel that we ought to give the Senate authority to register. In slightly differing forms practically all our sister institutions in China (Yenching, Lingnan, Fukien, Shanghai College, Nanking etc.) have taken this action.

I submit these in the hope that they may be of some service in preparing for the important meeting which the Board decided to hold towards the end of this month.

Sincerely yours,

H. T. Silcock

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(Draft) Resolutions Submitted for the Meeting of the Board of Governors
October 23-24, 1927

1. Resolved that we empower the Senate to make application for registration with the Chinese government.

2. Resolved that we ask the Executive to arrange for a visit of several members of the Board to Chengtu during the next twelve or eighteen months if circumstances in China permit.

3. Resolved that we lay the resignation of the President on the table.

4. Resolved that we issue the following statement of policy and authorize the Senate, if it approves, to translate and publish it and make use of it in application for registration.

(Draft) Statement of Policy of the West China Union University

The policy of the University from its inception has been to create an institution which shall be, ultimately, thoroughly Chinese in spirit, maintaining such interchange of personnel with other countries as shall promote a truly international spirit in harmony with Chinese ideals and with Christian teaching.

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Some progress has been made already in the direction. One member of the Board of Trustees and Board of Governors is Chinese, a majority of the Senate (the responsible Board in China) are Chinese, and a large increasing majority of the Faculty. The University has a Chinese Vice-President, and Chinese Deans of two of the Faculties. Increasing attention is given to courses on Chinese language, literature, history and philosophy. Further, through its graduates, both men and women, the University is taking a larger and larger place in the life of Szechwan.

More formal steps have also been taken; two of the University schools have been registered and negotiations have been carried on for the last decade for the registration of the University itself.

The present desire of the Board of Governors is for registration as it believes that it will promote the fundamental aim which the University has always held.

The Board has also striven to maintain international standards in its work and with this and in view it has secured a charter from the Board of Regents of the State of New York, it has paid attention to the qualifications of professors and teachers sent from abroad, it has secured a large constituency in America and Europe to support the University and with their aid has provided land, buildings and equipment for the University. The buildings typify the University policy to be thoroughly Chinese, while conforming with modern international standards in education.

While the Board must maintain loyalty to the large funds and interests entrusted to it, it desires the fullest cooperation with the Chinese, and in view of the critical circumstances of the present time, it proposes to send some representatives to China in the near future so that the whole matter, and any details over which difficulty may arise, may be the subject of friendly and mutual study and negotiation.

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TRANSCRIPTION OF PART OF MINUTE 25 OF FRIENDS SERVICE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 1st DECEMBER 1927.

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25. CHINA: Annual Meeting of the Board of Governors of W.C.U.U.

H. T. Silcock has given an interesting account of the Annual Meeting of the Board of Governors of West China Union University held in Toronto 28th and 29th September, with an adjournament in New York on 23rd and 24th October.

Approval was given to register the University under the appropriate governmental authority in China. It is also hoped that representatives of the Board of Governors, in addition to the President, may be able to visit the University in Chengtu at an early date.

As requested by the Board of Governors (Minute 807, par. 4), we approve of the action taken and of such amendments to the constitution as may be necessary to give effect to registration and the consequent re-organisation of the University.

H. T. Silcock

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Rev. Frank Anderson, D.D.,
199, Regent Street,
LONDON. Ontario.

23rd....
January,
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My dear Anderson,

Many thanks for your kind letter of 1st November. I ought to have replied to this much sooner.

The Board of the Friends' Foreign Mission Association has now been merged with the council of our European work to form the Friends Service Council.

The new Council considered the whole situation upon ... a report from me, and I send you a transcription of their Minute No. 25 dated 1st December, 1927.

With regard to the possible visit to China, my Council knows that there is a request that I should form one of the group, and this may be practicable, but I cannot say anything definite beyond this just now.

The section of the Minute dealing with the increase of Chinese members of the Staff came before our China Committee, ... and I send you their action upon the matter.

With kindest regards and many thanks for your kind note, and apologies for my delay in sending you on this action of our Committees,

Sincerely yours,

H.T.Silcock

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Many thanks too for notice of Executive meeting, in this morning

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Rev. Frank Anderson, D.D.,
199, Regent Street,
LONDON. Ontario.

22nd
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My dear Anderson,

I have had some talk with most of the British members of the Board of Governors, and I do not think there is any pressing matter to bring before the Meeting of the Executive, but there are two points which will, I hope, receive some consideration.

The first is the next meeting of the Board. I wrote to you on 13th February, saying we agreed to the next Meeting being held in New York late this coming Autumn. I find that we shall probably be unable to send anyone at all from England at that time. I wonder if it is worth while re-considering the question and suggesting that the meeting might be held about the middle of September in New York, or alternatively held in England about the same time, or if you prefer, a little earlier in the month?

I quite realise that it may be difficult for members to cross the Atlantic again, and many have had to come to Jerusalem already, and it is of course usually undesirable to change plans when they have been made, but I think it is worth while just raising the question.

The second point I want to raise has a bearing on this question of the time and place of the next Meeting. It is the possibility of a visit to West China. Some of us had a talk about this at Jerusalem, and from what Dr. Franklin and others said, I gather that there is really a likelihood now of a visit

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Rev.Frank Anderson, D.D. 22.6.1928.

to West China on the part of several of the Boards materialising. It seems likely that we might be able to leave Vancouver together at the end of August 1929. I think our Board is likely to send Mr. H. G. Wood and one or two others about that time, but I cannot say anything definite as yet.

I hope that this matter may be discussed at the Executive. I have felt for years the extreme importance of a visit to the University on the part of as many as possible of the Board, and at this most critical time I feel that it is unusually important.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

H. T. Silcock

H. T. SILCOCK.

P.S. If the visit is planned for 1929, I imagine that the Meeting of the Board of Governors would most suitably be held somewhere in America, either just before the visitors started, or immediately after their return. This might be taken as an argument for meeting in England this coming Autumn.

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OFFICE OF THE TREASURER,
150 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK CITY

14th December 1928.

Rev. Frank Anderson, D.D.,
199 Regent Street,
London, Ontario,
Canada.

My dear Anderson,

Just a line to send on to you the only point which our China Committee wants to bring before the Executive of the Board of Governors, on January 22nd. I think the simplest plan is to enclose a copy of our Minute 78 and also of the Minute of two years ago to which reference is made.

relating to meeting of the N.C.C. in China in 1929

Edward Wallace left early this morning after a very full and very useful fortnight. It was most delightful to see him again and he has certainly done sterling good work.

With kindest regards and best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

Sincerely yours,

H. T. Silcock

H. T. SILCOCK,

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COPY OF A MINUTE OF F.F.M.A. CHINA COMMITTEE.

September, 1926.

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10. Proposed Meeting of the Board of Governors of W.C.U.U. in Chengtu.

We have considered again the suggestion that the Board of Governors of the West China Union University should meet at Chengtu and we feel that if this could be arranged it would be extremely helpful in the building up of the University. We recommend to the Board of Governors that such a meeting should be arranged as soon as conditions are favourable, and we hope that the spring of 1928 may prove possible.

H. T. Silcock

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Copy of a Minute of China Committee.

Held at Friends House, on Tuesday, 4th December, 1928.

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78. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE WEST CHINA UNION UNIVERSITY: Held in New York on Tuesday 30th October, 1928, are received, together with Minutes of the Board of Trustees ~~and of the Board of Trustees~~ and of the Executive Committee held on the same date; and the report of the Treasurer of the Board of Governors, and copies of the Vice Presidents' report. We decide to give consideration to points which bear on our work at a later meeting, after there has been time to circulate the Vice Presidents' Report. But as the question of the date and place of the next meeting of the Board of Governors is to be decided at the meeting of the Executive Committee to be held in New York in the latter part of January, 1929, we would urge once again the importance of holding a meeting in China, and hope that it may be possible that the next meeting may be held there. (See our Minute 10, September, 1926).

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

January 1, 1929.

My dear Mr. Garside,

I have pleasure in sending you on the form which you enclosed in your letter, the information asked for about our contributions to the West China Union University.

With kindest personal greetings,

Sincerely yours,

H. T. Silcock

H. T. SILCOCK.

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Please return to Mrs B G. Garside 150 Fifth Ave New York

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INFORMATION REQUESTED FROM MISSION BOARDS COOPERATING IN WEST CHINA UNION UNIVERSITY

WEST CHINA

1. Amount of your appropriation toward general operating expenses of West China Union University for calendar year 1928. (If your fiscal year does not follow calendar year please indicate exact period your appropriation covers.)

£500

2. Amount and details of your appropriation ~~paid direct to University or dis-~~ bursed through mission agencies on behalf of ~~University~~ Friends' College within the for maintenance or upkeep of property on West China campus. (If you differentiate between appropriations direct to University and appropriations to your denominational college on University campus, please give details.)

M $1923.32 spent on repairs, ground lay-out, etc., of Friends College, during the first half of 1928. No returns were received for second half. Also £429 was paid as architects' fees during 1928.

3. Names of your missionaries supported on West China staff with the amount estimated as required for the support of each during 1928 (or your nearest fiscal year) including salaries, children's allowances, travel, etc. (Please give as full details as convenient.)

Clifford M. Stubbs, M.A., D.Sc. and Margaret A. Stubbs,
Maintenance £467 (3 children). Travel (annual average) £85 = £552.

