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4th January, 1919.

George Rowntree,
55, Esplanade Road,
Scarborough.

Dear George Rowntree,

Many thanks for your letter enclosing one from Mr. Fu. All that I can do for him is to put him in direct touch with the Senate of the University. We in this country could not, in any case, make any definite arrangements for the engagement of Chinese teachers on the University staff. If I could see Mr. Fu, and talk matters over with him, I could write to the Secretary of the Senate putting before him my own view of the case. I am writing to Mr. Fu in this sense, and will send him, as soon as it is ready, our forthcoming pamphlet with a ten year review of the University.

I am hoping to write shortly to the Arthington Trustees in accordance with the suggestion which you made to your brother, and which he passed on to me.

With all good wishes for the New Year,

I am,

Yours very sincerely,

15, Devonshire Street,
Bishopsgate,
London, E.C.2.
4th January, 1919.

T. Fu, Esq.,
140, Kingston Road,
Oxford.

Dear Mr. Fu,

Mr. George Rowntree, of Scarborough, has written to me telling me of your interest in the West China Union University. I am very glad to know of this. I hope to be able to send you shortly a booklet, which is now in course of preparation, dealing with the first ten years' work of the University. This booklet is of a more or less popular character, and does not go into detail with regard to the educational side of the work. But I should be glad if, sometime when you are in London, you could call on me, and I could tell you a little more about things.

So far as any definite engagement for work in connection with the University is concerned, this could only be carried through by direct communication with the Senate. I have no authority on matters of that kind. But, if I had had an opportunity of a talk with you, and had seen your testimonials and, perhaps, corresponded with one or two persons who knew your work, I should be able to forward a report to the Secretary of the Senate, which could be considered in connection with any communication which you might make. I imagine that, at the present moment, you would simply wish to make that communication by way of enquiry; but, even so, it might be well, in view of the long time taken in the mails, for you to put, either before me or before the Secretary of the Senate, such information as would naturally be sent with a definite application for appointment on the University staff. This would probably save delay. I have not any detailed information, at the moment, in regard to the appointments to the University staff in the future, so that I cannot say whether the subjects with which you are competent to deal are being adequately handled by those already under appointment, or not.

T. Pa, Esq.

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I imagine that you have not yet completed your work at the University here, and suppose that, if this is so, you will hardly be likely to be liberated for work in China or elsewhere until the end of the summer term. Even so, however, it is all too short a time for correspondence with China. The Secretary of the University is the Rev. C.R. Carscallen, and the address is simply "West China Union University, Chengtu, Szechwan". I would suggest your opening up correspondence with him without delay, even although your own mind may be quite uncertain as to whether you should make a definite offer or not.

I enclose a copy of the Ninth Annual Report of the Senate, which I should be glad if you would return to me at your early convenience.

With kind regards,

I am,

Yours very sincerely,

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14th January, 1919.

T. Fu, Esq.,
140, Kingston Road,
Oxford.

Dear Mr. Fu,

I am sorry to have delayed my answer to your letter for a few days.

I have read your testimonials with very much interest, and it seems to me that, if the University needs just the particular kind of help on its teaching staff which you are so well qualified to render, it will be likely to appoint you to it. The difficulty is that the appointments rest with the Senate in China, and I have no authority for handling the matter. What I should like to do would be to send out to China a definite application from you for work on the staff of the University, with a sufficient amount of further information which is contained in your testimonials to enable them to form an opinion. They would then, no doubt, refer the matter back to the British Members of the Board of Governors for their advice, if they felt that their needs in the University would be met by the appointment of such a person as yourself. This would delay the matter for three or four months, I am afraid, because communication with Chengtu is a tedious business, and it might not be possible to get the Senate together just at once to deal with the matter. If, however, you are content with this amount of delay, I shall be only too glad to forward matters as far as in me lies.

Nothing in what you have written to me states clearly your attitude towards the Christian faith. That, of course, in a University run by Christian Missionary Societies, is a matter of prime importance, and I should like some assurance from you on the subject, if you feel it right to go forward in the matter.

I expect that I shall be sending you, before long, the little booklet which I am getting out on the work of the University.

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T. Fu, Esq.

It would be a pleasure to me to see you here if, at any time, you were in London. It would be much more satisfactory to talk things over than to attempt to carry the matter through simply by correspondence. I should also be glad to give you an opportunity of meeting one or two other members of the Board of Governors of the University, in order that they, too, might be able to form their own impression as to your fitness for the responsible position proposed.

I should be extremely glad to see Mr. Liang, and will drop him a line.

Yours very sincerely,

I am sorry to have delayed my answer to your letter for a few days. I have had your suggestions with great interest and it seems to me that, if the University could have a particular kind of help on the financial side which you are so well qualified to render, it will be likely to appoint you to it. The difficulty is that the Government has with the Senate in China, and I have no authority for handling the matter. What I should like to do would be to send out to China a definite application from you for work on the staff of the University, with a sufficient amount of further information which is contained in your suggestions to enable them to form an opinion. They would then, no doubt, refer the matter back to the British members of the Board of Governors for their advice, if they felt that their needs in the University would be met by the appointment of such a person as yourself. This would delay the matter for three or four months, I am afraid, because communication with Chengde is a tedious business, and it might not be possible to get the Senate together just at once to deal with the matter. If, however, you are content with this amount of delay, I shall be only too glad to forward matters as far as in me lies.

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21st January, 1919.

Fred Rowntree,
11, Hammersmith Terrace,
W.8.

My dear Rowntree,

I am very much obliged to you for letting me have Ricker's letter and the new photographs. I have at once taken the photograph of the complete Administration Building, and am having a block prepared for the pamphlet on the University, as it seemed to me most important to get in the best we could.

I am sending you a copy of the last number of "The West China Missionary News", especially because of the article on pages 31 & 32, which I think will please you. I should be glad to have it back at your convenience.

I will return Ricker's letter, which is most interesting, when I have let my wife see it.

Allow me to take the opportunity, now that the photographs have come to hand, of very heartily congratulating you on the general impression conveyed by them, and the success of this piece of work up to date. From the picture it more than fulfils my anticipations.

Yours very sincerely,

P.S. I now return Ricker's letter and one of the photographs.

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23rd January, 1919.

I should be glad if you would return, at your convenience, the minutes of the Senate of the West China Union University, which I lent you today, as we need them for our duplicate file. There is no immediate hurry for them.

Rev. F. Baylis,
C.M.S.,
Salisbury Sq., E.C.4.

3rd February, 1919.

I am much obliged to you for the Minutes of the Senate returned. I shall be glad to hear when you have any further action of the C.M.S. to report.

Rev. F. Baylis,
C.M.S.

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22nd January, 1919.

George Vaux, Jr.,
Bryn Mawr,
Penna, U.S.A.

Dear Friend,

Your letter dated the 26th November reached me about a month ago. I am sorry that it has not hitherto been answered.

I was very glad to hear a little about the meeting of the Board of Governors, and have now received the Minutes, and a letter from the Secretary in reference thereto. We are taking up the various matters arising out of the Minutes, including, of course, the financial questions. I have just been preparing a booklet -- a brief review of the ten years' work of the University -- containing a number of very attractive pictures of the buildings and students. I believe that this booklet will be a great help to us in raising special funds for the University, and much hope that it may be possible, within a comparatively short space of time, for us to do something towards meeting the further demands made upon us by the Board of Governors.

In reading your letter, I came to very much sympathy with you over the difficult problems which you had to face in taking up the work of Treasurer, and fully realized how impossible it was for you, coming newly to the work, to appreciate the various different arrangements which had been arrived at, some of them in correspondence with the late Treasurer, and some through Minutes, or even through verbal correspondence. I have somewhere a letter from Dr. Barbour, in which he told me that the amount of nearly three thousand dollars, which was contributed from England, would be regarded as on account of the amount due from the F.F.M.A. It was raised through personal solicitation of a number of Friends in this country, and might just as well have been actually paid through the F.F.M.A. exchequer, as in each case those who gave were supporters of the F.F.M.A., and members of the Society of Friends.

I very much appreciate the attitude which the other Societies have taken, and their sympathy with Friends in England

George Vaux, Jr.

during the most difficult times which we have had during the last few years. I am thankful to say that we closed last year practically meeting our obligations. Our Board had, at the beginning of the year, felt it right to make certain allocations from our Reserve Funds, and with these we expect just to balance the year's working. For the current year we are having to make a considerable further appeal to Friends for an amount of \$6,000, and that appeal will be going out in the near future. When it is over, and we see a little how things stand, we ought to be in a better position to make special approaches to Friends and others in regard to the work of the West China Union University.

I hope that you will have had satisfactory correspondence with R.H. Davidson, and that the accounts of the Senate and the Board of Governors have been agreed, in regard to the various points where there were differences. This also will, I am afraid, have been a most intricate matter, as the accounts of the Senate were not at all well kept in the early days, and it was not until R.H. Davidson took hold of the matter that things really seemed to me to be dealt with in a thoroughly businesslike way. Of course it is pretty complicated, especially as the different Missions handle their financial affairs in such various ways.

I will send you a copy of the booklet on the West China Union University as soon as I have it ready: in fact, I think that I will send you a few copies of it, so that you may be able to hand them on to some of the Friends in Philadelphia and elsewhere who may be interested in the University. Although, of course, it is written primarily from the point of view of English readers and English Friends, I think that there is nothing in it but what would be quite suitable for at any rate Friends in America. I shall send a few copies also to the Secretary of the Board of Governors.

