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January 9, 1941

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

Dear Mr. Lawson:

We find that it is time to make another remittance to you covering the salary of Miss Robertson at West China Union University.

Normally we would send you \$200.00 in January and \$200.00 in April. Upon second thought, we have decided to write you raising the question regarding your desires in making an adjustment between the amount of £125 which later will be forthcoming for West China appropriation as over against the amount which we are supposed to send you. If, however, you desire us to make this remittance immediately, we shall be pleased to carry out your instructions.

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

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February 14, 1941

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

Dear Mr. Lawson:

During December you had some correspondence with Rev. Frank Anderson of London, Ontario, in reference to deeds and Declarations of Trust to the property of West China Union University. Dr. Anderson has sent on to me your letter of December 4, with the request that I try to find a copy of the memorandum on Titles of University Property referred to in Minute E-1484 of the West China University Executive Committee. Dr. Anderson has had to give up the active work of the Secretary of the Board under doctor's orders, and all of his material has been sent down to us in New York.

I have found the document referred to and it is enclosed herewith. I trust that this will be of value to you.

Sincerely yours,

Assistant Secretary

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

BGL/MMB

17th March 1941

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Dear Mr. Evans,

Your two letters of January 9th reached us on February 22nd, but I have delayed a reply as I was waiting for two remittances to be cleared through our bank. This has now happened, and I am glad to inform you that our usual half-yearly grant to the West China Union University Board of £125 has just gone through, i.e. for the first half of 1941, and should reach you soon. May we please have an acknowledgement? The other amount was a £50 remittance to Yenching University for the support of Lucy Burtt, the application for which has been in the hands of our bankers some weeks. The equivalent of the \$242.40 mentioned in your letter of January 9th duly reached us as £60, and has been credited to Lucy Burtt's personal account with us, and we are informing her of this.

Recd 4/8/41
\$503.12

not recd

It would seem, therefore, that both as regards the amounts for the support of Miss Robertson and any for Lucy Burtt's account here, things may continue as at present. I wonder, however, whether there is any way by which you could assist William Sewell, (who is now back at Chengtu) to get some monies through to his wife who, as you will probably know, is residing at Whittier with the children? They are feeling the separation very much, and we unfortunately are quite unable to remit any monies to her from this side.

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\$200.00

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London, England.
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London E.C.4

Yours sincerely,

Bernard G. Lawson

BERNARD G. LAWSON,
Assistant Secretary, Finance.

write to
W. S. Robertson
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Friends House, Euston Road, London, N.W.1

Temporary Address : c/o OLD JORDANS HOSTEL, Nr. BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.

4th April 1941.

Mr. J.I. Parker,
West China Union University Board,
150, Fifth Avenue,
New York City, New York, U.S.A.

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Dear Mr. Parker,

I acknowledge with many thanks your letter of the 14th February enclosing copy of the Memorandum regarding the Titles of the University Property prepared by Mr. Anderson and dated 12th September 1940. We are glad to have the further information on this complex matter for our files. Our understanding of the present position is that the Board has been informed that the United Church of Canada is not entitled to act as trustee on behalf of the other Missions, and that your legal advisers are preparing suggestions as to how to meet this difficulty. We shall no doubt hear from you again when the Board has given this matter further consideration.

We were sorry to hear of Dr. Anderson's retirement through ill health, and trust that he is benefitting by being released from his duties. I am just sending him a note to acknowledge his last letter to me.

With regard to the missing deed about which I was corresponding with Dr. Anderson, our Finance Committee and Trust Corporation have agreed to let this matter drop, as it seems clear now that the deed is no longer an important one.

Yours sincerely,

Bernard G. Lawson

BERNARD G. LAWSON,
Assistant Secretary, Finance.

P.S. Whilst writing, may I enclose for Mr. Evans copy of my letter to him of the 17th March?

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April 22, 1941

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

Dear Mr. Lawson:

We have received your letter of March 17th reviewing the situation covering remittances to West China Union University and covering the draft for Miss Lucy Burtt.

We have received the \$503.12 as equivalent to £125 to be applied on the West China Union University appropriation. This was received April 8th.

The \$50.00 remittance for the support of Lucy Burtt has not been received as yet, and we will notify you when same is at hand.

We have interpreted your last paragraph to mean that we are to send you \$200.00 toward Miss Robertson's salary. Accordingly, we have forwarded \$200.00 to the Midland Bank Ltd., Overseas Branch, London, England, which we trust will be delivered to you promptly.

When Mr. Sewell was in our office, he raised the question as to assistance for Mrs. Sewell in California. There seems to be no solution, however, as there are no funds available, except those as included in the budget for the field. All of the Sustaining Funds, which we are raising in our special program, have been included in the budget and are being forwarded to the field under instructions. I shall take the matter up, however, with the field bursar, with the hope that some solution may be worked out in consultation with him. If such a thing occurs, we shall be glad to notify you at a later date.

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

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cc: Accounting Office

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14th May 1941

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

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06/12/41

Dear Mr. Evans,

Your letter of the 3rd April enclosing duplicate of your letter of the 9th January came to hand a few days ago, and we are obliged to you for sending the duplicate. The original reached us safely on the 22nd February, and I replied to you on the 17th March as copy enclosed, which has no doubt crossed with yours of the 3rd April.

I can now add that we have to-day received £49.9.6. from the Midland Bank here, being the equivalent of the \$200 remitted by you through the Irving Trust Company, New York, and which no doubt is on behalf of Miss M. Robertson's expenses at Chengtu.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Bernard G. Lawson

BERNARD G. LAWSON,
Assistant Secretary, Finance.

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28th May 1941

Mr. C.A. Evans,
Associated Boards for Christian Colleges
in China,
One Hundred-fifty Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y., U.S.A.

*ack
6/23/41*

Dear Mr. Evans,

We acknowledge with many thanks your letter of 30th April addressed to my colleague, John Hargreaves, and enclosing a letter and other material from Lucy Burtt of Yenching University, which we were very glad to have.

Whilst I am writing, may I confirm my letter of the 14th instant in which I informed you that the \$200 on behalf of Miss Robertson's expenses at Chengtu had duly reached us (as £49.9.6.)

With regard to our half yearly contribution for the budget of the West China Union University which we have for years made direct to you, I think you know that since the commencement of the war, we have often had difficulty with the Bank of England in obtaining the necessary permit for this remittance to you, and we now have a suggestion from the International Missionary Council in London (which is carrying on certain negotiations with the authorities about remittances in general of British Missionary Societies) that we should in future send this half-yearly contribution direct to Chengtu. The Bank of England is ~~usually~~ willing to grant facilities for transfers to China, but permission to remit to the United States becomes more and more difficult. This seems to us a reasonable suggestion, and unless we hear otherwise, we propose to adopt it for our next remittance, which is due in September. Would you please let us know whether you would have any serious objection, and if not, to whom we should remit the amount at Chengtu.

Yours sincerely,

Bernard G. Lawson

BERNARD G. LAWSON,
Assistant Secretary, Finance.

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June 23, 1941

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

Re: BGL/MMB

Dear Mr. Lawson:

Your letter of May 28th has just been received and we note the question you raise regarding remittances from the Friends Service Council directly to West China Union University.

There are several reasons why the remittance of your appropriation directly to China will further complicate the present situation:-

First, your appropriation is a part of the Board of Governors' budget upon which definite authorizations are issued to the field for drawing. A large part of the Board of Founders money is spent through paying salaries through the Methodist Board, or the United Church of Canada, or in the case of Marjorie Robertson directly to your office. There is also a considerable portion of this budget which is used for current expenses in the United States.

The more important consideration, however, is the fact that practically all of the field's budget had been used to make purchases of supplies in the United States and at the present time the current U. S. dollar appropriation is very much over spent and adjustments must be made before the close of the books.

The third consideration is the fact that the field is carrying a U. S. dollar bank account and they are requesting any funds available to be deposited therein, as U. S. dollar checks can be sold for various purposes at a much better advantage than funds in hand on the field.

These all briefly are considerations which come to mind off-hand and not through any detailed consideration of late field correspondence. If there are other developments which change these conclusions, I shall write you again immediately.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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27th June 1941

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

ack
7/28/41

Dear Mr. Evans,

Many thanks for yours of 22nd April, which only arrived on the 16th instant.

We are now awaiting your answer as to whether in future you agree to our sending our half-yearly grant of £125 direct to Chengtu.

The £50 remittance referred to for Lucy M. Burtt was sent by us direct to Yenching.

