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H. T. Hodgkin, M.A., M.B.,
 15 Devonshire Street,
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My dear Dr. Hodgkin:-

I have just returned from New York, attending among other things, the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board of Governors. I send you herewith a copy of the Minutes of our meeting. There is nothing I think in the minutes requiring special note from me save the last item, #150.

You will notice that in order to meet the Constitutional requirements the annual meeting of the Board of Governors is called to meet at your office at noon on Friday, January 13th next. The decision of the Executive was arrived at in view of the fact that the Constitution requires that there shall be an annual meeting of the Board of Governors. It is merely expected, therefore, that you will issue a call for this meeting; but at the same time indicate to the members of the Board that no one is expected to respond to the call, in view of circumstances brought about by this war, and that you yourself will be present in the office and adjourn the meeting to a given date. In this way the Constitutional requirements will be met.

You will notice also that the date and place to which the meeting shall be adjourned shall be fixed by correspondence between the Secretaries. I am unable to make any definite suggestion at this time in regard to either point, and I am not very hopeful that by January 13th you will be in a much better position than you are at present to fix the time and place of meeting. I shall await your suggestions. The difficulty of

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reaching a conclusion is increased when we have England in our minds as the place of meeting. We were all very desirous that the next meeting should take place there, not only because the time had come for it to be held there but especially in view of the hope entertained that the Church of England Missionary Society would have found the situation within their own Mission so developed as to make possible a definite agreement of co-operation with us in the University work. Perhaps it would be well for us, however, now to seriously ask the question whether it will be wise to postpone the meeting of the Board of Governors for any great length of time, unless there is strong probability that such a meeting could be held at least not later than next Summer with advantage in England. The return of Dr. Beech from China, coupled with the return of Dr. Goucher after a personal visit once more to Chengtu, would seem to furnish additional reasons for the holding of a meeting of the Board of Governors by that time. Would you be inclined to favor the calling of the Board of Governors to meet on this side of the water, on the understanding, of course, that this is done because of unfavorable circumstances in England and with the further understanding that when the circumstances there become favorable the Board shall be called to meet there?

Even if you favor holding the meeting some time during 1915 on this side of the water I do not think it should be held for some months at least, in view of the absence of Dr. Goucher and the fact that we are still unaware of the probable date of arrival of Dr. Beech in this country. The time is fairly short for us to have further correspondence on this matter, and unless you happen to be in the office when this letter reaches you and can deal with the matter at once, it is doubtful whether there will be time for me to get word to you after hearing your suggestions. Hence it appears that you must assume the full responsibility really for fixing the date of the adjourned meeting of the Board of Governors. I suppose the situation would be met, perhaps, if you

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adjourned the meeting without fixing a date, but merely to meet at the call of the Secretaries. If so, there will be ample time for correspondence on the matter.

I had your letter of November 18th before I went to New York and readily understand the financial situation which you have to face in view of the war.

Dr. Barbour brought the question to the attention of the Executive also. Of course, we are all feeling the strain and we can scarcely hope to proceed with the same vigor and on the same scale with our building operations as we had hoped to do when we met at our last Board of Governors meeting. We hope gradually to get adjusted to the new situation and more especially are we hoping and praying that the war now raging may be brought before long to a close.

I am glad to say that the most recent communications from China are on the whole very encouraging.

With very kindest regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

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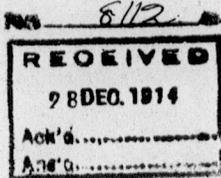
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33 Richmond Street West,
 Toronto, December 12th, 1914.

Mr. Richard H. Smith,
 15 Devonshire Street,
 Bishopsgate,
 London E.C., England.

Dear Sir:-

On receipt of your letter of September 23rd, dealing with the Budget of the West China Union University, we looked up our minutes here, and we too were rather at a loss to understand the Budget as included in the minutes. I may say that the statement of the Budget, as forwarded by Dr. Barbour, was assumed to be correct, and was simply included in the minutes without any checking on our part.

We wrote Dr. Barbour, and have just received an explanation of the situation from him. It seems that he simply itemized the more important or larger items under each heading, - Salaries, Capital and Current Accounts, - but left the totals as forwarded by the Senate. For instance, under "Salaries", #224 of the Senate minutes, you will see that although the total is the same as ours, there are several items which we have not included. We did not notice this omission when sending out the minutes, and believe that the entire list as forwarded by the Senate should be included in our statement of the Budget.

Dr. Endicott has requested me to forward corrected copies of these minutes to the members of the Board of Governors. I enclose herewith copies for your Board.

Thanking you for drawing our attention to this matter, I am,

Yours very truly,

J. Milloy
 Secretary to Dr. Endicott.

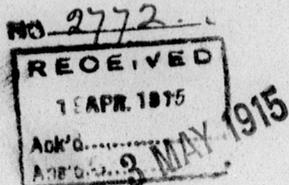
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33 Richmond Street West,

Toronto, April 8th, 1915.

H. T. Hodgkin, M.A., M.B.,
15 Devonshire Street,
Bishopsgate,
London E.C., England.

My dear Dr. Hodgkin:-

I send you herewith two copies of the minutes of our recent meeting of the Executive Committee, which was held in New York on March 24th. The presence of Dr. Beech made the meeting specially important and unusually interesting. I need do nothing more than briefly refer to a few of the items covered by the minutes.

You will notice under #151 that in respect of the management of the Middle School at Chengtu the Executive adopted the following resolution:-

"That the subject of the future management of the Middle School be referred to the Board of Governors for its action."

I do not see that we could very well have done anything other at this juncture. I take it for granted that the various Missionary Boards which have carried on the work of the Middle School as a union movement will continue to provide the funds necessary for the maintenance of the institution. Moreover, I assume that the question of the future site and its relation to the University proper will receive most careful consideration by all our men on the field. Any special difficulties which may be encountered at the present time as a result of failure on the part of the Board of Governors to take over the full control of the work are at the worse, I suppose, only minor ones. In my judgment, the

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position taken by the sub-committee of your China Committee that the control by the Senate of the University of the Middle School should be merely a temporary measure, and favoring the entire separation of our Middle School work from the University as our final policy, deserves most careful consideration. Personally, I am strongly inclined to the same view at present.

Item #154 deals with the question of the date and place of meeting of the Board of Governors. Although it is true that we were empowered to call the next meeting of the Board of Governors at such time and place as we deemed advisable, yet I thought it wise to raise the question at our Executive meeting, in order to get an informal consideration of the question and in order to get the judgment of the men present. You will notice that the resolution adopted is a "recommendation to the Secretaries." Under the circumstances, I shall depend almost entirely upon your judgment in respect of the place of meeting and I hope it will be possible for us to mutually agree upon the date of the meeting. It seems as though we cannot very well postpone the meeting to a much later date than next October. Should we finally decide to adopt the recommendation of the Executive that the next meeting be held in New York, I sincerely trust that you will find it possible to be present. In saying this I am but expressing the unanimous feeling of all the members of the Executive Committee.

You will notice that by item #157 the Secretary is instructed to secure from the Architect an estimate of the cost of giving a bird's eye view of all buildings, actual and prospective, in connection with the University, and if the cost be not excessive, to instruct the Architect to prepare such a view. I shall be very grateful if you will take up the question directly with Mr. Rowntree. Perhaps Dr. Beech has already written you regarding the matter; but the resolution grew out of a recommendation which he presented to the

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Executive Committee. In his judgment, it would greatly assist him in presenting the claims of the University to have such a view of the whole layout as will indicate all the buildings in connection with the University. He evidently requires something more complete than the bird's eye view which was prepared some time ago by Mr. Rowntree.

All the members of the Executive were exceedingly glad to have Mr. Simkin with us at our last meeting. The presence of Dr. Beech and Mr. Simkin insured that the views of the men on the field secured fairly full expression.

With kind regards to Mrs. Hodgkin and yourself and to all the members of your family, I remain,

Very sincerely yours,

James Rudicott.

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Dr. Henry T. Hodgkin,
15 Devonshire St.,
Bishops Gate, London, E.C.

My Dear Dr. Hodgkin -,

You have been much in my thought and prayer during these months which have been so strenuous to you and have brought to you unexpected and heavy burdens; and the conditions which are so accentuated in your immediate environment and personal relations are felt with variations as to detail and severity all around the world. Our refuge is only in God and to Him we are praying that He may so overrule that the Kingdom of the Prince of Peace shall be extended to its complete establishment.

Bishop Bashford and I have just returned a day or two since from our visit to Chengtu and every moment of it was crowded with interest and cause for thanksgiving. There is manifest development along every desirable line in the activities of the church, in the perfecting of organization, in the strengthening of the spirit of unity and in efficiency. There is much I should like to write concerning the West China Union University: too much to crowd into this letter for I am very much behind with my mail and very greatly pressed with engagements of various kinds. The University is quietly acquiring one by one the small pieces of property necessary to perfect the tract where the University is located. While I was there a piece of about seven acres which was held as an endowment for education passed into our hands, it being the plot upon which the college building of the Methodist Episcopal church is to be erected. We got this through the influence of the governor who is taking a deep interest in the institution. Two of our permanent buildings are completed: the one for the theological school and its dormitory, and make a fine appearance. One wing of the Canadian dormitory is completed and the foundations in for the other: but the work has stopped for the present, though material is still being delivered on the ground. The foundations for the gate and the administration

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building are in and work is proceeding upon them. So also upon the houses to be occupied by Mr. Wallace and the house to be occupied by Mr. Ricker. The institution is very much embarrassed for want of buildings and adequate teaching staff and nothing seems more urgent in the immediate future than a normal school building, and a building for the model middle school. A number of the residences for the members of the faculty are finished. The Canadians have finished five and are contemplating two more, we have finished two and are planning for two more, the Baptists have finished one, and I have understood - though not officially - that they have provided for their college building.