William G. Sewell, M.Sc. and Hilda Sewell, B.Sc.
Maintenance £280 (1 child) Travel (annual average) £85 = £365.

These figures apply to 1929. 1928 a very broken period.

4. What is your accepted quota on the West China staff at this time, or if no definite quota has been accepted by your Board, what is the maximum number of missionaries you have supported at West China during any one year in this last five years? (Indicate whether quota or maximum.)

No accepted quota.
Two missionaries (with their families) also architect & his family.

5. Amount appropriated to University or made available through your mission agencies for the support of Chinese members of staff in West China Union University during 1928 (or your equivalent fiscal year.) (Please give details.)

Grant to Union Middle School M $700 (this is practically a contribution for Chinese teachers' salaries in the University's Middle School.

6. Any special appropriation not listed above. (Please give details.)

None other that I know of.

Name of Mission Bd. Friends Service Council.

Date January 1, 1929. Signature of Secy. H. T. Silcock

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1st January 1929.

Rev. Frank Anderson D.D.,
199, Regent Street,
London Ontario,
Canada.

Dear Mr. Anderson,

Your letter of the 7th December last addressed to Mr. Silcock enclosing copy of a letter from Mr. Rowell has been passed on to me for attention.

I am looking into the various points raised in Mr. Rowell's letter and am getting information together which will enable me I hope to send a pretty full reply. This cannot be, however, for a week or two, so that meanwhile I am merely acknowledging your letter and hope that the slight delay will not be of any inconvenience.

Yours sincerely,

P H Butler

PHILIP H. BUTLER.

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12th February 1929.

Rev. Frank Anderson, D.D.,
199 Regent Street,
London, Ontario,
Canada.

My dear Anderson,

Our China Committee has decided that we ought not to delay longer the sending of a deputation to China, and while no definite plan has been made it is recommended that I should go and that the visit should be paid this coming autumn or winter.

Has anything been decided as to a meeting of the Board of Governors, or of certain members of it, in West China? And have you any definite word of the date proposed for the West China General Conference on the future of Christian work there? I understand it is to be about this time next year, but I have no date nearer than that.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

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In your reply please quote HTS/PT

4th March 1929.

The Rev. Frank Anderson, D.D.,
199 Regent Street,
London, Ontario,
Canada.

My dear Anderson,

Thanks for your letter. I still have no definite news, but it looks more and more probable that I shall get out to China this coming winter. The matter will not come before our Council for another few weeks yet.

Dr. Franklin has written to me to say that he understands the West China General Conference is likely to be about Chinese New Year, and he has heard that that will be about January 25 to 28, 1930. I had a phone message from J. G. Barclay, of the C.M.S., last week, and he said he was not likely to leave England before the end of 1929, but I have written asking if he cannot leave a few weeks earlier, so as to make it possible for him to be at the West China Conference and at the meeting of Secretaries, which will, I suppose, take place in Chengtu after the Conference is over. I do not know where the Conference is likely to be held, but Dr. Franklin writes as though it were to be at Chengtu. This is about the only place where they would have adequate accommodation for such a gathering in West China.

I would like to know more about your dates in England this summer, as I should certainly like to meet you while you are here.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

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Miss B. A. Garside, M.A.

Dear Miss Garside,

Enclosed please find the figures of contributions to the West China Union University from the Friends Service Council, which you requested in your letter of August 1st. I trust this will reach you in time for correlation & presentation to the October meeting of the Board.

Yours sincerely,

Bertha L. Bracey, B.A.
Sec. China Committee.

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WEST CHINA UNION UNIVERSITY

Contributions of Cooperating Boards

(All figures are in U.S.dollars. Exchange of Mex.dollar is reckoned as US $0. 50, English pound as US $4.86⅔)

Item of Information	Am.Bap.For. Mission Society	Woman's Am.Bap.For. Miss.Soc.	Church Missionary Society	Friends Service Council	Bd.of For. Miss.M.E. Church	W.F.M.S. of the M.E. Church	United Church of Canada	Woman's M.S.of the U.C.of C.
A. Capital Contributions								
1. Land	$	$	$	$ 10986	$	$	$	$
2. College Buildings				41400				
3. Dormitories								
4. Residences for Europeans + Chinese				7390				
5. Other Capital Contributions consisting of Architechtural expenses*				15315				
6. Total of Capital Contributions	$	$	$	$ 75091	$	$	$	$
B. Current Contributions, 1928								
1. Report for fiscal year beginning	May 1,1928	-	Jan.1,1928	Jan.1,1928	Jan.1,1928	$an.1,1928		Jan.1,1928
2. Appropriation to general budget	$6,000.00	$1,000.00	$ 500.00	$2,434.70	$6,000.00	$1,000.00	$	$2,000.00
3. Additional appropriations for maintenance of denominational property on West China Campus	519.00	-	145.88	3,046.60	720.00	50.00	-	none
4. Number of missionaries supported on West China staff(man and wife counted as one)	6	1	3	2	5	2		2

*. Roads & Drains, Laying out of Ground & technical apparatus. maintenance expenses, repairs etc. have not been included.

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Item of Information	Am.Bap.For. Miss.Soc.	Woman's Am.Bap.For. Miss.Soc.	Church Missionary Society	Friends Service Council	Bd.of For. Miss.M.E. Church	W.F.M.S. of the M. E. Church	United Church of Canada	Woman's M.S.of the U. C.of C.
B. Current Contributions, 1928(cont)								
5. Amount paid for salary and regular allowances of such missionaries	(10,914.00	$ 200.00(1)	$2,750.00	$3,632.29(2)	10,813. 00	$1,800. 00		$1,950.00
6. Amount paid for travel and special allowance of such missionaries	( )	825.00	1,235.09	826.63(2)	2,974.08	none	-	none
7. Accepted quota on staff, or if no accepted quota, maximum last five years	9 (maximum)	1 (maximum)	3 (maximum)	3 (maximum)	4 (quota)	1 regular others part time	-	2 (maximum)
8. Appropriation for support of Chinese members of staff	none	none	no figures available		835. 00	none	-	none
9. Any other appropriations.	850.00	none	97.25	$ 350.00	4.00	$1,500.00(3)		none
10. Total current appropriationsfor fiscal year covered	$18,283.00	$2,025.00	$4,728.22	$10,290.22	$21,366.08	$4,350.00	$	$3,950.00

Notes: (1) Returned to field in September, 1928
(2) Estimates for 1929, as 1928 was an irregular year.
(3) Scholarships in Woman'sCollege

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WEST CHINA

January 2, 1930

Philip H.Butler, Esq.,
Friends Service Council,
London, N.W.1.

My dear Mr.Butler:

We acknowledge with sincere thanks your letters of December 17 and December 19.

With your letter ofDecember 17 you enclose Mr.Albertson's draft on the Treasurer of West China Board of Governors for Gold $1,000. In accordance with your request, we are enclosing herewith a sterling draft for the equivalent of Gold $1,000 at today's rate.

It is quite satisfactory to us to have you send such West China drafts to our offices for payment rather than having them collected through your bankers.

Thank you for the draft for G$76.65 enclosed in your letter of December 19. We are happy to receive this additional payment in completion of your appropriation of G$2,500 to West China's budget for 1929. I find in checking over our record of remittances on the Friends Service Council during 1929 that our figures show that we have credited you with G$2,503.62. I believe, however, that this difference occurs in our credit of the £70 you advanced to Dr.Beech as shown in your letter of March 8. We credited this £70 as being equivalent to G$339.95, using the rate of exchange then prevailing. No doubt you used a different rate of exchange and entered this amount as being equivalent to G$336.30. Assuming the correctness of this figure of G$336.30, the amount received from the Friends Service Council during 1929 would be exactly G$2,500. We are, therefore, making this correction on our records. If our procedure is incorrect will you please let us know?

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With all good wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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B A GARSIDE

CC: Miss Lane

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FRIENDS HOUSE,
EUSTON ROAD,
LONDON, N.W.1

14th January 1930.

B. A. Garside Esq., M.A.,
150, Fifth Avenue,
New York City,
U. S. A.

Dear Mr. Garside,

Thank you for your letter of the 2nd inst. enclosing draft for £205. 0. 6. I enclose official receipt for this.

With regard to the remittances,we look upon the figures, I rather think, quite differently from the way you do. Our basic arrangement is that we can grant £500 towards the Budget of the University each year, irrespective of the amount of dollars that sum will purchase. In accordance with this arrangement we made no attempt to give a dollar equivalent to the £70 which we deducted from the first remittance last year, and the net amount in sterling, viz. £180 yielded, I see, $874.10. The second remittance of £250 yielded $1212.95. From our point of view these dollars merely represented £430 and the other £70 was provided by the adjustment agreed upon.

The draft which I sent you in December for $76.65 should not in any way be regarded as from the Council itself. It represented £15. 15. 0 which had been sent to us specially for the University Budget, so that our duty in the matter was merely that of passing on the money. I think it is rather necessary to keep this distinction in mind because in any year we may not receive contributions specially for this purpose and in such a case, of course, our Council could not hold itself responsible to make up the amount otherwise. All the same, it is, of course, entirely a matter of satisfaction to us when these

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special contributions do come in and help to make up the total remittances from us to the $2500 that you desire to have, or even possibly more.