It has been a disappointment to us that Rufus Jones has not been able to come to this country before going back to America. I had counted much on having a good long talk with him about many things of common interest, and especially about the development of Friends' work, and the work of the Fellowship of Reconciliation. However, it seems now quite impossible for him to come, and one must just give it up, with great regret.

With kind regards, and much appreciation of all that you are doing for the University,

I am,

Yours very sincerely,

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Rev. F. Baylis

I have just received word from America that all the Boards on that side of the Atlantic have passed resolutions agreeing to the entry of the C.M.S. into the same way: but the contribution of the B.M.A. Board has not been held since the meeting of the Board of Governors. There is

15, Devonshire Street,
Bishopsgate,
London, E.C.2.
7th February, 1919.

Rev. F. Baylis,
Church Missionary Society,
Salisbury Square,
E.C.4.

Dear Mr. Baylis,

I am much obliged to you for your letter.

The precise terms on which the C.M.S. was to come in were deliberately left open by the Board of Governors. I think that it would be quite in order, and entirely suitable, that the C.M.S. should definitely state what it was prepared to do, at the present time, in the matter of coming in, and how large a share in finance it felt able to undertake, perhaps leaving it open to do a little more if its financial position justified it, but not pledging more than a certain amount, so that it would be perfectly understood what its share would be.

I do not at all think that the Board of Governors would wish that this smaller contribution should carry with it a smaller representation on the Board. We do not carry things by majorities in the Board; and we should want to have a full expression of the C.M.S. point of view, just as much as we seek to get a full expression from other Societies. This, however, is a matter which the Board of Governors can decide for itself, on receiving any statement made by the C.M.S. My own view (which I feel almost certain would be shared by others) is that we would much rather that the C.M.S. came in on some limited scale than that there should be any holding back because of inability, at the moment, to do quite as much as other Boards. I have felt, from the very beginning of the University, that we lost something through not having the cooperation of the C.M.S., and that a Society of its standing, and one represented in Szechwan, ought, in some way at any rate, to be associated with the work of the University.

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Rev. F. Baylis.

I have just received word from America that all the Boards on that side of the Atlantic have passed definite resolutions agreeing to the entry of the C.M.S. into the University. Our own China Committee has acted in the same way; but the confirmation of the F.F.M.A. Board has not been given yet as no meeting has been held since the receipt of the Minutes of the Board of Governors. There is no doubt that it will act in the same way.

The next meeting of the Board of Governors will probably be held in London during September. I should like to know if there are any dates in September which ought to be excluded from the C.M.S. point of view. I should also be glad to know whether the C.M.S. would welcome the Board's holding its meetings at the C.M.S. House, which is, I think, rather more suitable than any premises we could provide here. No doubt, if there is any difficulty in regard to the meetings being held there, the Bible Society would be quite glad to give us one of their rooms for the purpose.

With kind regards,

I am,

Yours very sincerely,

I do not at all think that the Board of Governors would wish that this matter should be carried out in a hasty manner. It is a matter of some importance and we do not carry things by majority in the Board; and we should want to have a fair expression of the U.S.A. point of view, just as much as we seek to get a fair expression from other localities. However, it is a matter which the Board of Governors can decide for itself on receiving any statement made by the U.S.A. Board. Our view (which I feel almost certain could be expressed by letters) is that we would not rather than the U.S.A. Board in some limited scale than that there should be any holding back on the ground of inability at the moment. It is a matter of some importance and we do not carry things by majority in the Board. I have felt from the very beginning of the Board that we lost something through not having the cooperation of the U.S.A. and that a society of its standing, and the reputation in the work of the University.

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James Wood

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I am sending with the University pamphlets (under separate
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15, Devonshire Street
Bishopsgate,
London, E.C.2.
13th February, 1919.

James Wood,
Braewold,
Mount Kisco P.O.,
New York.

Dear James Wood,

I am much obliged to you for so kindly sending me at
once the Minute of the Board of Governors in reference to
the question of loans for the purchase of land, and also
the agenda and your notes.

I see no objection whatever to the suggestion made in
regard to the Secretaryship, though, as far as I am con-
cerned, I had never observed any particular difficulty
through the publication of two Secretaries of the Board of
Governors. However, it is all the same to me whether my
name goes as Honorary Secretary or as Secretary. The diff-
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Board of Governors is concerned, "Honorary" just as much as
I am.

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on the subject.

I am sending you half-a-dozen copies of the booklet which
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I am sending with the University pamphlets (under separate cover) a copy of a booklet which I have written on "The Call of India to the Society of Friends", which you may be glad to see.

with kind regards,
I am,

Your affectionate friend,

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15, Devonshire Street,
Bishopsgate,
London, E.C.2.
13th February, 1919.

George Vaux, Jr.,
Bryn Mawr,
Penna., U.S.A.

Dear Friend,

I am sending you, under separate cover, half-a-dozen copies of a little statement in regard to the first ten years of the West China Union University, which we are getting out in this country in order to increase interest and support. I dare say that you may be glad to have a few copies to show to Friends in Philadelphia, or others of whom you know, who are interested in the work of the University. If you require a few more copies, please let me know, and I shall be glad to supply them. I am also sending some to W.E.Cadbury and Joseph Elkinton, and to various members of the Board of Governors.

I hope that you may be able to see A.W.Davidson and his wife when they are travelling through America. They are excellent people, and have done a very fine piece of work in Chungking. Although they have not been personally associated with the University, they are extremely interested in it, and would, I am sure, be glad to have an opportunity of meeting you. W.E.Cadbury will know all about their movements, and will be able to put you into touch with them.

With kind regards,

I am,

Yours very sincerely,

P.S. I enclose a notice of a series of books which are being got out in this country.

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15, Devonshire Street,
Bishopsgate,
London, E.C.2.
13th February, 1919.

William E. Cadbury,
30, South 12th Street,
Philadelphia.

Dear W.E. Cadbury,

I am sending you (under separate cover) two dozen copies of a little booklet giving a review of the first ten years of the West China Union University, and half-a-dozen copies of a pamphlet which I have recently written on "The Call of India to the Society of Friends". I think that these may, perhaps, be useful to you in connection with work for the F.P.M.A. I hope that you will be able to put them into the hands of those who are interested. Of course, one does not expect you to do much in this way: but from time to time, no doubt, opportunity occurs: and I know that there are a good many Friends in America who are specially interested in the work of the West China Union University. I am sending a few copies of the booklet also to Joseph Elkinton and to George Vaux, Jr., and shall, of course, send a separate copy to Maria Scattergood, and one to Rufus Jones. I dare say that you may find that there is an entrance amongst Hicksite Friends for a few copies of the West China booklet. I think especially of Mrs. Hall, of Isaac Clothier, and of the Bancrofts: also of Rachel Knight, who would, I think, also be interested in the India booklet. A few copies sent with discrimination to one and another might be a means of increasing interest in missionary work generally, even if they did not actually bring in subscriptions. Should you care to have a few extra copies of either of the booklets, please let me know.

I enclose a notice of a series of books which some of us are getting out.

Yours very sincerely,

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15, Devonshire Street,
Bishopsgate,
London, E.C.2.

15, Devonshire Street,
Bishopsgate,
London, E.C.2.
13th February, 1919.

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

Dear Dr. Goucher,

I am sending you a copy of a review of the first ten years' work of the West China Union University, which I have got out here, primarily with the object of interesting certain people in the work of the University, and securing additional contributions for it. I should be glad to send you a few extra copies, if you thought that they would be useful, or you might write to William E. Cadbury, 20, South 12th Street, Philadelphia, to whom I have sent a small supply, and who would be able to let you have a few copies. I think that you will be glad to see some of the illustrations, especially, perhaps, the picture of the complete Administration Block, which I personally think is excellent.

I much hope that it may be possible for the next meeting of the Board of Governors to be held on this side of the Atlantic. I can assure you that a very warm welcome will be given to all of you who come over. I expect that the C.M.S. will be glad to entertain us at their headquarters, which are more suitable for the purpose than ours here. We ought to be able to get up a meeting to draw attention to the work of the University at that time; and, in that connection, it may be useful to have copies of the enclosed pamphlet.

With kind regards,

I am,

Yours very sincerely,

Mornay Williams, Esq.

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comparatively small meeting like ours, held as
Encl. I enclose late as September. With warm greetings, I am,
as ever, Your affec. friend,

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16, Devonshire Street,
Bishopsgate,
London, E.C.2.
18th February, 1919.

Mornay Williams, Esq.,
27, Cedar Street,
New York City, U.S.A.

Dear Mr. Mornay Williams,

I am sending you a copy of a booklet which I have just got out, in connection with the first ten years of the West China Union University. I am hoping that it may be a means of securing a certain number of additional contributions to the work of the University. I have not yet been able to tackle that side of the matter, but hope to do so soon. If you care to have any additional copies of the booklet, please let me know, or else write to William E. Cadbury, 20, South 12th Street, Philadelphia, to whom I have sent a small supply.

I have just received from James Wood the draft resolution passed in regard to the proposed loans for the purchase of fresh property at Chengtu. As far as I can judge, the plan proposed is a sound one.

I think that you will also be interested in seeing a little booklet on India which I have just got out. Of course, its appeal is specially to the Society of Friends; but I think that it may not be without interest to you.