While we were in Chengtu we had a meeting of all the physicians^{engaged} in Christian medical work and they ~~have~~ unanimously agreed with enthusiasm to the plan of union which is entirely satisfactory and only awaiting the approval of their Mission Boards which is thought to be practically certain. I suggested that the Missions should be requested by the doctors to appoint the medical men to the University and have a special committee of the University Senate including a good representation of doctors upon it make the assignments for detailed work as to the hospitals, instruction, et cetera, so that each would have his special sphere of action and delimitation of authority. They have taken to this with great heartiness and the indications are very hopeful for opening that department of medical work in the very near future.

The normal school is in great favor with the government because they recognize the importance of securing competent teachers as rapidly as possible. The class is small but the schools under the West China Union Educational Association ^{are} ~~will~~ ^{try} get into good shape and will largely swell the attendance in the near future. Mr. Silcock is doing excellent work and the rumor that he was to be removed produced great consternation there for many reasons. It would have been disastrous had the rumour been correct. Among these were the facts that the buildings pledged by the various Boards and the

full quota of the faculty which they were to furnish have not yet been forthcoming. The quality of the men that have been put in by action of the Board of Governors and Senate is satisfactory. But the fear that when these men were coming to be adjusted that they might be removed by any Mission Board without consultation with others threatened to undercut all confidence in the stability of the enterprise. It was a great shock to the members of the faculty themselves and would have done us most serious discredit with the government which has assumed such a friendly attitude and is cooperating with the institution so heartily. His Excellency Governor W. L. Hu, the Military Governor, gave Dr. Beech a banquet just before he left for America, wrote a very appreciative endorsement of the University and gave him a subscription of \$3,000. The same week His Excellency Y. T. Chen, the Civil Governor, gave him another banquet and subscribed \$3,000 more toward the University. The Military Governor wrote to the head of the Department of Foreign Affairs in Peking saying that it was possible that Dr. Beech would be in Peking on his way to America and it was important that he should meet Yuan Shi-kai because of his relation to an enterprise of importance to Szechwan in particular and western China in general. When Dr. Beech reached Peking he found the arrangements had been made for an interview, and while calling upon the President the President requested to see the endorsement written by Governor Hu. Mr. Beech left the book with him. The next day when it ^{was} returned President Yuan Shi-kai had written an endorsement of the enterprise and made a subscription of \$4,000. These three subscriptions have been paid; and to have jostled the confidence of the government by withdrawing one of the professors from a department so essential to the future of education in West China would have done the institution a harm which it would have been difficult to correct for many, many years. By the way, when Mr. Sawdon returns from his furlough would it not be possible for him to be attached to the Department of Education in the University? This would be very agreeable to those upon the ground and I think especially

serviceable to the institution, for according to the reports Mr. Sowden has peculiar ability to serve in that relation, and such an action coming from your Board would eliminate any suspicion which may linger in the mind of the government that the Friends Foreign Missionary Association is losing its enthusiasm and loyalty to the University.

The two Governors and the Head of the Department of Education gave us banquets and expressed themselves in the most friendly and appreciative manner of the work of the University. After the banquet of the latter, which was held at the Normal School building, the Governors, the heads of the various departments, the principals of the leading government schools and about one hundred and twenty teachers met in the Assembly Hall to be addressed on the subject of education in general and the plans of the University in particular, and showed very hearty appreciation.

Mr. Stewart, the Vice-president, is performing his duties as Acting President with great wisdom and discretion during the absence of Dr. Beech; and Dr. Beech I am sure will fully justify his appointment as the time goes by. He has it in mind to see Pres. Wilson while in the United States and if possible to secure from him an endorsement of the West China Union University. I think we can assist him in this, and if so it will bring the enterprise before the American people in a way which should secure hearty response. The special importance of the endorsement of Pres. Yuan Shi-kai may be in its relation to the accomplishment of this latter purpose.

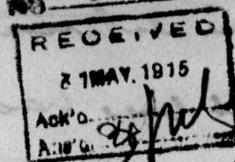
I wish I had time to write you much more fully, but I have an engagement in a few moments and must close.

Praying that your faith fail not but that in all things pertaining to the great work in which you are engaged you may have divine guidance and the consolation of His approval, I remain,

Cordially Yours,

Prof. Gouche

My dear Dr Hodgkin:-



Thanks for your letter of the 3rd inst and your promise to write the article. Mr Brown here has written that he will have his article ready soon. Hope you can succeed in getting Sir Alexander - and Mr Wilson also. By all means get him to write up his side of West China. I am sure it would be of great interest & would give another needed touch to the setting required. Should you find some one else who will add some of interest by all means send it along. The number will not come before Oct. but of course the material should be in long before that time - or at least the assurance of it and the characters of it - that the plate work may be begun.

Mr Rountree has written me re the birds eyes view - and I fear we must let the matter hold over for a time

as his estimate of the cost is far beyond
what we had supposed at the Executive
meeting. The idea of a new view was that
it should include the entire University
including the Mission properties. The present
view gives only a partial view
and is least in evidence at the
present time. When the Methodists look
at the view they naturally ask what is the
Methodist Section - So with the Baptist and
all I suppose - it would be a great gain
if it could be pointed out - and the
entire institution visualized in this
way.

Am spending some time at home just
now & we have the misfortune to have
a Surge of the measles.

With all good wishes and again
Thanking you -

Yours truly & affectionately
Joseph Beech

Dixon, Ill.

May 19th 1915.

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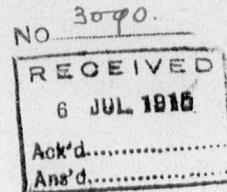
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28th May 1915.

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Rev. J. Endicott, D.D.,
H. T. Hodgkin, M.A., M.B.,
Secretaries of the Board of Governors.

Dear Friends:

Minutes of the Senate up to and including May Thirteenth have gone forward to you and perhaps a few lines of comment may help to make some things clearer. I did not assume my duties as Secretary until the meeting of March Eleventh and I will not deal with anything before that date as I am taking it for granted that Mr. Bayne has cleared up everything to that time.

First of all let me call your attention to the matters on which definite action by the Board of Governors is requested.

In Minute #317, last paragraph, the Senate requests that the Board of Governors ask the F.F.M.A. that if possible such arrangements should be made as will permit E.W. Sawdon on his return to China to work in connection with the University Department of Education. The Senate realized the importance of the work in which Mr. Sawdon has been engaged at Chungking and certainly would not for a moment suggest the crippling of that work but it hopes that perhaps Mr. Sawdon may be released and that work provided for as well.

In regard to the other needs of the Educational Department they will be presented to you along with the needs of the other Departments, we hope in the Minutes of our next meeting. There is a Committee at work on the question of our needs in men, plant, and equipment for the next five years and we hope that they will be able to report at our next meeting.

Re Minute #343. We have heard that owing to financial conditions at Home the A.B.F.M.S. has decided that missionaries on furlough shall not be sent back to their fields this year. We have been counting on the return of Mr. Dye in order to undertake certain work in the Department of Physics and we will be considerably embarrassed if he should not return this year, especially as Mr. Bayne another member of our Science Staff is also now on furlough. We are hoping that his Board may find some way to permit Mr. Dye to return to China at the

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usual time.

Re Minutes #362 (2) and #365. Mr. A.A. Phillips of the Church Missionary Society recently paid us a visit and informed us that financial considerations were at present the only thing preventing them co-operating with us in our work here. He also said that a member of their Mission had offered from private funds at his disposal to advance money sufficient to buy five acres of land, the amount which they are desirous of purchasing, on condition that if they should not later enter into the union this amount should be paid back to him. The C.M.S. on the field are not in a position to guarantee him this and so the matter is held up. The Senate thought that as the amount of land concerned is small, only five acres, and could be very well used for University purposes perhaps the University might agree to take the property off their hands if they finally should be unable to join with us. The Senate recommends this to the Board of Governors inasmuch as it feels that this may hasten the co-operation of the C.M.S., which it regards as most desirable. Dr. Goucher when he was here was of the opinion that the Board of Governors might not look unfavorably on such a proposition. Of course it should be understood that this proposition does not emanate from the C.M.S.

These items apart from the Budget are all, so far as I recall, on which the Senate asks that specific action shall be taken. There are other matters, however, to which I may call your attention lest in the multitude of Minutes they might escape your notice.

We have established an Annual University Day, on which day the students and faculty are at home to their friends. It is to come each year the Tuesday following Easter at which time our grounds look their best. This year we made the laying of the corner stone of the Administration Building a feature of the day. Mr. J. L. Smith, H.B.M. Consul-General kindly consented to lay the stone for us. The day on the whole was quite successful. I enclose a program.

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You will notice by Minute #324 that we now hold a special weekly religious service for the University students. Previously the Middle School and University men attended the one service but we feel now that we have over forty-five students in the University that the time has come when they should have a separate service of their own. It will be better both for the Middle School and the University men.

One of the most important steps we have taken during this term is to adopt a course in Religions which is intended to prepare men for Christian service in the Ministry. This step was decided upon in January, (see Minute #307), just after the visit of Dr. Goucher and Bishop Bashford with whom consultation was had and ~~after~~ after the Mission bodies on the field had been consulted. Mr. Bayne may have already called your attention to this matter. It was felt that one of the most urgent of our problems is to secure and train a higher grade of man for the Ministry than we are now getting. At present in our Bible Training Schools we have been dealing with men of advanced age and with very uncertain and inadequate education. This has been our material and from among them we have succeeded in getting some strong men, but as a class they are not the men who can meet the present unprecedented opportunities before the Church in the openness and accessibility of the student class in China. Therefore, now that we have a band of volunteers for the Ministry in which are several of our University boys, we feel that it is the duty of the University to provide facilities for training them for their life's work as we are already doing for their brothers in medicine and education. We feel that for the University to ignore this problem while it professes to face the educational needs of West China would be fatal both to the University and to the Churches. When we get this course going ~~we feel~~ ~~that~~ the University will be helping to meet the three great needs which are at present most urgent, that for Christian doctors, ^{that for} Christian teachers, and that for Christian workers as pastors, preachers and evangelists.

