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15, Devonshire Street,
Bishopsgate, London, E.C.
June 2nd, 1914.

P.M. Bayne, Esq.,
West China Union University,
CHENG TU.

Dear Mr. Bayne,

As the time draws near for the holding of the Annual Meeting of the Board of Governors, you will, no doubt, be preparing a report to be submitted to them covering the work done during the academic year. The meeting is to begin on the 15th September. I hope that we may have all the material from West China in hand at least a fortnight before then. Probably before you get this letter the report will have been prepared and sent off.

I hope that you will also send to me a clear statement of the matters upon which you request action by the Board of Governors. The minutes which come to us contain, of course, a great many things in regard to which the Board of Governors is not called upon to take any action at all, and it is sometimes difficult for us at this end to go through all the material and pick out just exactly those things in regard to which action by the Board of Governors is called for. There is one item which I note in the Minutes of the 26th February, namely No. 169. We have not received any clear statement of what exactly is involved in the proposal for the Union Language School to be established in connection with the Union University. I note that it says in the Minute that all financial responsibility is to be borne by the individual Missions. Somewhere else (I think it was in the West China News) there was, if my memory serves me rightly, an intimation that the financial responsibility was to be borne by the University. Of course I suppose that the Principal of the Language School will be a member of the University staff, and that no charge will be made to the students in respect of his salary. Then comes the question of accommodation. Is that to be provided by the Senate, or is a room to be built jointly by the Missions? I gather from the Minute that the intention is that the cost of native teachers should be met by the students, or by the Missions sending students: but, in addition to this, of course, there is wear and tear of the building and

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equipment, and some allowance ought, of course, to be made in respect of depreciation, if not for rent. I suppose that the University will make itself responsible for providing native teachers: or does this fall on the students? The teaching is likely to be much more satisfactory if the Chinese teachers are engaged by the School, and drilled into the methods in use in the School, and if a constant supply of teachers can be maintained. It would, I should think, be much more difficult for the Principal of the School to carry on his work successfully if the Chinese teachers were constantly changing with every new lot of students. No doubt these and other questions relative to the School have been considered; but we want to know, at the meeting of the Board of Governors, exactly what is involved, especially in regard to the financial side of the matter.

Another question that arises in connection with the work of the University, and on which the Board of Governors would probably have something to say, is that of women students. I notice that the possibility of having women medical students has been considered by the Senate, though I do not think that any definite action has yet been taken. This question, and the relation of the University to the Women's Normal School, are matters which are bound to come up for consideration in September, and we should be glad to have full information as to the views of the Senate.

Among the many other things that come to one's attention here, it is very difficult to give all the time that I could wish to work for the University, both in thinking of its problems and in helping its finances. It would be a help to us if the Minutes of the Senate could be accompanied by statements, such as those suggested by the Board of Governors, calling attention to special matters, and if we could have a regular letter once a quarter as was, I think, suggested by the Board of Governors a year or two ago, so as to keep us thoroughly informed of what was going on. I should like to be in a position to communicate to members of the Board of Governors fresh and living information about the University. If I simply send round Minutes such as I received from the field some members of the Board, at any rate, will only give them a perfunctory attention and put them on one side. If I received occasional letters giving things a little more graphically than they could be put into minutes, I would have these duplicated and sent to all members of the Board, and, perhaps, to leading subscribers, and thus should be in a much better position to maintain interest and to develop the financial side. We get, of course, scraps of information in various letters that come to us; but something a little more full -- perhaps a sort of diary of events or a discussion of some of the problems that are being

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P.M. Bayne, Esq.

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faced by the Senate -- would materially help us in this way. It is not an easy thing to keep up interest among those who can give largely. There are many other calls upon them, and, unless we have fresh and interesting information to put before them, their thought and generosity is likely to go into other channels and be, to some extent, lost to the University. I should be glad if you would bring these thoughts before the Senate and ask them to see what they can do to meet our need in this respect.

There is one other point which has struck me in reading the minutes of the Senate, and that is whether some of the matter which now comes to the Senate could not be equally well transacted by the Faculty, thus allowing the Senate to meet perhaps a little less often and to deal chiefly with the larger questions which concern the policy of the Institution and some of which, at any rate, would have to be referred to the Board of Governors. In this way you would not only relieve the Senate of some of its business (which, to judge by the Minutes, appears to be rather routine) but you would also be developing among the Chinese members of the Faculty a sense of responsibility for the Institution and knowledge as to how to face the various questions that come up.

It is not necessary, I am sure, to tell you how keenly I am still interested in the work of the University, and how anxious I am to be as efficient a helper of it from this end as is possible.

With kind regards and best wishes,

I am,

Yours very sincerely,

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15, Devonshire Street,
Bishopsgate, London, E.C.
June 2nd, 1914.

Barrow Cadbury, J.P.,
Southfield,
Wheeleys Road,
Edgbaston,
Birmingham.

Dear Barrow Cadbury,

Very many thanks for your letter and kind welcome of the members of the Board of Governors to Uffculme next September. I am sure that your kindness in this respect will be much appreciated by them, as it is by me. I am only sorry that you will yourselves be away. I hope to write to you again later, when I know how many will be present.

Yours very sincerely,

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15, Devonshire Street,
Bishopsgate, E.C.
June 15th, 1914.

T.R.W. Lunt, Esq., M.A.,
C.M.S.,
Salisbury Square,
E.C.

Dear Sir,

I have pleasure in enclosing herewith 5 copies of a bird's-eye view of the University Buildings, Chengtu, West China. In view of the possibility of your Society entering into the scheme, I thought that you might be glad to have these.

Yours sincerely,

P.S. We are having a small block prepared, and shall be pleased to send a few copies in the smaller size if required.

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June 15th, 1914.

R.L.Simkin, M.A.; B.D.,
4, Everett Avenue,
Ossining,
N.Y., U.S.A.

Dear R.L.Simkin,

I am sending, under separate cover, 5 copies of a bird's-eye view of the University buildings, which you will doubtless find useful in your work in America. We are having a small block prepared, and shall be pleased to send a few copies in the smaller size if required.

