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



*ack*  
*3/23*  
*Evans*

6th March 1935.

Dear Mr. Garside,

I enclose herewith draft on the New York Trust Company, New York, for \$601.25, being the equivalent of £125, which is the first half-yearly instalment of our grant to the W.C.U.U. for the current year. I think you already knew that we anticipated reducing the grant to £250 this year and I am sorry to say that the extent of our financial problems has made that necessary. The exchange burden alone on the whole of our overseas work is very heavy. The situation in Szechwan seems very unsettled at the present time and I expect you know that our ~~own~~ workers are facing many problems in connection with the question of military drill at the University. We shall be most interested to hear in due course how this particular problem develops.

With our best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

B.G. LAWSON.  
 Assistant Secretary, Finance.

*Draft on \$601.25*  
*Dep. 3/21/35 - 90# 133*

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West China Union University

March 23, 1935

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

My dear Mr. Lawson:

I am acknowledging your letter initialed BGL/AMK of March 6th. This encloses New York draft for \$601.25, representing an equivalent of £125, which is the first half-yearly instalment for West China Union University for 1935. On our books, this is the last remittance for 1934-35. Our records show that the Friends Service Council has reduced their appropriation to £250 this year, but there is a very profound hope that the cooperation of the Council may be brought back to the usual standard at a not too distant date.

We have read about the military training at the University with mingled feelings. Some of the reports make it a very dire picture, whereas others give it as no more or less than physical training exercises, which as far as the government is concerned, is a mere gesture. We sincerely trust there is no over-exaggeration on either side. Taking a middle ground, it would seem that what is being done at the University is not a drastic procedure; but on the other hand, of course, the Friends on the field will best be able to judge this situation.

We all are greatly opposed to war, and are conscious of its futility. The rumblings on the horizon at the present time are ominous. What is to occur is a mere guess. The procedures being adopted by the various countries are not peaceful by any means. My own personal attitude is that the Church has all too long neglected its opportunities to drive home the real truth about war. I know the Friends have always stood on solid ground in this issue, for which I have admired them greatly. I have frequent social intercourse with Friends as my sister-in-law belongs to the London Grove Meeting, and our chief accountant here in the office is a Friend. My wish is that every Christian might have the same conviction and courage that actuates the Society of Friends.

Very sincerely yours,

*C. A. Evans*

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BGL/AMK

6th September 1935.

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

*Recd 9/16*

Dear Mr. Garside,

Please find herewith draft on the Bank of New York and Trust Company for \$619.37, being the equivalent of our contribution of £125 for the second half of the present year (though I believe this does not quite coincide with your financial year). You will see that this is a little more than the draft sent for the first half of the year, but I am afraid it falls much below what we have sent in the last few years. You will know that we very much regret this, but under all our present circumstances, I am afraid there is no avoiding it. I believe that the Board is due to meet shortly on your side and we hope you will have a useful time.

The question of military service at the University provides at least one different topic for discussion.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

B.G. LAWSON.  
 Assistant Secretary, Finance.

*Draft enc.*  
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Associated Board for Christian  
Colleges in China.  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York.

6th March 1936.

Dear Mr. Garside,

Please find herewith draft on the New York Trust Company, New York, for \$623.43, being our first half-yearly contribution towards the expenses of the West China Union University for the current year. I expect, like ourselves, you are thankful that for the moment China exchange is better for those of us who have to remit ~~for~~ *for funds* abroad, than it has been for a little while.

We have been very glad to hear from our representatives of the exemption granted by the Authorities on the question of military training, etc. at the University.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

*Bernard G. Lawson*

B.G. LAWSON.  
Assistant Secretary, Finance.

*Draft enc. - \$623.43*

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West China Union University

March 16, 1936

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

My dear Mr. Lawson:

We are grateful to you for your letter of March 6th enclosing draft for \$625.45. This represents a semi-annual contribution for West China Union University.

The exchange situation certainly has been of great benefit to us, and accordingly we are deeply grateful as it has brought relief to the missionaries on the field as well. It is to be hoped that stabilization can be accomplished somewhere near the present figure. This, however, is too much to ask.

Apparently the visit of Chiang Kai-shek resulted in benefit to the University in working out the problems of military training. It is indeed a happy solution to what seemed to be a very distasteful situation.

We were all greatly grieved to learn of the death of Miss Carolena Wood, who had been a member of the West China Board these past two years. She had been ill for some time; but we understand that at the last a severe attack of pneumonia was too much for her to combat. We will miss her greatly from our Board meetings.

Very cordially yours,

*C. A. Evans*

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4th September 1936.

B.A. Garside, Esq.,  
Associated Board for Christian  
Colleges in China,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York.

*WR  
9/12*

Dear Mr. Garside,

I have pleasure in sending herewith draft on the Bankers Trust Company, New York, for \$628.60 representing our second half-yearly contribution for the current year to the West China Union University. We trust that all is going well and that the University is not having too many difficulties in the financial direction. We are glad to learn that economic and financial circumstances have somewhat improved in the United States in the last year or two and we hope that has made your own finances somewhat easier.

With our usual good wishes for your work,

Yours sincerely,

*Bernard G. Lawson*

B.G. LAWSON.  
Assistant Secretary, Finance.

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West China

September 12, 1936

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

Attention: Mr. B. G. Lawson

Gentlemen:

We wish to express our thanks for your letter of September 4th, enclosing draft for \$628.60, covering semi-annual contribution from the Friends Service Council for West China Union University.

There are none of our universities but what are suffering from drastic cuts in appropriations and income. We have been hoping that the restoration of confidence on the part of contributors would increase the income of the University, but as yet we have seen no appreciable effects of this influence. Quite naturally, any upward turn in business is not reflected in increased receipts toward the Colleges, until the very last thing. Many contributions continued some time after the depression really arrived, and by the same token prosperity will have quite definitely made an imprint upon our economic welfare for some time before it is reflected in our work.

However, we most earnestly solicit your prayers and good wishes that this work may continue to go forward and increase in power.

Very sincerely yours,

*C. G. Coans*

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*Friend*

*Members*

Note on meeting of the Friend members of the Board, held at Friends House 12th September, 1935.