We have had considerable discussion on the question whether next year we should attempt to teach in the Senior College all the Departments offered in our calendar. Our Staff seemed insufficient to teach them all and yet we hesitated to eliminate any as it might seem to some like retrogression. Finally we decided next year to teach the special courses in English, Education, Mathematics, and Chemistry, (see Minute 313. (5)), and to teach no others unless there should be a considerable number of students electing them. The problem of making our staff stretch over the various Departments is a very real one, especially when one or two of our number is on furlough. We have the Middle School, the Medical School, the Normal School, The Bible Training School, the Language School, the Junior Division of the University, and the various Departments of the Senior College all to be staffed, so far as the foreign staff is concerned, from the one group of men here. However, our needs in the way of men and equipment and the general question of our development will be brought before you shortly in the report of the Committee which is at work on the question, so I need say no more here.

I regret to report that Mr. and Mrs. Yost have been obliged to leave China for reasons of health. They left on the 26th inst. Mr. Yost ^{as you know} has been associated with the University for many years; ~~laterally~~ ^{as you know} he has been Treasurer of the University on the Field. Both he and Mrs. Yost have been hard and capable workers and their going is a distinct loss to our University work, as well as to their own Mission. Mr. W. R. Taylor of the A.B.F.M.S. has been appointed Treasurer in the place of Mr. Yost.

At present I do not think of any other matters to which I should call your attention. We do not know when the Annual Meeting of the Board of Governors will be held but hope that this communication may be in ample time.

Our work is very encouraging. We have the closest relations with the Government educationists. We are establishing ourselves in their confidence and respect and ~~are~~ are gradually getting a name for honest and efficient work.

Everything is quiet in the Province though the exceeding dryness of the Spring has made the price of rice and all foods very dear, and there is, I fear, much suffering among the poor. We all rejoice that war has been avoided between China and Japan, and we sincerely hope that the European struggle may soon terminate.

With kindest regards to you both and to all the members of the Board of Governors whom I know, I am

on behalf of the Senate,

Yours sincerely,

C. R. Barracullen

Secretary.

P.S. We have just had word that the Board of Governors will meet in October. We shall probably have other matters to communicate before that date.
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My dear Doctor Hodgkin:-

Very many thanks for your
of the 27th of May and also for your enclosing
article for World Outlook - Mr Brownhall's article
has also come to hand.

I am very glad to hear you say that
you have some hope of getting to this country
for the Board of Summers meeting. There is one
item that we ought to get settled at this coming
meeting and I hope that your Board will take
the action required to permit of it. I refer to
the Middle School. Your last action which included
the idea of "temporary arrangements" cuts out
action on the subject as it involves property
purchase etc.

You perhaps know that the plan of the
man on the piece is to locate the Middle School
back of the old Classical School - between our
present grounds and the South Gate and adjoining
ing the Baptist property on the East. This piece
of property has already been purchased as it was
felt it would be needed by the University - if not
used for M.S. and it was in the market.

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This distance meets any objection as I see it. On
the other hand we must have in mind conditions in
China - which change so slowly & differ so largely
from those here. There is not a college in China
I believe that has yet been able to separate
their College from Preparatory School except on
paper or by a fence, & in most cases not even
the fence. St. Johns is just about to get the
fence - ^{if they can purchase the women's property} Canton ~~Union~~ College includes even the
Senior Primary. Nursing has its work below middle
grade between the college & professors residences and
in the permanent layout has the U.S. work at one
end & the university work at the other of the main axis.
Peking will have the Methodist U.S. work adjoining the
union university if they get it. ^{the union} It is now a part of the
college work there ^{same} as it is at Fochow. I hope you
will not allow principles which rule here - however sound - to
prevent a practice which the conditions there call for.
I hope therefore that you will see your way clear to express in
a preamble to your minute what you would like to see
but in the minute itself approve the Senate taking
the U.S. under its jurisdiction as part of the University -
Leaving the way open for a separate administration
later on if such is desirable or if conditions favor
it. There are now 200 students in U.S. We need larger
quarters - as soon as possible - More temporary buildings
however is not economy.

And now - if my requests, will stand another -
 Can you ascertain just what the position of the
 CMS is in regard to the University? I wish to
 know exactly how it stands and I am sure you
 can learn such by a conversation with them
 far better than could be done by letter.

Word from the field is to the effect that
 both the Mission on the field and the Board
 at home have taken action favoring the
 CMS joining in the University. On the field
 they have gone so far as to ask the Senate
 if they would take over \$3000 worth of land
 from them if it was found later that the
 CMS could not enter. It seems they are about
 to purchase this land - one of the members on the
 field making the advance in order to permit of
 its purchase. It looks as though the CMS
 had taken the action necessary - except in ad-
 vancing the funds. Can you not find out
 exactly how the CMS in London stand toward
 it - and let me know that I may be
 true to the facts in my statement of the
 case here?

With all best wishes, & again thanking you
 for your article - your interest in securing others.
 Please continue to look for me for Mr. Wilson

Yours truly & fraternally
 Joseph Beal

Address Fifth Ave
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Report of Senate to the Board of Governors, For the Scholastic Year 1914-15.

To the Board of Governors,
West China Union University.

Gentlemen:

In presenting our report for another year we wish,

First: To report the present state and progress of the work, and,
Second: To call your attention to what seems to us urgent needs.

1. Present State and Progress of the Work: We will refer to this under the following headings,- 1. Purchase of Property; 2. Improvements of Grounds; 3. Building Operations; 4. Faculties, Departments, Courses of Study, and Staff; 5. Students:(a) Enrollment, (b) Academic Standing, (c) Health, (d) Social Life, (e) Religious Life; 6. Relation to the Chinese Officials and People; 7. Relation to the Chinese Church and Missions; 8. Relation to the Board of Governors.

1. Purchase of Property:- We have succeeded in adding to our site during the year two important pieces of property. The first of these is known as the "Two Fuh" Property (it being sold to us by a guild composed of people of the two provinces of Hu-lan and Hu-Peh, Hu is pronounced Fu in Szechwan). It consists of about forty Chinese Mung er (including site of tenant's house) about seven English acres. The purchase price was Eighty Taels per Chinese "mung" plus the paying off of the deposit of the tenant, another Two Hundred Taels, in all about Taels Three Thousand Four Hundred, (Tls.3400), that is approximately Three Hundred and Ten Dollars gold (\$310) per English acre. As you will see by the map, this property was in two sections, and was especially essential to square out the old central plot.

The second piece of property purchased lies directly to the west of A.B.F.M.S. property and thus nearer the south gate of the City. It is known as the Marquis Yang property, and consists of about fifty Chinese mung er including dikes between fields, etc. approximately eight and one-half (8½) English acres. For this property we paid the usual eighty taels per Chinese acre, paid off the tenant, a sum of Tls. Two Hundred and Fifty, and another Tls. Two Hundred and Fifty to secure the good will and signature of the owner's mother. As this property was a direct purchase and not an exchange as in the case of the "Two Fuh" property, we had moreover

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to pay a registration fee of about Tls. One Hundred and Fifty, so that this property was more expensive than the former by about Tls. Eight per Chinese mung. It is however splendidly situated for our purposes, and will answer admirably for Normal and Middle School sites if so desired at some later date.

In addition to these larger purchases we have secured the small Ho property so necessary as the site of the Administration Building, and are constantly clearing off individual or small groups of graves.

There is still a large strip to the east of the south extension of the central section, necessary to purchase to complete that line, also certain fields wedged into the "Two Fuhs" property, and a further whole section of the latter along the river front. Some of these properties will prove exceedingly difficult to purchase, as they are owned by societies or wealthy landlords, who will hold ^{out} for the sake of family face or big prices. "Naturally we are very happy, through your foresight, to have the purchase price ready whenever the opportunity arises, as such usually must be seized at once in China.

2. Improvements of Grounds:- Certain improvements to the site are constantly proceeding. These include such matters as follows.- The main street to the north of the central plot has been straightened, graded and fenced for much of its length on the north side with wire, and to a considerable extent with hedge. The ditch to the west of the main road between the M.E.M. and F.F.M.A. properties has been deepened and a culvert built. The bund along the river front which was unfortunately badly washed out by last year's high water, is being repaired. Trees are being planted by the Missions at several points and by the University along part of the east and west road. In addition to these, considerable surveying has also been done, boundaries adjusted and sites located. Thus the former farms with their rice fields are gradually being transformed into a College campus.

3. Building Operations:- Naturally the most striking improvements are in the buildings erected. During the year the M.E.M. has erected a large dormitory with a fine pagoda-like tower, and the Joyce Memorial Building. The latter is intended ultimately as a theological school but is at present being used as a dormitory for University and Theological students, and also loaned to the University for library and class room purposes. The M.E.M. has also begun the erection of a second permanent house. The C.M.M. has completed two more dwellings and a two storey dormitory for University students. The A.B.F.M.S. has its third dwelling well on toward completion and material collected for the erection of its College Building. The F.F.M.A. has also a large amount of material on hand for their College. The University itself has the foundations down for the Superintendent's house, the brick work almost completed for the house of the Secretary of Education, and the Administration Building about up to the first windows. In addition to these a two storey brick building has been erected adjoining the south end of the temporary teaching buildings, for medical, especially dis-secting, purposes. A temporary residence for the Superintendent of Construction has been built on the F.F.M.A.

property and a small two room primary school; the Dewey School, near the F.F.M.A. dormitories. The permanent gateway to the north of the north and south road, as the University grounds are approached from the river, is also completed and presents quite a fine appearance. Buildings urgently needed will be noted later. We consider ourselves fortunate, however, to be able to proceed with the Administration Building and the two dwellings despite the great war.