As regards the adjustment of the £70, I shall be quite happy that you should enter just what equivalent in dollars that you think is right, but I did want to make it clear that in our arrangements we really have not aimed to get you the $2500, as our Council feels it would be quite impossible to make itself responsible for more than what £500 will purchase.

Thank you for your good wishes which are very cordially reciprocated.

Yours sincerely,

P. H. Butler

PHILIP H. BUTLER.
Assistant Secretary.

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WEST CHINA

January 24, 1930

Philip H.Butler, Esq.,
Friends Service Council,
London, N.W.1

My dear Mr.Butler:

Thank you for your letter of January 14 with the enclosed receipt for £205.0.6.

We quite clearly recognize that the Friends Service Council look upon the figures for your appropriatinn to the West China budget in a way somewhat different from that of our office. This difference is, of course, inevitable in a situation where it is necessary for us to reconcile three currencies, British, American and Chinese.

We note your comments as to the special nature of the draft you sent us in December of G$76.65 and will keep these factors in mind in our West China accounting.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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B A GARSIDE

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FRIENDS HOUSE,
EUSTON ROAD,
LONDON, N.W.1

5th March 1930.

B. A. Garside Esq., M.A.,
150, Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Garside,

I now have pleasure in enclosing draft in favour of the West China Union University for $1215.45, being the equivalent of £250, the moiety of our contribution to the West China Union University Budget for this year. An acknowledgement in due time will oblige.

Yours sincerely,

P H Butler

PHILIP H. BUTLER.
Assistant Secretary.

Ack. draft of $1,215.45
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WEST CHINA

FRIENDS HOUSE,
EUSTON ROAD,
LONDON, N.W.1

23rd June, 1930.

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

Dear Mr. Garside,

Writing on the 15th March last Clifford M. Stubbs of Chengtu enclosed two orders for supplies for the Chemical Department of the University, and stated that he was going to ask the Bursar to send you a gold order for $800, with a request that you would send a sterling draft to me for the equivalent. I had previously suggested that this might save time, rather than sending the order to me first for me to send on to you.

Both the orders have now been executed and are being paid for almost immediately, but up to the present I have heard nothing with regard to the draft to cover the cost of same. I hope you may have heard from the Bursar in Chengtu, and may be in a position to send the draft at your early convenience, but, of course, if you have not heard I shall not feel too anxious, knowing that the money will be coming later.

Yours sincerely,

P. H. Butler

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WEST CHINA

West China Union University

July 3, 1930

P. H. Butler, Esq.
Friends Service Council,
London, N.W.1,

My dear Mr.Butler:

We have before us your letter of June 23 relative to an order for $800 from West China Union University, Chengtu. Unfortunately we have not received notification to make this payment but immediately upon receipt of such an order from the field we will communicate with you.

Dr.Stubbs was assassinated about a month ago and we have been anxiously waiting for additional news regarding the very distressing affair.

Very truly yours,

C.G. Evans

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In your reply please quote **PHB/EMB.**

14th July, 1930.

C. A. Evans, Esq.,
150, Fifth Avenue,
New York City,
U. S. A.

Dear Mr. Evans,

Thank you for your letter of the 3rd inst. in reply to mine of the 23rd June. I expect there has been a little oversight in the matter of the $800 order. We have already paid out about £106 which this money was intended to cover. Under the circumstances, I am writing to William G. Sewell, and he will know who is now the best person in Chengtu to write to to get the matter adjusted.

It is a terrible business, this loss of Dr. Stubbs. We have had fairly full news, in one way and another, of what happened, and I hope I may be able to enclose with this a copy of some of the particulars received.

I think will follow in a day or two. PHB

Yours sincerely,

P. H. Butler

P. H. BUTLER.
Assistant Secretary (Finance).

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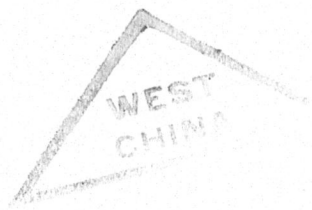
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21st July, 1930.

C. A. Evans, Esq.,
150, Fifth Avenue,
New York City,
U. S. A.



Dear Mr. Evans,

In pursuance of my letter of the 14th inst. I now enclose some particulars of the death and funeral of Clifford Stubbs.

Yours sincerely,

P. H. Butler

P. H. BUTLER.
Assistant Secretary.

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West China Union University

July 30, 1930

P. H. Butler, Esq.,
Friends Service Council,
London, N.W.1

My dear Mr.Butler:

I do so appreciate your letter of July 21 wherein you enclosed copies of personal letters giving particulars of the death and funeral of Dr.Stubbs. Day before yesterday communications from the field brought us further details. I have not been able to throw off the spell that was cast when I finished reading the field reports, and with each thought of conditions in China comes the picture of the terrible act which ended Dr.Stubbs' usefulness on this earth.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. Evans

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WEST CHINA

West China Union University

August 1, 1930

Henry T.Silcock, Esq.
Friends' House,
Euston Road,
London N.W.1.

My dear Mr.Silcock:

Dr.Frank Anderson authorized our office to duplicate the letters we received relative to Dr.Stubbs' death, and requested us to send you the usual number of copies for distribution. I agree with Dr.Anderson that the careful use of these papers among the interested friends of the University will undoubtedly renew their interest in the work of Dr.Stubbs particularly, if not in that of the whole institution. Possibly some of this material has already reached you.

On this side of the water we have not given any newspaper publicity to this very harrowing tragedy. I have conferred with a number of missionary secretaries in this immediate vicinity and they have concurred in the view that newspaper publicity might react generally against the deepening of interest in China. I do not know how you react to this question and do not know how the rest of the West China Board would feel. However, not one of them is available for guidance at this time so we are proceeding on the recommendations of Dr.Anderson.

We expect Mr.Garside back in the office within the next week or ten days. His boat should arrive late this evening.

Very cordially yours,

C.A. Evans

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FRIENDS HOUSE,
EUSTON ROAD,
LONDON, N.W.1

8th September, 1930.

B. A. Garside, Esq.,
150, Fifth Avenue,
New York City,
U. S. A.

Dear Mr. Garside,

I am enclosing with this a cheque on London for £230, being our half yearly instalment of £250, less £20 which was advanced to Dr. Beech and which we were asked to deduct from our remittance.

It occurred to me that you would probably get as good a rate by selling this London cheque in New York as we could by buying a dollar draft in London. I shall be interested in hearing the result and glad to know whether this method is quite convenient to yourself.

Yours sincerely,

P H Butler

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West China Union University

December 2, 1930

Mr. H. T. Silcock,
Friends Service Council,
Friends House, Euston Road,
London, N.W.1, Eng.

My dear Mr.Silcock:

As we are now approaching the end of our fiscal year in West China Union University we have been checking over our accounts to see how the contributions of the various cooperating missionary organizations have been coming in. The Friends Service Council has remitted the full £500 for which you have assumed obligation during 1930, but our usual annual difficulty arises due to the fact that the proceeds of these remittances amount to somewhat less than the G$2,500 at which your Society's contribution is carried on the budget of the University.

According to our records the amounts received from your Society and the proceeds in U.S.dollars is as follows:

Mar.18 received draft for	£250		G$1,215.45
Sept. 22 " "	230	G$1,115.50	
credit payment to Dr.Beech	20	97.00	1,212.50
			G$2,427.95
Balance to complete budget figure			72.05
			G$2,500.00

If your Society can again find it possible to go the second mile in making a special appropriation of this item of Gold $72.05 we will be indeed grateful.

With warmest personal regards, I am

Very cordially yours,

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B A GARSIDE

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WEST CHINA

FRIENDS HOUSE,
EUSTON ROAD,
LONDON, N.W.1

15th December 1930.

Mr. B.A. Garside,
China Union Universities,
150 5th Avenue,
New York City.

TRANSFER

Dear Mr. Garside,

With reference to your letter of December 2nd, I am sorry that our Finance Committee is unable to make the additional grant of $72.5. You speak of our again taking this action. I may be wrong but as far as I am aware our Society has never agreed to make up the amount of the difference between £500. and gold dollars 2,500. If I am wrong in this I should be glad if you would let me know.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

H. T. Silcock.

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West China Union University

December 26, 1930

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Mr. H. T. Silcock,
Friends Service Council,
London, N.W.1.

My dear Mr.Silcock:

Let me acknowledge receipt of your letter of December 15. This is in reply to my letter ofDecember 2 with regard to the difference of $72.05 between the appropriation of £500 remitted by your Society for the West China budget during 1930, and the figure of G$2,500 at which your Society's appropriation has been carried in the University's estimates.

Our understanding has been in accordance with the viewpoint stated in your letter, viz: that your Society has not assumed any obligation whatever to make up the amount of difference between £500 and $2,500. However, at various times in the past yourSociety has sent us special contributions to make up this difference. I am under the impression that,in certain cases at least, these additional contributions have represented special gifts outside the regular appropriations of your Society, rather than any additional appropriation from general funds.