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The three Friend members of the Board of Governors of the West China Union University, not being able to attend the Board Meeting to be held at Chester, Pa., on 8th and 9th October, met and discussed the question of military training in China. They are very glad that there is a prospect of one or two American Friends attending on their behalf. Margaret Emmott, of the Friends' Service Council, hopes to attend also, and met with the Friend members to-day. The main outcome of their discussion was as follows:

Friends are, of course, greatly concerned to maintain their connection with the University, and would be very loath to withdraw from the Board. They feel, however, that the time may come when, if the University has to become responsible for the military training of its students, Friends may feel obliged to withdraw altogether, since, in their view, military training, as part of the curriculum of the University, would gravely impair, and might undermine the Christian influences which it is the primary object of the University to foster through the education which it provides. Friends, however, will not take any hasty steps, and hope that a situation may not arise which would make any such action necessary. They hope that the Board will draw up a statement to be, if necessary, presented to the Chinese Government, setting forth the reasons why it is undesirable to associate compulsory military training with any form of higher education, and why such military training is out of keeping with education based on Christian principles. In view of the effect this may have on the future working of the University, they hope that the statement may be circulated to Board members before being sent out.

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What has been written above applies to the position of Friend members of the Board. The position of Friend members on the Staff of the University is primarily a matter for their personal decision.

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3rd December 1936.

*Notes FA*

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

Dear Garside,

In the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the West China Board of Governors I notice a reference in connection with Minute 1256 to an extension course. It appears that Dr. Wallace Crawford presented the scheme in detail and that mimeographed copies were distributed to members of the Board. Some of us here are deeply interested in this subject and would be most grateful if you could send us some of these mimeographed copies as at present we know nothing in detail from the Minutes of the Board or of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

*H. T. Silcock*

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E.A. Evans, Esq.,  
Associated Boards for  
Christian Colleges in China,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York.

*WGR*  
*3/13*

2nd March 1937.



Dear Friend,

I have pleasure in enclosing herewith  
draft for \$610.62 on the Public National Bank and Trust  
Company, New York, being our contribution to the  
general budget of the West China Union University for  
the current half year. Please oblige with receipt in  
due course.

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*3/13/37*

Yours faithfully,

*Bernard G. Lawson*

B.G. LAWSON.  
Assistant Secretary, Finance.

*Dep 3/13/37*

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March 8, 1937

Mr. Bernard G. Lawson  
Friends Service Council  
Euston Road, London N.W.1

Dear Mr. Lawson:

Thank you for your letter of February 18th. This seems to give a very satisfactory basis for handling Miss Marjorie Robertson's finances. Our West China board of governors will be glad to accept that basis for Miss Robertson's salary and allowances, namely a salary of L.C.\$1800 per annum and a personal allowance of £40 per annum which is to be expended in England as Miss Robertson may direct, or else is held in reserve for her benefit.

In Miss Robertson's case it would seem to me better that the allowance of £40 be held and administered by your office in London. I do not see any special value in having a dollar account for her here in New York. Her home is in England, and practically all expenditures she is likely to make could more conveniently be handled from London than from New York. If at any time she should want our office to make expenditures for her, we could take care of the matter and then make the necessary adjustment with your office.

Our office has been making regular remittances to the Baptist Missionary Society reimbursing them for payments they are making on the insurance Miss Robertson is carrying. These remittances amounting to ninety shillings for each quarter, are sent to Mr. J.H.Ewing, Baptist Missionary Society, 19 Furnival Street, London. Our last remittance covered the period ending March 31, 1938.

We would be grateful if you would get in touch with Mr. Ewing and would make arrangements to carry on these insurance payments after April 1st.

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March 8, 1938

Our office has sent Miss Robertson her salary through March 31st, as stated in my letter of January 27th. We understand from your letter, that Mr. Simkin has been requested to accept responsibility for her salary thereafter.

Our office will be glad to advance to you at whatever intervals may be most convenient, enough funds to cover your expenditures for Miss Robertson's salary and allowances. At the present rates, her salary in China, plus the £40 held for her in England will amount to around U.S.\$800 per annum. Since the fiscal year of West China Union closes June 30th, and Miss Robertson's salary and allowances have been paid through March 31st, there remains one quarter in this fiscal year to be paid. This will amount to approximately U.S.\$200. We are therefore enclosing a check to the order of the Friends Service Council for that amount.

We suggest that beginning July 1st our office send you a remittance of U.S.\$400. Each six months thereafter we will send you a similar remittance, making whatever adjustment is necessary to cover the difference between the U.S.\$400 and the actual amount you have disbursed on Miss Robertson's account during the preceding six months. If you would prefer to have us make remittances at some different interval, such as quarterly or annually, we would be glad to accept whatever plan is simpler for you.

Do you prefer that our remittances be made in U.S.dollars, or in pounds sterling? We can either send a university check in U.S.dollars as is being done in the present instance, or else purchase a draft on London for approximately the same amount ( say £40 per quarter, or £80 if we remit semi-annually).

Please let me know if there are any points we have overlooked, and feel free to suggest modifications in the above proposals.

Very sincerely yours

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July 6, 1937

ack by Lawson  
8/6/37

Mr. B. G. Lawson  
Assistant Secretary of Finance  
Friends Service Council  
Friends House  
Euston Road  
London N.W.1, ENGLAND

My dear Mr. Lawson:

At the request of Dr. Sparling, I am writing to each of the Mission Boards cooperating in West China Union University to learn what plans they have in mind for contributing toward the support of the Union Theological School during 1937-38 as proposed by the Board of Directors and as requested by the West China Board of Governors at the Annual Meeting held in Toronto on October 21st and 22nd, 1936 (G-1260).

Most of the participating Boards have now voted to appropriate their pro rata share of the sum of LC\$2,750 estimated as required for the current expenses of the Union Theological College during 1937-38. As you probably know, the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society, the Methodist Episcopal Board, the United Church of Canada, the Church Missionary Society, and the Friends Service Council were asked to appropriate LC\$450 each and the three women's Boards were asked to give LC\$150 each. Six of these Boards have now responded favorably to this request, but as yet we have had no definite reply from the Friends Service Council and one of the women's Boards.

We hope that the Friends Service Council has now found it possible to respond favorably to the request for this appropriation and that your office will soon be authorized to transmit that amount to the field for the use of the Union Theological School. The amount may either be transmitted through your usual missionary channels direct to Chengtu or may be turned over to the New York office of the West China Board of Governors for us to transmit to China. Either procedure will be satisfactory, although it is suggested that unless a Mission Board definitely prefers to transmit its appropriation direct to Chengtu it would probably be satisfactory to send it through the New York office of the Board of Governors in the same way as the Board's other appropriations are being transmitted.