4. Faculties, Departments, Courses of Study, and Staff:- As we have made some slight changes in terminology recently it may be well to restate the work of the University. All work below University grade is spoken of as "Schools". Thus we have the Union Normal School, the Union Language School, the Union Middle School, and the Union Theological (or Bible) School. For the latter your body bears of course, no responsibility, but as it is carried on by the same Missions and by the same personnel of workers, and is closely associated with the Middle School and other parts of our union work, it seemed well to mention it here. Reports of some of the schools are herewith appended, so need not be further dealt with in this Report.

The University covers a period of six years after graduation from the Middle School and is divided, according to the Chinese Government scheme, into a three years general or preparatory course, called by us the "Junior Division", and after graduation from this a further three years of largely special courses which we speak of as the "Senior Division." The Senior Division is further divided into the following Faculties:- Faculty of Arts, Faculty of Science, Faculty of Medicine, and Faculty of Religion.

Junior Division: The subjects taught in this Division during the past year are as follows, -(Where the names of two instructors are given it means first and second term).

First Year:-Religious Knowledge	2	hours	G.B. Neumann, J.L. Stewart.
English	5	"	Mrs. Neumann, W.M. Crawford.
Chinese Language	3	"	Mr. U.M.A., C.P. Liao, M.A.
Modern History	3	"	H.D. Robertson.
Algebra	3	"	A.E. Johns.
Physics	3	"	A.E. Johns.
Biology	4	"	P.M. Bayne.
	Total	23	"

Medical Students took of the above the Subjects of Religious Knowledge, English, Physics and Biology or

	14	hours, and in addition	
Anatomy	5	"	W.R. Morse.
Anatomy	2	"	H.L. Canright.
Chemistry	3	"	O.L. Kilborn, C.M. Stubbs.
Embriology	2	"	P.M. Bayne.
	Total	26	"

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Second Year:	Religious Knowledge	2	hours	G.B. Neumann, J. Taylor.
	English	5	"	C.R. Carscallen, W.M. Crawford
	Chinese Lang. & Lit.	3	"	With first year.
	Modern History (2 T)	3	"	H.D. Robertson.
	Algebra	3	"	With first year.
	Trigonometry (1 T)	3	"	A.E. Johns.
	Physics	3	"	With first year
	Sociology (1 T)	3	"	G.B. Neumann.
	Astronomy (2 T)	2	"	A.E. Johns.
		21	"	

Thir Year:	Religious Knowledge	2	hours	G.B. Neumann, J. Taylor.
	English	5	"	J. Taylor.
	Chinese Lang. & Lit.	3	"	With other years.
	Economics (1 T)	2	"	G.B. Neumann.
	Logic (2 T)	2	"	C.R. Carscallen.
	Ethics (2 T)	2	"	C.R. Carscallen.
	Sociology (1 T)	2	"	G.B. Neumann.
	Astronomy (2 T)	2	"	A.E. Johns.
	Chemistry	3	"	O.L. Kilborn, C.M. Stubbs.
		19	hours.	

As the ground actually covered by each instructor indicated above is covered by his report hereto appended, no further detail as to the work in this division seems necessary.

Sanier Division: In this Division certain subjects are common to all courses. They are, - Religious Instruction, 1 hour, J. Taylor, C.R. Carscallen.
English (pass) 5 " s, J. Taylor.
Chinese Lan. & Lit. 3 " , Mr. U. C.P. Liao, M.A.

In addition the following special courses and subjects have been given, -

English Department:				
	Special English	3	hours	J. Taylor.
	English History	2	"	Mrs. Carscallen.
Department of Philosophy:				
	Abnormal Psychology	2	"	J.L. Stewart.
	Theory of Knowledge	2	"	J.L. Stewart.
	Epistemology	2	"	C.R. Carscallen.
	Ethical Systems	2	"	C.R. Carscallen.
Department of History:				
	Ancient Civilizations	2	"	H.D. Robertson.
	Political Institutions	2	"	H.D. Robertson.
	Historical Geography (1 T)	1	"	H.D. Robertson.
Department of Biology:				
	Embryology	2	"	P.M. Bayne.
	Neurology	2	"	P.M. Bayne.
Department of Chemistry:				
	Inorganic (lab)	2	"	C.M. Stubbs.
	Direction of Students	1	"	C.M. Stubbs.
	Analytical Chemistry	3	"	A.E. Johns.
Department of Mathematics:				
	Analytical Geometry (1 T)	3	"	A.E. Johns.
	Differential Calculus	3	"	A.E. Johns.
Department of Education:				
	Comparative Education	2	"	E.W. Wallace.
	Teaching Method	1	"	H.T. Silcock.
	Administration	1	"	E.W. Wallace.
	Educational Philosophy	1	"	H.T. Silcock.
	Educational Sociology	1	"	H.T. Silcock.

As the work of these Departments is also covered by individual reports of the Instructors herewith appended, no further detail is necessary here, save to say that students in addition to the general subjects ~~xxxxx~~ outlined above and the special subjects of their department were required to take selected subjects from other departments, making the total number of hours for each student per week approximately eighteen hours. Our catalogue gives the actual outline for each course.

5. Students: (a) Enrollment, - The total enrollment for the year is approximately as follows:-

	Middle School	165
	Normal School	20
	Theological School	23
	Language Sc. (2 terms)	26
Junior Div.	Arts & Science	31
	Medicine	10
Senior Div.	Faculty of Arts, -	
	Dept. of Philosophy	2
	Dept. of English	1
	Dept. of Education	2
	Faculty of Science, -	
	Dept. of Chemistry	1
	Dept. of Mathematics	2
	Total	285
	Counted Twice	23
	Net Total	260

(b) Academic Standing. The long tendency to memorize rather than for original investigation and weighing results for themselves, among Chinese students, leaves much to be desired among ours also. Still it is not difficult to arouse interest and sufficient insistence on the part of the instructor can assure good results. Our students on the whole have shown very commendable diligence, and have stood well in their examination tests. A few have fallen short in one or two subjects but only one or two have had to lose their year.

(c) Health. The health of the students on the whole has been good. Only one death has occurred, that from tuberculosis. Another of our students is also threatened with this dread disease. Though these are the only serious cases, there are many petty ailments and frequent requests for medicine. We hope to remedy this in the near future by having students properly examined and advised when they first enter the Institution. We also hope through the Medical Department to open up a dispensary here upon the College campus. This will enable students to receive attention without interfering with their studies. Heretofore they have had to go into the city to the dispensaries in connection with the hospitals entailing much delay and sometimes abuse of privileges.

(d) Social Life. As studies and examinations tend possibly to emphasize the self-seeking side of the student life, we are trying to counteract this by various religious activities, social functions, English clubs, singing classes, concerts, and sports. The students play tennis, baseball, and basket ball, but association football is especially popular. They have played repeated matches with the City Y.M.C.A., the Provincial College, and many other schools. So far they have been defeated but once. That was by a picked team from several schools which secured a couple of scores ahead but were properly beaten the following week. Such sports aid much in developing a proper

esprit de corps and pride in their Alma Mater.

(e) Religious Life. The majority of our students have so far come to us from the Missions and have therefore previously come under Christian influences. Still the number who come to us from other sources increases. They are especially numerous in the lower grades. The effect of the life of the Institution upon them may be seen from the fact that in the University all are Christians. A student Y.M.C.A. open to all, carries on many activities such as Bible study classes, lecture courses, prayer circles, also social, reading and entertainment departments. A marked feature of the student life is a Sunday morning service conducted by themselves on the University grounds for workmen, farmers, merchants, servants, and others with an attendance of about two hundred. In addition to these University activities the students attend the services of their respective churches in the City, many assisting there in Sunday School, social and general church work. For Sunday evenings the student body has recently been divided into two sections, one includes all those below and the other all above university grade. As the students of the University understand English fairly well, occasionally services are conducted in the latter service in English. After the meetings of Pastor Ting Li Mei a year ago, a volunteer band of Candidates for the Christian Ministry was formed. These number about twenty-eight, meet regularly each Sunday morning, are seeking to win others to their cause, and a few are going out by twos into the country district round about seeking to win the farm homes to the cause of the Kingdom.

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6. Relation to the Chinese Officials and People: Our relations with the Chinese people, students, gentry and officials have been most happy. Not only has there been almost an absolute cessation of the old opposition and malicious reports, but we have had in many instances their hearty and happy cooperation, to make our educational enterprise a success. An international teachers' association has done much to create this new atmosphere. Teachers have been interchanged between our own and other schools, and several private and public functions held. The Civil Governor, the Commissioner of Civil Affairs, the Educational Commissioner and other officials, have all been most friendly. But most gracious of all has been the Military Governor, Fuh Chin Yi. He has personally attended several functions in connection with the University, invited members of the Faculty and others repeatedly to his yamen, and opened in the name of the people of Szechwan the Joyce Memorial Building. To this continued generosity he surprised all, by writing a splendid recommendation for our work to the home base, and headed our President's subscription book with the handsome sum of Three Thousand Dollars. The Civil Governor followed his good example with a subscription for a similar sum. Indeed the later splendid endorsement of President Yuan Shi Kai and his generous contribution of Four Thousand Dollars was doubtless greatly due to Governor Fuh's good offices in pressing the right button in Peking. These repeated kindnesses are no doubt largely due to the fact that Governor Fuh studied as a young man many years ago in the Mission schools in Chungking. Should not this also be a striking evidence to us of what many another young man may yet do if we but properly emphasize the educational side of our Missionary enterprise?