It is splendid to feel that, now that the war is over, there is a prospect of a really good advance in our various fields. As far as the Friends' Foreign Mission Association is concerned, I am thankful to say that we are having more offers now than we have had for years past: in fact, I think I may say that we have had nearly as many enquiries during the last few months as we had during the whole of the war period.

I very much hope that it may be possible for the Board of Governors to meet on this side of the Atlantic next time. The resolution of our Board on the subject, which has been sent to Dr. Endicott, will, no doubt, be before you by now. Of course, it is impossible to say definitely, until we know a little more how travelling conditions are going to work out: but I can hardly think that the difficulties will be insuperable for a

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It is with great thankfulness that we see our friends from the C.M.S. coming into the union: and I am sure that their thankfulness will be generally shared by members of our Board. I will let you know as soon as I receive any definite word from Mr. Baylis.

15, Devonshire Street,
Bishopsgate,
London, E.C.2.
14th February, 1919.

Rev. J. Endicott, D.D.,
Missionary Society of the Methodist Church,
Wesley Buildings,
299, Queen Street West,
Toronto, Canada.

Dear Dr. Endicott,
I am writing to thank you for the information and enclosures sent by Miss Milloy, on your behalf, in her letter dated 18th January.

I was glad to have the Declaration of Trust, which we have duly deposited with similar documents. I do not think that the delay in our receiving it matters at all. I shall be glad to have copies of the Constitution as soon as they arrive.

I have been in close touch with the Church Missionary Society. They have not yet taken any final action in the matter. The way in which the whole proposal came up seemed somewhat of a surprise to them, as they had evidently not been kept fully in touch with what their Mission on the Field had done. I have suggested to them that they should state definitely what they are prepared to do in coming into the union. They feel a considerable amount of doubt about putting up any capital sum, at present, but hope that, within a short time, they may be in a position to do so, as they are making a big appeal for a thankoffering, now that the war is over. In regard to the annual contributions, also, they feel a certain amount of hesitation in accepting quite so large a responsibility as that which has been taken by the other Missions. Our own Board has not yet acted in regard to the C.M.S.: but our China Committee has done so, and there is no doubt that the Board, which meets in about a fortnight, will follow the lead of the other Missions and the suggestion made by our China Committee. This will put the matter perfectly straight.

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Rev. J. Endicott, D.D.

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I am sending you (under separate cover) half-a-dozen copies of a review of the first ten years' work of the West China Union University, which I have just got out for use in this country. I do not suppose that you will want many copies in Canada or America; but I thought that you would like to have just a few for information. If you require any more, you might be able to get them from Mr. William E. Cadbury, 20, South 12th Street, Philadelphia, or, if he has not a sufficient supply, I could send some more to you. I have forwarded copies to Dr. Coucher, Mr. Mornay Williams, Mr. George Vaux and Mr. James Wood, as I thought that they would be interested, especially in seeing the pictures. Of course, you will realize that the pamphlet is written primarily from the point of view of our specific needs here. I hope that it will be a means of increasing the interest of Friends and others associated with us in the work of the University. We specially want it in order that we may lay the financial needs before a select group of persons.

With kind regards and all good wishes,

I am,

Yours very sincerely,

I have been in close touch with the China Missionary Society. They have not yet taken any final action in the matter. The way in which the whole proposal came up seemed somewhat of a surprise to them, as they had evidently not been kept fully in touch with their mission on the field. I have suggested to them that they should state definitely what they are prepared to do in coming into the union. They feel a considerable amount of doubt about putting up any capital sum, at present, but perhaps, within a short time, they may be in a position to do so, as they are making a big appeal for a fund-raising, towards the year 1907. In regard to the annual contributions, also, they feel a certain amount of hesitation in accepting gifts as large as those which have been taken by the other missions. Our own Board has not yet acted in regard to the C.M.S. but our China Committee has done so, and there is no doubt that the Board, which meets in about a fortnight, will follow the lead of the other missions and the suggestion made by our China Committee. This will put the matter perfectly straight.

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Joseph Elkinton

16th February, 1919.

Joseph Elkinton,
 Moylan,
 Pennsylvania,
 U.S.A.

My very dear Friend,

I have been wanting for long enough to send you a few lines, but have found it most difficult to get any time to do so. Two letters of yours have not been acknowledged, I fear, written on the 25th August and the 10th October. I have also received some charming photographs of yourselves and family, calling to mind vividly the delightful time which I had at Pocono, though it was so short. The receipt of these photographs and your letters makes me long to be able once more to visit you, and especially to bring my dear wife with me. I am afraid that it must be long enough before any other member of the family could undertake the journey.

I am much appreciating "The New Republic", which I receive from time to time, and which helps to keep one in touch with American thought. There is so much reading in it that I often cannot do more, unfortunately, than read a few of the outstanding articles, and just glance at the headings of the others. I much appreciate your kindness in sending it to me.

I am forwarding to you (under separate cover) a few copies of a pamphlet describing the development of the West China Union University, which I feel sure you will be glad to have, both for your own sake and to pass on to others. I have no doubt that you will be delighted to see the picture of the first main building erected from Fred Rowntree's design. This building is, in my opinion, a very beautiful one; and I think that, if we could see it with all the colours brought out, we should be more than ever impressed by it. It is clear, from information which we have had from West China, that it has deeply impressed those who have seen it, and who were, in some cases, before they saw it, distinctly sceptical in regard to the possibility of erecting buildings which would in any adequate way express Chinese feeling. In fact, I think that I may say now that virtually all the opposition to our Friend's work has disappeared, and that, on all hands, it is acknowledged that the experiment has been justified by its success.

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Joseph Elkinton

I am also sending you a couple of copies of a little booklet on India which I have just written. I think that you will be interested in it, and may be glad to have a second copy to pass on to some friend. In it I have tried to state something of the spiritual call of India to the Society -- a call which I believe comes to us with great urgency at the present time. I greatly long that we may be able to respond to it in some fuller way.

I am thankful to be able to tell you that we are receiving at the present time quite a number of applications from young Friends, some of whom have been doing special service in connection with the war: others have been conscientious objectors.

It is said to think that, up to the present, conscientious objectors have not been released, though I have heard only today of one who has been in prison for a long time, but has just been released unconditionally. I hope that he may be the precursor of many others.

If you are able to do anything in the way of passing on information in regard to the University to other Friends in America through the booklets, and would like to have further copies, I should be very glad to send them to you. I am sending a few to George Vaux and also to William E. Cadbury.

I have asked the publishers to send you a copy of my book on "Lay Religion". I hope that you may find it of some interest.

I wonder whether there is any chance of your visiting this country again in the near future, and especially whether you have any prospect of coming over at the time of the All Friend Conference. It will be a great delight to us to see you if you do.

With love to yourself and all your circle,

I am,

Ever your affectionate friend,

the experiment has been justified by its success.

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15, Devonshire Street,
Bishopsgate,
London, E.C.2.

20th February, 1919.

Miss Dolling,
Royal Holloway College,
Englefield Green,
Surrey.

Dear Miss Dolling,

I enclose receipt for the cheque which you have sent me.
I am entering the two guineas as a contribution from the
Governors of the Royal Holloway College, per H.T.W., which
I hope will be satisfactory.

I am interested to hear about the Chinese student whom
you had at the College. I wonder whether she is taking up
educational work.

With kind regards,

I am,

Yours very sincerely,

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15, Devonshire Street,
Bishopsgate,
London, E.C.2.
22nd February, 1919.

Rev. E.W. Wallace, B.A., B.D.,
West China Christian Educational Union,
Chengtzu, West China.

My dear Wallace,

I have kept your letter, written to me last summer, for some time unanswered. For this I am very sorry. I have had a great deal of work on my hands lately, and it has not been possible for me to keep up with my correspondence at all as I should have done.

I was very much interested in and pleased with what you said about the style of building which Mr. Rowntree has adopted, and its success in the eyes of many even amongst those who had been his critics at the beginning.

I am sure that you will be interested in seeing a little account of the first ten years of the University, which I have prepared, with illustrations, for use in this country. Of course it will not be of much use in China: but I am sending a few copies to Silcock, and dare say that he will be glad to pass one on to you.

It has been very difficult for Rowntree to know what to do, in view of the many changes which have been made in regard to the site for the Middle School. My own feeling has always been that the Middle School ought not to be too near to the University. Even in the very early stages of the University work I took this line strongly, believing that, on grounds of discipline, as well as on moral grounds, it would not be well to have the Middle School and the University students mixing too freely. I am sorry to say that I do not, even now, know exactly how the matter stands. I am hoping that some new light on the subject may come from the discussion with Dr. Beech.

I was tremendously interested in reading your excellent report. I have been glad to circulate it in various quarters

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where I thought that it would be useful in stirring up interest in the work of the University, and in the educational progress of West China generally.

It is very satisfactory to us that the C.M.S. are now coming into the University.

I am anxious that Dr. Beech should come to this country before he returns to China. I think that it would be a great help to the work of the University if those who are interested in it here could meet the President personally. Then, when he goes back to China, I quite feel with you that it is best that he should stay in Chengtu for a good while, rather than spend a lot of his time in trips to this side, which are mainly necessitated by the need of raising funds.

If you think of any people in this country whom you would specially like to have copies of the pamphlet on the ten years' work of the University, I should be glad to send them. It may be that some of your connections here would like to have copies, and you may know of some who would be likely to make contributions to the work.