I presume, from the note of the arrival of the "Aquitania", that you reached New York in time for the wedding. I trust that you found your wife greatly improved in health.

Wishing you every blessing in your work, and with kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

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15, Devonshire Street,
Bishopsgate, London, E.C.
June 15th, 1914.

Dear Sir,

Mr. F. Rowntree has had a number of copies taken showing a bird's-eye view of the University Buildings in Chengtu. I have pleasure in sending one of these under separate cover. Mr. Rowntree has sent three copies to Mr. Ricker, one for himself, one for the Secretary of the Senate, and one for H.T.Silcock, representing the Building and Grounds Committee.

We are having a small block prepared, and shall be pleased to send a few copies in the smaller size if required.

Yours sincerely,

Rev. J.Endicott, D.D.,
Canadian Methodist Mission,
33, Richmond Street West,
TORONTO.

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Dr. Goucher.
Dr. Barbour.

15, Devonshire Street,
Bishopsgate, London, E.C.
June 16th, 1914.

Dear Friend,

Mr. P. Rowntree has had a number of copies taken showing a bird's-eye view of the University Buildings in Chengtu. I have pleasure in sending, under separate cover, eight of these for your use.

Yours sincerely,

P.S. We are having a small block prepared, and shall be pleased to send a few copies in the smaller size if required.

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15, Devonshire Street,
Bishopsgate, London, E.C.
June 19th, 1914.

Miss J. Milloy,
Canadian Methodist Mission,
33, Richmond Street West,
TORONTO.

Dear Miss Milloy,

I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter enclosing the Minutes of the Executive Committee of the Board of Governors held in New York on the 5th June. Dr. Hodgkin is away from the Office for a month or two; but I will forward your letter and the Minutes to him.

Yours sincerely,

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Sir Joseph Causton & Sons, 371

9, Eastcheap,

E.C.

June 23rd, 1914.

Gentlemen,

With reference to the small line block of the West China Union University, which you have done for Mr. F. Rowntree, of 11, Hammersmith Terrace, W., I should be glad if you would kindly let me know the cost for printing 100 on the same quality paper as print sent to him, but about 16 inches long and $9\frac{1}{4}$ inches wide. This size fits envelope.

Yours truly,

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Fred Rowntree,

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11, Hammersmith Terrace,

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June 24th, 1914.

Dear Fred Rowntree,

I do not know whether or not you receive Minutes of the Senate of the University, West China. Dr. Hodgkin is somewhat concerned with reference to the Minutes relating to the lay-out of the buildings. I send herewith Minutes of the Senate held April 23rd & 30th for your perusal, in case you do not receive them. I should be glad if you would return them at your earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely,

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16, Devonshire Street,
Bishopsgate, London, E.C.
June 26th, 1914.

Rev. J.F. Goucher, D.D.,
Board of Foreign Missions of
the Methodist Episcopal Church,
150, Fifth Avenue,
New York.

My dear Dr. Goucher,

I am proposing to call the meeting of the Board of Govern-
ers for Birmingham. Mr. Barrow Cadbury is kindly willing
to entertain the Board at a house belonging to him just out-
side Birmingham. We should there be quiet and away from the
rush of things in London which makes it difficult for those
of us who live here to give undivided attention to the work
of the Board of Governors.

I suppose that it would be your wish that Mr. Rowntree
should be asked to attend during some part of the sessions of
the Board, so as to explain matters in relation to the lay-
out and buildings. Would you kindly tell me what your wish
in this matter is, and I will act accordingly.

I feel that, while we are in Birmingham, we ought to take
the opportunity of approaching the citizens of that important
centre. The opportunity is one which will probably never come
again. I feel sure that we could get several persons in Bir-
mingham to combine in asking a number of leading citizens to
meet at a luncheon or evening banquet. I should be glad to
know whether or not this suggestion meets with your approval.
I have already secured the promise of one such person who is
willing to join with two or three others in an invitation of
this kind. I may say that the suggestion has Mr. Lunt's
hearty approval.

I suppose that the Executive will require to meet not
only before but also immediately following the meeting of the
Board of Governors, as there are almost always some matters
left over for the Executive to discuss. Would it be convenient
for you, therefore, if we summoned the Executive to meet, say,
from two till six on Tuesday, the 15th, and then had the first
meeting of the Board of Governors that evening, say at eight
o'clock, adjourning until Wednesday? We could then spend the

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whole of Wednesday on the meeting of the Board of Governors, and have another meeting of the Executive on Thursday morning. This would give one day and a little more to the Board of Governors, and two sessions to the Executive. It would then be possible for us to travel together to London on a luncheon train, arriving in time for a meeting which, I understand, it is proposed to hold on Thursday afternoon in London and at which you would wish to be present. The trains between London and Birmingham are good and frequent, taking exactly two hours from point to point.

I should like to have your confirmation of these suggestions before actually summoning the Board and the Executive beyond the preliminary notice already sent out.

The last minutes of the Senate have been somewhat perplexing in view of the suggestion made in relation to lay-out. I took the liberty of sending them to Mr. Rowntree, in order to know what his views were, so that we might have them before us when the Board of Governors meets. I have received a letter from him as per enclosed copy, and should be glad to know what you feel we ought to do under the circumstances. I think that it is clear that no action can be taken until the Board meets; but in the meantime I might, if you think best, write something to China suggesting that further consideration be given to the subject in view of the points brought forward by Mr. Rowntree. If you think it well, will you consult other members of the Executive on your side of the Atlantic? I enclose a copy of the report adopted by the Senate on the lay-out and buildings, so that you may know exactly what it is that Mr. Rowntree is commenting on.

I am looking forward with much pleasure to seeing you again this autumn. I hope that you and Miss Goucher are both keeping well.

With kind regards,
I am,
Yours very sincerely,

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15, Devonshire Street,
Bishopsgate, London, E.C.
June 26th, 1914.

James Wood,
Braewold,
Mount Kisco P.O.,
NEW YORK.