With regard to Miss Robertson's salary, we received the remittance of £49.9.6. on 14th May, but maintenance rates in China have been changing so rapidly in the last few months that we do not know what her costs to the end of this month will be. We will write about that later. Meanwhile, we are corresponding with W.G. Sewell as to how far he might be able to meet her expenses on the field, so please do not remit any more monies until you hear from him. We of course will continue to meet her sterling allowance^x which is for her use here, and will need your reimbursement for this. When you hear from W.G. Sewell, will you please communicate with the American Friends Service Committee if necessary.

x £40p.c.

Yours sincerely,

Bernard G. Lawson

BERNARD G. LAWSON,
Assistant Secretary, Finance.

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Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China

One Hundred-fifty Fifth Avenue New York, N. Y.

July 28, 1941

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

Re: BGL/MMB

Dear Mr. Lawson:

Your letter of June 27th is at hand and in another communication we have written you regarding the payment of £125 direct to Chengtu.

We gave reasons why at that time it seemed more reasonable to send remittances through our office. However, with the present restrictions, the question of method seems to be rather academic in the light of the necessity of getting the funds to the field. Possibly you will be in a better position to work directly with China, although we have U. S. dollar accounts open with all of our Universities and which we trust will be released for the transmittal of budget requirements.

I will let you know later the result of these negotiations.

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS,
Acting Executive Secretary and
Associate Treasurer.

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C/o Canadian Mission Business
Agency, Chungking, China,
September 3rd, 1941.

Mr. C.A. Evans,
West China Union University Office,
C/o Associated Board,
150 5th Avenue,
New York City, New York, U.S.A.

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Dear Mr. Evans,

As Treasurer of the Friends Mission (Friends Service Council) in West China, I am asked to request you to pay the quarterly allowances for Miss Marjorie Robertson to the American Friends Service Committee, 120 South 12th Street, Philadelphia, Penn. In local currency her allowances this quarter (July, August, and September) are as follows:- We multiply the basic rates by 12.75, which means that her personal allowance comes to \$5737.50

Rent allowance, 573.75
Holiday Grant, 637.50
making a total of \$6948.75 ✓

Current rate of exchange between Chungking and New York is about 24 local dollars to a US dollar. At that rate this would mean that US\$289.53 should be paid to the American Friends Service Committee. You will understand that for this quarter this arrangement is being made in lieu of the usual procedure in paying Marjorie Robertson's allowances.

Paid
9/25/41
No. 3707

I am sending a copy of this letter to Clarence C. Pickett of the American Friends Service Committee.

Yours very sincerely,

Arnold B. Naught
(FRIENDS MISSION)
Treasurer

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cc. Mr. C.C. Pickett
Philadelphia, U.S.A.

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BGL/DPM

15th September, 1941.

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

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10/10/41

Dear Mr Evans,

On receiving your letter of June 23, we took up with the Conference of Missionary Societies at Edinburgh House, (who negotiate with the Bank of England in matters affecting remittances abroad of British Missionary Societies) the question of our grant of £250 per annum to the West China Union University and sent them a copy of your letter setting out the reasons why you would prefer to have this money sent via New York as previously. I am sorry to say, however, that the Bank of England is not willing to grant this permit in future and we are afraid there is nothing more we can do about it. Such decisions by the authorities here are very irksome, but they are part of the circumstances of the day and one just has to accept them.

We should be glad if you would let us know whether future remittances should be sent direct to the West China Union University at Chengtu, or to any account which you may have in Shanghai, (we ~~already~~ make use of the Associated Mission Treasurers).

With regard to the support of Marjorie Robertson. We do not yet know to what degree William Sewell has undertaken this, and even assuming that he has, how long he will wish to continue doing so as it is probable that his wife and children will rejoin him in Szechwan. In view of the difficulties we are having with remittances to China, we wonder whether, in any case, it would now be possible for you to remit for the support of Marjorie Robertson direct to Szechwan except for the Sterling Portion of £40 per annum which we credit to her account here. That amount we can, of course, deduct from the £250 per annum grant? There would be no need to alter the arrangement by which M.R. is

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paid through our Treasurer in Szechwan,^x but you would need to remit to him from time to time sums towards her support, for which he would account to you. We have authorised a sliding scale for maintenances in relation to the actual cost of living index in Szechwan, so we are not sure at what rate maintenances are being paid at the moment, but we think at something between 6 and 9 times the basic figure, which is L.C. \$ 1800 for a single person. In the case of Marjorie Robertson, there is also a rent allowance of L.C. \$ ^{xx} and some similar items for incidental expenses.

I hope you will quite understand that it is only the difficulties of the present times that necessitate our making this suggestion to you - we are as desirous as before of cooperating with you in any way possible.

Yours sincerely,

Bernard G. Lawson

BERNARD G. LAWSON,
Assistant Secretary: Finance.

x Arnold Vaught,
Friends Mission, Chungking.
a Associate Mission Treasurer,
Shanghai for FRIENDS SERVICE COUNCIL No. 49

x x I find the rates from quarter to quarter - the last figure (June 1941) was at the rate of \$720 p.a.

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October 3, 1941

Mr. Arnold B. Vaught
c/o Canadian Mission Business Agency
Chungking, CHINA

Dear Mr. Vaught:

This will acknowledge your letter of September 3rd instructing us to pay quarterly allowance for Miss Marjorie Robertson to the American Friends Service Committee in Philadelphia.

Accordingly, on October 25th we forwarded a check for \$289.53. Information from the Committee indicates that this is being used for the assistance of Mrs. Sewell and family.

With every good wish and prayers for your continued guidance and safety, I am

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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13th October, 1941.

Mr C. A. Evens,
New York

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11/18/41*

Dear Mr Evens,

Thank you for yours of July 28 received on the 10th instant, regarding our contributions to the Chengtu University. I had already written to you on September 15 on this matter and enclosed duplicate of my letter. It probably crossed with yours of July 28 which seems to have been an unusually long time in reaching us. You will see that the Bank of England is not willing to continue granting facilities for this remittance to be made to New York and we are awaiting your instructions.

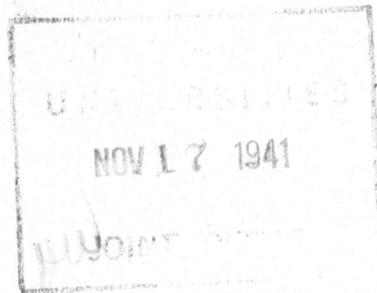
Whilst I am writing, may I say that if Lucy M. Burt (Yenching) writes to you about an allowance of £60 per annum to her Mother, there is no need for you to trouble about this as we have made all the necessary arrangements.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Bernard G. Lawson

BERNARD G. LAWSON,
Assistant Secretary: Finance.



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NEAR BEACONSFIELD
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October 15, 1941

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

Re: BGL/DFM

Dear Mr. Lawson:

I am grateful for your letter of September 15th dealing with the method of remitting the annual grant of 250£ to West China Union University.

There is nothing, of course, that one can do in the face of a war-torn world. It is my definite conviction, however, that a time will arrive when this world must realize that right by might cannot prevail. Some other way of living must be found. Quite naturally, it is a very fundamental of our belief that peace must eventually reign, and our prayers and purposes are pointed to that end.

It is perfectly satisfactory to us to make the remittance to the Associated Mission Treasurers at Shanghai and when that remittance is made, I trust you will send us a notification which will permit us to enter same on our books as a debit and credit having been received and paid to the field.

Our understanding is that Mrs. Sewell and family are returning to China, which will release funds we have been paying to the American Friends Service Committee for this purpose in lieu of salary for Marjorie Robertson. Your suggestion regarding Miss Robertson's salary support seems to be perfectly in order, and we will take the matter up with your Treasurer, Mr. Arnold Vaught, and continue the arrangements as you have set forth in your communication.

We have had the pleasure of having Mr. Sharman for some little time now and have enjoyed his companionship greatly. I understand he is leaving shortly for the West Coast with the hope of getting early transportation for China.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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cc: Accounting Office

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2nd January 1942.

Mr. C. A. Evans,
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Colleges in China,
150 Fifth Avenue, New York, N.Y., U.S.A.