7. Relation to the Chinese Church and Missions: Our relations with the Chinese Churches and the Missioners are so far as we are aware most close and cordial. The four Missions included in the union have supplied us as best they could with workers, and heartily approved and supported most of our plans. As to other Missions, their approval and aid has best been ~~max~~ evinced by sending us their students and sympathy with our propaganda. Our relations with the C.M.S. has been particularly happy. Before leaving on furlough Mr. J.R. Stewart, one of their number resident in Chengtu, attended many of our Senate Meetings and was in close touch and cordial sympathy with our plans. Before his departure the C.M.S. on the field gave their hearty approval to entering the union scheme, and Mr. Stewart left a private sum in the Shanghai Bank, to be used for the purchase of a site for their Mission in connection with the union plant, with the understanding that should the C.M.S. later be unable to enter the Union, then the Board of Governors would purchase the site, say five acres English, from them. Since then we have had a further meeting with Mr. A.A. Phillips, Secretary for the C.M.S. on the field. Mr. Phillips expressed himself and his Mission as heartily favoring the scheme and is expecting a communication from Mr. Stewart which would enable him to put the money at our disposal. We will later ask your approval to an arrangement by which the C.M.S. may be assured of our relieving them of their purchase should they be unable to enter.

8. Relation to the Board of Governors: We are constantly reminded and stimulated in our work, by the deep interest and sacrifice of your membership in behalf of the University and all its problems. We well realize that you are men of many and wide interests and that the demands upon your time and generosity are great. That you should individually and collectively give so generously of your time, thought and means for the advancement of the University is a constant inspiration to us all. We wish especially to thank you for the visit this year of your Chairman, Dr. Goucher. His visit was most welcome and opportune. To be able to present our problems and talk them through face to face was a privilege we valued very highly. He will doubtless give you the details of his meeting with us, so we need not dwell upon them here. While with us Dr. Goucher devised a system of four junior and one senior primary school as a unit, and donated a sum for the support of the plan. These will be of great service especially to our Normal Department as training and practise schools for student teachers. At present the ground has been secured and the senior primary building almost completed. We hope to be able to give substantial proof of the wisdom of the experiment in a year from now.

May we not hope that many others of your body will from year to year find opportunity to come to the field and see at first hand the work you are doing, and guide us in our efforts?

II. Present and Urgent Needs: As to our present and urgent needs we would respectfully present the following trusting that they will have your careful consideration.-

1. That you will as suggested above give the C.M.S. Board the proper assurance that should they now proceed to purchase property for a site for their Mission in connection with the Union University scheme, and later find themselves unable to enter, you as a Board of Governors will purchase the property they have bought at the price they have given.

2. Regarding Buildings. As this matter has been frequently presented before and our President and Dr. Goucher are further familiar with the details, we need not do more than reiterate our pressing need of more and appropriate Middle School, Medical, Normal, Science, Library and other buildings. In this connection we would also like to be informed as to the extent of our responsibility as a Senate for the buildings being erected. Are we in any way responsible for the construction or materials used in the buildings? Or is this responsibility wholly with the architect and builder? And secondly, are we in any way responsible for the funds, that is the amount used in the erection of say the present two houses and Administration Building? Or are the buildings to go on to completion according to plans without limit as to cost? We are not raising these questions in any way to suggest dissatisfaction, or that the work is not being well and economically done, but simply as stated to know the extent of our responsibility as a Senate in such matters.

3. Needs in Men: As you are probably aware our staff has of late been much weakened through furloughs, illness and other causes. Just at present the following are off the field. Our President, J. Beech; D.S. Dye, our instructor in Physics; G.B. Neumann, our instructor in Sociology; P.M. Bayne, our instructor in Biology; and just recently our treasurer, J.W. Yost who has been forced to leave suddenly owing to a threatened attack of tuberculosis. Naturally such a decrease leaves us very inadequately supplied, especially as we have but one man qualified for each department. We would request then:-

(a) That these men on furlough be given every opportunity to prepare themselves in their respective departments while at home, and be promptly returned to the field at the expiration of their furlough period.

(b) Owing to the departure of Dr. Beech we have no one ~~qualified~~ qualified to teach geology, mineralogy and kindred subjects. We would wish then again to urge the appointment of a man qualified to teach these and assist to some extent in other science departments, such as Physics, Mathematics, and Chemistry.

(c) Being a foreign institution somewhat in competition with government institutions, we find it essential that adequate emphasis be placed upon English, as an inducement to students, and even more necessary as a means of preparation for higher courses. We therefore find our staff inadequate for the work of this department and would again urge upon your body the providing of a man for Moderns, capable if possible of speaking French or German, and who could assist in the Department of English. Possibly some French or German society might be found who would cooperate with the Board and thus provide a man or men.

(d) We have heard with great satisfaction that the A.B.F.M.S. are likely to supply us with an additional man for Sociology, Mr. Price, and we have asked the F.F.M.A. to release, if possible, Mr. Soden for our Educational Department. We trust you will add your good influences to advising their Boards in our behalf and that means may also speedily be found to send the other men mentioned to the field.

4. Incorporation: We hope at Christmas time this year to have our first two graduates from the University, when Mr. S.C. Wu will graduate in Education and Mr. H.Y. Fuh will graduate in Philosophy. In case we are not by that time incorporated we presume that your intention is that

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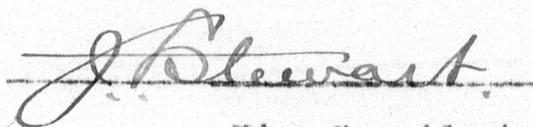
we issue to these gentlemen our own certificate of graduation. In case we are then incorporated, what would be our procedure? Shall we send their papers for approval, or how proceed? In any case we would be happy to have your advice in the matter.

5. In closing we would repeat our request that others of your body, or those whom you would direct, follow Dr. Goucher's good example and visit the work here upon the field. Situated as we are far inland the usual tourist rarely reaches us. We believe, however, that there are few more romantic spots on the surface of the earth than West China with its Yangtse gorges, its vast

and populous plains and its might mountain ranges towering high to the snow peaks of Tibet. We can assure our friends a warm welcome and feel amply repaid by the inspiration they bring us.

Thanking you again for your continued labors in behalf of the University, and trusting that our requests of this year will meet again ~~with~~ your approval, and merit speedy action, we remain

The Senate of the West China Union University,
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Vice-President.

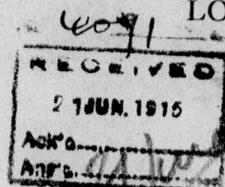
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WEST CHINA UNION UNIVERSITY.

Dr H.T.Hodgkin,
18 Devonshire Street,
E.C.

My dear Hodgkin,

I am sorry I have not replied to yours of the 3rd earlier & I am now in receipt also of yours of the 15th. I have not had any letter from Dr Beech in regard to the birds-eye view since I wrote him saying what it would cost.

I could of course make a block plan of the whole estate but I rather imagine it is the picture he wants. I have had a talk with the man who did the present birds-eye view and he says he could enlarge it in a very simple outlined way showing all the buildings but he could not possibly do this for less than £15-15-0. The effect of this would be to throw the central plot further away from the foreground and this could not be done without emphasizing the M.E.M. & F.E.M.A. properties ~~as they would thereby be prominent.~~ Of course if Dr Beech does not want the residences on these compounds but merely the college buildings that would simplify matters a little, but I think would not modify the cost. Under the circumstances of the war when architects have practically nothing to do I cannot ask this particular man who is actually without work to make any further concession.

If you feel you can give authority for this I would prepare a block plan as well.

Dr Beech says he would give me a lay out of their property & I suppose I should want the position of their proposed colleges to enable me to work out the scheme.

If you would wish to see me personally about the matter I am expecting to be in the city on Tuesday but perhaps you are not coming to the office just now.

Yours sincerely,

Fred Rowntree

*I will take up the matter direct
with Beech if you prefer.*

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Dear Dr. Hodgkin,

You are quite right in thinking that negotiations have taken place about the possibility of C.M.S. taking a part in the West China Union University.

We have command of the necessary money for the purchase of a site for our use, if and when it is possible to purchase one.

Mr. Stewart before leaving China, obtained, as I understand two promises. One from what he calls the University Committee for purchasing land, or rather from its chairman, that he would, if desired, undertake ^{to do what he could} to secure us a site with the money available, when he heard whether C.M.S. approved of the proposal.

The other promise was from Dr. Goucher that if C.M.S. would purchase a site he would guarantee for the Board that if later on C.M.S. found it impossible to proceed, the Board would buy back the site at the same price.

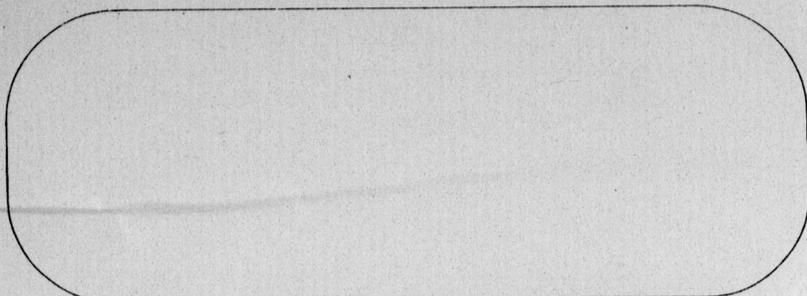
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Our Committee have had these promises before them and on the strength of them have informed Mr. Stewart, who as you probably know is in France at the Front as a Chaplain, and also Mr. Phillips, our Secretary in West China that our Committee will be very glad on these terms to have the refusal of a site, which I take ~~it~~ to mean that the money available should be laid out on the purchase of a suitable site, when possible, our Committee relying on Dr. Goucher's promise that if later on ^{not} that we found our hopes of a share in the University can be fulfilled, ~~that~~ the Board would relieve us of the site at its cost price to us.

I have not yet heard of any purchase being made it is only about now that Mr. Phillips will be hearing of our Committee's approval.