Dear James Wood,

Many thanks for your two letters, one enclosing the Agenda and the other the Minutes passed at the last meeting of the Executive in New York. I much appreciate your kind help in representing us on this body.

I suppose that you are not likely to be over in England this summer. It would be very pleasant to see you here some time.

I am glad that you have had the opportunity of getting to know my brother, and appreciate the kindness which has been shown to him.

With love to you all,

I am,

Yours affectionately,

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15, Devonshire Street,
Bishopsgate, E.C.
June 26th, 1914.

F. Rowntree,
11, Hammersmith Terrace,
W.

My dear Rowntree,

I am sending a copy of your letter to Dr. Goucher. I do not think that we can arrange anything definitely in the matter until the meeting of the Board of Governors in September.

By the way, would you keep free, if possible, the 15th, 16th & 17th September, as some time during those three days I expect that the Board of Governors will wish to have you meet with them. Their meeting is being held in Birmingham. I am asking Dr. Goucher what he feels about your attending part of the sessions.

With kind regards,

I am,

Yours very sincerely,

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Sir Joseph Causton & Sons, ^{376.}

9, Eastcheap,

E.C.

June 29th, 1914.

Gentlemen,

If you will refer to my letter of June 23rd, you will note that my request was for an estimate for printing 100 impressions of the block done for Mr. Rowntree. I do not wish to have another block made. Will you please let me know what the cost will be for printing 100 from the same block. I should be glad if you would let me have a reply by return of post. The paper submitted is suitable.

I return your letter.

Yours truly,

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July 1st, 1914.

Fred Rowntree,
11, Hammersmith Terrace,
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Dear Fred Rowntree,

With reference to the block which you have had prepared by Messrs Causton, I asked them for an estimate for taking 100 impressions. Their price is 16s., as against 7s.6d. from a firm opposite this Office. I do not expect that Messrs Causton would send the block at my request, so should be glad if you would kindly ask them to send it here, and I will have 100 pulls taken. I should be glad to know whether you would like to have the block when it is done with, and also how many copies of the print you would like.

Yours sincerely,

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(on F.F.M.A. paper)

15, Devonshire Street,
Bishopsgate, London, E.C.
7th July, 1914.

Rev. T.S. Barbour, D.D.,
P.O. Box 10,
Wollaston,
Mass.

Dear Dr. Barbour,

I write on Dr. Hodgkin's behalf to send you the accompanying draft for \$1750 on Brown Bros. & Co., Boston, being our share of the maintenance expenses of Chengtu University for the year 1913-14. Will you kindly acknowledge receipt in due course.

Believe me,

Yours sincerely,

Home Secretary.

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15 Devonshire Street,
Bishopsgate, London, E.C.

21st July 1914.

My dear Dr. Endicott,

I am very sorry you are not to be with us and that the C.M.M. will not be represented. I thought Mr. Rowell would surely be over for Continuation Committee and would plan to be with us too. I am hoping to see Dr. Wallace here in a day or two. I wish he might have stayed for the Board.

I'll see what I can do next month in drafting a pamphlet for you and others to see - and also about the report. This latter it is no good having before the meeting of Board of Governors. Thank you for your quotation from Beech's letter. I am glad he is planning to come over. I covet a talk with you about our University plans, but this must wait now I suppose till next year.

I am just now writing a history of our missionary work and so please excuse this hurried reply. I am keeping clear of my office.

My wife joins in warmest remembrances to you and Mrs. Endicott and all the family. I hope Dorothy is keeping well.

Yours very sincerely,

(signed) Henry T. Hodgkin.

15, Devonshire Street,
Bishopsgate, London, E.C.
July 22nd, 1914.

Rev. Frank Mason North, D.D.,
150, Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Friend,

I am sorry to find that the notice of the Annual Meeting of the Board of Governors of the West China Union University, which should have been sent to you, was sent in error to your predecessor, Rev. H.C. Stuntz, D.D. It is proposed to hold the meeting at Uffculme, Birmingham, (in this country), on the 15th, 16th, and 17th September: two days being devoted to the meeting of the Board and one to that of the Executive Committee. I hope to send further details with reference to the meeting later on. In the meantime, I shall be glad if you will kindly book the dates.

Apologizing for the delay in advising you of the arrangements for the meeting,

Yours very sincerely,

Joint Secretary.

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15, Devonshire Street,
Bishopsgate, London, E.C.
31st July, 1914.

Rev. J.F. Goucher, D.D.,
Board of Foreign Missions of
the Methodist Episcopal Church,
150, Fifth Avenue,
New York.

Dear Sir,

In view of the meeting of the Board of Governors of the West China Union University at Birmingham, England, on the 15th and 16th of September, Dr. Hodgkin would be glad to have any matters which your Society may wish to be considered. He specially wishes to have the views of your Society with reference to the 119th Minute, referring to the Maximum Limit of Appropriations for Maintenance of the University in any one year from the Treasury of the Board of Governors; and the 123rd Minute of the Board of Governors, respecting the Relation of the Middle School to the University.

Yours truly,

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15, Devonshire Street,
Bishopsgate, London, E.C.
31st July, 1914.

Rev. J. Endicott, D.D.,
Canadian Methodist Mission,
33, Richmond Street West,
TORONTO.

Dear Sir,

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Yours truly,

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15, Devonshire Street,
Bishopsgate, London, E.C.
31st July, 1914.

Rev. T.S. Barbour, D.D.,
P.O. Box 10,
Wollaston,
Mass.

Dear Sir,

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Yours truly,

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15, Devonshire Street,
Bishopsgate, London, E.C.

31st July, 1914.

T.R.W. Lunt, Esq., M.A.,
3, Tudor Street,
Blackfriars, E.C.

Dear Mr. Lunt,

Dr. Hodgkin has asked me to prepare the Agenda for the Meeting of the Board of Governors of the West China Union University to be held in Birmingham on the 15th and 16th of September next. He is anxious to know what action the C.M.S. has taken with reference to affiliation. I shall be glad if you will let me have a reply at your earliest convenience.

I enclose herewith a Catalogue of the University for 1913-14.

Yours truly,

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12th August, 1914.