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2/7/42*

Dear Mr. Evans,

I duly received, on November 28, your letter of October 15, and since then yours of November 18 has come to hand, for both of which many thanks. We applied on November 29 for a permit to remit £125 to the Associated Mission Treasurers at Shanghai for your a/c, at the same time applying for other remittances on our own behalf to Shanghai for our Centre there and Sze. The Bank of England, however, were very slow in granting the permit, and meanwhile, as you will know, the Japanese forces occupied Shanghai and all communications between us were cut. We have no information yet as to what has happened to our funds with the Associated Mission Treasurers, but presumably they will become blocked, so probably it is just as well that your £125 did not get through. Meanwhile, we have diverted our remittances to Chungking, and received the Bank of England permit for all three above amounts, and thought that the best thing to do was to send your £125. to our Treasurer, Arnold Vaught, in Chungking, stating that it was for the W.C.U.U., to be credited to your account. I hope this meets with your approval, and no doubt you will send confirmation of any necessary instructions to the Treasurer at the University. We should like to have, in due course, acknowledgment of the receipt of the money, either from yourselves or the University, and we should also like to know how you would wish us to deal with the future half-yearly remittances.

We are very much afraid that the whole Sewell family was in Hongkong at the time of the Japanese attack, and are therefore cut off from us for some time. Dorothy Behenna, another of our Sze. workers, was on her way home via the States and has got caught in Manila. We have no news yet as to what has happened to Lucy Burt. What a tragic situation it is for all of them, but one only feels that it deepens the call to all of us who believe in a different kind of world

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to press on with our work.

With kind regards, and best wishes to you for 1942.

Yours sincerely,

Bernard G. Lawson

BERNARD G. LAWSON,
Assistant Secretary (Finance).

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Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China

One Hundred-fifty Fifth Avenue New York, N. Y.

February 7, 1942

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

Dear Mr. Lawson:

I am grateful for your letter of January 2nd of which we have received a duplicate.

This letter informs us of the remittance of £125 for the account of West China Union University and I am grateful to know that the first remittance of £125 was not authorized by the Bank of England. Presumably the last remittance through Arnold Vaught in Chungking did go through without delay. We are having no difficulty in this respect at the present time. We are having very little delay in the cables from Chengtu, but have had no letter any time since December 7th.

Quite naturally, all of the funds in North China are frozen and latest advices seem to indicate that our American and British staff members are detained within their residences, while in all probability Dr. J. Leighton Stuart of Yenching is confined to the American Legation at Peking. I would think that probably Miss Burt is still on the Yenching campus; for, had any escaped to Free China, there would seem to have been ample opportunity for them to get some word through to Chungking or Chengtu as to their whereabouts. Word this morning from the Foreign Missions Conference indicates that people in Manila are held in close confinement and that there are no communications between the Islands.

Mary Hoxie Jones has communicated with us regarding the Sewell family and it would seem that they are a part of the group caught at HongKong. I feel confident that had they reached Chengtu, we would have heard about it ere this.

If other information is received, I will communicate with you at once.

Very sincerely yours,



C. A. EVANS

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Via Atlantic Clipper

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27th April, 1942.

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

Dear Mr Evans,

Thank you for your letter of February 7th.

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I enclose with this letter an account showing the amounts paid by our Treasurer in China and ourselves on behalf of Miss Robertson, from which you will see that there is a balance owing of £174.10.3d., of which £50 was paid out by us and the equivalent of £124.10.3d. by our Treasurer in China. If you could remit the latter to Arnold Vaught and the £50 to us, that would be the most convenient settlement, but if you have no means of remitting to him then the whole amount had better come to us. Our remittances to China are very restricted these days, and I am sure you will understand that, with costs rising in Szechwan, the calls on our funds for our own workers are considerable. I wonder, therefore, whether you would mind our asking whether you see any convenient way of remitting direct to our Treasurer in China for Miss Robertson's Field allowance or, if not, whether it could be taken out of our grant to the University? The sterling allowance of £40 per annum is, of course, paid out here and that amount should, in any case, come direct to us from you. I hope you will understand the difficulties with which we are contending, and quite understand that this represents no unwillingness on our part to assist in any way we can with Miss Robertson's allowance; we certainly value her help on the Field.

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I hope all goes well with your work.
With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,



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I wonder if you have any information as to what has happened to the 'Associated Mission Treasurers' in Shanghai? I know they kept part of their reserves in the U.S.A. and we are wondering whether they are likely to make any refunds to bodies like ourselves for whom they were holding \$ and £ reserves?



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West China Union University (re M. Robertson)

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Dec.	12	" Adjustment re 1st & 2nd. Qr's. Allce. \$4207.50	42. 1. 6.	
<u>1942</u>				
Apl.	24	By Balance c/down		174.10. 3 ✓
			£256. 5. 0. ✓	256. 5. 0. ✓
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Friends House, Euston Road, London, N.W.1
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27th April, 1942.

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

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*Entered J.V.
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Attached to letter of 27th April

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

West China Union University (re M. Robertson)

24th April, 1942

In Account with
FRIENDS SERVICE COUNCIL

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July 31, 1942

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

Dear Mr. Lawson:

We have closed up our books for the fiscal year and I am in a position to write you regarding the handling of the contributions made toward West China Union University. Our understanding of the situation is set forth in the following statement. This lists the amount paid September 1941, less deductions requested by the American Friends Service Committee for Mrs. Sewell's travel, also less deductions requested in your letter to be sent to you -- this latter amount being £50-0-0 for which we are enclosing draft herewith:

Balance Friend Service Council Statement

£174-10-3

Paid Sept. 27, 1941

American Friends Service for Mrs. Sewell's
travel to be adjusted on field as to apply
on Marjorie Robertson's allowance

289.53 @ 4.04 -

Balance due Friends Service Council

71-13-4
£102-16-11

7/2/42 Vo. 3876 purchased draft for
Friends Service Council (202.00)

50-0-0
£ 52-16-11

To be paid Arnold Vaught, West China
(when sending money to Miss Priest) \$213.50 U.S.

You will note that this takes into consideration payments made on the schedule which you attached in your letter of April 27th and I sincerely trust that this adjusts everything to your understanding of the situation.

I am sorry that I did not answer your letter of April 27th ere this, but it was a long time in transit and the month of July has slipped by with remarkable rapidity.

Insofar as we know the situation, as you have outlined it, regarding the Sewell Family and Lucy Burt is true. We are hoping, however, for some repatriation proceedings which will relieve the tense situation under which the people in North

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China are living.

The Associated Mission Treasurers' Office in Shanghai went out of business after December 8th.

It is our understanding that several foreign members of the staff were treated rather indecently by the Japanese but survived without any great hardship.

It is our understanding that approximately \$450,000 of U. S. funds here in New York was frozen by the Government, and while efforts have been made to release these funds, the U. S. Treasury Department has not been inclined to agree.

You are aware, I presume, that Glenn Fuller of the Methodist Board is now in Chungking and is taking over the responsibilities which the Associated Mission Treasurers formerly handled in Shanghai.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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Via Air Mail



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FRIENDS SERVICE COUNCIL

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

BGL/HC

16th October, 1942.

C.A. Evans, Esq.,
Associated Boards for
Christian Colleges in China,
150, Fifth Avenue,
NEW YORK, N.Y.

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Dear Mr. Evans,

Your letter of July 31st came to hand towards the end of August, but I have held over our reply, thinking we might hear something from you in reply to my letter of July 9th, of which I now enclose a duplicate. We shall be interested to know your views on the matter raised therein.

Attached to
No # 3876

Thank you for the details given in yours of July 31st which are quite satisfactory to us and I enclose receipt for the draft for £50. which you sent us. We have not yet heard from Arnold Vaught as to the arrival of the \$213.50 but there has hardly been time for that.

This year we have paid the following amounts to Marjorie Robertson:-

Transferred
to Barclay Bank
165 Fenchurch
London E.C.3

Sterling portion for 1942.....	£40. 0. 0.
Allowance in China for first quarter, 1942, N.C.\$ 7307.50.....	97. 8. 8.
Allowance in China for second quarter, 1942, N.C.\$ 6745.00.....	89.18. 8.
	<u>£227. 7. 4.</u>

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We will let you have a note later on of the cost of her allowance for the third and fourth quarters of this year.

We have been very glad to have news recently of both Lucy Burtt and the Sewell family; the former is acting as Warden in a Y.M.C.A. Hostel in Peking and seems to be having a most interesting time with a great mixture of nationalities in the Hostel, including Japanese, Americans, Germans, Russians, etc. The Sewell family are in Hongkong and apparently well and William Sewell is teaching - but the message does not indicate whom he is teaching. We have also had news at last of Dorothy Behenna, who was caught in Manilla and has now sent a message saying she is well and has a nursing post. It is a relief to have news of these people, much as one realises they are still facing many difficulties and trials, particularly the Sewell family, who have three children.

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16th OCTOBER, 1942

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Thank you for the information about the Associated Mission Treasurers and I expect that Arnold Vaught is in touch with Glen Fuller. If you should hear of any of their funds in New York being released by the U.S. Government, we should appreciate knowing.