I am looking forward very much to the prospect of being in China again before so very long -- probably about the time of the proposed Conference in January, 1921. I hope that it may be possible for my wife to come with me on that occasion.

With all good wishes,

I am,

Yours ever,

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15, Devonshire Street,
Bishopsgate,
London, E.C.2.
22nd February, 1919.

Rev. J. Beech, D.D.,
C/o Board of Foreign Missions of the
Methodist Episcopal Church,
150, Fifth Avenue,
New York, U.S.A.

My dear Dr. Beech,

I have been glad to hear, through the Minutes of the Executive Committee, of your safe arrival in America. I hope that you may be able to do much for the University during the time that you are staying there.

I very much hope that the meeting of the Board of Governors may be held next autumn in this country, and that you yourself will be able to come over and attend it. If you could give a week or two to special work in connection with the University, visiting individuals and addressing a few meetings, I should be able to make very good use of your time in this way. I should be particularly glad to know in good time whether such a visit is likely to be possible.

I am sending you (under separate cover) half-a-dozen copies of a review of the first ten years of the University, which I have got out for the purpose of interesting people in this country. I should like to have prepared this in closer consultation with you, and with the American members of the Board of Governors: but the difficulties and delays in printing at the present time are so great that I thought it best to go right ahead, and get the pamphlet out here, charging it to our own College Account. I fully expect that it will be the means of getting in a good deal more money, which we greatly need, both for our own College and in order to make our contribution worthily to the work of the University as a whole.

In regard to the question raised by your letter of the 21st September, I am sorry to say that, at the present time,

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our financial difficulties are of such a character that I do not quite see how we can fall in with your suggestion. I hope, at the same time, that our contributions to the University will soon be such as to more than make up for this charge. We are having to make a very big demand on Friends, at the present time, for larger contributions on account of the very high rate of exchange with China, the increased cost of living, and other exceptional circumstances. I should like to be in a position to do what you ask, but am afraid that it is not really possible.

I do not think that I have acknowledged your letter, in which you made certain suggestions in regard to arrangements between the Architect and the Superintendent of Construction. This does not mean that your letter was not carefully considered by me, but simply that I did not see how I could helpfully carry the matter forward by correspondence. When you are in this country, and you and I can talk matters over with Mr. Rowntree, we ought to be able to carry the question to a further stage.

When you are in this country I should also like you to meet a Mr. Fu, with whom I have recently been in correspondence in regard to work in the University. He is a man of very high scholastic attainments, and has the most flattering testimonials in regard to his work on moral and political philosophy, etc. Though evidently deeply imbued with Christian ideals, he does not call himself a Christian, which I dare say would be a fatal bar to his undertaking work in the University, especially at the present formative stage: but, in any case, I should like you to meet him. He is an Oxford graduate, and knows several of our leading historians and philosophers in this country.

Much hoping to see you before very long,

I am,

Yours very sincerely,

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24th February, 1919.

T. Fu, Esq.,
140, Kingston Road,
Oxford.

Dear Mr. Fu,

I have not heard from you since my last letter to you:
I hope that this reached you safely.

In the meantime, I am sending you a copy of my book on
"Lay Religion", which I hope you may find of some use.

I have mentioned the correspondence which I have had
with you, in writing to the President of the University, and
dare say that it may be possible for you to meet him if, as
I hope may be the case, he comes to this country before very
long. If you have any definite plans in regard to your own
future movements, I should be interested to hear of them.

I am now able to send you, as promised, a copy of the
pamphlet which I have just got out, giving a review of the
first ten years' work of the University.

Yours very sincerely,

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could secure them by applying to William G. Gadsby, 20, South
14th Street, Philadelphia.

If you are going to be in London in May, I should be glad
to know in time, so as to be able to have a talk with you.
I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Yours truly,
27th February, 1919.

Rev. J.E. Franklin, D.D.,
American Baptist Foreign Mission Society,
Ford Buildings,
15, Ashburton Place,
Boston, Mass., U.S.A.

Dear Dr. Franklin,

I am much obliged to you for your letter of the 1st
February, received here on the 24th. I am glad to note that
you are in consultation with Miss Dewees in regard to Miss
Balderston. As I think I pointed out to you in my last letter,
the Friends' Foreign Mission Association has no definite rule
in regard to missionaries who may marry, before their first
term of service is completed, into another Society: but we
shall be quite content to leave the financial matter to be
adjusted in accordance with your own rules, or in any way
that may seem right to you.

I have just heard from Dr. Endicott agreeing to the pro-
posal that the Board of Governors should meet in England next
autumn. I very much hope that it may be possible for you to
be with us then. It would be very unfortunate if the meeting
in England should prove to be an unrepresentative one. I am
particularly concerned that Dr. Endicott writes doubting his
own inability to be present, and, in fact, the possibility of
the Canadian Methodist Mission being represented. This would
be a very serious loss to us. The difficulty of maintaining
continuity in the work of the Board, when the meetings are
held sometimes on one side of the Atlantic and sometimes on
the other, is undoubtedly a real one. At the same time, if
the full support of British Societies (now including, of
course, the Church Missionary Society) is to be obtained, I
think that it would not be satisfactory for all meetings to
be held in America, even although this would, in certain ways,
secure continuity.

I am sending you (under separate cover) a copy of a booklet
which I have recently got out for the purpose of securing finan-
cial support in this country, reviewing the work of the West
China Union University during the first ten years of its exist-
ence. If you cared to have another copy or two for use, you

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Rev. J.H. Franklin, D.D.

could secure them by applying to William-E. Cadbury, 20, South 13th Street, Philadelphia.

If you are going to be in London in May, I should be glad to know in time, so as to be able to have a talk with you. My own engagements are pretty numerous, and it is possible that, during the early part of May, I shall be in Ireland. I should wish, however, if at all possible, to see you during your visit to London.

With kind regards,

I am,

Yours very sincerely,

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28th February, 1919.

Rev. J. Endicott, D.D.,
Missionary Society of the Methodist Church,
Wesley Buildings, 299, Queen Street West,
Toronto, Canada.

Dear Dr. Endicott,

I am much obliged to you for your letter of the 5th February, enclosing the Minutes of the Executive Committee of the Board of Governors. I have heard from Mr. Rowntree that he has received instructions from you in regard to the Medical Building and Library in accordance with them.

In regard to the next meeting of the Board of Governors, I dare say that you may be sending some suggestion as to date, after you receive my last letter on the subject. The time which would seem most suitable to me would be about the middle of September, say between the 8th and 20th. The first week in September would not be very convenient, from my point of view; and probably the end of August would be rather too early. It is possible that I shall be going out to the East in the autumn; and I do not think that I should, unless absolutely necessary, make engagements of such an important character as the meeting of the Board of Governors much after the 20th September; but, if our American friends would be better suited by a slightly later date, I dare say that I could adjust my engagements accordingly.

It is a matter of the keenest regret to me to hear that you do not see any prospect of coming over yourself for the meeting. This I feel not only because your help and presence at the Board of Governors would be so valuable, but also because it will be a disappointment to us not to welcome you here, and to see something of you again. I do hope that it may be possible for you to reconsider the matter, as your absence, especially if no other member of the Canadian Methodist Mission were present, would be a very serious blow to the work of the Board: in fact, I wonder whether we really ought to carry through the proposal to have it in this country if it is quite out of the question

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for you to come. Of course, it is possible that, in any case, the difficulties of travel may still be such as to make it advisable for the Board to meet on your side of the Atlantic; but I sincerely hope that this will not be the case, and that it will be possible for American and Canadian representatives (including yourself) to come over.

Thank you for what you say about Mr. Wood's position on the Board. This is entirely satisfactory to me.

In regard to the question of the Secretaryship, I do not mind in the least how the matter is left. It seems, perhaps, rather curious for me to be called "Hon. Secretary", when you, so far as the work of the Board is concerned, are equally honorary; but it is a very small matter, and whatever seems best to you I will gladly accept.

I very much hope that Dr. Beech may be able to come over to this country before he returns to China. If the meeting of the Board of Governors is held here, that will, of course, be the appropriate time; and we should try to follow up the meeting by making use of his presence for meetings in connection with the University. But, even if the meeting of the Board is not held here, I still think that it would be advisable for him to come; and I have written to him to this effect.

In regard to financial contributions, it is too soon yet to say what we can do. I am quite hoping that, within the next few months, we may be able to secure some considerable additional gifts for the work of the University which will enable us not only to proceed with our own building, but also to forward to the central fund of the University an adequate proportion for the needs specified in the Minutes of the Executive. Several people to whom I have shown the little pamphlet about the University have expressed their keen interest in it; and I think that it is likely to be helpful.

I do not think that there are any other questions raised in the Minutes which need any comment from me. I should like, however, just to say that we appreciate the action of the Canadian Methodist Mission in making it possible for the Dental Department to be begun in connection with the medical work of the University.

I do not think that our Board would feel any difficulty in regard to the suggestion about borrowing; though I doubt

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whether we should be able to secure anything in this country on such terms as you mention. I very much hope that on your side you may be successful in this respect.

With kind regards,

I am,

yours very sincerely,

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I very much hope that Mr. Bacon may be able to come over to this country before he returns to China. If the meeting of the Board of Governors is held here, that will, of course, be the appropriate time; and he should try to follow up the meeting by making use of his presence for meetings in connection with the University. But, even if the meeting of the Board is not held here, I still think that it would be advisable for him to come; and I have written to him to this effect.