Glancing through our West China accounts for the last four years, I find that the amounts credited to the Friends Service Council are shown as follows:-

1926	-	$2,500.00
1927	-	2,428.70
1928	-	2,434.70
1929	-	2,560.00 (plus $3.62 gain in exchange)

At the end of 1929 we received from the Friends Service Council a draft for $76.65 (£15.15.0) to complete the $2,500 shown in our West China budget as due from the Friends Service Council. In connection with this remittance Mr.P.H.Butler wrote:-

> "This $76.65 should not in any way be regarded as from the Council itself. It represented £15.15.0 which had been sent to us specially for the University Budget, so that our duty in the matter was merely that of passing on the money. I think it is rather necessary to keep this distinction in mind because in any year we may not receive contributions specially for this purpose and in such a case, of course, our Council could not hold itself responsible to make up the amount otherwise. All the same,

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it is, of course, entirely a matter of satisfaction to us when these special contributions do come in and help to make up the total remittances from us to the $2500 that you desire to have, or even possibly more."

This annual correspondence with the Friends Service Council as to the clearance of the difference between L500 and $2,500 is a procedure whi which ante-dates by connection with West China finances. Do you think it advisable that we should terminate the matter by requesting the Board of Governors to restate the appropriation of the Friends Service Council in future years as L500 rather than G$2,500? You are quite familiar with the finances of the University and knew the various issues involved in such a restatement. All the other cooperating Societies have, for the sake of uniformity, defined their contributions to the University's budget in terms of United States dollars. The use of more than one currency in making up the budget estimates will complicate the situation somewhat, but probably will not prove a serious difficulty.

With the season's greetings, I am

Very cordially yours,

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B A GARSIDE

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~~150 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK CITY~~

14th January 1931.

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

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My dear Mr. Garside,

I have your two letters of December 12th and 26th.

With regard to the first I do not think you need bother about stationery for my use in connection with the Board of Governors. Would you please let me know when you are proposing to print so that I may tell you nearer the time about how much I am likely to require? I think I would rather do this than indicate any particular amount just at present. If necessary I could easily send you the quantity by cable. As to the arrangement I am somewhat puzzled. Perhaps you would kindly take this up with Dr. Anderson when you see him next. I hardly feel easy at having some of our stationery printed with 'office of the Secretary' on it followed by a Canadian address, and another quantity printed with 'office of the Secretary' followed by an English address. I think perhaps the simplest plan would be to let me have some of the paper without any special imprint; I could put the date at the top in writing my letters from here and after my name at the foot I could have typed the words "Joint Secretary" with my London address.

Turning to your later letter of December 26th I think your suggestion in your last paragraph is the right one. Our Council has actually decided that its appropriation cannot exceed £500. in any one year. If any more comes it is not an appropriation from the Council but special contributions from some other sources. I do not think it is necessary to use the English currency in the University accounts, except to record the fact that the decision of our Council has been expressed in Sterling. We know from year to year what the exchange is likely to do within fairly narrow limits, and it would not matter greatly if the figure for our Council were put down at $2,425 one year and $2,430 another. I am sorry to remind you of the fact that the £500. is a maximum, but in view of our financial position I think perhaps I ought to do so. While I have good hope that the Council may be able to make a similar grant this

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year, I am practically certain that the figure will be challenged and carefully reviewed in our Finance Committee.

With kind regards to Mrs. Garside and yourself.

Sincerely yours,

H.T. Silcock

H.T. SILCOCK.
Joint Secretary,

Friends House,
Euston Road,
London, N.W.1.

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February 24, 1931

Mr. H. T. Silcock,
Friends House,
Euston Road,
London, N.W.1

My dear Mr.Silcock:

Let me acknowledge receipt of your letter of January 14.

Thank you for your comments in regard to the West China stationery. As soon as we approach the time when a further supply of stationery is needed we will notify you and ask you for up-to-date estimates as to the amount you will require. It would be more accurate for us to print as the heading for the stationery to be used by Dr.Anderson's office the line -

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199 Regent Street
London, Ont.

There would be practically no difference in the cost of printing a supply for your use with the heading -

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Friends House, Euston Road,
London, N.W.1, England

Once our printer has set up the general letterhead he charges only a few cents additional for changing this office heading for the various parts of the run. He would charge just as much for taking out the lines applicable to Dr.Anderson's office and completing the run with this part of the letterhead blank as he would for inserting your own office in the same place.

Thank you also for your comments as to the status of the annual appropriation made by the Friends Service Council toward the West China budget. This confirms the understanding I have previously had. I am glad to have this statement in clear-cut form, however, so that I can present it to our West China Executive Committee for their consideration.

Very cordially yours,

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B A GARSIDE

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August 7, 1931

Mr. H. T. Silcock,
Friends Service Council,
Friends House,
Euston Road,
London, N.W.1, England

My dear Mr. Silcock:

In 1928 an attempt was made to secure the information asked for on the enclosed sheet. The answers of the different Boards were not uniform, and in some cases they were incomplete. Consequently we are making another attempt to arrive at the actual contributions which each Mission Board participating in the University is contributing to the work of the University.

We have compiled from the data received from you for the year 1928 and from data in the New York office here, a more complete statement of your Board's contributions. We have found it desirable to estimate the average yearly cost of furlough charges at $200 per year for each adult, rather than include the amount expended for any particular year.

In your 1928 report you had two missionaries listed. For 1930 I have registered one, and made a pro-rata change in the amount for support.

All of the items that we have been able to secure either here in the office or from your 1928 report are incorporated on the enclosed sheet under the column marked "Tentative". If they are correct, please O.K. in the "Final" column. If they are not correct, please indicate the changes or additions so that the "Final" column will be the correct column.

We are endeavoring to make as complete a report as possible to the Board of Governors' meeting in September, and we will deem it a favor if you will return this completed form to Mr.B.A.Garside as soon as possible. We are enclosing a blank which you may desire to fill in for your own files.

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We are also returning to you the letter that was sent from your office, giving us the data for the 1928 report, as it may aid you in supplying material for the 1930 report. Please return the letter, and oblige,

Respectfully yours,

Joseph Beech,
President.

Enc.
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B. A. Garside,
Assistant Treasurer.

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STATEMENT OF THE CAPITAL AND THE ANNUAL CURRENT CONTRIBUTIONS OF

(Miss.Board) Friends Foreign Council to

WEST CHINA UNION UNIVERSITY
AND ITS MISSION COLLEGE FOR THE YEAR 1930

$4.86=£1

A. CAPITAL CONTRIBUTIONS	Tentative	Final
1. Land - (a) For Mission College	$10986	
(b) For Board of Governors	$11700	
2. College Buildings - (a) For Mission College	$41400	
Architect	$1531.5	
(b) For Board of Governors	$2028.43	
3. Mission College Dormitories. (included in 2a)		
4. Residences - (a) For Mission College	$7390	
(b) For Board of Governors		
5. All other capital contributions-(a)For Mission College		
(b)For Bd.of Governors		
Total Capital Contributions - (a) For Mission College		
(b) For Bd.of Governors		

B. CURRENT CONTRIBUTIONS

1. Appropriations to Board of Governors Budget	$2434.70
2. Additional appropriations for Mission College -	
(a) Upkeep of land and buildings	
(b) Other current maintenance	$3046.60
3. Number of missionaries supported. (Man & wife counted one)	(1)
4. Total amount paid for salary and regular allowances for such missionaries	$1816.14
5. Average of yearly expenditure for missionaries' travel and extra furlough charges	$400
6. Annual appropriation for support of Chinese members on staff	
7. Any other contributions in addition to the above	$350
Total Current Annual Contributions	

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WEST CHINA

Friends Service Council

Friends House,
Euston Road,
London.
N.W.1.

1st. September, 1931.

Mr. B. A. Garside, M.A.
150, Fifth Avenue,
NEW YORK CITY.

My dear Mr. Garside,

I find on my return from holiday a letter from yourself and Dr. Beech dated August 7th: I will send a reply next week. I have only just come back and my colleague in our Finance Department is ill, so that I must delay for a few days as it is no good sending particulars to you without having them carefully checked. I will try to post in time for the fast mail on September 9th. which will bring the reply to you in good time before the meeting of the Board of Governors.

I also have a letter from Dr. Beech which I will try to deal with in the course of a few days.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

H. T. SILCOCK.

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FRIENDS HOUSE,
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2nd October, 1931.
ack. 10/19

B. A. Garside, Esq., M.A.,
150, Fifth Avenue,
NEW YORK CITY.

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Dear Mr. Garside,

I am sorry that through some untoward circumstance or other the draft representing the second portion of our contribution of £250 for the Budget of the West China Union University was not obtained and sent off to reach you at the beginning of September. I am now enclosing a draft for $ 887.50 - a sum very substantially less than has usually been realised for the £250. I shall, of course, inform my people here of the difference which the suspension of the gold standard in this country has made in the contribution to the Budget. We are however, as a body, facing a very serious financial position, and are looking round for the opportunity of reducing expenditure by some thousands of pounds, and I very much fear therefore that there will be no chance of our contribution, measured in dollars, being increased.

Yours sincerely,

P. H. Butler

P. H. BUTLER.
Assistant Secretary: Finance.

$ 887.50 draft encl.
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~~OFFICE OF THE TREASURER~~
~~150 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK CITY~~

9th. October, 1931.
Ack. 10/29/31

Mr. B. A. Garside,
150, Fifth Avenue,
NEW YORK CITY.