Your letter of July 30th to hand. Dr.
Hodgkin is attending to the question of the
Constitution of the University.

Rev. J. Endicott, D.D.,
Canadian Methodist Mission,
33, Richmond Street West,
TORONTO.

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18th August, 1914.

Fred. Rowntree,
11, Hammersmith Terrace,
Hammersmith, W.

Dear Fred. Rowntree,

I have seen Dr. Hodgkin this morning, and have discussed with him the question of the Meeting of the Board of Governors. We have received a cablegram from New York, stating that the Executive propose that the Meeting should be cancelled. Dr. Hodgkin thinks that we have no alternative but to accept this so that you may consider the Meeting off.

Dr. Hodgkin thinks that you should send a formal letter to him addressed to the Executive Committee of the Board of Governors, with reference to the Central Axis of the University site. He will forward the letter immediately to Mr. Endicott together with a personal note.

Yours sincerely,

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18th August, 1914.

Barrow Cadbury, J.P.,
Southfield,
Wheeleys Road,
Edgbaston,
Birmingham.

Dear Barrow Cadbury,

I have just received word from America recommending the postponement of the meeting of the Board of Governors of the West China Union University, and must inform you at once as you have so kindly extended hospitality to the Board. I do not now know when the meeting will be held, nor where. It may be that we shall be glad, at a later time, to ask you again kindly to extend the hospitality that you were hoping to show us next month.

With kind regards,

I am,

Yours sincerely,

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15, Devonshire Street,
Bishopsgate, London, E.C.
18th August, 1914.

Rev. J. Endicott, D.D.,
Canadian Methodist Mission,
83, Richmond Street West,
TORONTO.

My dear Dr. Endicott,

I have to acknowledge your cable recommending postponement of the meeting of the Board of Governors. I was just about to write you in order to discover what you felt on the subject. I think that I cannot do otherwise than accept the suggestion, and shall write at once to inform the British Members that the meeting is postponed. I expect that you have already given some intimation to the American Members: but in any case I will leave you to deal with them in relation to this question.

I have also to acknowledge the receipt of your letter enclosing a redraft of the Constitution. There are a few small points that I have marked on my copy which, no doubt, can be discussed when we come to consider the report of the Sub-Committee. I hardly think them worth writing about. None of them raises any matter of principle. On the whole I approve entirely of the Constitution, and think that you have done valuable work in getting it into this better shape. The main lines of the changes suggested are certainly helpful.

I suppose that you will let me know as soon as you have some proposition to make in reference to the time when the meeting of the Board of Governors might be held. Of course at present it is not much good talking about things of this kind until we see what is likely to happen in Europe. I think that there are two or three questions which would have come before the Board of Governors and which ought to be acted on at once. Some decision is required in reference to the points raised by Mr. Rowntree. He is writing a letter to me on the subject which I will forward to you in order that the alternatives may be clear. At the same time, I suppose that we shall not feel prepared to sanction the undertaking of any fresh expenditure until things are a little quieter, as I

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suppose that our Boards will be hard pressed to find money for carrying on their absolutely necessary work, and will not wish to put out fresh capital for any undertaking just at present. The budget for the running expenses of the University must, of course, be passed by the Executive in the name of the Board of Governors.

I send you a draft of the agenda which I was proposing to send out and should be glad if you would look this through some time before the time comes for calling the meeting of the Board again, so that you may be able to make any additions or corrections which you feel to be called for.

With kind regards to you all,
I am,
Yours very sincerely,

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15, Devonshire Street,
Bishopsgate, London, E.C.
18th August, 1914.

Rev. J.F.Goucher, D.D.,
Board of Foreign Missions of the
Methodist Episcopal Church,
150, Fifth Avenue,
NEW YORK.

Dear Dr. Goucher,

Many thanks for your letter of the 27th July. Of course practically the whole of what you say in it is now out of date owing to the conditions which have arisen and the postponement of the meeting of the Board of Governors. I have written to Dr. Endicott asking him to let me know as soon as there seems to you on your side of the Atlantic any prospect of holding the meeting. In the meantime we can put forward the absolutely necessary business through the Executive, which, I suppose, will be able to meet without difficulty in America.

I think that you are perfectly right in wishing that Dr. Beech should return, at an early date, to America, but probably just now would not be the best time. It would, I imagine, be best that he should wait over until after peace has been restored, when he would be in a much more favourable position for making an appeal on behalf of the University. I fully agree with your thought of his taking time to call at the leading educational institutions in China as he comes through. The question of his route must, of course, remain in abeyance at present.

I am,
Yours very sincerely,

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15, Devonshire Street,
Bishopsgate, London, E.C.
18th August, 1914.

Rev. T.S. Barbour, D.D.,
P.O. Box 10,
Wollaston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Barbour,

I have just received word of the decision of the Executive that the meeting of the Board of Governors should be postponed. I think that this is, doubtless, a wise decision, and am writing to Dr. Goucher and Dr. Endicott suggesting that the Executive should meet and transact the necessary business as soon as possible.

I am sorry that I have not written to you at an earlier date in reference to the matter mentioned in your letter of July 29th, namely as to the amounts of money which our Board is prepared to put up, during the next two years, for University work. As you suggest in your letter, the fact is that I still feel that it would be very much better for us to proceed on the plan originally agreed to rather than to attempt to raise the money by appropriations by the Boards. I have in hand a small sum of money -- some £200 odd -- which I shall be prepared to transmit to you for the University budget at a favourable opportunity. But this and other sums which I have obtained for the University I have regarded as gifts made direct to the University Treasury and not as gifts made through our Board, although I have been the means of securing them. You will remember that I secured a small sum while I was in America, which also was paid in direct to you, and was not regarded as a contribution from my Board, although I was instrumental in obtaining it. If we are to go upon the other basis, I think that it would be necessary that all sums that I have collected should be credited, as it were, to my Board. I do not think that my Board would be prepared to make contributions out of hand from its general fund for the work of the University, as it feels itself already sufficiently taxed with keeping up the College and the support of Professors in the University who are connected with the F.F.M.A. Of course you will understand that my plans for raising money in this country for the University have had to be held over on account of the present conditions. I had been counting on getting a pretty good response in Birmingham, where I had already received

the consent of several leading citizens to join in an invitation to lunch to a number of Birmingham men at the time of our next meeting. I anticipate that, when the time comes, we can still make an appeal to Birmingham, and I should hope that we might get the equivalent of one whole building from Birmingham people; but it is difficult to speak about anything of this kind just now.