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26th February, 1919.

Miss Mary E. Pumphrey,
Penscot,
Shipham, Winscombe,
Somerset.

Dear Miss Pumphrey,

As you have been interested in and have given support to the West China Union University, I feel sure that you will read with satisfaction the enclosed account of its first ten years' work, and will be glad to see the photographs, which give some idea both of the student body which has been gathered together in connection with the University, and also of the buildings which have been erected or planned for them. Considering the fact that the European War has been in progress during about half of the University's existence, and that, during nearly the whole time, things in China, and particularly in Szechwan, have been very unsettled, with much brigandage and civil war, I think that one may fairly claim that there is a good deal to show for the ten years. Of course, the biggest results are not those which can easily be put on paper.

You will see that the development of the work makes fresh claims. Its very success means that more men must be found, and more money subscribed, if the future is to be worthy of the beginning. As we have just been under the necessity of approaching Friends in regard to the general work of the F.F.M.A., the time does not seem to be suitable for us to make any strong appeal to members of the Society for this special object. I think, however, that there are some who are not in membership with us, but who might very well be approached on the subject, and who have sufficient confidence in the work of the Society to be ready to help the University. I have the names of some such. If any names occur to you, it would be a great help to me to have them, in order that I might send copies of the pamphlet, with, perhaps, a few words recommending it to their notice. It would be better still if you should feel inclined yourself to hand it to others, or if you could make use of two or three extra copies. If so, I should be very glad to send them to you. We have only printed a limited number, and are not expecting to distribute it at all widely; but I think

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Miss M.E.Pumphrey.

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that you will agree with me that the facts as here stated, and the accompanying illustrations, are calculated to attract attention, and appeal to the imagination.

With kind regards,

I am,

Yours very sincerely,

(To Lionel D.Priestman only)

P.S. Amongst the subscribers to the University from Hull, I see the name of Elizabeth Jackson, 56, Park Street. If she is still living, and likely to be interested, I think that it might be well to pass on a copy of the pamphlet to her. I am sending you an additional copy for the purpose.

(To Constance M.Rowntree only)

P.S. I notice that you are entered on my records as having promised a contribution of £10 a year for five years. This was paid for the first two years only. I expect that the fact that the amount was not paid subsequently is due to our own fault in not having sent you a reminder. If you care to take up this responsibility, and continue the subscription, it will, I need not say, be much appreciated.

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Letter as over sent to following:-

26th February, 1919.

Mrs. M.A.Marriage Allen, Sunnylea, Chelmsford, Essex.

4th March, 1919.

Mrs. Mounsey, Blackwell Hill, Darlington.
J.H.Lloyd, M.A., Edgbaston Grove, Church Road, B'ham.
W.S.Rowntree, Endcliffe, Granville Rd., Scarborough.
J.Oliver Holdsworth, Havercroft, Heaton, Bolton.
Constance M.Rowntree, The Low Hall, Scalby, Scarborough.
Lionel D.Priestman, 8, Garden Village Road, Hall.
Isabel M.Hall, The Flatts, Thirsk.

5th March, 1919.

Allan Rowntree, 89, Scalby Rd., Scarborough.
Henry Gurney, The Orchards, Outwood, Surrey.
James Holden, Hermon House, Wanstead, E.11.
The Misses Jeffreys, Upperthorpe, Darlington.
Mrs. Kemp, Bedford Lodge, Lewes.
Mrs. Green, Derryvolgie House, University Rd., Belfast.
E.Louisa Pumphrey, 6, Summerhill Grove, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
Mrs. S.A.Bell, Bellevue, Lurgan, Ireland.
Miss Jane Fowler, 81, North Gate, Regent's Park, N.W.8.
Isaac Milner, Laveroc Bank, Kenwood Rd., Sheffield.
Miss H.F.White, Holmacre, Waterford.
The Misses Cadbury, 64, Wellington Rd., Edgbaston, B'ham.
Wm. Harvey, The Grove, Roundhay, Nr. Leeds.
Miss H.M.Crosland, 24, Esmé Rd., Sparkhill, B'ham.

16th March.

Miss Mary Pumphrey, Summerfield, Winscombe, Somerset.

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6th March, 1919.

Mrs. Pease,
Willow Park,
Boosterstown,
Co. Dublin.

Dear Cousin Bessie,

As you were one of those who, in the early days of the West China Union University, when the difficulty of getting it started was most acutely felt, came forward to help, I am sending you the enclosed review of the first ten years' work. I feel sure that you will recognize how much we have to give thanks for. The work of the University has extended far beyond what we had dared to hope. It has already done much for building up the Christian Church in West China, and, throughout the whole University, there is a strong spirit of Christian service, and devotion to our Lord. I wonder whether you know any people whom you would like to see interested in the work of the University. If you do, I should be very glad to send additional copies of the pamphlet, either direct to them or to you for them. To Joy and me, who were, as it were, in at the birth of the University, its progress is a matter of peculiar satisfaction and thankfulness. It is always a great joy to see anything to which one has given much thought, time and prayer develop satisfactorily. During the past ten years there have been all kinds of difficulties in China -- the revolution itself, continual civil war and unsettlement, and, over and above all that, the difficulties caused to Mission Work through the long-continued European War. When we think of all these things, we must realize that it is a wonderful thing that this piece of work has progressed as it has done.

Joy and I are hoping to be over in Dublin at the time of next Yearly Meeting, when I hope that we may be able to see you. We are visiting all Friends' Schools, trying to bring to the boys and girls something of the call of Christ to their whole-hearted service at this time. We expect to visit the Irish Schools after Yearly Meeting.

I am,
With love,
Your affectionate cousin,

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6th March, 1919.

Miss Lucy E. Mounsey,
Hendon Hill,
Sunderland.

Dear Cousin Lucy,

I remember that you were one of those who contributed, in the early days of the West China Union University, to the initial expenses which were necessary for getting it started. I feel sure that you will read with great thankfulness the enclosed account of what has happened during the first ten years. That the University has grown so greatly in this short time, and in the midst of difficulties of a quite extraordinary character, is, I think, a matter for very great thankfulness to God. It has become not simply educationally efficient, but a real power for the spread of the Gospel in West China. Already its graduates are taking positions as evangelists, pastors, teachers, and in other ways connected with the growing life of the Christian Church in West China. We are not at present able to make any general appeal on behalf of the University, because of the approach which is being made to all Friends for the general funds of the Association; but it may be that there are a few who, having helped in the past, will be glad to assist further now. With this in view, I am hoping to send a copy of the enclosed pamphlet to a few people who are not Friends, and who have, therefore, not been approached in connection with the appeal for our general work. Should you happen to think of anyone who might be approached in this way, I should be very glad of suggestions.

With much love to you and Cousin Minnie,

I am,

Yours affectionately,

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6th March, 1919.

W.E. Pease,
Mowden,
Darlington.

My dear Will,

In view of the fact that you are one of those who helped in the early days of the University in West China, by subscribing to its funds, I enclose a copy of the report of the first ten years of its work. I feel sure that it will be a matter of satisfaction to you to see that the work, in the beginning of which you had some share, has grown in this way. I much hope that it may continue to grow, and to deserve and receive the support of those who, in the first place, helped to bring it into being.

With kind regards,

I am,

Yours affectionately,

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6th March, 1919.

Miss S.B. Bragg,
Via Collina 36,
Rome.

Dear Miss Bragg,

We were very glad to receive your letter the other day. How much better still it will be if we may have the pleasure of seeing you before very long! Now that the war is over, I do hope that you will be able to come to this country soon.

I am sending you (under separate cover) a copy of a pamphlet giving a review of the first ten years' work of the West China Union University. Knowing the interest which you have both had in this enterprise from the beginning, I feel sure that you will be pleased to see a little account of it, and the pictures, which give some idea of what has been done, and what is in prospect. Considering all the circumstances, especially the European War, and the great amount of unrest that there has been in China, I think that one may feel thankful at the amount of progress which has been achieved.

I am also sending you a copy of a little booklet on India, which I have recently written, and which I think that you will be glad to see.

I am glad to say that John is much better. He is now on a farm at Bangor, Co. Down, where, as far as we gather, he seems to be settling in, and thoroughly enjoying himself. We are thinking of sending him to Sidcot after the summer.

I should like to write much more to you, but am afraid that I must not do so now.

We all unite in much love, and in the hope that it may not be long before we meet again.

Yours affectionately,

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15, Devonshire Street,
Bishopsgate,
London, E.C.2.
6th March, 1919.

Mrs. Geldard,
Cappleside,
Rathmell,
Settle, Yorks.

Dear Mrs. Geldard,

I am sure that you will be interested, after your support of the West China Union University, to see a little account of what has been accomplished during the first ten years of its existence. I have no doubt that you will recognize that, in view of war conditions in Europe, and the continued unsettlement in China during a large part of the time, the achievement is no mean one. I am hoping that this little statement of the work of the University may be a means of arousing fresh interest in it. I wonder whether you know of any persons who might be approached in regard to it, and who might be likely to make some contribution to its funds, or whether you would like to have one or two additional copies of the enclosed to make use of yourself in this way. What we want especially to do is to widen the circle of those who are interested in and give support to this piece of work. We feel sure that, if it were more widely known, it would commend the support of very many -- not only Friends but others. This, of course, ought especially to be the case now that the Church Missionary Society is also coming into the University, and expecting to take its share along with the other bodies.