My dear Mr. Garside,

I am extremely sorry to have failed you over the information about the contributions of our Council to the West China Union University. I do not know how I came to overlook your letter and I only hope my delay has not caused you any serious inconvenience. I am now returning the statement and the letter from our Office together with the schedules which were sent in at that time.

Sincerely yours,

Dictated but not personally signed because of absence from the office.

H. T. SILCOCK.

Friends House,
Euston Road,
London. N.W.1. England.

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STATEMENT OF THE CAPITAL AND THE ANNUAL CURRENT CONTRIBUTIONS OF

(Miss.Board) Friends Service Council to

WEST CHINA UNION UNIVERSITY
AND ITS MISSION COLLEGE FOR THE YEAR 1930

WEST CHINA

$4.86 = £ 1

A. CAPITAL CONTRIBUTIONS	Tentative	Final
1. Land - (a) For Mission College	$10,986.	OK
(b) For Board of Governors	11,700.	OK
2. College Buildings - (a) For Mission College	41,400.	O.K.
Architect -	15,315	O.K.
(b) For Board of Governors	2,028.43	O.K.
3. Mission College Dormitories (included in 2 (a)		
4. Residences - (a) For Mission College	7,390.	O.K.
(b) For Board of Governors		
5. All other capital contributions-(a)For Mission College		
(b)For Bd.of Governors		
Total Capital Contributions - (a) For Mission College		75091.00
(b) For Bd.of Governors		13728.43

B. CURRENT CONTRIBUTIONS

1. Appropriations to Board of Governors Budget	$ 2,434.70	OK
2. Additional appropriations for Mission College - (a) Upkeep of land and buildings		
(b) Other current maintenance	3,046.60	OK
3. Number of missionaries supported (Man & Wife-counted one)	(1)	OK
4. Total amount paid for salary and regular allowances for such missionaries	1,816.14	OK.
5. Average of yearly expenditure for missionaries' travel and extra furlough charges	400.	OK.
6. Annual appropriation for support of Chinese members on staff		
7. Any other contributions in addition to the above	350.	O.K
Total Current Annual Contributions		8,047.44

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January 11, 1932.

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Mr. H. T. Silcock,
Friends Service Council,
Friends House,
Euston Road,
London, N. W.1, England

My dear Mr. Silcock:

I should have brought officially to your attention before this time action No. G-968 (c) of the annual meeting of the West China Governors on September 29, 1931, which reads as follows:-

> "Resolved, to credit toward the 1932 appropriations of the cooperating Mission Boards, pro rata to their contributions the amount of G $4,000 from the surplus which has accrued on the field from gain on exchange."

Since the total of the contributions heretofore made by the cooperating Mission Boards, under mutual agreement is G $25,000, this credit on $4,000 amounts to 16% of the contribution of each Board.

Since the contribution of the Friends Service Council has been stated in our budget as G $2,500 per year , the credit allowed you on the 1932 appropriation will be G $400, leaving G $2,100 as the amount necessary to maintain your contribution at the established level.

Since your society has defined its contribution to the West China budget as £500 per annum, this reduction of G $400 will probably not mean any real saving to your society this year, since at the prevailing rate of exchange £500 will not yield even G $2,100. We sincerely hope however, that before the year is over the exchange situation may improve sufficiently to permit your society to effect a substantial saving at this point.

With all good wishes, I am,

Very cordially yours,

B A GARSIDE

Assistant Treasurer

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FRIENDS HOUSE,
EUSTON ROAD,
LONDON, N.W.1

27th January 1932.

B.A. Garside, Esq,
China Union Universities,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Garside,

H.T. Silcock has asked me to acknowledge your letter of the 11th inst. informing us of Minute G.978 (c) of the Council meeting of the West China Governors held September 29th last, and I do so with many thanks for the information you have sent. This will be passed on to our Finance Committee in due course.

My colleague, P.H. Butler who usually corresponds with you is at the moment away from the office, but he will no doubt write you further if it is necessary on his return.

Yours sincerely,

Bernard G. Lawson

B.G. LAWSON.

Asst Sec (Finance)

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FRIENDS HOUSE,
EUSTON ROAD,
LONDON, N.W.1

8th March 1932.

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

Dear Mr. Garside,

I now have pleasure in enclosing draft in favour of the West China Union University for $870. being the equivalent of £250, the moiety of our contribution to the West China Union University Budget for this year. An acknowledgement in due time will oblige. I am sorry that the adverse exchange rate results in so much less, expressed in dollars, than formerly.

Yours sincerely,

P.H. Butler

PHILIP H. BUTLER.
Assistant Secretary, Finance.

$870.00 draft encl.

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West China Union University

November 2, 1932.

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Mr. H. T. Silcock,
Friends House,
Euston Road,
London, N. W., England

My dear Mr. Silcock:

We should have written you before this to report the recent developmmts regarding President Dsang's plans.

We have all been anxious to have President Dsang remain here in the West until he can secure his Ph. D. degree in June, 1933, if this can be done without serious detriment to the work in Chengtu. The most serious weakness at West China Union University has been the lack of adequate educational training on the part of our Chinese administrators and faculty. Now that Dr. Dsang is here in America, and is making such remarkably fine progress in his work, so that it seems certain he can secure his Doctorate next June, it would be very unfortunate to have him miss this opportunity and return to the field without the benefit of the standing and prestige which the Ph. D. gives in China at this time.

On the other hand we have all felt that Mr. Fong, too, is entitled to have a year of study abroad, and that it would be extremely unfortunate if Dr. Dsang's absence from the campus meant either that Mr. Fong must give up altogether his plan for a year in England, or else that a serious crisis might be precipitated at the University if Mr. Fong should go ahead with his plan for study in England this winter, and thus leave the University without the presence of either of its two Chinese administrators.

These were the considerations we had in mind in cabling you some weeks ago asking whether Mr. Fong's fellowship could be deferred until the summer of 1933. When you cabled back that another attempt to defer the fellowship might result in its being lost altogether, we passed on to Dr. Beech this information, together with further details as to Dr. Dsang's plan, and informed the field that we would leave the decision entirely in their hands.

A few days ago we received a cablegram from Dr. Beech stating that Mr. Fong has decided to defer his departure from the University until the summer of 1933. This clears the way for Dr. Dsang to remain here in the West until he secures his Ph. D. next June, and to that extent is very gratifying. However, we are wondering what effect this delay of Mr. Fong's departure from China will have on the fellowship the Friends have been planning to provide for him. Possibly you have cabled Dr. Beech that this will still be available in the fall of 1933,

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and it was on this basis that Mr. Fong made his change in plan. I would, however, appreciate it very much if you would let me know just how the matter stands, so that we may have the complete picture before us.

We had two very interesting days in Toronto last week at the Annual Meeting of the West China Governors. We will be sending you these minutes within a short time.

Very cordially yours,

BAG:PW

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West China Union University

November 10, 1932.

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Mr. H. T. Silcock,
Friends Service Council,
Friends House,
Euston Road,
London, N.W.1, England

My dear Mr. Silcock:

You will be glad to know that the West China Board of Governors, at its annual meeting in Toronto on October 25th and 26th, voted to refund to the cooperating Mission Boards a total of G. $4,000 to be taken from the surplus accruing during recent years from gain on exchange. This is in addition to another refund for a like amount voted by the West China Governors in September, 1931.

The amount we have shown from year to year in our West China budget as the anticipated contribution from the Friends Service Council has been G. $2,500. (Your appropriation has been expressed in terms of £500 per annum, but this was approximately equal to G. $2,500 until a year or so ago.) On this basis of G. $2,500 your pro rata share of the second refund is G. $400 which, added to the earlier refund of G. $400 makes your total refund G. $800, and leaves $1,700 as the amount needed from your Council to complete its obligation to the 1932 budget.

According to our records, we have received from you to date in 1932 two remittances for £250 each, from which the proceeds were $1,736.25. This is G. $36.25 more than the amount requested from your Council this year. We will credit this $36.25 as an advance payment on your appropriation for the new fiscal year beginning January 1, 1933, unless you request some different procedure.

At the meeting in Toronto, the West China Governors also voted that in view of the continued financial difficulties confronting all our cooperating Mission Boards, a further refund be made, during the calendar year 1933, on account of the present favorable rate of exchange, on the basis of G. $4,000. The pro rata share of your Council in this refund is G. $400, leaving the net contribution requested from you for 1933 as G. $2,100. We sincerely hope that the increasing value of the pound sterling will enable you to cover this entire amount within your usual appropriation of £500. In any event, the University would not expect you to appropriate in excess of £500. As you will remember, the West China Governors on September 29th and 30th, 1931 took action to the effect that for 1932 the cooperating Mission Boards outside the United States would not be expected

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to contribute any more money, in terms of their national currencies, toward the 1932 budget of the University than they gave in 1931 when the value of these national currencies in terms of gold dollars were at much higher rates. I believe it is generally understood that this same principle will apply to 1933.

Very sincerely yours,

B A GARSIDE
Assistant Treasurer

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Mr. B.A. Garside,
China Union Universities,
Central Office,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

WEST CHINA

2nd December 1932.
ack 12-13-32

Re West China Union University.

Dear Mr. Garside,

H.T. Silcock, who is no longer Secretary of the Council, having taken on other work in London (though we are glad to say he still keeps closely in touch with the work of the Council) has passed on to us your letter of November 10th regarding the contributions due from us towards the West China Union University for the years 1932 and 1933.