We would be grateful if you will let us know in due course whether the Friends Service Council have authorized such an appropriation and,

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Mr. Lawson

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July 6, 1937

if so, the method by which you would prefer to transmit it to Chengtu.

Very sincerely yours,

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6th August, 1937.

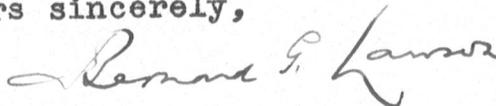
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B. A. Garside Esq.,  
150, Fifth Avenue,  
NEW YORK CITY, U.S.A.

Dear Mr. Garside,

Your letter of July 6th regarding a possible contribution from the Friends Service Council to the Union Theological College at Chengtu, has remained unanswered as this matter was receiving the consideration of our China Committee. They met about a week ago, and our Secretary, Paul D. Sturge, has written to Mr. Anderson as to the views of the Committee, and he may have already informed you that we do not find it possible to come to a decision without consulting our workers in China. I am afraid, therefore, that the Finance Department cannot take any action until the matter has again been before the China Committee. I am sorry for the unavoidable delay in acknowledging your letter.

Yours sincerely,



B. G. LAWSON,  
Asst. Secretary (Finance).

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

*Handwritten:* Mark 9/15

3rd September 1937.

Dear Mr. Garside,

Please find herewith draft on the Marine Midland Trust Company of New York for \$620, representing our contribution to the general budget of the West China Union University for the current half year.

No doubt, like ourselves, you are anxiously watching the development of affairs in China and for the moment we must be thankful that Szechwan is well away from the area of hostilities.

Yours sincerely,

*Handwritten signature: B.G. Lawson*

B.G. LAWSON.  
Assistant Secretary, Finance.

*Handwritten:* D up. 9/14/37

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RJD/MR

14th January, 1938.

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

*Recd 1/27/38*

Dear Friend,

With further reference to your letter of July 9th 1937, we have communicated with our Mission Treasurer in Chengtu concerning the arrangements for the administration of Miss Marjorie Robertson's finances. He writes stating that he will be responsible for looking after this. We have not yet heard from our Committee of Missionaries whether they will take responsibility for other matters, but as soon as we hear from them we will let you know. Miss Robertson is at the present time an associate member of our Committee and I judge that in case of need the other members will do anything possible to assist her.

Yours sincerely,

*R. J. Davidson*

R. J. DAVIDSON,  
Secretary, China Committee.

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14th January, 1938.

Rev. Frank Anderson, M.A., D.D.,  
199, Regent Street,  
London, Ontario.

Dear Friend,

Our Committee have now given a good deal of attention to the question of the starting of the Theological College at the West China Union University. Our Mission Treasurer Robert Simkin, representing American Friends in China, and working with our Committee is interested in the work of the proposed College, and is taking part in the effort to establish it. The Yearly Meeting of Friends in ~~China~~ has given a small contribution towards the local expenses, but at present the China Committee of the F.S.C. does not feel able to make a grant. It is, however, interested in the proposition, and will await further information about it with sympathy.

Yours sincerely,

R. J. Davidson  
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R.J. Davidson,  
Secretary, China Committee.

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January 27, 1938

Mr. E. J. Davidson  
Friends Service Council  
Friends House, Euston Road  
London, N.W.1, ENGLAND

Dear Mr. Davidson:

Thank you for your letter of January 14th. We are glad to learn that arrangements have now been made whereby Miss Marjorie Robertson's finances can be administered through the usual channels of the Friends Service Council.

As I stated in my letter of July 9th, 1937, we assume that these arrangements will include your paying her the same salary and allowances as would be given to any regular member of your own missionary group in West China. Our New York office will pay over to your Treasurer in whatever way will be most satisfactory to him the amount of these disbursements which you are making on our behalf. Our usual arrangements where one of the Mission Boards is thus handling the salary and allowances of a staff member for whom the Board of Governors is primarily responsible, is that we advance to the Mission Board a sum sufficient to cover probable expenditures for from three to six months, and thereafter reimburse the Treasurer on the basis of his periodic statements to us of actual disbursements made. We will, however, be glad to modify the details of our arrangements in whatever way is most satisfactory to your Treasurer.

We are this week sending Miss Robertson a draft which will cover her salary through the month of March. Would it be satisfactory to you to take over the administration of her financial arrangements as of April 1st, on the basis set forth above?

With sincere appreciation for the friendship and cooperation of your Council, I am

Very truly yours,

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

18th February 1938.

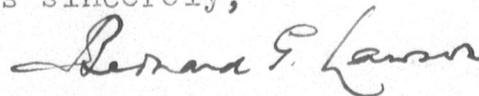
Dear Mr. Garside,

R.J. Davidson is away from the office for a day or two and I am therefore acknowledging on his behalf your letter of 27th January regarding Marjorie Robertson's finances. The arrangements you suggest seem to us quite satisfactory and we have passed on your suggestions to R.L. Simkin, leaving him now to correspond direct with you and make whatever final arrangements seem most satisfactory. We have asked him to accept responsibility as from April 1st as you suggest.

Our Allowance at present in China for workers "living alone" (and we think that Marjorie Robertson ~~can~~ comes in this category) is L.C. \$1800 per annum, and we assume is the amount that R.L. Simkin will pay out. In addition however, we put aside in London for each of our workers in China, the sum of £40 annually, (say U.S. \$200), which they are at liberty to draw on for any personal commitments they may have in this country, such as insurances, dependant relatives etc., or the money can mount up each year as a reserve saving. We have not given R.L. Simkin any instruction on this point, as we would like to leave it to your decision whether you offer Marjorie Robertson that amount, and if so, perhaps you would like to give her the chance of having a dollar account with you in New York in the same way that our workers have a sterling account with us here?

I hope this is all to your satisfaction and we are quite glad if it is of some help to you to have our cooperation in this matter, though the person who is really doing the job is R.L. Simkin.

Yours sincerely,



BERNARD G. LAWSON,  
Assistant Secretary, Finance.

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

11th March 1938.

*ack  
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Dear Mr. Evans,

I have pleasure in sending herewith draft on New York for \$627.18, being our first half-yearly contribution for the current year towards the W.C.U.U. May we please have your acknowledgment in due course?

I expect you know that H.T. Silcock has departed for China and is planning to visit Szechwan first so we hope that our Friends in Chengtu may be seeing him shortly.