With regard to the co-opted member for your Board, I would suggest that your Board might think our new Secretary, the Rev. ^{E.}F.E. Wigram, who is asked to take up educational matters for us on the foreign side, may be the most

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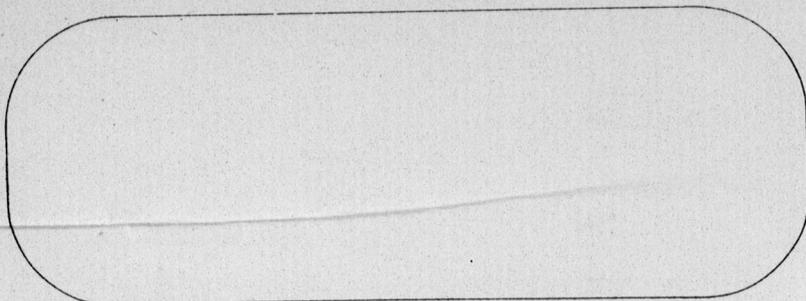
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suitable successor to Mr. Lunt, who was so kindly appointed a member before, if the idea is to have someone specially connected with the C.M.S.

We have not made much progress in any direction about the University Scheme except about the matter of a site referred to above. ^{still} We will keep before us the hope of a share in the University, but any immediate prospect of money to build with, and a staff to share in the work is not very bright. You can easily understand that the War has rather put into the distance a good many hopes which we had.

I have been overlooking your suggestion that we might wisely have a talk together ^{I am sorry} especially ⁱⁿ after this week I shall not be in Office. If it will be convenient for you to arrange a talk any day this week, I will do my best to meet you, avoiding 4 to 5 on Wednesday, when I am fixed up.

I am sorry I must say that I have nothing to report on the Native Church Committee. I have a sore conscienc

informed that you are away & cannot meet 1948

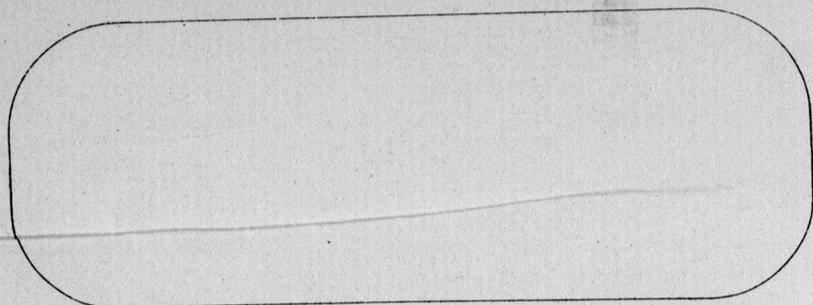
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I am afraid on the matter, but have not felt able to do any-
thing all these months.

I am,

Yours very faithfully,

F. Baylis

Secretary.

H.T.Hodgkin, Esq., M.B.

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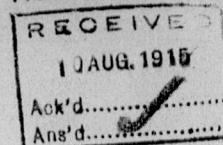


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June Twenty Sixth 1915

Dr. H. T. Hodgkin,

Secretary F. F. M. A.,
15 Devonshire St., Bishops Gate,
London England.

Dear Dr. Hodgkin,-

Enclosed please find the annual report of the Board of Governors to the Senate. With Dr. Beech at home this year to personally present the work and needs of the University, it seemed scarcely necessary to send this. However it is now almost six months since he left the field, so we thought it wise to send this along as heretofore. Should you not find time to examine the whole report, we trust you will at least note the FIVE requests at the close. To these should be added a sixth, namely that in connection with the visit here of Joseph Elkinton, of Philadelphia. We hope through his generosity to greatly strengthen his Normal Department. I am of course sending copies of this to Dr. Endicott and Dr. Beech.

Personally I am always happy to hear through friends here of your continued prosperity and of the great work you are doing for the cause of the Kingdom. We look forward to having you again visit the field in the not distant future, and trust that Mrs. Hodgkin and the boys will accompany you. Please convey my kindest regards to them.

Yours Very Sincerely,

J. Stewart

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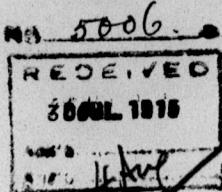
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Toronto, July 14, 1915.

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Dr. Henry T. Hodgkin,
15 Devonshire Street,
Bishops' Gate, London, E.C.,
England.

My dear Dr. Hodgkin,

When in New York I wrote you a letter, but I do not remember having posted it. However, it is not in my suitcase here, and I judge that I have misplaced it and that it has gone on with my baggage to Dixon, Ill., so I will repeat some of the items I mentioned in that letter.

I stated that we had been at Philadelphia and that we had made some progress towards the securing of gifts. We especially endeavored to secure the Middle School Building, and we are in hopes that that building may be supplied as a result of our labor there.

As a result of my labor in Philadelphia and New York among the Friends, I am convinced that it is both feasible and practicable to secure the entire support of Mr. Simkin on this side. They know that you are meeting a portion of that expense and there is a tendency to "lie-down" on the whole proposition because of that fact. One gentleman said to me - "Well, the English Friends are contributing towards his support, they are wealthy, why not let them do it?" If Mr. Simkin had a letter from you in which you stated that conditions in England made it most desirable that his whole support should be undertaken on this side, but making it very clear that he was a most desirable man and that you wished no change of his relation to your Mission, I am quite sure that such a letter could be used to advantage, and that it would result in Mr. Simkin securing his entire support. I have spoken with Mr. Simkin about the matter, and I am quite sure that he would not be offended and would understand such a letter if he should receive it from you. It therefore occurred to me that it was but right that I should inform you of this possibility, as I know that you are anxious to have the interest which the American Friends take in the West China work extended as far as possible.

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I very much hope that you can be present at the Board of Governors meeting in October, and I have expressed the

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hope to Mr. Simkin that he, too, will be present, but he is somewhat doubtful.

With all best wishes, I remain,

Yours very truly,

Joseph Beech

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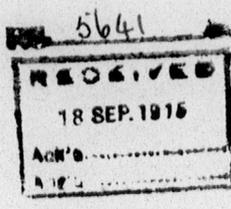
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33 Richmond Street West,
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H. T. Hodgkin, M.A., M.B.,
 15 Devonshire Street,
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 London E.C., England.

Dear Dr. Hodgkin:-

Dr. Endicott is assuming that you will secure from the Architect, Mr. Rowntree, a report to be presented to the Board of Governors at its meeting next month. It is just possible he has this in mind; but we thought it will to send this reminder to you.

We have not the Agenda for the Board Meeting prepared yet, but hope to send it out in a few days.

Yours very truly,

J. Milloy

Secretary to Dr. Endicott.

If Dr. Hodgkin absent, will his office please attend to this?

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Chengtu, Szechwan, China,
July 21, 1915.

Rev. J. Endicott, D.D.
TORONTO, CANADA.

Dear Dr. Endicott:-

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There is a matter to which I wish to refer now, in anticipation of a discussion which is surely coming in the University Senate, and of action which I trust will be taken there. It is this, as to the relation of the University Architect to the Senate of the University. This matter is well up before you already, as you will have had it in communications during some months back.

Here are some of the facts:

- (1) A style of architecture has been decided upon for the University buildings, which is neither Chinese nor foreign. This matter was decided by the Board of Governors in consultation with the architect, without reference to the Senate. There is a strong feeling in the Senate that a mistake has been made. Very little was said about it here, because it had already been settled by the Board of Governors. A number of us feel that the best architecture the West could offer, should have been provided for the University, leaving the Chinese themselves to introduce modifications in future years, according to their own ideas.

As matters are now, we are going to have buildings erected here, costing large sums of money, as to the success of which from the architectural point of view no one knows. It is an experiment.

I don't hardly think this question will be raised in the Senate. The feeling is that it has been taken out of our hands.

- (2) In connection with this adopted style of architecture, the architect insists that tiles must be used on the roofs.

Now practically every tile roof in Chengtu, whether round or flat tiles, continues to leak

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every year, notwithstanding all the repairs, and all the devices adopted. His insistence goes so far, that while we do not regard our college building as under his supervision, yet a majority of our committee at that time felt that we ought to cover our buildings with tiles, in order that our buildings might be in harmony with the University buildings. Consequently our first building, and the only one we have erected thus far, the dormitory, is covered with tiles.

Some one has suggested that not until some of the fine big University buildings have leaked so often often and ~~so~~ disastrously as to destroy the ceilings and contents amounting to the value of a new roof, will we be able to get them under steel covering.

People living under tiles get up regularly every night it rains, and place buckets, tubs, crocks, etc., to catch the leaks in the attic. We who live under steel sleep in perfect security through it all. The crows cant turn our steel shingles over, the wind cant blow them off, nor do they crack in the sun. I should add that they show no signs of rusting yet.

- (3) The architect has planned two dwellings for Messrs. Wallace and Ricker. About nine tenths of the people here criticize the layout of these houses, severely. There are about two good rooms in each house, the rest ~~is~~ all cut up into very small rooms, decidedly unsuitable to this country and climate.

However, this is not serious. Most people are only too pleased to get a foreign house to live in, to want to offer any criticismz Though it does seem a pity, sometimes.

The most serious matter in this connection is that the architect has placed his two houses down, nearly in a line with our row of six houses, - but 50 or 70 feet farther away from the stream at the back. He has also turned them around, making them face south, instead of north, as ours do; thus they face out of the University grounds, not in; their kitchens on the north and west sides, i.e. on what is bound to be the fronts of these houses, in spite of any plans to the contrary. Moreover, these kitchens are pointed directly towards our houses, looking from any one of our row. Owners

or guests entering these houses, will always do so, in evitably, by what is intended to be the back doors, immediately adjacent to the kitchens and outhouses.

That may do in England; it is not pleasant, comfortable or artistic in China. We always put our kitchens out of sight, if we can get them there. The architect has put them in front and directed exactly towards our Canadian Methodist Mission row of houses. I don't think there is a man or woman connected with the University who does not think this arrangement ugly and inconvenient.

- (4) Mr. Ricker's house is placed square with the cardinal points of the compass, like every other building, already built or planned, on any spot of the University grounds, whether Mission or University, --- except the one house thus far erected by the Friends.