I should be glad to know what response you have had from the other Boards in relation to the action of the Board of Governors. As a matter of fact, I have not yet brought the matter formally before my Board, partly because I hoped that, at a further discussion of the matter next month, we should be able somewhat to modify the terms of the request, because I think that, as it now stands, it may a little prejudice things in the eyes of the members of the Board.

With kind regards and best wishes,

I am,

Yours very sincerely,

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15, Devonshire Street,
Bishopsgate, London, E.C.
18th August, 1914.

Mrs. Thomas Scattergood,
Pocono Lake Preserve,
Pocono,
Pennsylvania.

Dear Friend,

I ought, before this, to have written you saying how very much I appreciate your generous subscription to the funds of the West China Union University. As a matter of fact, I was out of the country when Henry's letter arrived informing me of your gift and enclosing the draft. This was just at the time when the war cloud was breaking. I only arrived in England two hours before the declaration of war between England and Germany was announced, and since then have been giving my chief thought to the present situation, so have had little time for my ordinary business, especially as I have been away from my office for my summer holiday.

I am much hoping to see Henry before he leaves, though we have not yet managed to meet.

I am sure that you will feel with us all in the anxieties and difficulties of the present situation. You may be interested in seeing a copy of the message which the Society of Friends has sent out and which has already had a very wide circulation. Over a quarter of a million copies have already been sent out from our head office, and many requests for it are still coming in.

In regard to the University, I am glad to say that we are already commencing the buildings on the University site. The staff has been considerably strengthened since I was in America, and we are looking forward to prosperous and useful work there. I expect that you will have heard a good deal about it from Robert Simkin, so that I will not trouble you with writing things which you probably already know.

I hope that the way may open for me to be in America again some time next year. Of course at present all my plans are uncertain.

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I do thank you very heartily for your kind interest in and help to the University.

With kindest regards to you and to all your circle, and with very pleasant memories of Pocono two years ago,

I am,
Yours very sincerely,

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15, Devonshire Street,
Bishopsgate, London, E.C.
19th August, 1914.

To the British Members of the Board of Governors.

Dear Friend,

A cable has been received from the Executive Committee of the Board of Governors recommending the postponement of the meeting next month. This recommendation coincides with my own view of the best course to pursue. I am suggesting that the Executive should meet in America and transact the absolutely necessary business, leaving larger questions until the time when the Board can suitably be summoned. I shall hope to inform you later when this arrangement can be made.

I am,

Yours sincerely,

HENRY T. HODGKIN,

Joint Secretary.

T.R.W. Lunt, Esq., M.A.
Prof. Michael E. Sadler.
James Edmund Clark.
H. Wilson Harris, M.A.

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15, Devonshire Street,
Bishopsgate, London, E.C.
2nd September, 1914.

J.A.T. Robertson, Esq., B.Sc.,
Technical College,
Chengtu,
West China.

Dear Sir,

I have to acknowledge your letter of the 30th June, written to Dr. Endicott and myself, as Secretaries of the Board of Governors of the West China Union University. You will, perhaps, have heard already that the meeting of the Board of Governors has been postponed on account of the war. It will be difficult for us, therefore, to deal with your letter as promptly as we could otherwise have done. It is possible that the Executive Committee may be able to deal with it; but that Committee met very recently in order to determine as to whether or not the meeting of the Board of Governors should be held, and at that time transacted the absolutely necessary business: so that I do not suppose that it will meet again just yet. In addition to that, the Chairman of the Board of Governors, the Rev. J.F. Goucher, D.D., has made his plans for leaving America and visiting China, and, no doubt, the Executive would feel some hesitation in dealing with the important question raised by your letter in his absence. This visit may, however, be useful from another point of view, because it will bring you into personal touch with Dr. Goucher and enable him to report to the Board of Governors as to his conversation with you. I am afraid that, owing to these unfortunate circumstances, there is bound to be considerable delay in your receiving any definite answer: but it is hopeful that your conversation with Dr. Goucher may help you to make your plans, even although a definite decision cannot be reached.

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Yours very sincerely,

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15, Devonshire Street,
Bishopsgate, London, E.C.
2nd September, 1914.

Rev. J. Endicott, D.D.,
Canadian Methodist Mission,
33, Richmond Street West,
TORONTO.

Dear Dr. Endicott,

I am sending herewith a copy of a letter which I have addressed to Mr. Mornay Williams, as Chairman of the Executive. I have forwarded to him also the plans with which Mr. Rowntree has furnished me. No doubt he will communicate with you; but I thought it simpler to send to each member of the Executive a copy of the whole correspondence, so that you might be in a position to judge as to the action which ought to be taken.

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Yours very sincerely,

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15, Devonshire Street,
Bishopsgate,
London, E.C.
2nd September, 1914.

Rev. J. Endicott, D.D.,
Canadian Methodist Mission,
33, Richmond Street West,
TORONTO.

Dear Dr. Endicott,

I suppose that you have received a duplicate of the letter which reached me from Mr. J.A.T. Robertson of Chengtu, applying for a position as teacher in the Department of Geology and Mineralogy in the University. I enclose a copy of the reply which I have sent to him. It seems to me clear that, just at present, we should hardly be justified in going forward in making such an appointment. You may remember that, at the time of Dr. Stubbs's appointment by our Board, he strongly desired to be connected with the Board of Governors itself rather than with any of the Mission Boards participating. The Board of Governors, however, felt that the time had not come for them to make appointments to the ordinary teaching staff of the University, but that, until their financial position was stronger, it was necessary for each Professor to be attached to some particular Mission and receive his support from that Mission. I do not suppose that the Board of Governors would take any different action in regard to this application. I presume, therefore, that we should suggest to Mr. Robertson that he make his application to one of the Boards -- whichever one he feels himself to be most in sympathy with. I did not feel, however, that I could go quite as far as this in my reply to him.