The continuing increase in the cost of living in West China is creating a serious financial problem for our Council and our China Budget is now about £10,000. per annum compared with £3,000. a few years ago. We believe we can carry this extra amount for a temporary period, but we think it will not be long before our limit is reached and we are considering various ways of meeting the situation.

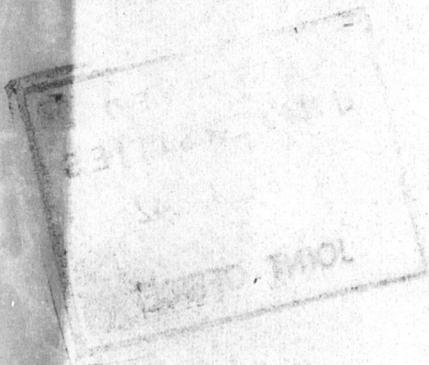
Meanwhile, a new worker, Brian Harland, is on the way to the West China University. His special subject is Geology but, of course, he hopes to be of wider, (or should I say "deeper") use among the students.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Bernard G. Lawson

B.G. Lawson,
Assistant Secretary - Finance.



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FRIENDS SERVICE COUNCIL

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

BGL/HC

6th January, 1943.

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

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*Check in 1/42
No. 3722
attacked 6/20*

Dear Mr. Evans,

I wish to acknowledge with many thanks the receipt through our bankers of the sum of £227.7.4¹/₂ from you, clearing the items set out in my letter of October 16th. I am glad to say that this came in just in time to be included in our 1942 accounts.

I hope by this time my letter of December 11th has reached you (the duplicate of which had been sent off just before this remittance came in).

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With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

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July 22, 1943

Friends Service Council
Jordan's Hostel, near Beaconsfield
Bucks, England

Dear Friends:

Rapidly developing events in China have brought about a situation within the basic financial structure of the Colleges that demands immediate consideration of all participating Mission Boards.

In connection therewith, attention is called to the minutes of the Special Committee on Emergency Askings of the Associated Boards held on June 3rd, also the minutes of the Executive Committee held on June 23rd. Both sets of minutes have been distributed.

Reference to these minutes will reveal that United China Relief approved approximately one-half (\$666,000) of the original askings (\$1,238,857.67) for the Colleges for 1943-44. Late arrivals from China state that the 50% exchange grant only compensates for the additional advances in costs since the budgets were figured and that the original askings must be met.

Later adjustments - paring here and there - have reduced the final goal to US\$963,531.00 which the Executive Committee approved on June 23rd. With United China Relief approving only \$666,000 for the current year, it will be seen that the Associated Boards must raise the balance elsewhere. We are pledging every effort to do this and are hoping for income from the following sources:

- (a) Increased Support from Great Britain.
- (b) New Support from Canada.
- (c) Increased Support from the Constituent Mission Boards.
- (d) Special Effort by the Associated Boards.

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July 22, 1943

The foregoing is set before you to show the problem which we face for 1943-44 and is the foundation for what follows.

First of all, we must always bear in mind that the Christian Colleges in China are the result of Mission Board activity, with the exception of Lingnan. Mission Boards made substantial cash contributions toward the establishment of these Colleges and undertook their continuing support by supplying personnel and a yearly cash contribution. For years this was considered by the several Boards as a major obligation, but of late years, there has been a tendency to cast more responsibility upon the Associated Boards.

Before 1936-37 Mission Board Annual Support, as shown in personnel and appropriations, was more than \$500,000. In 1938-39 the actual figure by close checking was \$463,155. In 1941-42 they were revised by correspondence with all supporting boards, and the total was \$406,039. Last April (1943) we again reviewed the situation and found that Board Support had decreased to less than \$350,000. Actual data could not be secured readily, but we estimated that more than 50% of the decrease was chargeable to loss in foreign staff without corresponding cash contributions for the vacancy.

The first paragraphs of this letter show the shift in control. It is passing into the hands of relief agencies and others who have not the keen sense of the Christian value of the institutions.

And the picture involved in the normal on-going budget (formerly averaging \$800,000 consisting of Endowment Income and Foundation Gifts, etc.) is not much brighter. The 1942-43 estimate in May showed it had decreased to \$660,000 due to losses from Mission Boards and Endowment Income. Thus, regular income decreased while relief askings increase. We are seeking in the latter category this year nearly a million dollars from sources that do not hesitate to assume authority in the conduct of the Colleges. It is useless to answer that much of the relief funds come from Christians. Few donors of undesignated gifts have any say in their final distribution. But more serious still is the continuance of the program of education in China upon which China so much relies. Every Board should honestly face the necessity of doubling its present support of the Colleges, at least.

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Is it not time that all Mission Boards make it a major task to review their participation in these Colleges and determine whether or not they desire to be the major influence, both as to personnel and to support? It is my understanding that appeals to the churches for relief have brought income to various Boards far in excess of the anticipated amount. Even in this light, should not a larger portion of Mission Board funds be allocated to the Colleges, both in personnel and appropriations?

This is not a matter for post-war planning, but a situation which must be faced at once, especially in the light of the budget requirements of the present fiscal year. Further, this condition has not been reported to the Committee on Greater Unity as it would greatly modify the Mission Board participation in the new organization.

This letter is not mailed in the spirit of criticism, but comes from the standpoint of an administrative task which must be met currently and which all participating Mission Boards should share. You established these institutions and should know the trend of the times.

As we cannot hope to have a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Associated Boards until early fall, this situation should not be allowed to drift while the various Boards are distributing funds elsewhere.

Meanwhile, we shall be glad to confer with any, or all of you, but by no means should the matter go by default. To that end, I shall welcome suggestions and comments.

Very sincerely yours,

G. A. EVANS,
Acting Executive Secretary.

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*Note: above letter sent FW;
Friends Service Council
Friends House
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London, N. W. 1, England*

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~~Temporary Address: c/o OLD JORDANS HOSTEL, N. BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.~~

4th November, 1943.

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

Dear Mr. Evans,

I acknowledge with thanks your letter of 23rd September and duplicate, both received this week. This is to certify that we have remitted during 1943 a total of £250 sterling to our Treasurer in Chungking to be transferred to the West China Union University, and we have no doubt this has been done. At the present rate of £/\$ exchange, this would represent approximately \$1010. I hope this is an adequate statement for your auditors.

*certified
by R#497
1/7/44*

We also received some weeks ago a letter from the Associated Boards asking us to consider increasing our support of the West China Union University, and this matter is receiving our careful consideration. At the same time we are faced with very serious financial problems in the whole of our work in Szechwan because of the rising costs, (as will be only too well known to you), and that may prevent us from being as generous as we should like ~~to be~~. ~~but~~ As regards the University, I think actually our support in personnel has not lessened during the last few years, as in fact Brian and Elisabeth Harland (who are now both in Chengtu) replace the Sewells for the time being, and our cash contribution continues at £250, to which, of course, is now added the 50% exchange subsidy. We are, however, very sympathetic to the problem of the University's finances as outlined by you, and are giving careful thought to the request, but at the moment it is not possible to indicate what decision we shall come to.

Yours sincerely,

Bernard G. Lawson

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Assistant Secretary, Finance.



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December 10, 1943

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

Dear Friends:

At the Annual Meeting of the Board of Governors of West China Union University the Secretary was instructed to communicate with the Supporting Mission Boards and request a statement of the cash contributions toward support of the University, including that sent through the Treasurer of the Board or directly to China, and that the statement include the salaries paid to the various missionaries supported by the Mission Boards.

Mission Board salaries have changed greatly within the last eighteen months and it is quite essential that the Board have a more accurate idea of support than the very general calculation which has been used in the past.

Very sincerely yours,

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C. A. EVANS, Ass't. Secretary

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15th December, 1943.

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

Dear Mr. Evans,

I write to acknowledge with many thanks your letter of 15th October received on the 7th instant, and we have also received through ^{Barclays} Bank Ltd. the remittance of £30, being ^{refunded} the second half, for the current year of the allowance we make to Lucy Burt's mother. We are much obliged for this refund.

You may possibly have heard by now that there is a chance that Harry Silcock will be returning shortly from West China via Australia and the States. If so, I am sure he will contact you. Meanwhile the American Friends Service Committee in Philadelphia would be able to inform you as to his movements. Our China Committee proposes to discuss with him the request for increased support for the W.C.U.U. when he reaches this country - but I do not think I ought to raise your hopes too much as our China commitment is so extremely heavy at the present time, and we are even contemplating whether some reduction may not be necessary during 1944!