Yours sincerely,

*B.G. Lawson*

B.G. LAWSON.  
Assistant Secretary, Finance.

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Dep. 3/19/38*

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Home Organisation AMY MONTFORD

23rd March 1938.

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

*ack 4/2*

Dear Mr. Garside,

Thank you for your letter of 8th March regarding Miss Marjorie Robertson's finances. Our original idea was that the financial settlement should be made direct between yourselves and Chengtu, but as you have kindly agreed to Marjorie Robertson receiving a sterling allowance of £40 here, as in the case of our other workers, and as there is also an insurance to pay in London quarterly, we shall be willing to handle an account here, communicating with you and Szechwan as is necessary. Our suggestion is that we should run an account with yourselves, to which we will credit remittances received from you from time to time (we should prefer quarterly if that is not inconvenient to you, otherwise half-yearly) and against which we should ~~also~~ charge up the sterling portion quarterly and the allowance due in China quarterly, which is the system we use for all our own workers.

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We are therefore placing the proceeds of the \$200 which you have just sent (for which I enclose receipt), to your credit, for the period commencing 1st April next. If you decide to send a remittance of \$400 on 1st July next, we shall regard that as covering approximately to the end of the year. We will of course make the necessary arrangements with R.L. Simkin in Chengtu, and will pay the quarterly insurance premium to the Baptist Missionary Society regularly from 1st April onwards.

We do not mind whether your remittances come in the form of U.S. dollars or pounds sterling, but in any case it will be necessary for us to keep your account here in sterling.

I think this covers all your points and hope our proposals are to your satisfaction.

Yours sincerely,

*Bernard G. Lawson*  
P.S. I am assuming that your intention is that the insurance premiums be paid from the £40 p.a. sterling allowance. BERNARD G. LAWSON.

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April 2, 1938

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

Dear Mr. Lawson:

Thank you for your letter of March 23rd.

Our office will be happy to accept your suggestion that you run an account with our office, to which you will credit remittances received from us from time to time, and against which you will charge up the sterling portion quarterly, and the allowance due in China quarterly. Our office will be glad to make remittances to you quarterly as you suggest. We will therefore send you a remittance of US\$200 on July 1st. Thereafter we will send you quarterly remittances of approximately US\$200 each, adjusting the amount of each remittance on the basis of your quarterly reports to us so as to reimburse you for any expenditures in excess of the estimated rate of US\$200 per quarter, or to keep any saving where the expenditures for the quarter are less than this amount.

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You are correct in assuming that it has been our intention that the insurance premiums be paid from the remittances which we send to you each quarter. It seems to us desirable that all such details of just what Miss Robertson is entitled to receive should be settled in the same way as they would be if she were a regular missionary of the Friends Service Council.

Since you indicate that it makes no special difference to your office whether remittances are sent to you in United States dollars or in pounds sterling we will continue to use dollar drafts for the present. If at any time you find that drafts drawn in pounds are more convenient, please let us know.

Thank you for all your interest and care in handling these matters.

Sincerely yours,

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14th April, 1938.

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

Dear Mr. Garside,

re Miss Marjorie Robertson.

I acknowledge with many thanks yours of the 2nd instant. We have now arranged with the Baptist Missionary Society in London that they will continue to run a Sterling Account for Miss Robertson and we will remit £10 to them quarterly for her account, out of which they will pay the insurance premiums and any other items she may authorise.

We note that you will send us U.S.\$ 200 on 1st July next and a similar amount quarterly thereafter, and we can adjust the account between ourselves and yourself from time to time. I have informed our Treasurer at Chengtu of all these arrangements and I think everything is now understood between all of us. *At least, I hope so!*

Yours sincerely,

B.G. LAWSON.  
Assistant Secretary, Finance.

*Noted  
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June 27, <sup>1938</sup>~~1939~~

Mr. Bernard G. Lawson  
Friends Service Council  
Friends House, Euston Road  
London, N.W.1

Dear Mr. Lawson:

We attach herewith a copy of the letter which we have just received from Mr. Robert L. Simpkin of West China Union University.

Since Mr. Simpkin's proposals with regard to the handling of Miss Robertson's salary seem to be quite at variance with the understanding at which our two offices have arrived, I am not sending any reply to him until I have conferred with you.

It has been our thought all along that the Friends' Service Council would handle Miss Robertson's salary and allowances in exactly the same way as you do all the regular missionaries'. West China Union University will reimburse you from time to time, but will not participate directly in the determination of any of the details as to just what Miss Robertson is to receive, or how she is to receive it. This is the arrangement which has worked out very satisfactorily for many years in handling the accounts of the other members of the administrative staff at West China. Dr. Beech has always been treated as a regular missionary of the Methodist-Episcopal Board, and Dr. Small and Mr. Albertson as regular missionaries of the United Church of Canada. In each case, we pay over to these Mission Boards at agreed intervals amounts sufficient to cover all their expenditures for staff members, but beyond that they have no connection with the salary accounts.

If, as we assume from the correspondence we have had during March and April of this year, this is your understanding of our arrangements with regard to Miss Robertson's support, I will write to Mr. Simpkin explaining that all such details as are suggested in the enclosed letter will be cleared through your office rather than through ours.

Very sincerely yours

*B.A. Carside*

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Attached to Garside's letter, June 27 1938

C O P Y

Chengtu, Sze.  
West China  
May 5th, 1938

Dr. B.A.Garside  
Associated Boards fo  
150 Fifth Ave.  
New York City, U.S.A.

Dear Dr. Garside:

Mr. Bernard G. Lawson, Financial Secretary of the Friends' service Council, London, has written about the financial arrangements for Miss Marjorie Robertson, who is serving the W.C.U.U. and is an associate missionary of the Friends' Service Council. Mr. Lawson asks me to pay Miss Robertson from April 1st, 1938, according to the F.S.C. scale, which for an unmarried missionary, head of a household, is as follows:

- a. Sterling allowance, payable in England, 40£ per year.
- b. Chinese currency allowance, payable on the field \$1,800 p.a.
- c. A house is usually provided. Miss Robertson's rent is at present Chinese currency \$15, per month.
- d. Holiday grant, dental or medical grant, etc. are amounts recommended by the "Committee of Missionaries" of the F.S.C. each year at annual meeting.