I am sending copies of his letter to me (in case it has not been sent in duplicate to you) and also of this letter, to the other members of the Executive, in order to inform them of what I have done in the matter.

With kind regards,
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Yours very sincerely,

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15, Devonshire Street,
Bishopsgate, London, E.C.
2nd September, 1914.

Rev. J.F. Goucher, D.D.,
Goucher College,
Baltimore,
Maryland, U.S.A.

Dear Dr. Goucher,

I am much obliged to you for your letter of the 20th August, which is just to hand. I am very sorry indeed that you will not be able to go out by way of England, though I can well understand your feeling that it is wiser not to do so.

I am glad that the Executive was able to transact some business. I hope that we may be able to get along this year without a meeting of the Board of Governors, as clearly all of us will be anxious to economise in any way we can, and you will, for a large part of the year, be in China. You will, of course, let me know if other arrangements are suggested.

I am anxious that you should receive this letter before you leave Baltimore in order that you may be able to give your judgment upon the correspondence which I am enclosing from Mr. Rowntree. I hope that it may even be possible for you to meet Mr. Williams in order to talk matters over with him, and perhaps also with Mr. Wood and Dr. Barbour. In any case perhaps you will let Mr. Williams know what your plans are. It is clear that some decision must be reached without delay.

I am glad that Dr. Beech is to come back at an early date, and hope that you will have the opportunity of full consultation with him in regard to the plans for the University.

There is one matter on which I wish to write to you quite confidentially. I gather that there is just a little danger of Mr. Rowntree and Mr. Ricker working somewhat at cross purposes. I do not think that it amounts to anything at all serious as yet, and I hope that there may be no real difficulty. I think that Mr. Rowntree feels just a little as if in Mr. Ricker he had one who was not thoroughly in sympathy with his ideals for the University buildings. It may be that Mr. Ricker is a little too

eager to make suggestions and to put forward his own point of view, and is somewhat restive in having to accept the judgment of Mr. Rowntree when he cannot entirely agree with it. I think that it may be as well to mention this to you as you are going out to China and will have opportunities of conversation with Mr. Ricker. I am sure that you will not refer to my having said anything of this kind, but will just use your own discretion in seeing how the matter stands. I have no reason to anticipate any real difficulty, but little causes of friction may, perhaps, be avoided if the situation is treated wisely.

With best wishes for your important journey, and for the various pieces of work which you will undertake while in China,

I am,
Yours very sincerely,

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15, Devonshire Street,
Bishopsgate, London, E.C.
2nd September, 1914.

Rev. T.S.Barbour, D.D.,
P.O. Box 10,
Wollaston,
Mass.

Dear Dr. Barbour,

I enclose herewith correspondence in reference to the lay-
out of the University property and other matters raised by the
Architect. No doubt Mr. Williams will himself communicate with
you at once in regard to the matter. I am forwarding this in-
formation in order that you may have time to think over the
question and have it all before you.

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Yours very sincerely,

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15, Devonshire Street,
Bishopsgate, London, E.C.
2nd September, 1914.

Mornay Williams, Esq.,
27, Cedar Street,
NEW YORK CITY.

Dear Mr. Williams,

I enclose herewith copies of letters received from Mr. Rowntree. I should be glad if you could obtain the views of the Executive Committee in reference to the matter, which it seems important should be decided at once. I enclose also Mr. Rowntree's plans, which make the situation clear, and a copy of the Minute of the Senate on the subject. You will see from the plans and from his letter that he has included a possible site for the C.M.S. College, which would make the whole lay-out, as between the Colleges and the University, more symmetrical. This suggestion, of course, is not submitted to the Executive for discussion now, and is not to be taken as pledging him or us to any action in the event of the C.M.S. reaching a definite decision as to the building of a College. I understand from him that the piece of property which is marked for the C.M.S. has not actually been acquired by the Senate as yet; but the section immediately to the south of it, which would, under this lay-out, be used for the Medical College, has been acquired, so that the Medical College could at once be proceeded with if we agreed to some such plan as this.

The point which must be decided at once is, however, the main question raised in his letter, and this really is the only point on which I would request that the Executive Committee reach a decision, namely as to whether the axis of the University buildings be moved or not. My own feeling, after reading the correspondence, is that there is not sufficient reason for the considerable additional expenditure which would be involved if we altered the axis as proposed by the Senate. If it meant carrying the road right through as a main road it might be worth considering; but it is clear that Mr. Rowntree cannot accept that proposition; and I cannot see any particular advantage which would come from carrying the road through simply as a small pathway. In fact personally I do not see quite what advantage would come from carrying a road through in this direction at all, even if the new gate in the city is made.

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My rather strong feeling is that, if we appoint a man to give us expert views on points of this kind, it is far better to take his advice and follow it right along than to keep on deciding as between him and the Senate. It seems to me that his judgment as to what would look best in the final lay-out of the University is of more value than that of the Senate, even although they are on the spot. I believe that the Minute of the Senate was not unanimous: but, of course, this is a point that should not weigh with us since they have passed a definite Minute and sent it.

I should be glad if the Executive would also consider the question raised in Mr. Rowntree's other letter with regard to funds.

I am forwarding copies of the whole of this correspondence to Dr. Goucher, Dr. Endicott, and Dr. Barbour. I have not sent a copy to Mr. Wood. Perhaps you would kindly communicate with him if you do not consider it necessary to call a meeting of the Executive for the purpose. I understand that Dr. Goucher is leaving San Francisco on the 26th inst., and probably it would be difficult to get him to come to a meeting before he leaves. I hope, however, that he will communicate his views to you before he sails.

I am,
Yours very sincerely,

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7th September, 1914.

Rev. T.S. Barbour, D.D.,
P.O. Box 10,
Wollaston,
Mass, U.S.A.