I am,

with kind regards,

Yours very sincerely,

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6th March, 1918.

Mrs. G.Ll. Hodgkin,
61, Broughton Road,
Banbury.

Dear Mary,

The enclosed report of the first ten years' work of the West China Union University will, I know, interest you, as you and George both cared so much for this enterprise. I think that the progress which has been made during the short life of the University, and in the midst of extraordinary difficulties, is something for which to give much thanks. It occurs to me that you might be able to pass on the enclosed copy, or even one or two more, to various people -- perhaps some who are not Friends, but who might be interested in the work. Or you might happen to think of one or two to whom I might send copies. If you do, I shall be very glad to know. Obviously just now, with the appeal which we are making to all Friends, it is not opportune to bring the matter before members of the Society in any urgent way; but I see no reason why we should not enlarge the circle of those who know about and are interested in the University. I want to use the enclosed report for this purpose whilst it is fresh: so that, if you are able to help at all in the matter, now is the time to do it.

Ever affectionately yours,

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8th March, 1919.

Miss G.E. Robinson,
14, Gardner Mansions,
Church Row,
Hampstead, N.W.3.

Dear Miss Robinson,

I know that it will be a pleasure to you to see the enclosed, which gives a brief account of the striking progress which has been made by the University in West China during the first ten years of its existence. When one realizes how many difficulties there have been during this time, and how the revolution in China, followed by a great deal of local unrest and civil war, and the European War, have all been included during the short life of the University, I think that one is bound to give thanks that so much has been accomplished. It occurs to me that you may know, amongst your own friends, some who would be glad to know of the work of the University, and who might be interested in it in the matter of support. If you cared to have one or two additional copies of the pamphlet for passing on in this way, or if you would like to send me the names of one or two people to whom I might send it, with a short covering note, I am sure that you would thus be further helping the work.

I am sorry that your withdrawal from our Committees means that we never meet nowadays. I hope that you are keeping well.

With kind regards,

I am,

Yours very sincerely,

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11th March, 1919.

Miss Mary E. Pumphrey,
9, Linden Road,
Bournville,
Birmingham.

Dear Miss Pumphrey,

I was away yesterday, so did not myself acknowledge your letter with cheque for the West China Union University, which I much appreciate. As a matter of fact, I believe that the previous help given to the University was from Mary Pumphrey, of Sidcot, and not from you, and that it was through an error that my letter was sent to you and not to her. The error is not one to be regretted, as it has served to widen the interest in the work, and has brought your very welcome contribution. You might, however, have thought that the terms of the letter were rather strange to one who, as far as I know, had not taken any special interest in this particular piece of work before.

I am very glad that you think that the work of the Experimental School at Penscot was a success, and I sincerely hope that it will lead to some permanent work along similar lines.

With kind regards,

I am,

Yours very sincerely,

13th March, 1919.

Rev. F. Baylis,
Church Missionary Society,
Salisbury Square,
E.C.4.

Dear Mr. Baylis,

I am much obliged to you for your letter of yesterday's date, with resolution enclosed.

I was going to send you a copy of the Minute passed by our Board at its last meeting, dealing with the same subject, and take this opportunity of doing so. This Minute is the last of the actions taken by the co-operating Boards, the other three organizations having already agreed to the proposal made by the Board of Governors; so that the matter now stands in a perfectly satisfactory way, and there is no reason why you should not proceed with the appointment of your three members to the Board of Governors. I do not think that there is any necessity to hurry the appointment, however. The next meeting of the Board will probably be held in September. The main point is that your members should be appointed by that time, or, rather, soon enough to secure their attendance at that meeting when the date is fixed.

I think that I wrote to you before about the meeting. The suggestion which I have made is that it should be held during the first half of September, preferably during the second week. As it is due to be held in England, or, rather, more than due, the English meeting having been virtually postponed during the continuance of the War, we are hoping that it may be held in London this time, and that, if convenient to you, the Board might meet at the C.M.S. House. This would be a very suitable way, I think, of signaling the entrance of the C.M.S. into the work of the University.

I am having some reprints made of the pamphlet on the University. Do you think that it would be worth while for you to have some reprints at the same time, perhaps making certain alterations in the letter-press which would make it more suitable for use in your own constituency, leaving out, for example, the little section about what Friends have done, which obviously

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is written from the point of view of those who belong to or are specially interested in the work of our Society? If you wish to have some copies with any alterations, perhaps you would send me a corrected copy and I could forward it to the printers, asking them to give me an estimate for such number as you might require. Now that the C.M.S. has come into the scheme, I should think it likely that you would get applications, from time to time, for information in regard to the University; and you will probably be glad to have a brief statement which could be put into the hands of enquirers, as well as something which would be of use in raising funds for your own building, and for contribution to the central fund.

With kind regards,

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Yours very sincerely,

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14th March, 1919.

Rev. J. Endicott, D.D.,
Missionary Society of the Methodist
Church, Canada,
Wesley Buildings,
399, Queen Street West,
Toronto.

Dear Dr. Endicott,

I have just received from Mr. Baylis the enclosed resolutions, which speak for themselves. He asks in writing whether the C.M.S. should at once appoint their members of the Board of Governors, or whether they should take time to correspond with individuals, and be sure of their accepting nomination, before making the appointment. I have recommended the latter course, in view of the fact that the Board of Governors is not meeting until the autumn. They will probably put one Canadian on the Board. Mr. Baylis writes:-

"I should like to express to yourself what the Committee have said in general terms of our real appreciation of the kindness extended to us by the cooperating organizations, and by the Board of Governors. It has been much appreciated by us."

I have also to report to you that the F.F.M.A. Board, at its last meeting, agreed to the proposal that the C.M.S. should be welcomed into the University as a cooperating Mission.

Yours very sincerely,

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H. J.

15, Devonshire Street,
Bishopsgate,
London, E.C.2.
18th March, 1919.

Dr. T.R. Glover,
St. John's College,
Cambridge.

My dear Glover,

I am enclosing a copy of a review of the first ten years of the West China Union University. I feel sure that you will be interested in it; and I dare say that you may have opportunities of interesting others in what we are doing. I think that you will agree, when you read this brief review, that a good deal has been accomplished, considering all the difficulties which have had to be faced during the past ten years.

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Yours ever,

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15, Devonshire Street
Bishopsgate,
London, E.C.2.
18th March, 1919.

Rev. Prof. J.W. Oman,
Lady Margaret Road,
Cambridge.

Dear Professor Oman,

It has been suggested to me that you might be interested in seeing the enclosed pamphlet, which I have just got out, in order to give some account of the first ten years' work of the West China Union University. Of course, it is a very brief survey, and does not by any means cover all that has been accomplished. But I think that you will agree that a good deal has been done, considering all the difficulties which have had to be faced during the past ten years. I should be very glad if you could interest others in the work of the University, and help to make it more widely known. I feel sure that you will be interested in the experiment which is being made in regard to the type of architecture, which is in striking contrast to much of the building which has been put up in connection with educational institutions founded by British and American Missions in China.

with kind regards,

I am,

Yours very sincerely,

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16, Devonshire Street,
Bishopsgate,
London, E.C.2.
18th March, 1919.

Professor G. Sims Woodhead,
Luard Road,
Cambridge.

Dear Professor Woodhead,

Probably you will remember that, in connection with the proposals for starting a University in Central China, put forward by Lord William Cecil and others, some reference was made to the West China Union University, then in its infancy. I think that, in view of those proposals, and your interest in the original scheme, you will be glad to see the enclosed brief account of what has been done during the first ten years of the existence of the West China Union University. I should be glad if you could see your way to interest others in the scheme, or to do anything yourself towards the support of it. The beginnings which have been made give promise, I think, of a really useful piece of work in the future, although not, perhaps, quite on the scale of the plans which were conceived by Lord William Cecil and others. When, however, one remembers that the University touches the whole of West China, with something like sixty to eighty million inhabitants, one realizes that it has big enough scope, and, if rightly conducted, should have a formative influence upon very large numbers of people.

I should like especially to draw your attention to the type of building which is being erected, and which is in striking contrast to many of the buildings which have been put up in connection with educational institutions started by British and American Missions in China. I think that you will recognize at once, on seeing the photographs and drawings, that the buildings are a real contribution to the problem which must be faced by China as to the erection of buildings which shall retain what is beautiful and characteristic in Chinese architecture, and, at the same time, be of a more permanent character, and better

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lighted and ventilated, than Chinese buildings have been in the past.

With kind regards,

I am,

Yours very sincerely,

Professor G. Sims Woodhead
Madd Road,
Cambridge.

Dear Professor Woodhead,

I am very glad to hear that you are all well and happy in connection with the proposed new building at Cambridge University. I have been very interested to hear that you have been thinking of the possibility of having a building which is lighted and ventilated in a way which is different from the ordinary type of building. I think that this is a very important matter, especially in the case of a building which is to be used for the purpose of a library or a museum. I think that you are right to be interested in this matter, and I think that you are right to be thinking of the possibility of having a building which is lighted and ventilated in a way which is different from the ordinary type of building. I think that this is a very important matter, especially in the case of a building which is to be used for the purpose of a library or a museum. I think that you are right to be interested in this matter, and I think that you are right to be thinking of the possibility of having a building which is lighted and ventilated in a way which is different from the ordinary type of building.