Mr. Lawson says that these accounts need not pass through the F.S.C. London Office, but that I should from time to time tender account to you, and you will reimburse me. I suggest that you send direct to the Associated Mission Treasurers, Box 251, Shanghai, American dollar drafts, payable to Associated Mission Treasurers, with instructions to convert into Chinese National Currency and deposit the proceeds in the HongKong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, Shanghai, to the credit of "FRIENDS' SERVICE COUNCIL NO.2 ACCOUNT", and notify me. (I am the Treasurer of the Friends' Service Council on the field.) I will then draw the amount from the HongKong Shanghai Bank and will pay items b,c, and d, to Miss Robertson here in Chengtu. Without waiting for your first draft I will begin payments here.

Will you kindly remit sterling allowance (a) direct to J.H.Ewing, Esq., Accountant, Baptist Mission House, 19, Furnival Street, London, E.C.4, for the credit account of Marjorie Robertson. Sterling payments, I should say, need not pass through my accounts at all.

I hope the suggested arrangements will meet with your approval.

Sincerely yours

(signed ) Robert L. Simpkin

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*In your reply please quote*

PDS/MB

7th July 1938.

The Revd. Frank Anderson,  
The Board of Governors of  
West China Union University,

Dear Mr. Anderson,

At a meeting of our China Committee last week we had before us the request from the Board of Governors for contributions to the capital and current expenditure of the Theological College. We were in some difficulty in knowing what will be the right course, partly because of the extreme difficulty of raising capital funds at the present time, partly because of doubt as to our own relations with the Theological College. You may remember that we drew attention to this in the minute which we sent to you earlier on. If I may explain the position frankly: we know that our Friends in West China are interested in the College, and that one or two of them are taking an active part in the work. On the other hand, the Society of Friends has never had a professional Ministry, and has always hesitated to associate itself with theological training which has had as its main purpose the training for such a Ministry. On the other hand, we have always been interested in provision ~~for~~ opportunities for study for the lay membership of the Society, as evidenced in the setting up of Woodbrooke Settlement, at Selly Oak. You will understand, therefore, that it is not at all easy to appeal to Friends for a project like the Union Theological College, because they inevitably think that the main purpose is one for which we have no direct concern.

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The Revd. Frank Anderson

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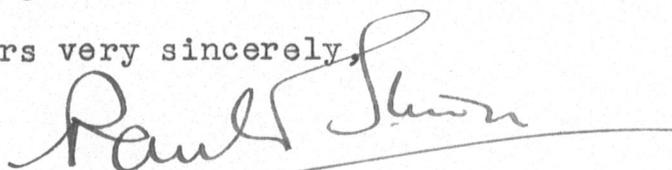
We have had in mind the need for some opportunities for study for Friends in West China, somewhat along the lines of Woodbrooke, and it may be that this need can be filled in some way in connection with the Union Theological College. We have asked our Friends in West China to report to us on this aspect.

I think it is very unlikely that we shall be able to contribute towards the capital on the College. We are, however, going to consider, in connection with our 1939 budget, whether it is possible to include any contribution towards the running expenses for that year.

I am afraid this is an unsatisfactory reply to your letter. We are very anxious not to seem uncooperative, but I think that many Friends feel that if we have the funds to spare, either for capital or current expenses, it would probably be more in line with the general concern of Friends if they were used for the strengthening of our association with the University rather than contributing towards the Theological College. However, as I have said, the matter is still under consideration, and when anything transpires I will write to you again.

With kind regards,

Yours very sincerely,



PAUL D. STURGE,  
General Secretary.

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8th July 1938.

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

*Acc 7/21/38*

Dear Mr. Garside,

Thank you for yours of June 27th enclosing a copy of letter from Robert Simkin dated May 5th. From this letter it is clear to me that he did not receive an Air-Mail letter I sent to him on April 9th explaining the revised arrangements regarding Marjorie Robertson, and I am sending him a duplicate by tomorrow's Air-Mail. Please therefore ignore his letter of May 5th, as the later arrangements agreed on through us are in good working order.

*as that* The only new point which arises ~~is~~ from his letter we see that in addition to the usual Field allowance of \$1800, they are paying Miss Robertson a rent allowance of \$15 per month. This will put the yearly total up by \$180, at present about £6.10.0., but it may be possible to meet this out of your present remittance, seeing that the rate of exchange has moved in your favour recently.

Whilst I am writing may I ask if you can kindly throw any light on a draft for \$500 which reached us on May 2nd. apparently for the account of the W.C.U.U. Is this for purchases which they may make through us?

Yours sincerely,

*B.G. Lawson*  
B.G. LAWSON.

Assistant Secretary, Finance.

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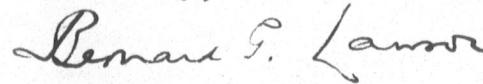
2nd August 1938.

Dear Mr. Garside,

I acknowledge with many thanks yours of the 21st. ult. just received. I think we can safely leave the Marjorie Robertson account now to work itself out. I have already written to Robert Simkin putting the matter straight. By the same post we have just received your cheque No.2876 for \$200 as replenishment for Marjorie Robertson's account.

I am sorry you have no information about the draft for \$500 which reached us on May 2nd. and we will now enquire from Chengtu.

Yours sincerely,



B.G. LAWSON.  
Assistant Secretary, Finance.

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9th September 1938.

*ack 9/16/38*

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

Dear Mr. Garside,

As Bernard Lawson is away on holiday, I am sending you herewith draft on the Chemical Bank and Trust Co., New York for \$602.81 representing our contribution to the General Budget of the West China Union University for the current half year. We shall be glad to have your acknowledgment of this amount.

Yours sincerely,

*John B. Hargreaves.*

J.E. HARGREAVES.  
Finance Department.

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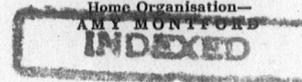
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22nd December, 1938.

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

*ack 1/5/39*

Dear Mr. Garside,

re Marjorie Robertson.

I am enclosing herewith statement of Marjorie Robertson's Account for the period ending 31st December this year, i.e. we do not expect to have any more transactions. You will see that there is a balance of £12.18.7. in your favour. As far as we know the arrangement appears to be working out satisfactorily on all sides.

With best wishes for the new year.

Yours sincerely,

B.G. LAWSON,  
Assistant Secretary, Finance.

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West China Union University  
(re Mr. Robertson).