Yours sincerely,

Bernard G. Lawson

B. G. LAWSON
Assistant Secretary, Finance.

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December 17, 1943

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

Dear Friends:

During July of this year we called attention of all Cooperating Mission Boards to the decreasing proportion of their participation in the work of the China Colleges. At that time we said that the cash and personnel contributed by all cooperating Mission Boards had decreased from approximately \$800,000 in previous year to an aggregate of \$660,000 in May 1943.

We have had several acknowledgments to that letter and quite naturally the question has been asked whether or not due consideration was given to the increased cost of salaries and maintenance in China. Insofar as could be done at that time a liberal allowance was made for these increases, but obviously the figures were not exact.

The Associated Boards has given thought to the problem and appointed a special committee to study the situation, and to make further report to its Executive Committee. Will you not kindly, therefore, give us the following figures for each of the Colleges in which you are participating:

- (a) Cash contribution at the present time—whether paid in China or through our office.
- (b) The number of staff members and support as shown by your latest reports from China.
- (c) If you are making a cash contribution in lieu of personnel, kindly indicate this and the amount.
- (d) Kindly indicate your understanding as to the number of persons your Board should have on the staff of the University.

You will be doing something very helpful and constructive if you will get these to us promptly. We would like to use these figures in our Annual Report which is now in process, and the earlier the reply the better.

Very sincerely yours,

CAE:EW.

C. A. EVANS

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In your reply please quote
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25th January 1944

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

Dear Friend:

In reply to your enquiry of December 10 (received here January 20) on the question which I noted in the minutes of the Board Meeting as to the actual support given to the University, the following information will supplement a letter from Bernard Lawson, of November 4. It is difficult to give actual figures for two reasons: firstly, the rise in the cost of living, which has caused considerable changes in the actual sterling provision for our staff; secondly, the fact of the Sewells' internment. I am giving the current figures, which show maintenances for staff paid at 30 times the basic figure of 1937; also the figures supposing this should be raised to 40X. They include both the Sewells and the Harlands, but the Sewells only at the reduced rate during the period of their internment, so that the totals are not the figures which would apply if both families were in Chengtu; nor do the figures imply that we are committed to a permanent policy of maintaining two men on the staff. You will also notice that we are putting the block grant and the Sewells at a fixed sterling rate. The block grant produces an amount of National currency at the prevailing rate.

There are some other ^{annual} contributions, which I am not sure should be included. They are as follows:-

Union Theological College	£ 15.
Women's College	£ 60.
Friends' College	£ 100.

With regard to the first two of these, we have not committed ourselves to these payments except on a year-to-year basis.

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There is one further point of interest on which we are not yet clear. We have noted the discussions taking place as to the status of foreign staff and their responsibility to the University, and I can see the force of the argument that the University should have a direct say in the appointment and allocation of staff. On the other hand, we have always considered that our representatives on the University staff would necessarily have other responsibilities in connection with the life and work of the Society of Friends in China, and in the case of Brian Harland we have made very clear that we had only thought of him as giving part-time to the University, since his help was needed in connection with Friends' College and in other ways. This is perhaps a necessary comment on the figures given.

Yours very sincerely,

Paul D. Sturge

PAUL D. STURGE,
General Secretary.

Friends Service Council contribution to W.C.U.U.
based on 1937 figures

	30X	40X
	£	£
Block Grant	250	250
B. & E. Harland	800	1040
Sewell family (2 plus 3)	<u>620</u>	<u>620</u>
	<u>£1670</u>	<u>£1910</u>

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January 25, 1944

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

Dear Friends:

We have just received a cable from West China Union Theological College requesting an immediate remittance of funds. In referring to the minutes of the meeting held in Toronto regarding finances I find that the following motion was voted:

"G-1812 VOTED that the Secretary allocate the additional \$5,000.00 required to meet the Nanking Theological Seminary gift to the Cooperating Mission Boards on the original basis of cooperation upon which the College was organized, regardless of any additional payments already made."

The Secretary has searched the minutes of the Board of Management of the Theological College to ascertain the original ratio of participation without success. The Annual Meeting of the Board of Governors, however, on October 21 and 22, 1936 in consideration of the Union Theological College passed the following resolution:

"(2) That information be conveyed to the participating Boards that the sum of LC\$2,700 will be sufficient for the current expenses of the Union Theological College for the year 1937-38, and that each Board should be asked to make an appropriation of LC\$450 towards this Budget, and to make a report of its action to the Executive Committee of the Board of Governors."

Our office does not have in hand evidence that the above mentioned allocation was accepted by the various Boards, but the first report of the Treasurer submitted March 30, 1938 at the Sixth Meeting of the Board of Management listed Mission Board receipts as follows:

Baptist Board.....	LC\$ 450.00
Friends Service Council.....	50.00
United Church of Canada.....	450.00
Methodist Episcopal Mission.....	250.00
Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.....	225.00
Church Missionary Society.....	450.00
	LC\$1,875.00

It would seem, therefore, that this ratio should apply to the distribution of the US\$5,000. The amounts allocated to the various cooperating Boards, therefore,

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will be as follows:

American Baptist Board.....	\$1,200.00
Friends Service Council.....	133.33
United Church of Canada.....	1,200.00
Methodist Church.....	666.67
Methodist WDCS.....	600.00
Church Missionary Society.....	1,200.00
	<u>\$5,000.00</u>

The cable which prompts this letter emphasizes what has been said in correspondence recently received regarding the great need for funds in the Theological College. From a meager beginning in 1936 the work has grown in importance far beyond the proportion invested by the various Mission Boards, and I believe that every Board is proud to have a share in this most outstanding achievement. It is quite possible that since the first of July you have made some remittances to the Treasurer in Chengtu either by appropriation or designated gifts and any such reported to Dr. Frank T. Cartwright, the Secretary of the Nanking Theological Seminary Board of Founders, will release a like amount from the Treasurer of the Foundation. Any such remittances from your Board will be applied toward the allocation as listed above.

Your immediate attention to this situation will be deeply appreciated by the Board of Managers in China.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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Via Air Mail



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In your reply please quote
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9th March, 1944.

Mr. C.A. Evans,
Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China,
150 Fifth Avenue,
NEW YORK, N.Y.
U.S.A.

Dear Friend,

In the absence of Paul Sturge, I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your letters of December 17th and January 25th, both of which have come to hand just recently.

With regard to support of the China Colleges, our contribution in personnel and money is, as you will know, confined to the Chengtu University and in his letter of 25th January, Paul Sturge had already sent the information for which you ask in yours of December 17th. The only thing to add is that we understand the preferential rate of exchange of \$160.- to the £ has ^{now} come into operation.

With regard to the Theological College at the Chengtu University, we will put your letter before our China Committee or its Executive as soon as possible. My own understanding of the position is, that the Council has never committed itself to undertaking any specific share of the finances of the College, though from time to time in the last few years we have made specific grants. These were at first made on a L.C. \$ basis, but from 1941, due to the depreciation in exchange, we have made a grant of £15 p.a. and in 1943 this carried with it the preferential rate of exchange, so that in L.C. \$s, our contribution has been somewhat increased, though no doubt running expenses have also increased. We believe that the Chinese Friends Y.M. has made at least one contribution to the College, and of course it is quite possible they may make further grants — ~~that~~ is entirely in their hands. Please accept this as a provisional reply for the time being, and we will write again when the matter has been before the Committee.

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9th March, 1944

Whilst writing, may I acknowledge with many thanks receipt of a remittance of £45 through our Bankers on February 28th from yourselves, which we assume is a further contribution towards the amount we are paying to Lucy Burt's mother? We much appreciate your further help in this way.

Yours sincerely,

Bernard G. Lawson

BERNARD G. LAWSON
Assistant Secretary Finance.

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23rd March, 1944.

ack. 5/10/44

Mr. C.A. Evans,
Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China,
150, Fifth Avenue,
NEW YORK, N.Y.
U.S.A.

Dear Friend,

re Marjorie Robertson's expenses

*Paid £974-18-11
5/8/44 to 4094
Deducted £52-16-
" sent to Arnold
Wright - Aug 1942*

I am enclosing herewith a Statement showing the amounts due to us at the end of 1943 in respect of payments made on behalf of Marjorie Robertson's maintenance, sterling portion, travelling expenses, etc. I hope the total of £1027.15s.10d. will not come to you as too much of a shock, but you will know that maintenance costs have risen tremendously in China, and you will see that about one quarter of the sum is in respect of moneys advanced for her return passage to England - some of which I suppose might possibly be returned when she arrives. Of that we have no knowledge. If there is any point on which you would like further information, please let us know.