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Professor Kenny.

I should like especially to draw your attention to the type of building which is being erected, and which is in strict accordance with the plan of the building which have been put up in connection with educational institutions started by British and American students in China. I think that you will recognize the photographs and drawings, that the building is being erected in the West China Union University, which is being erected in Chengtu, Szechwan, China. I am happy to be able to send you the enclosed report of the work done in Chengtu, which will show you that, although the other scheme could not be carried through, this one, apparently less ambitious, has, as a matter of fact, met with a very considerable amount of success. It is very difficult to put down on paper anything which gives at all an adequate account of what those who know the work best most clearly recognize to be a quite remarkable record of progress.

15, Devonshire Street,
Bishopsgate,
London, E.C.2.
17th March, 1919.

Professor Kenny,
West Road,
Cambridge.

Dear Sir,

Your name has been suggested to me as one who might be interested in the enclosed report of the first ten years' work of the West China Union University.

I dare say that you may remember that, some years ago, a scheme was started for getting interest from Oxford and Cambridge in the establishment of a University in Central China. This scheme did not, as a matter of fact, come to anything. But one of the causes which led to the proposal being made was a letter written by me to some friends in Oxford in reference to the West China Union University, which was then in its infancy. Those who started the scheme felt that they wished to do something on rather bigger lines, and were not prepared to throw in their lot with the University in Chengtu. I am happy to be able to send you the enclosed report of the work done in Chengtu, which will show you that, although the other scheme could not be carried through, this one, apparently less ambitious, has, as a matter of fact, met with a very considerable amount of success. It is very difficult to put down on paper anything which gives at all an adequate account of what those who know the work best most clearly recognize to be a quite remarkable record of progress.

I am anxious to get the West China Union University a little more widely known in this country. It is with this in mind, almost more than with the idea of securing financial support, that the enclosed pamphlet has been prepared. It may be that you will be able, through it, to interest other people in the University. If interest either on your own part or on that of anyone else should lead to contributions towards the considerable expenses of running the University, I should, of course, be very grateful to receive such.

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It may be that, amongst students at Cambridge with whom you are brought into contact, you may have an opportunity of making known the work of the University, especially, perhaps, in the case of any who may be thinking of undertaking educational work abroad.

With kind regards,

I am,

Yours very sincerely,

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Letter as over sent to following:-

March 18th, 1919.

- Prof. A.C.Seward, Downing College, Cambridge.
- A.Wood, Esq., M.A., 15, St. Barnabus Rd., Cambridge.
- Prof. Sir A.T.Quiller Couch, Jesus College, "

April 3rd 1919.

- Valentine Richards, Esq., M.A., Christ's College, Cambridge.
- Rev. Dr. Stokes, Corpus Christi " "
- C.E.Raven, Esq., M.A., Emmanuel " "
- P.W.Wood, Esq., M.A., " "
- Rev. T.C.Fitzpatrick, Queen's " "
- Rev. G.A.S.Schneider, Ballinagore, Cavendish Avenue, "
- Mrs. Lewis & Mrs. Gibson, Castle Brae, "
- Rev. E.Milner-White, King's College, "
- John Chivers, Esq., J.P., Wychfield, "
- Charles Finch Foster, Esq., Pinenurst, "
- Miss Allen, Homerton College, "

P.S. (to Miss Allen only) I am deeply interested in your prospect of going out to India with the Deputation, and hope that I may have the opportunity of meeting you some time before you go.

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18th March, 1919.

The Pelican Press,
2, Carmelite Street,
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pp. 140-150
Gentlemen,

I am in receipt of your estimate for 500 additional copies of the illustrated booklet, "An Open Door". I should be glad if you would proceed at once with carrying out the printing of these copies at the amount stated (15 guineas).

Yours faithfully,

I believe that you like to be kept in touch with things which are going on amongst friends, and with the work which friends are doing. In this connection, I am sending you an account which I have lately written of the work being done in West China in the University established ten years ago. When I was out there, I had a hand in making the preparations for beginning the University, and it was my privilege to draw up the first constitution. One has naturally watched this and with intense interest the rapid and encouraging growth, and I feel sure that you will be interested in seeing what has been done. If you are able to interest other people in the work of the University, I shall much appreciate it.

Yours affectionately,

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3rd April, 1919

C. Ernest Hodgkin,
Purley Lodge,

My dear Cousin,

I believe that you like to be kept in touch with things which are going on amongst Friends, and with the work which Friends are doing. In this connection, I am sending you an account which I have lately written of the work being done in West China in the University established ten years ago. When I was out there, I had a hand in making the preparations for beginning the University, and it was my privilege to draw up the first Constitution. One has naturally watched from this end with intense interest its rapid and encouraging growth; and I feel sure that you will be interested in seeing what has been done. If you are able to interest other people in the work of the University, I shall much appreciate it.

Yours affectionately,

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15, Devonshire Street,
Bishopsgate,
London, E.C.2.

3rd April, 1919

Mrs. Gresford Jones,
The Vicarage,
Sheffield.

Dear Lily,

I am sending you a copy of the booklet on the West China
Union University, which I have just got out. I think that you
and Herbert will both be interested in it, and glad to know of
the progress which has been made. I feel sure, too, that you
will be pleased to see the pictures, and the type of building
which we are putting up, which is, I think, a real contribution
to the architecture of the China that is to be. If you happen
to think of anyone else who would like to have a copy, I should
be extremely glad to know, and should be delighted to send
him one.

Ever affectionately yours,

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15, Devonshire Street,
Bishopsgate,
London, E.C.2.

3rd April, 1919.

Dr. W.T.A. Barber,
The Leys School,
Cambridge.

Dear Dr. Barber,

I dare say that you may remember that, when the fund which was raised in connection with Lord William Cecil's scheme for the establishment of a University in Central China was brought to an end, some suggestions were made in regard to the West China Union University, which did not, as a matter of fact, find acceptance amongst the persons responsible for the fund. That University did not, it is true, aim quite so high as the scheme put forward by Lord William Cecil: but at least one has the satisfaction of knowing that it has materialized, and that it has already accomplished a really useful piece of work, and seems well on the way to do something much bigger. I feel sure that you will be interested in seeing the enclosed pamphlet, giving some account of its work. I hope that, as you may have opportunity of interesting others in it, you will do so, for I am anxious that the work of the University should be more widely known in this country. This, in addition to the financial need, is one of the chief reasons for my getting out this little review. If there are any persons whom you think it might be worth while specially interesting in the University, more particularly any who might be glad to contribute to it, I should be pleased to send to such a copy of the pamphlet.

With kind regards,

I am,

Yours very sincerely,

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15, Devonshire Street,
Bishopsgate,
London, E.C.2.

3rd April, 1919

Mrs. Barbour,
Fincastle,
Pitlochry,

Scotland.

Dear Mrs. Barbour,

I feel sure that you will be interested in seeing the enclosed account of the University in West China, and will be glad to know of the good progress which has been made even during the past difficult ten years. It may be that you, or some of your friends, would be glad to do something, at the present time, towards helping it on: but, even if not, I dare say that you will be pleased to have the booklet, and to know what is being done. For myself, I feel that a really important contribution is being made in the buildings which are being put up, expressing, as they do, the spirit of the University, and, of course, still more in the teaching which is being given, and the influence of all the missionaries who are engaged in the work. It has been a great pleasure and privilege to me to be associated with it, even in a comparatively small way.

With kind regards,

I am,

Yours very sincerely,

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3rd April, 1919.

Mrs. Bosanquet,
24, Devonshire Road,
Liverpool.

Dear Nelly,

I am sending you a review of the first ten years' work of the West China Union University. I think that you and Carr B. will be interested in seeing it; and you may have the opportunity of interesting others in the work. You will, I am sure, understand what a satisfaction it is to me to see the work growing in this way, when, as you know, I had some share in laying, as it were, the first foundation stones. If you should happen to think of any of your friends to whom a copy of the booklet might be sent, I should be glad to forward it, for I want people in this country to know more of what is being done in the University, and of the spirit of our work.

Ever affectionately yours,

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7th April, 1919.

F. Rowntree,
11, Hammersmith Terrace,
W.C.

My dear Rowntree,

I have received the enclosed from Dr. Beech. As there are several things in it which refer specially to you and your work, I am sending it on to you as it is.

I hope that we may be able to meet before long. Perhaps you would ring me up on Thursday morning, when we might be able to fix a time to meet and talk over various questions.

Yours very sincerely,

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January 13, 1927

Rev. J. M. Yard,
West China Union University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Jim:

I hope you are in touch with Warnshuis and seeing the letters which we are sending from this office to him. It is not always possible to send duplicates of important letters as I have occasionally been able to do. I am very glad to keep in touch with you. I would particularly suggest that you ask Warnshuis to show you a copy of a letter which I have sent to him addressed to Mr. MacLennan. I am enclosing a copy of a manifesto from the Christians at Wuhan which will be interesting to you. I also suggest that the reading of my article on "The Chinese Church and the Present Situation" in a number of the Bulletin which is now in the press may prove helpful.