Dear Dr. Barbour,

I have received a Voucher from Mr. G.B. Neumann, Treasurer of the West China Union University, authorising you as Treasurer of the Board of Governors, to pay to our order the sum of £35 for Chemical Apparatus. The Voucher was enclosed with orders on two or three firms. We have received the sum of £200 which Dr. Hodgkin is proposing to send you when affairs are more settled. Would it not be best to send you £165 and a receipt, and also the Voucher mentioned above for the £35? We can of course pay the full £200 and you can send us the £35, if you prefer.

I am sending, under separate cover, 1 dozen copies of the Plan of the University. I have marked one showing the various building.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

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15th September, 1914.

H.T. Silcock, B.A.,
Friends' Mission,
CHENGTU,
West China.

Dear H.T. Silcock,

I am sending, under separate cover, 1 dozen copies of the bird's-eye view of the University for distribution amongst representatives of the affiliated bodies. You might also give one to a representative of the C.M.S. One copy has the Key. Perhaps you could find someone in China who would mark the various buildings on the other copies.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

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15th September, 1914.

T.R. Lunt, Esq., M.A.,
3, Tudor Street,
Blackfriars, E.C.

Dear Mr. Lunt,

Herewith I have pleasure in enclosing half-a-dozen
copies of the bird's-eye view of the West China Union
University.- one with Key.

Yours sincerely,

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16th September, 1914.

Rev. J.F. Goucher, D.D.
Goucher College,
Baltimore,
Maryland,
U.S.A.

Dear Dr. Goucher,

I am sorry that I have not sent the copies of the bird's-eye view of the University Buildings before, but many things have had to be done since the holidays, and, as the Meeting of the Board of Governors has been postponed, I concluded that you would not be coming to Great Britain as arranged. I am sending, under separate cover, 12 copies - one with Key.

I am sending a dozen copies to China to be distributed between the Missions there.

Yours sincerely,

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17th September, 1914.

Rev. J. Endicott, D.D.,
Canadian Methodist Mission,
33, Richmond Street West,
TORONTO.

Dear Dr. Endicott,

Under separate cover, I am sending 12 copies of the
bird's-eye view of the West China University - one with Key.
I trust you will find them useful.

I am sending a dozen copies to China to be distributed
between the Missions there.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

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18th September, 1914.

Rev. T.S. Barbour, D.D.,
P.O. Box 10,
Wollaston,
Mass.

My dear Dr. Barbour,

I enclose a copy of the Minute passed by our China Committee a week or two ago. You will understand that this does not in the least bit mean that we are less ready than we always have been to support the University in every possible way; but our Board entered upon this work in such a way as to make it almost impossible for us to accept responsibility just in the way suggested by the Board of Governors. We should practically be violating the agreement which was made with our subscribers at that time if we agreed to the apportionment of funds out of our general treasury for the capital expenses connected with the University. At the same time, I hope that we shall continue to raise, from this side of the Atlantic, sums which will not be less than those which are raised by any of the bodies on your side. Just at present, of course, there is a complete stoppage in the raising of special funds of this kind: this I am sure you will understand. The object of my mentioning the sums raised in this country is simply to point out that, while we have not entered into any engagement, but have worked upon the other basis, we have been actively engaged in canvassing for funds here. As yet the result is small compared with what is needed: but I think that it may fairly be quoted as evidence of the fact that we are not unready to take our share in the work of raising funds for the central body. I much hope that, when the matter is reconsidered, the Board of Governors may adhere to what I believe was the original intention, and certainly was understood by us, rather than seek to build up the University fund by regular subscriptions to capital paid in by or through the separate Boards. As I have already written to you my own views on this subject, in reference to certain gifts made to the University, I need not, I am sure, enlarge upon the matter.

Yours very sincerely,

Encl.

23rd September, 1914.

Rev. J. Endicott, D.D.,
Canadian Methodist Mission,
33, Richmond Street West,
TORONTO.

My dear Dr. Endicott,

I enclose a letter from Dr. Edmunds, addressed to the President of the West China Union University, with an endorsement by Dr. Beech, and a copy of a letter from Mr. G.T. Colman to Dr. Edmunds. These documents were forwarded to me in the belief that the meeting of the Board of Governors would be held in this country. I think that it is better now for me to put them in your hands. I scarcely see what we can do in regard to this application at the present time; but it is clearly a thing which must be dealt with now by the Executive Committee. No doubt you will discuss the matter with Dr. Beech when you see him, as I suppose you will do in a few weeks' time.

With kind regards to Mrs. Endicott and all the members of your family, as well as to yourself,

I am,

Yours very sincerely,

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23rd September, 1914.

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Rev. J. Endicott, D.D.,
Canadian Methodist Mission,
33, Richmond Street West,
Toronto, Canada.

Dear Dr. Endicott,

Dr. Hodgkin wishes me to acknowledge the receipt of your letters of the 29th of August, enclosing a copy of the Minutes of the Executive Committee of the Board of Governors, and your letter of the 8th of September with reference to the Middle School at Chengtu.

May I draw your attention to pages 2 and 3 of the Minutes of the Executive Committee. These pages deal with the Budget for 1915, giving details. The additions are quite incorrect, and our Accountant fails to understand them. I shall be glad if you will let me have a correct statement, so that we may know exactly how much each Board is expected to contribute.

May I, at the same time, venture to point out the very thin paper and faint typing. This is, I admit, a detail, but an important one when one remembers that these Minutes are filed and should go down to posterity. I fear that the typing is so faint that, in a very short time, it will have disappeared altogether, and the paper is so thin that it will probably perish. I mention this because we have gone very carefully into the question of paper and typing ribbons in connection with the Minutes of our Association and find that paper, to last for many years, should be made of very good linen. I enclose a scrap of the kind of paper we use. As we keep two files of the University Minutes, one for Dr. Hodgkin as Joint Secretary, and one for the F.F.M.A. as a co-operating body, if you could let me have two copies of all Minutes I should be grateful.

Yours sincerely,

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28th October, 1914.

Rev. G.B. Huntington,
American Baptist Foreign Mission Society,
Ford Buildings,
15, Ashburton Place,
BOSTON, U.S.A.