But Mr. Wallace's house is placed at an angle, facing an imaginary curved drive-way, but entirely out of relation with every other building on the grounds. Dr. Canright and I were looking at it yesterday from the upper story of a new dwelling he is erecting for the M.E.M., and he remarked that it looked as though it had been dropped from a balloon! Because it is so discordant with every other building. We were looking at it from about half a mile away, - the distance between the extreme sides of the University site.

That building ought to have been placed square with the cardinal points of the compass. Doubtless the ugly kitchens and outhouses can be hidden ultimately, by bamboos and shrubs; but for all time we can never avoid seeing the roof of Mr. Wallace's house, placed at an angle that cannot be matched with anything else. (The roof of this house is just now being put on).

- (5) When the Friends Mission built their first house, they placed it at an angle, looking somewhere about north east, instead of north or east. As soon as this was discovered, the Senate took the matter up, and discussed the situation long and earnestly. The foundations were then a foot or so above ground. It was seriously proposed to tear the whole foundations up and re-lay them, so that the house would face directly north or east, so that it would not strike a discordant note with every building.

Finally the Friends Mission agreed that their house No. 2 would be erected facing north-east, and therefore in an exactly similar relation to the river, and in such a relation to the first house that the awkwardness of the first would be offset thereby. And so the matter was put aside. I am inclined to think that several members of the Friends Mission have been

Dr. Endicott, July 21, 1915. #4

sorry many times, since, that their first house was not placed square with the cardinal points of the compass.

The other day, plans for their house No. 2 arrived from architect Rowntree, placing this No. 2 square with the cardinal points of the compass, facing south, instead of north-west. The kitchens are proposed to be on the rear (!), but at the north-west corner, and therefore nearest to the front lawn and front door of their No. 1 !!!!!

These extraordinary proposals from the architect have not yet been accepted by the Friends Mission, but they may accept them. Or, I believe they are at liberty to decline them.

Now what I contend is that the present arrangement by which plans for buildings, location of buildings, direction in which buildings face, - are decided by an architect 10,000 miles away, without reference to the Senate of the University, should be abrogated, in favor of decision only after consultation between the architect and the Senate. On any points in which the architect and the Senate could not agree, reference should be made to the Board of Governors or its Executive. The present arrangement will lead to a situation out here which will be unbearable. Indeed, it has already led to the placing of the two University dwellings, - especially Mr. Wallace's, in such a position as to draw adverse criticism from every one who sees it. And we must live beside those houses for so many years as we stay in China. Or other occupants of our row of houses, must so live. Our houses were placed and built before a University architect was thought of. But his two houses (we have five built and three more projected) have been placed as though there was not another house within a mile.

As soon as Senate meets after the summer this subject will be brought up and discussed. I shall be surprised if there is not a substantial majority in favor of sending the proposition above recorded to the Board of Governors.

With kind regards

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Dr H.T.Hodgkin ,

c/o Dr John ~~W.~~ Mott,

World Student Christian Federation,
124 East , 28th Street,

New York. U.S.A.

My dear Hodgkin,

I have this morning received a letter from Ricker of considerable length (& in much detail) dated July 29th. It is the first one received since his previous letter of April 19th which is a lapse of over three months & the whole tenor of the letter, which calls attention to my shortcomings makes me feel that he must be a good deal overworked. One of his principal causes of complaint is that I do not show my details on the small scale drawings & that they come late in the day. Of course this has been so largely owing to the fact that working in a new country with a desire to give the best one can it has been impossible to rush the work. The actual state of the work indicates that this has not caused serious delay though I can conceive that it has given him annoyance. It rather emphasises the desirability of maturing the plans well before the time of actual erection begins & I should be glad if that might be borne in mind by the Board of Governors. Quite a considerable part of Ricker's letter is spent in criticisms of my architecture & hints that the Senate share these criticisms. I am quite prepared for such criticisms from the Senate but I cannot help thinking that such criticism is aggravated by the fact that I can never feel that Ricker is in sympathy or at all appreciates what I am aiming at & I very much doubt if he attempts to inspire the Chinese workmen with the share they must have in producing these buildings, they are to be really successful. He does seem to me to show a lamentable lack of judgment & sympathy which I am sure is increased by the fact that he has too much to do.

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Apparently he does not seem to think he ought to have to work out any drawings at that end. Of course a Clerk of Works always has to do a certian amount of this sort of thing. I can however assure you that I am supplying him with large scale drawings & full size details just as I should do for home work.

If a man like Morrison were working with him I feel sure that it would improve matters & I really believe if he is to continue this work he must have help of that kind. Of course I know he has had a great deal of anxiety owing to his wife's illness.

I have written to Dr Endicott asking the Board of Governors for a further payment of £150 on account of our services as Architects.

I hope you will have a satisfactory meeting of the Board of Governors, & that your voyage may not be attended with unpleasant incidents.

Yours very sincerely,

Jos. Courtenay

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33 Richmond Street West,

Toronto, Sept. 17, 1915.

H. T. Hodgkin, M.A., M.B.,
c/o Rufus M. Jones, Esq.,
Haverford, Pa.

My dear Dr. Hodgkin:-

Your note of the 14th instant just to hand. I am exceedingly glad to learn of your safe arrival on this continent and I trust that you will have a very happy and useful time while you are on this side of the water.

I wrote some days ago to Mr. Mornay Williams, suggesting the advisability of calling a meeting of the Executive Committee on the afternoon previous to the meeting of the full Board, and I received a reply from him yesterday, heartily approving the suggestion. I am therefore sending out to-day a call for an Executive meeting for the afternoon of the 4th.

I hope to be present at the Committee of Reference and Counsel which is to be held in New York on the 29th of September, and I shall look forward with especial pleasure to meeting you at that time.

Since I began writing this note, the question has arisen in my mind of the possibility under the Constitution of Mr. James Wood being present as a member of the Board of Governors with us. I have not the time to look into the question at present, and perhaps there is not even any technical difficulty in the way; but in any event I feel strongly that it is in every way desirable that we should have the benefit of Mr. Wood's

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presence at the coming meeting of the Board of Governors. I am assuming that he will continue to represent the Friends' Foreign Mission Association at future meetings of the Board of Governors, and you will at once see how desirable and necessary even it is that he should keep in continuous touch with the work of the Board. I am therefore sending him a notice of the meeting of the Board of Governors, and shall be glad if you will write him a brief note also, if you think there is any danger of his considering that he is not entitled to come in view of your coming from England to represent your Missionary Board.

With kindest regards,

Yours very sincerely,

James Rudicott.

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Rev. J.L.Stewart,
Vice-President, Union University,
Chengtou, Sze.

Dear Sir,-

I am informed by Dr. Geo. D. Louderback that while he was among your people in Chengtu last June inquiry was made of him regarding the willingness of any of his party of geologists to assume a position teaching geology in your institution.

Acting upon that information, I am signifying my interest in the position. I have been very well pleased with Szechuan, and Chengtu in particular, and opportunity for further service and study in this region is appealing. I should be pleased to learn whether or not the position is still open, what Courses are now given, what requirements are fulfilled by students who would be eligible for such work as I would be expected to give, - that is, their previous preparation, what arrangements you have for laboratory work, and any other detail regarding the scope of work of one filling the position in question.

I should also be pleased to learn the size and extent of your Faculty and the amount of time available each year for research work.

While this is perhaps a little early to present credentials, i may possibly aid you by giving you a brief outline of my past work. Received degree of Bachelor of Science, Department of Geology, University of California, May 1913. The following fall I was appointed Assistant in that Department. Resigned from this work to accept a more remunerative position in Hawaii, which I left later to join the Louderback Expedition to China, June, 1914. Have done considerable field work in California and Oregon at other times. Have work under way toward the degree of Ph. D. Have had some other slight teaching experience beside the assistantship above noted. Member of the Boulevard Congregational Church, Oakland, California.

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My knowledge of Chinese is scanty. Indeed we have had no need for such on this trip, being supplied with English-speaking deputies.

Courses in which I should be most interested in teaching would include General, Economic, and Historical geology; Field Geology; Mineralogy, and Petrology; including perhaps the elements of Surveying as related to Geological Field work.

Unfortunately I was unable to meet many of your people while in Chengtu, my stay there amounting to only three or four days. However, I shall be glad if Dr. Morse, Rev. Quirnbach, or Rev. R.E.S. Taylor, all of the Canadian Mission, should count themselves as acquaintances.

May I expect further details regarding the possibility of a position with your University?

Sincerely Yours,

(signed) Roy R. Morse.

Note.

Address "Care G.D. Louderback, Chungking, until Nov. 1st. Afterwards," 2735 Seminary Ave., Oakland, Cal."

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Nov. 1, 1915.

Dr. H. T. Hodgkin, M. A.,
Dr. J. Endicott, B. A.
Secretaries of the Board of Governors.

Dear Friends,-

Although I am not yet able to forward to you the minutes of our last two or three Senate Meetings, there are one or two matters on which I should write without further delay.