We are in the midst of so many problems that perhaps one is unwise to express oneself on any of them, but one has to try and do something, however little it may be, to steady people's minds and help them to think about the things that are really important. I see a grave danger of the Chinese Church being swept altogether off its feet and finding when it has taken far-reaching steps that it is committed altogether beyond what is desired or what is right. On the other hand, my sympathies are all with the Chinese who are longing that this present movement in China may bring to birth the new China for which we have so long worked and prayed, and if we are simply to look at the expressed principles of the Nationalist Party we cannot doubt that they are on lines that are thoroughly Christian. We need your prayers these days as never before.

Thank you for your letter of December 8th and the information contained in it. I wonder whether you read the article in the October number of "The International Missionary Review" on "The Missionary Message" -- a suggestive article but

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one that still leaves one with a good many unanswered questions. I should like to see you write a letter or article to "The International Missionary Review" giving your reaction to that article.

With all good wishes to all of you from us both for this New Year. I know that Joy would wish to be united in loving messages.

Yours sincerely,

Henry Hoyle

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Enclos.

*I hear there is a move to bring you back to Shanghai
for community church - What about it?*

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*Dr. Jas M
Yard.*

February 1, 1927

Mr. A. L. Warnshuis,
25 Madison Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Warnshuis:

I am sending you a copy of a letter which I have written to Maclellan on the present situation. There is not much more to add to it except as far as the news of today goes. We have just heard from Wallace that Sanford Chen has returned from Central China where he says the situation is becoming very much more difficult. The extreme element seems to be gaining the upper hand and making extreme demands. They accuse T. V. Sung and even Eugene Chen of being pro-British, and as someone said, if they are pro-British what is anti-British? The idea is that Eugene Chen has maintained the view that during negotiations there should be no more violent outbreaks of anti-British feeling, and this they regard as treacherous to the cause.

The regulations of the Hupeh province in regard to private schools are distinctly worse than those put out by the Canton Government and those issued in Hankow itself are of such character as to make it clearly quite impossible for any Christian school to carry on. The Griffith John College (L. M. S.) which has been making a big effort to register has now given up the attempt and is closing down. I have no news about Boone, but this news certainly looks very serious.

Other information shows that Chiang Kai Shek is trying conclusions with the extremists in his own party, but with what result it is not yet possible to say. The one hope of a peaceful solution here between China and the Powers generally would seem to lie in the trying of conclusions within the Nationalist Party between the two wings. It may be that these extreme forces will by their excesses tend to throw the reasonable people in China together, but it is quite too soon

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to say.

We are living here in some anticipation of evil, but as you know events in China have so often turned out just exactly different from the anticipations that we still have hope that things may not be as difficult as seems now to be almost inevitable.

With warm greetings, I am

Yours ever,

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EXTRACTS FROM A LETTER TO MR. KENNETH MACLENNAN

In pursuance of the policy which I have recently adopted of writing to you pretty frequently I am going now to add what I can to my last summary of the situation. It is difficult to speak when the most important factor is one which has only been made known within the last day or so, namely, the fresh British proposals presented to the Northern and Southern Governments -- and when even in regard to these we have no detailed official information.

This morning Sir Austin Chamberlain's speech was published in the papers here -- a very fine utterance and one which certainly gives one ground to hope that the approaches of Britain to the two governments may be acceptable and lead to a solution of our present difficulties. Quite apart from the official recognition of them I cannot help thinking that the British proposals will win approval from the mass of reasonable people in this country and that they will do a great deal to dispel the unreasoning prejudice towards Britain which has been so prominent a feature in recent months and even years.

The reception of the British memorandum a month ago was certainly disappointing, and the attitude of the Southern Government as outlined in Eugene Chen's memorandum causes one to have still some doubt as to whether this fresh approach will as a matter of fact be accepted by the South. We have heard recently that Chiang Kai Shek has turned out some of the extremists who were associated with him in Nanchang, and if he has taken this action it may be that some move against these elements is in process which would undoubtedly make it more likely that the British approach would be accepted. This report, however, is not yet confirmed, though it comes from a pretty reliable source.

The crux of the matter still seems to be in a nutshell this -- that the influences surrounding the Southern leaders are definitely in the direction of humiliating Britain, and that they don't want to reach an agreement by negotiation; whereas the Southern leaders themselves would, I believe, be glad to see the difficulties settled by negotiation.

To accept the friendly offer of Britain may involve a break with Russia, and Russia has given so much practical help to the party that this would seem to be a very heavy price to pay. In fact, it may well appear to the Southern leaders as if the prospect of their success in their conflict with the northern generals was imperilled by such a break. Britain, of course, can offer them nothing in place of the support to their movement which has been given by Russia because as Sir Austin Chamberlain says, Britain is bound to stand in a position of neutrality in regard to internal quarrels. Lacking this kind of support therefore the Southerners may yet choose to keep what they have rather than run a risk of losing it and not getting anything in its place.

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On the other hand there is undoubtedly a very strong desire to avoid any more troubles than they already have, and if they can reach a settlement with Britain and other foreign powers so that there will be nothing to obstruct them in this field there will be very great gain.

There is one unfortunate thing in regard to these proposals and that is that they come out just before the China New Year when the Chinese papers take several days' holiday so that we shall not be able to see the full effect of them for some time. However, I hope that there will be no new development in the military situation during this period which will make that delay a serious matter.

Turning now from the political situation to our own problems. I have been sounding out people somewhat on the lines of the memorandum, a copy of which is enclosed. In regard to the first proposal I find missionaries unwilling to take any steps at the present time. And of course if the British memorandum suits our Chinese friends there will be no need whatever for anything further in regard to this matter. I have been given to understand privately that part of the British note includes the withdrawal of the "toleration clauses", and if this proves to be correct our position vis a vis the Chinese Church is perfectly clear and satisfactory.

In regard to the second proposal, namely, that which touches the more rapid change from mission to church control-- there are very different opinions. In some parts of China there is no doubt at all that the matter has been pressed from the foreign end to a point at which the Chinese feel that they have undertaken more than they can carry and there are even some cases where they are asking foreigners back to their counsels or trying to turn back to foreigners functions which had been given to Chinese bodies.

In other cases, however, there is very considerable restiveness on the part of Chinese as to the slowness with which changes are made. Probably this is a matter which requires to be dealt with much more in detail than can be expected at our meeting in February. I think it is true to say that the whole situation is judged by our Shanghai friends largely from the point of one or two organizations which have been very slow in their plans for devolution on the one hand, and from the point of view of the Y. M. C. A. which has an exceptionally favorable position on the other hand.

X Take, for example, the ^{Chinese} ~~bishops~~ which are episcopally managed. There are no Methodist Episcopal bishops who are Chinese, and as a matter of fact, the foreign bishops are those who have come out from America in mature life -- not missionaries who know the field and speak the language. In regard to the Anglicans, there is one Chinese assistant bishop; but there seems to be practically no movement towards the creation of Chinese bishops with full authority and this is true even of the diocese of Hankow where Bishop Roots has for long taken a

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very forward stand on these matters and where recently an American assistant bishop was appointed.

The reason given for this state of things is that the Chinese themselves are not ready to assume the responsibilities and that even when Chinese names have been proposed many Chinese, including the most responsible leaders, have turned them down. There is no doubt that there is a great deal in this contention, and yet it is true that pretty generally among Chinese in these organizations there is a growing sense that the leadership of Chinese does not have the chance which it ought to have. The result can be seen in the fact that there are a number of very fine Chinese Christians in these churches whose efforts are being given outside the church organization.

If one could get just the right kind of deputation to come out and go into these questions prepared to make far-reaching changes and determined to take risks, I believe the proposal that was indicated in the memorandum would prove to be a valuable one. It is, however, quite a danger that the people who are sent out on deputation might be inclined to emphasize the dangers rather than the opportunity and possibility. I am bound to say that it seems to me that this has been the result of the recent visit of Dr. Speer and other members of the deputation that came from America in connection with the Northern Presbyterian Mission. They came at a time when everybody was seething with ideas and when everybody was on the lookout for large changes, and for reasons which I cannot enter into here, the net result of the deputation has been a very great disappointment. At the crucial meetings which occupied two or three weeks here in Shanghai, only three Chinese attended for two or three days, and the main decisions were reached by an entirely foreign group.

I don't want to enter into a detailed criticism of any particular mission, but I think this reference will be enough to show you how even in a mission which has long and rightly been regarded as a forward-looking one, the most important elements in the situation may be lost sight of or so submerged by the mass of details as not at all adequately to influence the decisions reached.

We are expecting in the next few days to see the statements put out by Chinese Christians in Shanghai who have been meeting to consider the present situation. They have planned three statements -- one will be an address to Chinese Christians throughout the country; the second will be addressed to the country as a whole, and the third will be a letter to foreign missionaries. These are likely to be very important documents and will surely be much commented upon both here and throughout the country.

I may tell you that I have seen the first draft of the address to missionaries and it strikes me as an extremely fine address. It may, of course, be altered before it is

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made public, but if the draft which I have seen is the one which is finally adopted, I think it will come as a quite notable contribution to the present situation.

If in these documents there are phrases which can be taken hold of and criticized as being too revolutionary and having an anti-foreign touch, no doubt they will be so used, and even a single unfortunate expression at a time like this may add to the tensity of the situation; but I feel pretty hopeful that this will not happen, and if the documents are all like the draft that I have seen, there is no doubt at all that when we meet for our Executive meeting on February 9th, we shall be able to face matters with much more confidence.

(Signed) Henry T. Hodgkin

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