Dear Mr. Huntington,

Dr. Hodgkin wishes me to reply to your letter of the 8th of October and to send, under separate cover, half-a-dozen copies of the sketch of the University Ground at Chengtu. You will notice that I have given the Key to one copy.

I sent 1 dozen copies to Dr. T.S. Barbour, on the 7th of September last. Should you or Dr. Barbour need further copies, I shall be glad to let you have a few.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

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John William Hoyland,
Kingsmead,
Selly Oak,
Birmingham.

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4th November, 1914.

Dear John William Hoyland,

Herewith I enclose two copies of the Birds-Eye View,
West China Union University.

Yours sincerely,

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15, Devonshire Street,
Bishopsgate, London, E.C.

18th November, 1914.

Rev. J. Endicott, D.D.,
Canadian Methodist Mission,
33, Richmond Street West,
TORONTO.

My dear Dr. Endicott,

I am much obliged to you for your letter of the 4th November, which I received yesterday.

I am glad to hear that you are arranging to hold a meeting of the Executive on December 3rd, and only wish that it might be possible for me to be with you then. You will, of course, understand how very much occupied we all are now with matters connected with the war, and how difficult it is to turn one's attention fully even to such an important piece of work as that which we are carrying on together in Chengtu.

I note what you say about the Agenda, and have no doubt that you are correct. Clearly the action of the Senate on the 11th December had escaped my notice.

I wonder whether you will have Dr. Beech with you on the 3rd December. I have not heard definitely what his movements are. If he is there no doubt you will be able to talk matters over, at any rate informally, much more fully than will be possible otherwise. I do not think that it would be of any use for him to come to England at present, although some time, I hope, we may have the opportunity of seeing him here and of making some use of him in connection with those who are interested in the progress of the University.

It is a matter of very great regret to me that all our efforts for helping the University financially are now at a standstill. Even so far as our Board is concerned we shall, no doubt, have difficulty in making full appropriations just at present. We are cutting down our estimates in all the Fields by large sums, and I am afraid that our work cannot but suffer at this time of general crisis and stringency. Entrenchments of this kind fall, of course, very heavily upon

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new work which is just beginning to find its feet, such as the work of the University at Chengtu. I hope that, even if our Board is not able quite to meet all the demands which may be made upon it by the Board of Governors in the near future, you will bear with us, recognizing the difficulty of our present position.

I have written once or twice to Dr. Barbour in reference to the financial position and the relation of our Board to the whole question of finance. I hope that, if he is not present at the meeting on December 3rd, you will ask him to send to you copies of letters which I have addressed to him on the subject. While it may not be possible for the Executive to discuss the matter fully, or to reach any definite decision as to the principle involved, I think that it is important that it should know the point of view of my Board in regard to the matter.

I hope that you are all well, and that you have the best accounts of the work of your missionaries in West China.

With kindest regards and warm remembrances to your wife and family,

I am,

Yours very sincerely,

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14th December, 1914.

Dr. Beech,
C/o Board of Foreign Missions
of the Methodist Episcopal Church,
150, Fifth Avenue,
New York.

My dear Dr. Beech,

I have recently had a letter from Ts'en Meng Keng, whom you will probably remember as having been a student at Chungking, and later a teacher at Chengtu in our Primary School. He has been studying at Cornell, having taken his degree there, and is now doing some further work in engineering. I should be glad if you would get into touch with him. I have acknowledged his letter, suggesting that he should try to meet you while you are in America. I enclose the letter, which speaks for itself.

I hope that, some time before you go back to China it may be possible for us to meet and have a talk about the prospects of work there. There are many things on which I should be glad to have the opportunity of talking with you; but certainly, just at present, it does not seem as if it would be worth while for you to cross the Atlantic to meet members of the Board of Governors in this country. But I hope that, long before your return to Chengtu, this war may be finished, and that we may be in a position in which we could make good use of a visit from you. I should particularly like you to get to know Professor Sadler, who is deeply interested in our work, although not able to give a great deal of time to it. I feel sure that you would find it helpful to meet him, as he also would appreciate seeing you.

With kind regards,

I am, .

Yours very sincerely,

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18th December, 1914.

F. Rowntree,
11, Hammersmith Terrace,
W.

My dear Rowntree,

Thanks for your letter. I think that I shall have to ask Dr. Endicott, as Secretary of the Executive, whether there is authority for placing the order here. If I do this, and if he writes promptly, we shall have the information in plenty of time before the middle of February, when you expect to hear from Mr. Ricker.

I will write again about the question of a payment on account. I have already referred to it, but suppose that the fact that the meeting of the Board of Governors was not held this summer accounts for nothing having been done in the matter.

Yours very sincerely,

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FRIENDS' FOREIGN MISSION ASSOCIATION.

15, Devonshire Street,
Bishopsgate, London, E.C.
28th December, 1914.

BOARD OF GOVERNORS.

Dear Sir,

I hereby summon the Annual Meeting of the Board of
Governors of the West China Union University to meet in my
Office at 15, Devonshire Street, Bishopsgate, E.C., at
12 o'clock noon on Friday, 13th January, 1915.

Yours truly,

HENRY T. HODGKIN,

Joint Secretary.

N.B. Please note that this meeting is summoned in order to
meet the constitutional requirements of the University. It
is not expected that members of the Board of Governors will
attend. At the time appointed it is proposed to adjourn
the meeting at the call of the Secretaries. Under present
circumstances, it seems useless to expect a meeting in
England (as arranged by the Constitution) with any adequate
representation from America. H.T.H.

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31st December, 1914.

T.B. Silcock, Esq.,
28, Green Park,
Bath.

Dear Mr. Silcock,

Thanks for your letter of the 30th December. I send herewith another report from Morrison, with his covering letter.

There is certainly no need to go forward at the present moment with drawings for the Arthington Block. Of course all our building just at present is held up, with the exception of that which had been commenced before the War.

With best wishes for the New Year,

I am,

Yours very sincerely,

P.S. Perhaps you would be interested in seeing the enclosed pamphlet in regard to the present crisis.

Encl.

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