On behalf of our Finance Committee and China Committee, I am writing to say that we appreciate the two refunds of $400 each made for the year 1932, and the refund of $400 towards the 1933 amount.

We note your calculations as to the amount expected for the year 1933, but in view of the depreciated value of the £, we are glad to know that the Board of Governors does not look to our providing more than £500 sterling, as so far, I believe, the Council has made its grant in that form, and we sincerely hope that the exchange may so improve that with the $400 granted from reserve, the proceeds you will receive will approximate to the $2,500 which our £500 used to produce. We are certainly finding the loss on exchange a serious matter as regards a very great deal of our commitments abroad.

With thanks for your letter and its information.

Yours sincerely,

Bernard G. Lawson

B.G. LAWSON.
Assistant Secretary.

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6th March 1933.

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B.A. Garside, Esq., M.A.,
China Union Universities,
Central Office,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City,
U.S.A.

WEST CHINA

Dear Mr. Garside,

Please find herewith draft on the Central Hanover Bank and Trust Company, New York, for $861.25 in favour of the West China Union University, representing the first half of our contribution of £500 to the University for the current year. I hope that you will not have any difficulty in cashing this, but at the moment, of course, we do not know how far the disturbance in the American financial situation may affect transactions of this nature. As you will see the draft was purchased last week when exchange matters were proceeding normally, and I hope we shall not find in a few days that it would have been to the advantage of your funds for us to have made the exchange a little later, though, of course, we were not in a position to foresee the present situation.

Your formal acknowledgment in due course will oblige.

Yours sincerely,

Bernard G. Lawson

B.G. LAWSON.
Assistant Secretary, Finance.

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7th September 1933.

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

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Dear Mr. Garside,

West China Union University.

I think the time has come round for us to send you our second instalment for the West China Union University for the current year, and I am enclosing herewith draft on New York for $1128.75. You will see that this is a considerable advance on our previous remittance and, from our point of view, we are very glad that there is this substantial increase. Together with our remittance made on March 6th last of $861.25 this will bring our total remittance for 1933 up to $1990, and I gather from your letter of November 10th 1932, that there was a small balance in our favour from last year of $36.25. Although of course we still reckon our contribution in sterling, and you kindly recognise this fact, I believe that the Board of Governors had estimated for $2100 from us for 1933, so in the end we are not very far off. One never knows these days which way exchange is going to affect one's international finances.

Awaiting the favour of your acknowledgment in due course,

Yours sincerely,

Bernard G. Lawson.

B.G. LAWSON.
Assistant Secretary, Finance.

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B. G. Lawson, Esq.
Friends Service Council
Friends House, Euston Road
London, N. W.1, England

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My dear Mr. Lawson:

We acknowledge with sincerest thanks receipt of your letter of September 7th with its enclosed draft on New York for $1,128.75.

The fall in the value of the U. S. dollar has added to the financial problems of West China, and our other China colleges. But we are happy that it has at least meant a substantial increase in the amount produced by the sterling contributions of our British colleagues.

Very sincerely yours,

B A GARSIDE

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CC:Accounting Office

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12th December 1933.

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

WEST CHINA

Dear Mr. Garside,

I should be very much obliged if you could let me have one or two copies of the last published statement of accounts of the West China Union University. I haven't been able to lay my hands on one of these during the last two years.

Our Committee is now carefully considering how we can best keep up our cooperation with the University, and any information you can let us have on the university finances will be a great help.

I am,

Yours sincerely,

Bernard Wigham.

BERNARD WIGHAM,
Secretary, China Committee.

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December 28, 1933

Mr. Bernard Wigham
Friends Service Council
Friends House, Euston Road
London, N.W.1, England

My dear Mr. Wigham:

Your letter of December 12th addressed to Mr. Garside called for several copies of the published statement of accounts of West China Union University.

You will recall tha the field changed its fiscal year from the calendar year to correspond with the school year. The Trustees, therefore, voted that the first six months of 1932 would represent a period of adjustment, bringing the Trustees' accounting in conformity with the fiscal year on the field.

The two reports I am enclosing, therefore, represent a period covering eighteen months. Only one List of Securities as of December 31, 1932 is included. The report for the six months ending June 30, 1933, is complete.

With the season's greetings, I remain,

Very cordially yours,

C A Evans

CAE:RC

Assistant Treasurer

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

WEST CHINA

2nd March 1934.

Ack 3/17/34

Dear Mr. Garside,

Re West China Union University.

I have pleasure in sending herewith draft on the Chemical Bank and Trust Company, New York, for $1269.37, being the equivalent of £250, the first half of our grant of £500 to the West China Union University for the year 1934. Both the China Committee and the Finance Committee have under consideration at the present time the question of the grant for the year 1935, and as I think you already know, it is extremely improbable that we shall be able to maintain the grant at the above rate, in fact a substantial reduction seems inevitable. We are hopeful, however, that we shall not have to go to the full extent anticipated a year or so ago when we foresaw the possibility of having to cut off our grant altogether. We are, of course, facing a good many financial difficulties and, as by this time you will know only too well, going off the gold standard has meant considerable additional expenditure. We are, however, extremely thankful for the substantial support which is forthcoming for the Council's work, though throughout the last 5 or 6 years there has been a steady tendency for income to decline. We are, however, very interested in the University at Chengtu and will do whatever we possibly can.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Bernard G. Lawson

B.G. LAWSON.
Assistant Secretary, Finance.

Draft enclosed
$1,269.37
Deposited 3/15/34 - a/c #133

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West China Union University

March 17, 1934.

Mr. B. G. Lawson
Friends House
Euston Road
London, N.W.1, England

My dear Mr. Lawson:

We are very grateful indeed of your letter of March 2nd with its enclosed draft for U.S. $1269.37, being equivalent of £250, the first half of your grant of £500 to West China for the year 1934.

Our West China Trustees are very grateful indeed for the loyalty which the Friends Service Council has maintained its contribution during this period of economic depression. We earnestly hope that, with conditions now improving somewhat, you will not find any substantial reduction necessary. While your contribution this year is producing an abnormally large amount of U.S. currency, the rate of exchange between United States and China is only fifty-five per cent of what it was a year ago.

I will probably be in London in connection with the Annual Meeting of the West China Governors during the latter part of June and hope that I may have the privilege of meeting you at that time.

Very sincerely yours,

B A GARSIDE

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May 17, 1934

Mr. Carl Heath
Friends House
Euston Road
London, N. W. 1, England

My dear Mr. Heath:

At the meeting of the Executive Committee of the West China Board of Governors on April 24th, I was requested "to ask each of the cooperating mission boards for information as to the personnel they are now supplying to the staff of West China Union University."

We would be very grateful if you would inform us as promptly as you can as to the names of the personnel you are supplying to the West China staff. The names of missionary wives should be included. We would be grateful also if you could conveniently supply the following additional information: - date appointees became attached to the University; number of children; salaries received.

If, however, the supplying of this additional information would involve substantial delay, we request that you send us at least the names of the missionary personnel at West China immediately, supplying the other facts whenever they can be secured. We are anxious to get this information together in time to arrange it for presentation to the Annual Meeting of the West China Governors in Oxford next month.

Very sincerely yours,

B A GARSIDE

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28th May 1934.

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

Dear Mr. Garside,

In reply to your letter I am sending you herewith the names of the Friends engaged on the staff of the West China Union University, with the details attached that you ask for.

Faithfully yours,

Carl Heath

CARL HEATH,
General Secretary.

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Sent w/ Mr. Heath's letter 4/6/34

F.S.C. WORKERS on the STAFF of the WEST CHINA UNION UNIVERSITY.

WILLIAM G. SEWELL (Lecturer in Chemistry)

Hilda Sewell (wife of above)
Erica)
Ruth Veronica) children of W.G. & H. Sewell.

Appointed to W.C.U.U., Chengtu, September 1924.

Maintenance Allowance, as under:-

W.G. & H. Sewell	$2880		
Allowce. for children	912		
	$3792	@ 1/4 say,	£252.16.0
Sterling portion (in England)			80. 0.0
			£332.16.0.

A. IRENE HUTCHINSON (at present on furlough in England)

Appointed to W.C.U.U. February 1929.
Worked in Middle School.
Represented the Society of Friends in China on the SENATE.

Maintenance Allowance, $1800 @ 1/4 say, £120.
(No Sterling portion, by special arrangement.)

28th May, 1934.

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15th August 1934

B.A. Garside, Esq.,
Universities Associated Boards,
150, Fifth Avenue,
New York, U.S.A.

Dear Mr. Garside,

Enclosed are copies of the documents concerning the informal Conference on Cooperation in West China. These have been circulated to the Secretaries of the Missionary Societies working in Szechwan as also to all those present at the Conference.

Yours sincerely,

Carl Heath

CARL HEATH
General-Secretary
Friends Service Council

Enclosures.

Copy of letter to Secretaries of Boards
Letter signed by J. Gurney Barclay and Carl Heath
Notes of Conference

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15th August 1934

COPY of covering letter to Secretaries of Missionary Societies working in Szechwan.

Sent by Mr. Heath's letter 8/15/34

Dear . . . . . ,

In connection with an informal conference on cooperation in West China, held at Friends House (London) on June 29th, Mr. J. Gurney Barclay of the C.M.S. and myself were asked to send a letter in the enclosed sense to you. It is hoped that you may see your way to forward it to representatives of your society in Szechwan. I also enclose notes of the Conference.