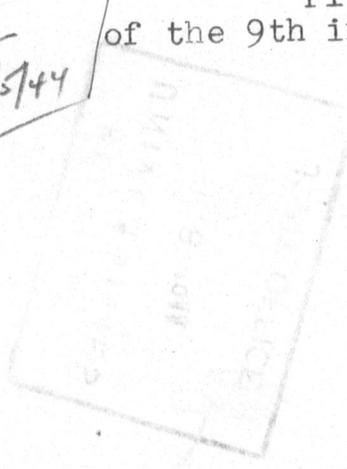
Please find enclosed duplicate of my letter to you of the 9th instant.

Yours sincerely,

Bernard G. Lawson

BERNARD G. LAWSON
Assistant Secretary - Finance.

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April 19, 1944

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

Gentlemen:

We sent on April 17th by air mail transfer through the Barclays Bank Ltd., thirty pounds, to Messrs. Barclays Bank Ltd., Euston Branch, London, N. W. 1., for credit to your account. This is the second half of the appropriation for the fiscal year 1943/44, which we are paying to you for Lucy Burtt's mother.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. Evans

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

19th April, 1944

Dear Mr. Evans,

Marjorie Robertson

We are glad to report that Marjorie Robertson arrived safely in this country on March 30th and has been in to see us two or three times. Her voyage home was quite satisfactory and I have no doubt she has written to you about her time in India.

We have been discussing financial arrangements with her during her furlough and our suggestions are as follows:-

L. 10. to Mar. 31

(1) To continue her sterling allowance of £40 p.a. up to 31st March, 1944.

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Mar 31. 1945*

(2) From 1st April, 1944 to pay her furlough allowances at our standard rates of £150 p.a. (Personal Maintenance) and £30 p.a. (Rent Allowance), together with Cost of Living Bonus for a single person at whatever is the current rate from time to time. At the moment, this is 7/6d a week, which would make a total of £199.10.0. per annum. ~~So~~ we propose to take the total for the moment as £200 per annum.

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(3) Marjorie Robertson is due for an Equipment and Clothing Allowance in addition to the above, and under our normal regulations she would have received about £8 on leaving China. Clearly ^{now} circumstances have changed considerably and that amount is quite inadequate. Prices have risen, purchases abroad were not possible and her term of service has been 8 years instead of the normal 5½ - 6 (as far as our workers are concerned). We are therefore proposing to make a grant of £25 for this purpose.

All the above is of course subject to your approval. We have approached this matter exactly as though Marjorie Robertson

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were one of our regular F.S.C. workers, and as far as we can judge, she is satisfied with the suggestions. We have, however, felt in some difficulty seeing that you are financially responsible for her and we have suggested that she should write to you if there is any aspect on which she does not feel quite satisfied. As regards length of furlough, our regulation period is undergoing some change, and during this abnormal period, we have ~~rather~~ dealt with each case on its individual merits. Our suggestion for Marjorie Robertson is a period up to 18 months in this country, plus whatever travelling time is required for her return journey. If she were returning direct, this would presumably mean a total absence from the field of about 2 years, which would be the period we should reckon for one of our own workers under similar circumstances. I understand, however, that she may return via the U.S.A., and if so, no doubt there will be no difficulty in unitedly agreeing on any revision necessary. It is, of course, very unlikely that we should be able to make any remittance on her behalf to the U.S.A., but no doubt you will take care of any expenses on your side.

We shall be glad to know at your early convenience whether the above proposals have your approval. Meanwhile, we are making payments to Marjorie Robertson provisionally, as required. If you do not happen to have arranged for the remittance of the £1,027.15.10. due to us on her account up to the end of 1943, would you kindly hold back your remittance for the moment, as we may desire to ask the Bank of England whether we may make use of some portion or the whole of that sum for commitments to another of our China field workers who has returned to the U.S.A.

Already sent through Barclay Bank etc - 7/8/44

Yours sincerely,

Bernard J. Lawton

Assistant Secretary
(Finance)

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May 6, 1944

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

Dear Mr. Lawson:

I am acknowledging your letter of March 9th dealing with the participation of the Friends Service Council in our Colleges in China and I am grateful for the information you have given us. The cost of the work in China has grown rapidly as related to the missionary support. Figured on the old basis the contribution of the Mission Boards has greatly decreased and after assembling all of the data from all of the Boards we still find a great shrinkage due to the fact that many missionaries have been brought home and are entirely off the Board's support. However, conditions are changing so rapidly in China, and costs are mounting to such unheard of heights, it appears that a new re-casting of the financial structure must be done to get a clearer picture of what is happening. This will be done in the next month or two here in our office.

Your reference to the receipt of £45 has revealed the fact that no acknowledgment has been made to your letter of December 15th which brought a copy of your letter of August 5th. Immediately we made payment of the £45 on the account of Miss Lucy Burt and I am glad to know that it came through satisfactorily. What you said regarding the August 5th letter caused us to search our files more thoroughly and at last we have uncovered the original copy of that letter and apologize to you most profusely for what seems to be neglect on our part. With the coming of new staff into the office I am hoping that such a thing will not happen again.

At the present time we are negotiating with the Chinese and American Governments with the hope of being able to sell our drafts on the open market. At present it appears as though this will be satisfactory and it only remains for the machinery to be established.

I note that there is a chance that Dr. Harry Silcox will be returning by way of the States. We hope this is true and only wish that he could be here with us for our Annual Meetings.

I am glad to note that you are giving some consideration to additional support for West China Union University. This is as it should be. For fifteen years I have been in this office and five years prior to that I was on the foreign field. Experience during those years pointed to the fact that Mission Boards and Agencies having inaugurated work in Mission fields should take more adequate responsibility for the development and continuance of the work. It is true that there are limitations but I have

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never beheld any limitation that was not man made. For many years there has been a feeling among Board Secretaries here in America that our office should not speak out loud regarding these things. I take a different view and feel very frankly that all Mission Boards should restudy their commitments in the light of recent developments in this world of ours and re-evaluate their programs. If it means that the Christian Colleges shall have less support then some of them should be closed down. From my own experience, however, as to what Christian education can do and is doing I am thinking that the consensus of opinion would be that the work of Christian education should be strengthened.

I speak thus because it is not in my own interest at all. My first concern is for these Colleges. They have grown through Christian leadership and they are still the responsibility of Christian people, we must not let them down.

Most sincerely yours,

CAE:EW

C. A. EVANS

Via: Air Mail
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May 10, 1944
Re: BGL/BW.

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

Dear Mr. Lawson:

We are today sending by air mail transfer through the Barclays Bank Ltd., Euston Branch, London, N.W.1, for your account L974 - 18 - 11.

This is in payment of your invoice of February 28th for the expense account of Marjorie Robertson as rendered, except for the item of L52 - 16 - 11, "To adjust item credited on Oct. 9/1942, being the amount referred to in C. A. Evans letter of July 31, 1942, which should have been paid to A. Vaught in China, but which has not been done." This amount was sent to Arnold Vaught just as we advised you we would do in our letter of July 31, 1942. We cabled the \$213.50 to Elsie Priest on August 18, 1942 together with some other money that we were sending.

We will advise you further regarding this after we hear from Miss Priest at Chengtu.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. Evans

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

1st June, 1944
ack 7/17/44

Dear Mr. Evans,

I am writing to acknowledge with many thanks receipt of your letters of May 6th and 10th, both of which reached us unusually quickly. I have shared the former with Paul Sturge and we shall await with interest the outcome of the Associated Boards' review of the financial circumstances of the W.C.U.U. I fear it is unlikely that our Council will be able at the present time ~~even~~ to contemplate any increase in its support of the University as the whole question of the possibility of maintaining our present commitments in West China is so uncertain. Indeed, the whole financial situation in China is catastrophic and extremely puzzling for any of the home Boards. Our friends at Edinburgh House here are still consulting with our appropriate government departments as to the possibilities of some relief on the exchange question.

Thank you for clearing up the position regarding your remittances on behalf of the allowance we are making to Lucy Burtt's mother and we much appreciate your contributions in this respect.