In Account with  
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| Apr 1  | To Mr. Robertson M\$450.                | 26    | 5  |   |       |    |     |
| 1      | " Mr. Robertson's personal acc          | 10    |    |   |       |    |     |
| July 1 | " Mr. Robertson M\$450.                 | 24    | 19 | 2 |       |    |     |
| 1      | " Mr. Robertson's personal acc.         | 10    |    |   |       |    |     |
| Aug 2  | By Cash \$200. ✓                        |       |    |   | 40    | 11 | 8   |
| 6      | To Mr. Robertson : Rent Apr/Sept M\$90. | 4     | 10 |   |       |    |     |
| Oct 1  | " do. addl allee. M\$225.               | 7     | 10 |   |       |    |     |
| 1      | " do. M\$495 (inc. rent).               | 16    | 10 |   |       |    |     |
| 1      | " Mr. Robertson's personal acc          | 10    |    |   |       |    |     |
| 13     | By Cash \$200. ✓                        |       |    |   | 42    |    | 11. |
| Dec 22 | To Balance c/d down                     | 12    | 18 | 7 |       |    |     |
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| Dec 22 | By Balance b/d down.                    |       |    |   | 12    | 18 | 7   |

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In your reply please quote  
BGL/MBB

22nd March, 1939.

ack 3/31/39

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

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Dear Mr. Garside,

Please find herewith draft on New York for \$584.84 representing the equivalent of our half-yearly contribution of £125 to the West China Union University. Kindly oblige with receipt.

We are shortly expecting William Sewell and his family on furlough and shall be glad to see them and have the opportunity of talking over Chengtu matters with them.

*noted  
J.M.*

Yours sincerely,

B.G. LAWSON,  
Assistant Secretary, Finance.

*1 draft attached  
Dep. 4/1/39*

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March 31, 1939

*ack 4/14/39*

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

Dear Mr. Lawson:

I am acknowledging your letter of March 22nd enclosing check for \$584.84 representing the half-yearly contribution of £125 to West China Union University. We are immediately depositing same for collection.

I am wondering if there will be any chance of the Sewells coming this way. I presume it is a more direct route to return by way of Burma. Nevertheless, we have read so much coming from the pen of Mr. Sewell that we would like to see him. However, if there is a chance of their returning this way, please arrange their schedules differently than the elements worked on Mr. Silcock and Dr. Hodgkin which brought them into New York after three o'clock in the morning and then left for Philadelphia at 6 o'clock. Unfortunately that interfered with my beauty sleep.

Would it not be excellent relaxation from the war scare in Europe for you to visit our World's Fair this summer? We will give you a very hearty welcome.

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

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*In your reply please quote*

BGL/AMK

14th April 1939.

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

*file*

Dear Mr. Evans,

Thank you for your letter of March 31st.  
acknowledging our draft for \$584.84.

With regard to William Sewell, I am sure he  
would appreciate visiting both New York and Philadelphia  
if he could manage it, but actually he was expecting to  
leave Hongkong tomorrow for England. We hope he has  
managed the journey safely from Chengtu to Hongkong.

Thank you for the suggestion of visiting the  
World's Fair this summer! I should be quite pleased if  
the opportunity were to come along, also to meet you, but  
as far as I know at the moment there is no such trip in  
view! — *hw, I fear, likely to be!*

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

*Bernard G. Lawson*

B.G. LAWSON.  
Assistant Secretary, Finance.

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*In your reply please quote*  
EGL/MBB

14th November, 1939.

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

*ack 11/28/39*

Dear Mr. Evans,

I expect you will be wondering why our usual half yearly contribution to the West China Union University has not yet reached you. The fact is we are having difficulty with the Banking authorities here to obtain either the \$ Draft as usual, or permission to send you a sterling cheque. The former seems now most unlikely and as regards the latter, the authorities are trying to get us to reduce the amount, which of course we are most unwilling to agree to. We are very sorry for the delay and will write to you again as soon as possible; meanwhile, I enclose statement of the account for the West China Union University in our books from 1st January to the end of October, also receipt for the usual Quarterly remittance of \$200 for Miss Robertson. *We might be able to take the latter into account if we do not obtain the permit for the full amount due to you.*

Yours sincerely,

*Bernard G. Lawson*

B.G. LAWSON,  
Assistant Secretary, Finance.

\$ 1,250.00

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West China Union University

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In Account with  
**FRIENDS SERVICE COUNCIL**

|        |  | Dr.        | Cr.   |      |
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| 1939   |  |            |       |      |
| Jan 1. | By Balance b/fwd.  |            | 12    | 18 7 |
| 1      | To M. Robertson - Sterling portion <sup>1<sup>st</sup> Dr.</sup>     | 10         |       |      |
| 1      | " do. Field Allowance & Rent <sup>\$607.50</sup> do.                 | 20 5       |       |      |
| 12     | By Cash from W.C.U.U. \$200.   |            | 42    | 12 5 |
| Apr 1  | To M. Robertson - Sterling portion <sup>2<sup>nd</sup> Dr.</sup>     | 10         |       |      |
| 1      | " do. Field Allee & Rent \$607.50. do.                               | 18 19 8    |       |      |
| 13     | By Cash from W.C.U.U. \$200.   |            | 42    | 10 5 |
| July 1 | To M. Robertson - Sterling portion <sup>3<sup>rd</sup> Dr.</sup>     | 10         |       |      |
| 1      | " do. Field Allee & Rent \$720. do                                   | 24 15      |       |      |
| 1      | " do. do. \$112.50 <sup>add. for</sup> <sup>2<sup>nd</sup> Dr.</sup> | 3 17 4     |       |      |
| 18     | By Cash from W.C.U.U. \$200.   |            | 42    | 10 2 |
| Oct 1  | To M. Robertson - Sterling Portion <sup>4<sup>th</sup> Dr.</sup>     | 10         |       |      |
| 1      | " do. Field Allee & Rent \$720. do.                                  | 15         |       |      |
| 25     | By Cash from W.C.U.U. \$200.   |            | 49    | 7 10 |
| Nov 7  | To Balance c/down  | 67 2 5     |       |      |
|        |  | £ 189 19 5 | £ 189 | 19 5 |
| Nov 7  | By Balance b/down  |            | 67    | 2 5  |

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*In your reply please quote*  
BGL/MBB

23rd November, 1939.

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

*uk 12/6/39*

Dear Mr. Evans,

Further to mine of the 14th instant, I am glad to say that we have now received the necessary permit from the Banking Authorities here to forward you our half-yearly remittance of £125, though in sterling and not in dollars, and I enclose the cheque herewith.