Copies of these documents are being sent to the five Boards represented at the informal conference and to all those present; as also to the China Inland Mission, the Methodist Episcopal Mission (U.S.A.), the Christian Council in Szechwan, and the Chengtu Medical Association.

Yours sincerely,

CARL HEATH
General-Secretary
Friends Service Council

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CONFERENCE ON CO-OPERATION IN WEST CHINA

held in Friends House, Euston Road, London, June 29th 1934.

August 15th 1934

Sent with Mrs. Heath's letter 8/15/34

Dear Friend,

An informal conference on co-operation in West China was held at Friends House (London) on June 29th. The following representatives of the Missionary Societies working in Szechwan were present:

American Baptist Board	Dr. R.L. Howard
Church Missionary Society	Dr. & Mrs. Harold Anderson Mr. J. Gurney Barclay Dr. Wilson Cash Miss Hughes Hallett
Friends Service Council	Robert J. Davidson Carl Heath Harry T. Silcock J. Cuthbert Wigham
Universities Associated Boards (U.S.A)	Mr. B.A. Garside
United Church of Canada (Board of Foreign Missions)	Dr. James Endicott

After the discussion of the causes which led to the calling of the Conference, the progress that has already been made toward co-operation in West China was considered; for which progress members were devoutly thankful. But it was evident that there was still room for advance towards fuller unity in various departments of our missionary work. The thought that was uppermost in the minds of those present was that they wished the developing indigenous church to know that the above mentioned Mission Boards in the British Isles and in North America working in West China would welcome any suggestions that the Churches, or the workers on the Field, would make towards either further co-operation: educational, medical or otherwise, or towards the unity of the Christian Church in Szechwan.

A report was made of the co-operation in medical work in Chengtu and it was suggested that enquiries should be made as to whether the Hospital Board in Chengtu should extend its function to cover the whole Province and possibly form a Provincial Medical Board.

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In regard to education, it was suggested that some means should be taken for either the revival of the Educational Union, or for the establishment of another educational committee for the consideration of what further steps can be taken to co-ordinate and correlate all the Christian educational work carried on in the Province.

And further it was suggested that the Provincial Christian Council should consider what further possibilities there are for co-operation in evangelistic effort; and should give careful attention to studying the question of closer Church union in the Province.

The opinion was expressed that the logical outcome of such successful cooperative work as has been accomplished in Szechwan should be the further step of re-union, a step which must necessarily be taken by the Churches rather than by the Mission Boards. It was hoped that by encouragement from this end Churches and Missions in China would be led to investigate more fully the possibility of re-union. It was suggested that both the South India Re-Union Scheme and the movement in the Philippines should be studied in the hope that this might lead to further progress towards re-union in West China.

This conference has had a fresh vision of the possibility of a fuller unity of the Churches and would encourage Churches and Missions in West China to go forward with the exploration, through the Council itself and through local groups, of the further steps to be taken in this direction.

The general feeling was that the Boards at this end were prepared to support whatever united action could be agreed upon on the Field. The Conference desired to pass on to our friends in Szechwan an expression of prayerful sympathy.

J. GURNEY BARCLAY (C.M.S.)

CARL HEATH (F.S.C.)

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Notes on:-

INFORMAL CONFERENCE ON COOPERATION IN WEST CHINA
held at Friends House, London
29th June, 1934

Sent w/ Mr. Hench's letter 8/5/34

Present:

Dr. & Mrs. Harold Anderson	(C.M.S.)
Mr. J. Gurney Barclay	(C.M.S.)
Dr. Wilson Cash	(C.M.S.)
Mr. Robert J. Davidson	(F.S.C.)
Dr. James Endicott	(United Church of Canada)
Mr. B. A. Garside	(Universities Associated Boards - U.S.A.)
Miss Hughes Hallett	(C.M.S.)
Mr. Carl Heath	(F.S.C.)
Dr. R. L. Howard	(American Baptist Board)
Mr. Harry T. Silcock	(F.S.C.)
Mr. J. Cuthbert Wigham	(F.S.C.) - in the Chair.

Apologies for absence from: Miss E. T. Brydie (Conference of Missionary Societies); Rev. W. H. Aldis (China Inland Mission); H. G. Wood (F.S.C.); S. H. Fang (W.C.U.U.).

Mr. J. Cuthbert Wigham, Chairman of the Friends' Service Council was asked to preside. . . .

Dr. ENDICOTT introduced discussion by giving a brief survey of the history leading to the calling of this informal conference. There were three main reasons: an appeal from Dr. Franklin to Dr. Endicott at the Foreign Missions Conference for cooperation in Keanting; the hospital situation at Chungking (when Dr. Endicott was there in 1917-18 there were two hospitals run by the United Church of Canada and another mission, the latter being empty at the time); the question as to whether the Friends Middle School at Chungking would unite with the other Middle School.

Dr. Endicott believes that the Missions are at the end of any great achievements under the present system and in order to proceed there is need for greater cooperation. The Chairmen of the different Boards should look at the whole work together and visulise the needs of the totality. Mr. Macklennan considers that in atime of depression when our policies and programmes are dictated by a shortage of funds, cooperation is vital in order to make the best of what resources there are. Dr. Endicott considers cooperation is necessary at a time when funds are plentiful as well as in a time of depression.

The informal conference on cooperation held in New York, April 1934, heartily agreed that Boards should investigate the situation. It was most necessary to give more thought to existing work before making plans for any future growth.

Dr. Endicott strongly urged that the Boards should not accept the present decrease in interest in Foreign Missions as permanent: the Missions were launched at a time when there was probably less money available and defeat now would mean a lessening in the vitality of religion which as Christians we cannot accept. Rather Boards should get busy with a view to better days and not just clear up the wreckage as at present.

This informal conference should be the expression of a desire to study the situation.

Dr. HOWARD agreed with what Dr. Endicott said.

Mr. GURNEY BARCLAY stated that the C.M.S. has always been very keen on cooperation and on doing what it can towards

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Reunion. He mentioned the recent advance in cooperation in Bengal, where cooperation was taking place in the whole field, where every Mission had been forced by the depression to make big cuts, and where the great advantage of some scheme of planning as to which Mission could most easily be responsible for certain schools, hospitals, etc., had been realised.

In China they had suggested Shantung and Southern Fukien as likely provinces for cooperation - the suggestion for further co-operation in Szechwan came as rather a shock, as the C.M.S. has looked on Szechwan as a model of cooperation as so much has already been done along those lines there. If there is anything more that can be done in Szechwan, it is not cooperation but Reunion, (this may not be so true of other Missions, but in the case of the C.M.S. there is no overlapping and they only touch other Missions in Chengtu).

Bishop Donnithorne (on the Field) is very anxious that something should come out of this conference at Friends House that should help forward the subject of Reunion. A letter from the Bishop to Mr. Gurney Barclay was circulated among the members of the Conference.

Mr. Gurney Barclay reaffirmed the willingness of the C.M.S. to do anything to further cooperation but geographically there was not much scope for them.

Mrs. ANDERSON expressed the view that the Chinese themselves cannot bear to be divided into small groups and are longing to get together. This should help us to get over difficulties.

Dr. ENDICOTT felt that the Chinese must be fully taken into any Reunion of Churches; there is no question of the foreign Missions having Chinese churches to hand over.

What we want now is a common Board of Strategy, so that if possible the total resources in money and men will be looked at and that these should be available for all, then we should be able to agree commonly to schools, hospitals, etc., being used to their best advantage

Mr. J. C. WIGHAM asked whether work in Szechwan was not already fairly well planned and avoided almost all overlapping.

Dr. ENDICOTT replied that he considered the system of "Spheres of Influence" was a most deadly doctrine. (Why must a man born in a certain district be forced to belong to a certain denomination)?

Miss HUGHES HALLETT gave a further example of cooperation between Missions: the C.M.S. Women's Bible School in Wenchow (near Tungchwan) often sent women patients down to Tungchwan Friends Hospital where there was a woman doctor.

Dr. HOWARD asked how strong was the Christian Council in West China. He said that in the Philipines there had been an important move towards Church cooperation through the local Christian Council group.

Dr. ENDICOTT replied that the Christian Council was an entirely advisory body, its importance depending greatly on the men who happened to be there.

Dr. ANDERSON called the attention of the conference to the Hospitals Board in Chengtu which was an example of cooperation between men with responsibilities. This Board virtually controlled the hospitals in Chengtu and such a method might be enlarged to take in the whole Province. It afforded a most valuable nucleus.

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He also referred to the West China Education Union, which no longer exists, but which did in the past most important work with regard to the setting of examinations and maintaining of certain standards (this has now become a government affair). A similar Board might, however, be very useful for furthering cooperation.

The idea of such Boards might be further developed to cover all realms.

Dr. HOWARD does not think such a system could be made to cover all realms (i.e. Evangelisation).

He suggested that the Christian Council might work as a kind of Federation and cooperate as long as there was no opposition this end.

Dr. ENDICOTT would like the indigenous Church to know what our feelings are at this end and then let them get on in their own way.