With regard to Marjorie Robertson's finances, we acknowledge with many thanks the receipt of £974.18.11. and enclose our official receipt. The matter of the £52.16.11. is certainly very troublesome and it will be interesting to know what happened at the other end to the draft which you sent to Miss Priest. I have had some talk with Marjorie Robertson herself on the matter, but she cannot add anything to our previous knowledge. The only information we have is that in the 4th quarter of 1942, Arnold Vaught credited us with an amount of L.C. \$8164.58 marked "Robertson allowance". We estimated this amount to be the equivalent of £102.14.0. and assumed that it included the

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General Secretary:

Chairman:

£52.16.11. as quoted in your letter of July 31st, 1942. In the 2nd quarter of 1943, however, Arnold Vaught debited our account with the whole sum of L.C. \$8164.58 having apparently refunded to, or passed the amount over to, the W.C.U.U. ~~re Marjorie Robertson's allowance.~~ The sterling amount however still remains as a debit to our account with yourselves. I hope soon we shall ^{all} be able to straighten out the matter. *R*

By the time that this letter reaches you, Harry Silcock should either have arrived in the States or be on his way - we have had very appreciative comments on the visits he has paid to Friends in Australia and New Zealand.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Renard G. Lawrence

Assistant Secretary - Finance

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June 30, 1944

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

Dear Mr. Lawson:

I have secured action on your letter of April 19th regarding the financial arrangements for Marjorie Robertson. X Such officers of the Board of Governors as I could reach approved your recommendation and accordingly I have cabled you to that effect.

We have received no word from Miss Robertson that she is not satisfied with this arrangement therefore we are taking it for granted that she approves. The length of furlough as suggested is also agreeable to us. It might be advisable for Miss Robertson to plan to return to West China via the United States, and thus have an opportunity to meet members of the West China Board of Governors on this side of the Atlantic. We take it for granted, of course, that Miss Robertson has had a very thorough medical check-up.

The matter of remitting £1027.15s.10d. due on Miss Robertson's account up to the end of 1943 was taken care of on May 8th. It is our understanding that if you do not wish to cash this remittance that it can be returned to the United States. Possible we may be wrong in our conclusion.

With every good wish to you, I am

Most sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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Via: Air Mail
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July 17, 1944

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

Dear Mr. Lawson:

I greatly appreciate your letter of June 1st enclosing receipt covering Marjorie Robertson's finances.

I note what you say regarding the financial situation and more particularly in reference to your consideration of support toward West China Union University and was reluctant to let the opportunity pass to make some statement regarding the need of further support for the University. I suppose some of these Boards around here get tired of my continual nagging and you are in a preferred position with the Atlantic separating us. In this particular instance it is rather odd that an American Presbyterian of Welsh descent should be writing a letter to an English Friend urging further support for a University in China. Possibly it is because of this mixture that I feel free to talk.

It was no fault of yours that the Sewells were caught in Hongkong and I do not know that it was the fault of the University. Nevertheless, the University suffers and must pay someone else to carry on his particular work, and so the story goes. The question is, what is the answer? I will let you figure that one out.

The 52 odd pounds certainly is a nuisance. I will write to William Small at once and ask him to ferret the thing through. I know just how annoying things of that sort are on your books and I will do my best to get it cleaned up.

With many thanks to you for your generous treatment of this Secretary who has a task to fulfill and who is reluctant to make himself bold, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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C. A. EVANS

Via: Air Clipper
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~~Temporary Address of OLD JORDANS HOSTEL, N. BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.~~

21st July, 1944.

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

Dear Mr. Evans,

Thank you for your letter of 30th June regarding financial arrangements for Marjorie Robertson, also your cable of, I think, the same date, though it did not reach us until 3rd July. The letter had a remarkably quick journey and reached us on the 8th.

We are glad to know that our proposals meet with your approval, and they are also fully satisfactory to Marjorie Robertson. We are paying her the allowance regularly and have made her the equipment allowance. She tells me that she ^{has} ~~was~~ examined by our Medical Officer shortly after her arrival and she received a satisfactory report from him. Probably by this time you have heard direct from Marjorie Robertson herself. This is only to thank you for your communications and to say that everything is in order between the three of us.

You will know from your Press that we are having rather disturbed times in London, and, whilst it tends to make life rather trying, it is really extraordinary how comparatively normally life in this vast city goes on. All the same, we shall all be extremely thankful when these various menaces to our peace and safety no longer exist.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Bernard G. Lawson

BERNARD G. LAWSON
Assistant Secretary, Finance.

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Telephone: EUSTON 3606

4th October 1944

Mr. C. A. Evans
Associated Boards for Christian
Colleges in China,
One Hundred-fifty Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y., USA.

Dear Mr. Evans:

Harry T. Silcock has just given me your letter about the meeting of the West China Board on November 2. He is quite clear that it is impossible for him to come, and indeed both on grounds of permits and travel, and for personal considerations, I think it is quite impossible for him to contemplate it. We are asking Miss Mary Hoxie Jones, of Philadelphia, if she could represent us, as on some previous occasions. I do not know if she can, but I would be glad if you would send her the agenda and documents (20 South Twelfth Street, Philadelphia Pa.).

There are many matters in connection with the Universities which we are anxious to discuss more fully, and I hope after we have had an opportunity with Harry T. Silcock there may be other matters to write about.

Yours very sincerely,

Paul D. Sturge

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November 8, 1944

Mr. Paul D. Sturge
Friends Service Council
Friends House
Euston Road
London, N. W. 1, England

Dear Mr. Sturge:

I am grateful for your letter of October 4th also for the cablegram which announces that you appointed Miss Mary Hoxie Jones as the Friends Service Council representative to the West China Board meeting on November 2nd. Miss Jones attended and voted on behalf of the Council. The vote was overwhelming in favor of greater unity but the Baptist votes were cast on the condition that the American Baptist Board voted in favor of the proposition.

We also had the pleasure of greeting Mr. Thomas Twiman (?) who spoke briefly to the meeting. As Miss Jones has been on the Planning Committee she was thoroughly conversant with the fundamentals involved.

With many thanks to you, I am

Most cordially yours,

C. A. EVANS

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November 14, 1944

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

Dear Friends:

At the November 2nd meeting of the Board of Governors of West China Union University to consider the problems of the Theological College attention was given to the earnest appeal from the field for additional funds to operate the Theological College. The Board had in hand the proposed budget and gave its general approval to the program involved. This, however, called for added assistance from the Co-operating Mission Boards and it was finally voted that the Board of Governors receive the budget for 1944-45 and commend same to the Co-operating Mission Boards and express the hope that they will find it possible to increase their present commitments to the Theological College.

While the undersigned was elected Treasurer in America for the Theological College, yet this in no way affects the present method of remitting funds to the field. The Treasurer, however, is anxious to know what increases will be made available by your Board.

The type of work being done by the Theological College commends itself so highly to all the Cooperating Boards that no argument on the part of the Treasurer seems necessary at the present time.

Very sincerely yours,

FRANK T. CARTWRIGHT, Treasurer

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

14th December, 1944

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Dear Mr. Evans,

I enclose statement of your account in our books up to the present date, which in effect means up to the end of this year, as we do not expect to make any further payments this month on Marjorie Robertson's behalf.

Marjorie Robertson

The increase in the amount paid to her in November is due to a slight increase in our cost of living bonus which was dated back to August 1. The amount of £17.4.2. shown for December is the amended regular payment at the moment. You will see that the difference between the balance brought forward on January 1 and the substantial payment received on May 23 is accounted for by the outstanding item of £52.16.11. I trust you have been able to obtain some further light on this transaction by this time.

Lucy Bault's mother

Whilst writing, may I confirm that the £30, of which you notified us in your letter of 31st October, were received by us through our bank on 4th December, and that I sent an acknowledgement of this sum on 6th December.

Yours sincerely,

B.G. Lawson

B. G. LAWSON.
Assistant Secretary, Finance.

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February 5, 1945

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

Dear Mr. Lawson:

Your letter of December 14th came to hand promptly and immediately we checked the invoice enclosed covering payment to Miss Marjorie Robertson and as a result on January 24th we transmitted to you through Barclays Bank Ltd. £304.9.6, which represented the equivalent of \$1,230.08 at the exchange of \$4.04.