Again please accept our apologies for the delay for which I am sure you will realise we are, however, not responsible. This remittance completes our £250 promised for this year. I hope we shall have no difficulty with the remittances for 1940. May we please have formal receipt at your convenience?

Yours sincerely,

*Bernard G. Lawson*

BERNARD G. LAWSON,  
Assistant Secretary, Finance.

*1 draft attached  
Collected from Brown Bros Harman & Co  
@ 3.89 - \$486.25*

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November 28, 1939

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

Re: BGL/MBB

Dear Mr. Lawson:

I am acknowledging your letter of November 14th, and if we have been wondering at all regarding the West China appropriation it has been to the effect of how you would be able to get it through. Naturally, we are deeply sympathetic with all that Great Britain stands for and cannot be too critical of the limitations which have been imposed for the conserving of resources.

As far as news is concerned, we have come to accept the newspaper dispatches with a grain of salt and a larger amount of intelligence. Our faith and hope, however, are pinned on the ultimate success of the British Empire.

Getting down to the West China appropriation, we can see no reason why there cannot be an exchange of credits on our books permitting us to absorb any balances which you may have on hand to the credit of your appropriation to the general university. In the past, you have sent us £125 twice a year, which would yield approximately \$1,250, the amount which is carried in the budget. Upon what basis should we figure your pound sterling credit, and if, and when do you desire us to make such entries? However, if you prefer to keep the matter of your appropriation separate from Miss Robertson's salary and can make arrangements for the payment, this will be agreeable to us.

I have reviewed the report on Miss Robertson's salary and acknowledge the receipt for the October payment.

With added good wishes, and with the Season's Greetings, I am

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

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December 6, 1939

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

Re: BGL/MBB

Dear Mr. Lawson:

Your letter of the 23rd is at hand enclosing draft for £125 for the credit of West China Union University. This communication crosses mine of November 28th.

Referring to that letter, it might be advisable for us to state that in view of the balance of £67, plus what you have on hand that it would not seem necessary to make the next quarterly remittance from our account for Miss Robertson.

We will note, however, that the April remittance is to go forward as usual. Please let me know if this is not satisfactory.

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

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*Foreign Exchange Dept*  
*Attention Mr. Greaney*

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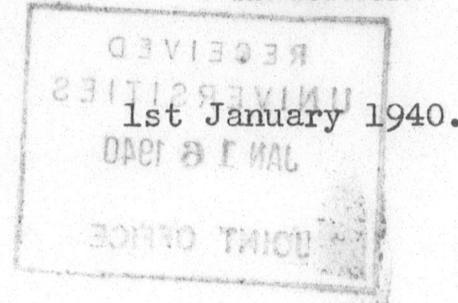
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Mr. C.A. Evans,  
Associated Boards for  
Christian Colleges in China,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York.

Dear Mr. Evans,

Many thanks for your letters of 28th November and 6th December and we were glad to know that our sterling cheque for £125 had reached you comparatively quickly.

*noted  
w/c*

Miss Robertson's Account: It would seem to us that the balance of approximately £67 would probably suffice for the next two quarters, unless the rate of exchange in China should alter and there should be some unforeseen expenditure. We suggest that you hold over further remittance until we see how things work out.

With our best wishes for 1940, which everyone hopes will see a cessation of the European and other conflicts.

Yours sincerely,

BERNARD G. LAWSON,  
Assistant Secretary, Finance.

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*In your reply please quote*

BGL/MBB

5th March, 1940.

*ack 3/27/40*

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

Dear Mr. Evans,

I have pleasure in sending herewith cheque on London for £125, being our contribution to the maintenance of the West China Union University for the first half of the current year. I am glad to say that this time we have obtained the permit without any special difficulty. May we please have receipt in due course?

Yours sincerely,

*Bernard G. Lawson*

B.G. LAWSON,  
Assistant Secretary, Finance.

*£125. @ rate \$ 3.67 1/2*

*Mr Thompson*

*\$ 459.38*

Encl. *Dep. 3/25/40*

*ick attached*

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March 27, 1940

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

Dear Mr. Lawson:

I am grateful for your letter of March 5th enclosing London check for £125. We shopped around considerably and the highest rate obtainable was \$3.67 $\frac{1}{2}$  which actually yielded \$459.38.

We are greatly interested from many angles that you had no difficulty in getting this through -- one of the interests being the attitude of the British Government toward the holding of American securities in England. We sincerely trust that conditions will not develop whereby more stringent measures must be taken.

With added thanks for your courtesy and kindnesses, I am

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

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*In your reply please quote*  
JEH/MBB

1st April, 1940.

*ack*  
*4/22/40*

The Treasurer,  
Associated Boards for Christian Colleges  
in China,  
150 Fifth Avenue, New York.

Dear Friend,

Chemicals and apparatus.

We enclose herewith report by W.G. Sewell on orders placed by him, for the West China Union University, in England, together with a statement showing that we have paid invoices totalling £1499.18.1. towards which we have received amounts totalling £912.7.11., leaving a balance due to Friends Service Council of £587.10.2. ✓ We should be glad to receive this amount at your convenience.

Yours sincerely,

*John E. Hargreaves.*

JOHN E. HARGREAVES,  
Finance Department.

Encls.

£ 3.52 rate  
\$ 2,068.03

*Paid 4/19/40*

*No 3280*

*Note HD Robertson 4/25  
cc to Priest*

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West China Union University  
in Account with Friends Service Council.

Payments:

|                              |                       |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Robinson, Nelson and Co.Ltd. | 232. 0. 8.            |
| British Drug Houses          | 564.19. 3.            |
| do.                          | 570.14. 5.            |
| do.                          | 130.14. 3.            |
| W.G. Sewell - Postage        | 1. 4. 6.              |
| F.S.C. do. etc.              | 5. 0.                 |
|                              | <hr/>                 |
|                              | <u>£1499.18. 1.</u> ✓ |

Receipts:

|                                  |                       |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Ginling College \$200            | 42.11.11.             |
| University of Nanking \$500      | 106.10. 2.            |
| Bd. of Christian Colleges \$3000 | 639.13. 4.            |
| per W.G. Sewell \$500            | <u>123.12. 6.</u>     |
|                                  | 912. 7.11. ✓          |
| Due to Friends Service Council   | <u>587.10. 2.</u> ✓   |
|                                  | <u>£1499.18. 1.</u> ✓ |

28th March, 1940.