Mr. GURNEY BARCLAY felt that the Secretaries of Boards would welcome any suggestions that the Churches or workers on the Field would make towards Reunion and cooperation: educational, medical, or otherwise. If we let it be known that we would like to hear from the Field any such suggestions and ideas, this would show our sympathy at this end. He doubted if we could do much more than this at the present time.

Dr. ANDERSON reminded the conference that Missionaries had already associated in a variety of work, and it was now a question of how much backing the Boards at home would give.

Mr. CARL HEATH suggested that we should indicate to the Field that we hope for this kind of cooperation.

The churches represented in the work in West China are: The Anglican Church; the Church of Christ of China; the C.I.M.; the Quakers; and the American Baptists.

Dr. WILSON CASH said he felt it was not only a question of Reunion of the Churches in West China, but the prelude to reunion throughout China. Hawkins of the L.M.S. was impressed with the necessity for the Churches to move together and had urged the Anglicans to come into beginning of movement towards Reunion. Would it be possible for s omething to be done by giving a lead to the Churches in China that steps in cooperation may lead towards something fuller and richer than has been attempted at present? Dr. Cash would like to see set up in parts of China groups of people investigating the possibilities of Reunion. There may be fifteen or twenty years of investigation ahead of us, but at present this is not recognised and it would be helpful to have something definite set in motion. West China might be a good example for initiating study of this kind.

Mr. CARL HEATH referred to a letter from William Sewell concerning a group in China that had been discussing the possibilities of organic union and presumed that such groups might be encouraged and developed.

Mr. H. T. SILCOCK felt it was extraordinarily important to remember clearly that we are thinking of Church Union which should be predominantly Chinese (or else it would be nothing). It must be a Chinese group that takes the initiative in a predominantly Chinese Union. He felt it was a great pity that there was no Chinese friend present. And he wondered whether, if we did get a great step forward, we should have done greater harm or good.

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Mr. CARL HEATH suggested that before our Chinese colleagues could progress towards reunion, we must make sure that we are rid of the obstacles we create for them by our divisions at the home end, and also that the missionaries themselves are united to a greater degree than at present.

Mr. R. J. DAVIDSON mentioned that the group (referred to by William Sewell) was only one of a score that had met during the 25 years that missionaries had worked in Szechwan; but in the past the hands of workers on the Field had been tied by the Boards at home.

Dr. WILSON CASH thought the last ten years had shown a tremendous growth at the home end in the movement towards unity. There is a real movement of the Spirit of God both in England and over-seas. But it is the Churches at home with their historical divisions that are preventing the Chinese Churches from going ahead.

Mr. GURNEY BARCLAY called the conference's attention to the fact that the last Lambeth Conference gave its blessing to the South India Scheme which was an entirely new departure in the history of reunion. (He suggested the possibility of a plan for West China similar to that in South India).

Dr. HOWARD pointed out that South India has not been able to see its way clear to go into reunion altogether, because they need real spiritual growth. Many of the people are living in the ideas of a hundred years ago and there is a great necessity for the setting in motion of real spiritual growth.

Dr. WILSON CASH agreed that the Churches abroad had tended to accentuate the differences and divisions rather than the similarities; through over-emphasis and erroneous interpretations. But the Chinese seem to have a real will to reunite, which is an unusual possibility. Need to take care (as in Indian scheme) that no one Church is to try to absorb another; and at the same time as each denomination stands for particular things in the Christian faith the unity must not be based on a lowest common denominator, but by bringing together the best and richest from each of the Churches.

Dr. ANDERSON referred to the fear that if all the missionaries left China the Chinese would form something that would not be recogniseable to us as a Church - this being due to the fact that the Chinese Church lacked the historical backing.

Dr. ENDICOTT felt that we were faced with two alternatives: the perpetuation of denominationalism (which we no longer felt to be the Will of God); or an effort in the early stages to give the Chinese a possibility of escape.

Dr. WILSON CASH wondered whether during a period of intense nationalism in China there was a danger that a loose federation of the Churches in China might lead to the cutting off of the Chinese Church from the churches in other countries and lead to a greater risk of the Chinese Church being open to any heresies that might sweep through the country.

Dr. ANDERSON felt that foreigners fighting against reunion might also tend towards nationalism - if all the various denominations were included in union would not the danger be less? The Chinese finds denominationalism interesting but not essential.

Dr. WILSON CASH thought that Mr. Hawkins' idea was that if the Churches outside the Church of Christ (of China) were brought in, it would make the whole movement stronger and richer.

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Mr. R. J. DAVIDSON asked where would there be room for the Quakers in such a scheme - would it be possible for Quakers to preserve certain principles.

Dr. ENDICOTT answered that all groups coming into the Union must bring all they have with them.

Dr. HOWARD wondered whether it were possible to go further then they had gone in the Philipines - would there be a possibility in the future of those studying the question in West China and those studying it in the Philipines getting together for discussion.

Mr. CARL HEATH felt that all we could do was to invite study of the question and rid ourselves of the difficulties and divisions which we ourselves have created, and then leave the thing to grow out of a free spirit in our Chinese friends. We must also bring certain vital elements into the Chinese Church (historical backing and a deepening of the spiritual life).

Mr. GURNEY BARCLAY said it would be a pity to break up this gathering without sending some message or statement to the Field.

Dr. ANDERSON suggested that we might not only recommend the study of the question but also draw up a list of available literature and also see how the matter has been tackled before.

Dr. ENDICOTT would like a Committee on this side to be in direct relation with China and inform the Americans and Canadians of all developments.

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Suggested statement or message on following lines:

1) We propose that this our conference suggest that the present Hospital Board in Chengtu should extend its function to cover the whole Province, and further form a Provincial Medical Board.

2) That some means should be taken for either the revival of the Educational Union or the establishment of another Education Committee for the consideration of what further steps can be taken in the coordination and correlation of all the educational work in the Province.

3) We suggest that the Provincial Christian Council should consider what further possibilities there are for co-operation in evangelistic effort; and secondly to give careful attention to studying the question of closer Church Union in the Province.

4) That any such movements have the support of the various Missionary Boards represented in West China and that they would welcome any efforts that the Church in China may see right to take towards further cooperation along the lines indicated.

5) That this group, having a fresh vision of the possibilities of Reunion of the Churches, would encourage Churches and Missions in West China to go forward with the exploration of the plans for Reunion through the Szechwan Christian Council and local meetings, having in mind the experience of the Churches in the Philipines and the South India Scheme; and that the China Committee of the I.M.C. be asked to act as a Committee to correspond.

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Dr. WILSON CASH felt that any group exploring the question of Reunion should combine representatives of Church and Boards (i.e. Chinese and foreigners.)

Mr. CARL HEATH pointed out the necessity, in an extensive province like Szechwan, of having six or a dozen groups studying the question in various centres where they could meet regularly - not a group meeting spasmodically.

Mr. R. J. DAVIDSON felt there might be a danger in such groups in centres only representing one point of view - though this would not be the case in Chengtu.

Mr. GURNEY BARCLAY would recommend to the Provincial Council that this matter be studied and suggest that, where possible, groups should take the matter up in various centres.

Mr. R. J. DAVIDSON suggests sending these findings to the Societies in England and America and leaving it to them to inform the workers on the Field and stating that such suggestions had their backing.

Mr. CARL HEATH reminded the gathering that such an ad hoc conference has no official position. He does not wish to do something over the heads of the various boards. Agreement in England would be fairly simple, as it would be merely between the C.M.S. and Friends.

Dr. ENDICOTT again expressed his wish to have a Committee in England to deal with the matter. Such a Committee already exists in America (of which Dr. ENDICOTT is Chairman).

Mr. R. J. DAVIDSON reminded the gathering that some expense might be involved in carrying out this programme of study - travelling, etc.

Mr. CARL HEATH summed up the situation as follows: The first step on this side would be that the C.M.S. and Friends would agree on some form of letter to the workers and friends in China: this letter should be sent over to America and Canada to see whether they agreed to it or would issue some similar letter from their side.

Dr. WILSON CASH would like some literature sent out to the Field.

Mr. CUTHBERT WIGHAM (Chair) asks that Carl Heath should send a copy of a memorandum of this meeting out to the Boards represented.

Mr. CARL HEATH suggests taking the five points suggested as a message or statement and consulting with Mr. Gurney Barclay.

Dr. WILSON CASH asked whether this group could not send out such a message as a concern from the gathering - not an order.

Dr. HOWARD hoped some report (stenographic) of this meeting would be circulated to those present.

It was finally suggested that Mr. Carl Heath and Mr. Gurney Barclay should draw up some kind of letter or memorandum and send it to the Boards at home (and representatives on the Field?) and the Secretaries should decide what should be done with it.

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Dear Mr. Garside,

I am enclosing herewith draft on the bank of the Manhatten Company of New York for $1249.37, being the equivalent of the second instalment, valued £250, of our grant for the current year, making a total of £500 altogether. As you will see the exchange obtained was nearly $5 to the £, and we hope that this brings our total contribution up to what you had expected in $. I think you are already fully aware that we do not see how we can maintain our support at this rate, unfortunately, and that the figure at the moment proposed for next year is a total of £250. The Council's Budget for 1935 is, however, still under discussion and we will let you know in due course what decision is arrived at.

I am sorry not to have had the opportunity of meeting you whilst you were over here recently, but I have read and heard reports of the Oxford and Friends House gatherings with very much interest.

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