You will note from this that we deducted the £52.16.11 which previously had been sent to the field at your request. Another letter had been dictated to you on this subject as I had received no report from China. Before the letter was written, however, a communication came to hand from William Small, the Bursar of West China Union University, which put us on the track of clearing up the situation in so far as the facts are concerned. May I first of all quote the paragraph which Mr. Small wrote in reference to this particular situation:

"Friends Service Council - letter from Bernard Lawson: In your letter of July 17th you asked if we had any information which would throw light on the query of Bernard Lawson regarding £52.16.11. I have checked our records and it appears to me as though Mr. Lawson has mixed two entirely different transactions, though this may not be the case. Late in August 1942 you cabled along with other odd amounts, to Miss Priest, an amount of \$213 for Mr. A. Vaught. At the prevailing rate this brought CN\$4,206.75 which was sent to Mr. Vaught who acknowledged receipt of same in a letter of November 4th. He indicated in this letter that he was not sure of the source of the transfer of US\$213 - whether from the British or American Friends Service Council. (The US\$213 presumably was equivalent to £52.16.11). Then on November 30 we paid the Friends Service Council Chengtu representative CN\$8,164.58 which in turn was passed on to Mr. Vaught in Chungking. This is the amount which was included in the 4th quarter report to Mr. Lawson, marked "Robertson salary." Then in May 1943 the F.S.C. Chengtu representative came to us saying that she had a communication from Chungking requesting that a refund of CN\$8,164.58 be made to the University, as Miss Robertson's salary had been settled previously. This cleared the amount of CN\$8,164.58 entirely from our accounts. I think, therefore, if Mr. Lawson were to write to Mr. Vaught directly and ask what became of the transfer of CN\$4,206.75 (equivalent to US\$213, and in turn £52.16.11) which he received from Miss Priest and which he acknowledged in his letter to her of November 4th, 1942 he would no doubt be able to get the information he requires."

To clarify the situation still further in your mind may I say that on August 18th, 1942, we cabled \$213.50 to our treasurer, Miss

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Priest, in China asking her to pay same to Arnold Vaught. On the same date we wrote a letter to her indicating that this was from the Friends Service Council. We did not indicate in that letter that it was for the salary of Miss Marjorie Robertson. However, in re-reading the correspondence which was exchanged in 1942 it appears that there was an understanding between your office and the one in China that this remittance would be forthcoming. In other words, one reading this letter would assume that the simple statement that the \$213.50 was from the Friends Service Council would be ample.

As Mr. Samll suggested that you get in touch with Mr. Arnold Vaught, who is in New York at the present time, it seemed only in order to clear the matter with him, if it seemed possible. Therefore I had a telephone conversation with him last week and he has looked up his accounts. As a result, this noon we had lunch together and the situation is now perfectly clear.

On November 4th, 1942, Mr. Vaught received NC\$4,206.75 from Miss Priest but without any very specific mention as to what it was for. He recalls that he asked her for more specific instructions, if it seemed available, but received none. At this distance now we cannot check this particular correspondence. His memorandum which very fortunately he was able to bring with him shows, however, that there was some thought in his mind that it was from the Friends Service Council as it is initialed F.S.C. Mr. Vaught never spent this money himself but turned it over to Mr. Robert Simkin who took over the responsibilities of Mr. Vaught, and, assuming that the entire amount was for relief purposes Mr. Simkin spent the whole amount for relief purposes.

The simple situation is, therefore, that while West China has actually paid the \$213.50 yet it has not received credit for same on your books. Meanwhile the funds have been spent without any possible chance of recovery in China.

My first thought was to present this whole matter to the Finance Committee of West China Union University for a final adjudication but after re-reading the correspondence it seemed only wise to let you have the facts first and ascertain if there is not some way in which the matter can be adjusted upon your own books. In my estimation there has been a lack of finesse in handling this situation all the way around. A little more of detailed instructions in your letter of April 27th, 1942, might have placed a different light upon it. On the other hand, in my letters to the field and in my cablegram I should have been more specific. Miss Priest should have been rather definite in the statement that it was definitely from the Friends Service Council and finally Mr. Vaught might have been more explicit in turning the money over to Robert Simkin. The explanation which I have for this whole picture is that on all sides everyone was swamped with work beyond physical endurance. (It is not much better now.) Here in the office we were working night and day to keep abreast of conditions developing here in New York. Miss Priest

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Mr. Bernard G. Lawson

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had a load which was equal to what two people should have carried and Mr. Vaught was equally overloaded in Chungking.

The question now arises if there is not some way in which this can be adjusted on your books so that West China may be properly credited and that Mr. Vaught will be absolved from any responsibility. I wish you would write frankly as we wish to adjust the matter in perfect fairness to everyone.

With sincerest personal regards to you, I am

Most sincerely yours,

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15th February 1945

Mr. C. A. Evans,
Associated Boards for Christian
Colleges in China,
One Hundred-fifty Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y., U.S.A.

Dear Mr. Evans:

Miss Marjorie Robertson

Miss Marjorie Robertson has been talking to me about her plans. In the ordinary course she is due to leave this country for West China in August or early September. I understand from her, however, that she has written to you asking whether you would feel a visit to the United States and Canada desirable. She feels that in view of her responsibility for publicity and other things, personal contact with the supporting Boards would be of the very greatest value to her and might be advantageous to them. I can see the truth of this, and in normal times it would look to be a very useful thing. One has to realise, however, that it would, in fact, mean a special voyage across the Atlantic, as her route on to China would, in all probability, be by the Mediterranean and India, and she realises that this means additional time and expense, which would have to be taken into account. I also do not know how easy it is to get permits and passages from the States to China. The situation is not at all easy here. I am putting her down on the Edinburgh House list for priority in August or September, but it is quite uncertain whether she can, in fact, get off then, though I hope it may be possible. If it were more certain that she could get a passage from the States that might be an argument for her coming over. If she should come over, she feels that it would be best to come in the early summer, so as to have a couple of months available for visiting, enabling her to get away in September to China. I suppose the summer months are not the best time for visiting, either in Canada or the States.

As we have to ensure that her application is considered early if she is to travel from here, we ought to know as soon as possible whether she is to go direct or via America, and of course it is of

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

6th March, 1945

Dear Mr. Evans,

Thank you for your letter of February 5 and we were glad to know that you had at last been able to straighten out the matter of the outstanding £52.16.11. (\$213). What a chapter of complications and misunderstandings! We do not feel that anyone is especially to blame, and if there is any blame at all, it is shared out pretty evenly all round. The Dollars in China seem to have been used eventually for a good cause, and our China Committee last week was perfectly willing to allocate the amount required from some relief funds in our hands for use in China, and this will enable us to clear the £52.16.11. from your account. I think it must have cost us all about 16/11 for postages and nearly the rest in time!—so let us hope it is quite finally settled now!

A nice way to clear this \$52-16-11

I have also received a letter from Arnold Vaught^x which confirms all that you say, and we are writing to him to let him know that we are entirely satisfied to meet this amount from relief funds. I am sorry you have had so much trouble in the matter, and we are much obliged to you for straightening it out. It is just one of those things that arises from ~~the~~ limitations in correspondence these days.

^xMarjorie Robertson: We acknowledge with many thanks the remittance of £304.9.6. for Marjorie Robertson's account, and, with the credit mentioned above of £52.16.11., this clears the Associated Board's Account to December 31 last.

Receipt attached to no 4292

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Bernard C. Lawson

Assistant Secretary, Finance.

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CARL EVANS

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Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China, 150 Fifth Ave., New York, N.Y.

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April 28, 1945

Mr. Paul Sturge, Sect.
Friends Service Council
Friend's House
Euston Road
London, N.W.1
England

Dear Mr. Sturge:

I am introducing to you through this communication
Dr. Chang Kia-ngau, Chairman of the Board of Directors of West
China Union University.

Dr. Chang has been visiting America since the fall
of 1943 and desires to see something of England before he returns
to China. He was former Minister of Communications in China as
well as the founder of the Bank of China. He will have numerous
connections but if the opportunity offers we will appreciate any
courtesies which may be extended.

Most sincerely yours,

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C. A. EVANS

cc: Mr. Sturge

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June 28, 1945

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

Dear Friends:

Dr. North, Convener of the Preparatory Committee, has requested me to send you the revised figures covering your participation in the China Colleges.

The attached memorandum gives the index letters and explanations as related to the following schedules which refer only to the participation of your own Mission Board.

<u>West China Union University</u>			
Endowment	\$	@ 5%	\$
Plant	\$ 75,091.00	A @ 5%	\$ 3,754.55
Current Cash (3 yrs.)	\$ 3,187.50	A Average	\$ 1,062.50
Staff (3 yrs.)	\$ 9,000.00	A Average	\$ 3,000.00
<u>Total West China Union University</u>			\$ <u>7,817.05</u>
<u>Yenching University</u>			
Endowment	\$	A @ 5%	\$
Plant	\$	A @ 5%	\$
Current Cash (3 yrs.)	\$	A Average	\$
Staff (3 yrs.)	\$ 4,500.00	A Average	\$ 1,500.00
<u>Total Yenching University</u>			\$ <u>1,500.00</u>

Please accept this letter as an acknowledgment of your communication giving us information which has been of great value in revising and verifying our figures.

Very sincerely yours,

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C. A. EVANS

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