First of all, we regret to inform you that Mr. Ricker, owing to the ill health of Mrs. Ricker, finds it necessary to accompany her to America for an operation. Mr. Ricker is writing, perhaps has already written you, fully about this matter. Two of our doctors, Drs. Morse and Service, strongly advise the step, and under such circumstances, we, as a Senate, felt that we could do nothing but recommend that Mr. Ricker go just as soon as he can get his accounts and contracts in shape to hand over. He hopes to be back within six months to resume his work, but of course all that is very uncertain and will depend entirely on the condition of Mrs. Ricker's health. Mr. Ricker going just now leaves our building operations in an awkward position. Houses A and B, and the Administration Building are all under way but no one building is completed. As it is very desirable that Mr. Wallace should be able to live on the University premises, and as we are paying out a considerable sum for rent each year on his account, we are doing our best to secure that University House A should be proceeded with in Mr. Ricker's absence. We are asking the A.B.F.M.S. to permit their Builder, Mr. W.R.Taylor, who is building for them on their section of the University Plot, to undertake the completion of University House A, and we have every reason to hope that our request will be granted. If the Board of Governors, in response to our cable to Dr. Barbour regarding the amount of money already used on the University buildings, should authorize us to complete the Administration Building, then it is our intention to ask the F.F.M.A. for the services of Mr. J.H.Morrison, their Builder, for this purpose. We understand that on account of the War

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the F.F.M.A. are not likely to undertake any building for some time, and it is quite possible that they may consent that we should use their Builder. The Administration Building is badly needed, as we are short of teaching accomodation, else we might propose that it ~~might~~ wait for Mr. Ricker's return. Just what financial outlay, if any, may be involved in securing the services of one or both of these men, we are not now in a position to say.

The matter of the expenditure already made on University Houses A and B and the Administration Building,—which is already equal to the full amount, \$15, 000, so far authorized,—has been put before you, I understand, in a letter from the Treasurer, so I need not enlarge upon it here.

I am enclosing a copy of a letter from R. R. Morse, in which he makes inquiries about the possibility of securing the position of Instructor in Geology in the University. Mr. Morse is a member of the Louderback expedition, which has been investigating the resources of the Province for the Chinese Government. Other than what he says about himself in his letter, we know nothing about him. However, as we are in need of a man for that department, and have so requested the Board of Governors, we send on his letter to you. We have writted him suggesting that he make application direct to the Board of Governors, since we at this end do not do the engaging of ~~staff~~, and telling him that his letter is being forwarded to that body. We cannot recommend him, as most of us have never seen him, although he was a couple of days in Chengtu; neither do we know anything against him, and the fact of his being a member of the Louderback Expedition may be somewhat of a recommendation, I suppose.

There is just one other matter I need to refer to. Some time ago the Senate received a prospectus of the Missions' Code Book, published by authority of the Foreign Missions Conference of America. I was asked to write you suggesting that we be supplied with a copy.

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Our University work is going on well and is little by little getting much better organized. On the 18th. of Oct. we took advantage of the presence in the city of a number of delegates to the West China Educational Union Meetings to hold our Commencement Exercises. Certificates of graduation from the Junior Division were given to nine students, and the two men who this year are to graduate from the Senior Division were given public recognition. The Middle School also distributed its certificates on this occasion. A number of Chinese guests were present, as well as most of the missionaries from the City, and we consider it a most successful function. I enclose a program. Although we this term have sent quite a number of our students out to serve the Missions in various capacities, yet our attendance is quite up to that of last term.

Last month the Annual Meeting of the West China Educational Union was held in Chengtu. In order to make the educational workers of the Province feel a deeper interest in our work, and to share in it more fully, our Vice-President made a full Report of the year's work to them, and brought before them a number of matters on which their advice was sought. We are anxious that those engaged in Primary and Secondary Education should not lose touch with the University, but that they should be made to feel that this work is theirs.

In a few days I hope to be able to forward to you the Senate Minutes of recent dates. My stenographer(!) has been very busy of late, but will surely have them ready shortly. Probably I shall write you again when they go forward.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

G. R. Barsecallen
Sec. Senate

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UNION NORMAL SCHOOL

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Nov: 16th, 1915

Dear Doctor Beech,

It is some time since I found time to write and tell you how things were going here. The Summer School and the publishing of the Catalogue knocked my leisure time all up and then at the end of September I had to go to Suining for three weeks to attend some Church meetings; I was glad to go and it was well worth while but again it ate up spare time and I have had rather a struggle to get straight since coming back.

I wonder if you can do anything in America to get us another man for the Education work. I mentioned this in my last letter, but I mention it again because it seems to me to be so important. We have a succession of men coming on for the education department and they take up a lot of teaching time, and the Lower grade of the Normal school is going well, but we are being pressed on all sides to open the Middle grade for graduates of the Middle school and we simply cannot do it for lack of staff. We are after both Sawdon and Rudd as you know but our chances in the former case are not at all good as far as I can see and in Rudd's case his coming would mean closing a station, and of course that stops our mouths. Just this morning I have had another enquiry if we can open the Middle Grade next year. This autumn there were several students waiting, and now I constantly hear of others. Especially in view of the Educational Union's campaign for teacher training and appeal for more Higher Primary schools it is vital to the whole missionary advance to get some more help. I wish H.G. Brown could give some time but his Mission want him to have this term ^{of service} at practical school work so that he will be a more valuable man later. That is all very well; our mission wanted to put me at Chungking with a similar end in view. But if we all go and get further experience, (though I admit that we need it, I often wish I had more behind me) the opportunity will pass and we shall come in as experts when it is too late. Anything you can do to help us get a man now will be very much appreciated. Failing Sawdon and Rudd for the present, my plan is to make an effort to get at least some time from Brown this next Spring and then to get Crawford to take up some work in the Normal school in the autumn if someone can take some of the English off his shoulders. I know it is a time of war and yet it is a time of opportunity too, and if we can get them we need a man for the practice school, and two more men (Sawdon and Rudd), for the department and Normal school.

I am sending you a copy of the invitation to our Saturday afternoon lectures. This is a new venture that will I think be

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both popular and useful. Stewart did very well last Saturday and the room was crowded.

I also send you a copy of a recent programme of the Senior English Society; there is nothing remarkable about it but I think you will see that it is a distinct advance on a year ago.

You will be interested to have the statistics for this term, there is a falling off but we do despond about it. In the case of the Middle School it is due to the raise in fees from \$20 to \$24 a year. In the case of the Normal school it is mainly due to the Missions (notably your own) weeding out men who were not up to standard and whom it was not worth while to assist any longer. These figures are collected from the dormitories, in the case of the Middle School and possibly also the University several more registered and have since gone for one cause or another, the Middle School registration was between 120 and 130.

	University	Normal	Middle School and Theological
C.M.M.	18	2	36
M.E.M.	20	3	36
A.B.F.M.S.	5	6	19
F.F.M.A.	3	8	12
	<u>46</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>104</u>
TOTAL at present in residence <u>169</u>			

We hope it may be possible to secure Government recognition for the University shortly, we hear that at Peking they say they will not found a Government University in Szechwan now because money is so scarce and we are almost sure to apply for registration. At any rate Stewart hopes to see the Governor about it soon, and as far as I can judge there really is a prospect of our being successful.

Greetings to all your family from all of ours,

Sincerely yours

Harry T. Silcock.

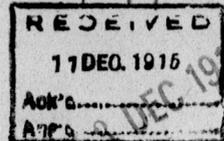
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H. T. Hodgkin, M.A., M.B.,
15 Devonshire Street,
Bishopsgate,
London E.C., England.

My dear Dr. Hodgkin:-

As I have not been able to complete the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Governors of West China Union University, I think it best to send you herewith the resolution which was adopted regarding the Middle School at Chengtu, as it calls for action by the co-operating Boards. The minute is as follows:-

Middle School, Chengtu.

"Whereas this Board at its meeting in January, 1914, passed the following resolution in reference to the Middle School, viz:-

'RESOLVED- That the Board of Governors desires to give all possible assistance to the co-operating Mission Boards in the work of the Union Middle School at Chengtu.

"That, should the co-operating Boards desire this, the Board of Governors is ready to assume for the present the charge of the work of the Middle School with the provision that the co-operating Boards shall pay to the Board of Governors the sum necessary for maintenance of the Middle School in addition to their appropriations for the University proper, and that the co-operating Boards will from time to time provide such funds as may be necessary for the purchase of land and erection and equipment of a building for the Middle School.

That in the judgment of the Board of Governors the work of the Middle School may be for a time

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accommodated in the Administration Building of the University as soon as it may be practicable to complete this building in accordance with plans already accepted by the Board.

That the Board of Governors will lend all possible assistance to the co-operating Boards in securing the funds ultimately necessary for the purchase of land and erection of a building for the Middle School in the hope that the appeal of the work as a whole to a wide constituency may increasingly relieve the co-operating Boards.'

And whereas the co-operating Boards have approved of the conditions of the above resolution and have requested this Board to take over the work of the Middle School and to relieve the Boards therefrom, be it therefore

RESOLVED- That this Board hereby approves and authorizes the taking over of the work of the Middle School and of relieving the Boards therefrom upon the conditions set forth in the foregoing resolution, the relation of the Middle School to this Board to come up for review and reconsideration in the year 1925.

And whereas this Board is advised that the immediate erection of the Middle School is essential to the successful prosecution of the mission work of the co-operating Boards and would have been urged by them even had the transfer of the Middle School not been effected, be it therefore

RESOLVED- That a copy of the foregoing resolution be forwarded to the co-operating Boards and that pursuant to the resolution of January, 1914, we respectfully request the Boards to put the Board of Governors in possession of the necessary funds for the maintenance of the Middle School and the sum of \$7,500 each for the land, buildings and equipment of the Middle School, the building of which is considered so essential to the carrying on of mission work in West China."

I trust that your Board will be able to meet the request of the Board of Governors and put them in possession, as far as your Board is concerned, of the funds necessary for the erection and maintenance of the Middle School.

Yours sincerely,

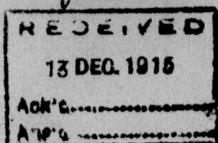
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FRED ROWNTREE, F.R.I.B.A.
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NO. 11, HAMMERSMITH TERRACE,
LONDON, W. 13th Decr 1915.

My dear Hodgkin,

I have a letter dated Novr 27th from Toronto telling me that the acting treasurer Rev Frank Mason North DD 150 Fifth Avenue New York, had been authorized to send the £150 authorized on account of our fees as architects to the University. I mention this as you were suggesting paying from this end to save exchange. It may ~~not~~ of course now be too late.

Yours very sincerely,

Fred Rowntree

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