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April 22, 1940

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Mr. John E. Hargreaves  
Friends Service Council  
Friends House  
Euston Road  
London, N. W. 1, England

Dear Mr. Hargreaves:

I am acknowledging your letter of April 1st enclosing schedule of purchases for West China Union University, which we have studied with care.

We believe these are in accordance with authorizations issued by the University and enclose herewith a draft for £587.10.2 to reimburse you for the balance due.

We trust this shipment will get through to the field with very little delay.

With many thanks, we are

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

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Telegrams :  
"Enhearten, Norwest, London."

Chairman :  
J. CUTHBERT WIGHAM.

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

9th May, 1940.

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

Dear Mr. Evans,

Thank you for your letter dated 22nd April  
and for the draft for £587.10.2. to reimburse us for the  
purchases on behalf of the West China Union University.  
We enclose herewith our official receipt for this amount.  
We too hope that this shipment will reach the Field safely,  
and with little delay.

Yours sincerely,

*John E. Hargreaves.*

JOHN E. HARGREAVES,  
Finance Department.

*file*  
*sc* Telephone :  
Euston 3606.

General Secretary :  
PAUL D. STURGE.

*attached*  
*to 70*  
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June 26, 1940

ACK  
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Friends Service Council  
Euston Road  
London N. W. 1, England

Attention of: Mr. Lawson

Gentlemen:

On January 1st this year you wrote us that the balance in Miss Robertson's account would probably suffice for the next two quarters.

By this time you should be in a position to give us more accurate information as to the requirements for the immediate future. Is it asking too much for you to give us this information so that if necessary we can reimburse you for any over-expenditures?

With sincerest best wishes to you, I am

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

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In your reply please quote  
JEH/MBB

11th July, 1940.

C.A. Evans, Esq.,  
Associated Boards for Christian  
Colleges in China,  
150 Fifth Avenue, New York, U.S.A.

*ack 8/1/40*

Dear Mr. Evans,

£ 32 @  
Rate 3.85  
\$ 123.20  
Paid 7/31/40  
No. 3377

Bernard Lawson is at present away on holiday and I am therefore acknowledging on his behalf your letter to him dated 26th June. I enclose herewith a statement showing the amounts paid so far this year to Miss Robertson from which you will see that after the payment of the 3rd Quarter's allowance there is a balance due to us of £8.11.8. So far as we can see at present the rate of exchange for the last quarter is likely to be about the same as that for the 3rd Quarter, so that approximately £32 would be needed to clear the payments for this year. ✓ *OK*

We were pleased to receive a cable a day or so ago from Lucy Burtt to say that she had arrived safely in New York. No doubt she will have called in your office. She has been a great help and inspiration to us here in England during her furlough period.

With all good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

*John E. Hargreaves*

JOHN E. HARGREAVES,  
Finance Department.

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FRIENDS HOUSE,  
EUSTON ROAD,  
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1 JUL 1940

West China Union University

In Account with  
**FRIENDS SERVICE COUNCIL**

Dr.

Cr.

|         |  | Dr.       | Cr.       |
|---------|--|-----------|-----------|
| 1939.   |  |           |           |
| Nov 7.  | By Balance b/fwd.  |           | 67 2 5    |
| Dec 31  | To Mr. Robertson : Increase in Field allowance \$ 112.50     | 1 12 10   |           |
| 1940    |  |           |           |
| Jan 1   | " do. Allowance etc. 1 <sup>st</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup> \$ 900. | 13 2 6    |           |
| "       | " do. Sterling Portion 1 <sup>st</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup>       | 10 . .    |           |
| Apr 1   | " do. Allowance etc. 2 <sup>nd</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup> \$ 900  | 17 16 3   |           |
| "       | " do. Sterling Portion 2 <sup>nd</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup>       | 10 . .    |           |
| July 1  | " do. Allowance etc. 3 <sup>rd</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup> \$ 900  | 13 2 6    |           |
| "       | " do. Sterling Portion                                       | 10 . .    |           |
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October 17, 1940

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

Dear Mr. Lawson:

Mr. Sewell delighted us with his companionship for a few days on his way to the West Coast. We do not know what happened after that, or whether he has been able to sail. Of course, restrictions placed by the United States Government will have no affect upon him, but we were, nevertheless, deeply concerned and trust he is well on his way.

While here, Mr. Sewell discussed with us the further support for his family here in the United States and we frankly faced possibilities involved in not being able to get remittances through from England to the family. The question was also discussed regarding the payment of appropriations toward the work of West China Union University, and the possibility of making remittances direct to China instead of New York was alluded to. Quite naturally, no decision could be reached as we were not in a position to take any authoritative action, neither was it discussed at the meeting of the Executive Committee in Toronto yesterday, and, as a consequence, we have nothing to offer by way of suggestions but are simply informing you of the nature of our discussion with Mr. Sewell.

We will not permit any letter to England to be posted from our office without an expression of deepest appreciation for the courage and fortitude that is being experienced and shown by the English people. Our prayers mingle with yours for the success of peace and righteousness.

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

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*In your reply please quote*

Mr. C.A. Evans,  
West China Union University Board,  
150, Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

BGL/MMB

16th November 1940.

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Dear Mr. Evans,

This is just to let you know that our regular half-yearly remittances of £125 has just been cleared through our Bank, and you should receive this any time now. On this occasion we asked for a mail transfer, and I do not know whether the amount will reach you in sterling or in dollars. We are quite in the hands of the exchange authorities regarding such matters to-day, but in any case I think it makes little difference to the amount you receive the other end. Would you please let us have an acknowledgement when the amount actually reaches you?

I hope that William Sewell was able to call in and see you when passing through the States recently. - We have no information at the moment what point on his journey he has reached.

Yours sincerely,

BERNARD G. LAWSON,  
Assistant Secretary, Finance.

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December 23, 1940

Mr. Bernard G. Lawson  
Friends Service Council  
Jordans Hostel  
Near Beaconsfield,  
Bucks, England

Dear Mr. Lawson:

I am acknowledging your letter of November 16th which notifies us of the payment of £125 through your bank for the account of West China Union University.

We received the remittance on December 7th through the Chase National Bank -- the conversion amounting to US\$503.12. With many thanks for same.

Yes, William Sewell was in our office at intervals during several days, but since he left for the West Coast we have heard nothing further. We wish he could have kept us better informed regarding his progress. We will let you know if anything important from him comes to hand.

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

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