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Mrs. A. W. Lindsay

(From Mrs. A. W. Lindsay to  
Mrs. James M. Yard)

Union Universally  
Chicago, September  
June 13, 26

My dear Mahelle, (Mrs. James M. Yard)

Will you forgive so  
sudden another letter following on  
the heels of the other. Of course you  
will have presentiments! that there is  
something of which I am in need.  
I truly am so sorry to trouble  
you but among all my "friends  
abroad" can think of but one  
person capable of carrying out this  
'coming' request. I want to give

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our dental boys little books of  
songs of "our old favourites" for  
Ymas. They are quite keen about  
singing them and I can think of  
nothing better. The Cable Co., Book  
Division, Chicago, Ill. got out a  
little one for 10 cents small orders  
9.07 cents larger orders. I truly  
would like something a little  
better - if it would be at all  
possible to get - say about a  
quarter. I want 30 copies - but  
if you can get nothing better  
then please have the Cable Co. send  
50 copies of their variety. And  
I'll give them to the College  
girls as well. I'd like the books  
with the music in - a of easy  
size to handle. Am enclosing  
a Toronto order for ten dollars.

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Your Boarder Rooms will probably take it - perhaps with a bit of exchange - and I must you be sure to pay your own <sup>expenses</sup> out of it. I would be eternally grateful - This was problem out here takes more out of one than 6 months of teaching.

Of course, my dear, you have long since heard of our terrible tragedy of June 7th - the murder of Mrs. Sibley as she was sauntering along the street Lok Hung Chao, which runs at right angles to Si Shen Tai - back of the school about four blocks from it about eleven fifteen. Her murderer passed the crowd in her hikaha coming from the Foreign Language College about 3 mins. after. Her hikaha college stopped & she not knowing the reason urged him on - well, she died.

!!! The horrible details of the murder are too awful to repeat - She was decapitated & the head carried & thrown into a latrine some distance away. Mr. G. J. ...

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and our detention were the first to  
reach there & nothing was touched  
until the arrival of the Consul with  
Dr. Li of the Foreign Office. Some  
time elapsed before identification  
was secured - The folk on Si Shan  
Tse were demoralised - naturally  
& poor Lee who shot she might  
easily have been the victim  
much upset - naturally.

Next day, as you will also have  
heard, Grace Mauley was attacked  
by a chap who pulled her out of  
her siksha and attempted to  
throttle her. Her siksha cotic & a  
Shan Shi Hai man she had with  
her - tried to pull him off - They  
succeeded after she & the man  
had tumbled to the ground - she  
got back into the siksha - & the  
siksha cotic started away from  
him & to pull her away - the other  
chap could not hold the siksha & he  
sprang & pulled her out again -  
not succeeding in quite finishing her

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TRANSFER

CHENGTO, WEST CHINA

February 3rd, 1933

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Mr. C.A. Evans,  
China Union Universities,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City, U.S.A.

Dear Mr. Evans,

In reply to various questions which all arrived in one foreign mail:

1. Re the Proceedings of the Society of Experimental Biology & Medicine subscription: I have looked up the Dawson, Toronto, account for last year and find that they charged us two years' subscription, viz. \$12.00; the 1931 account distinctly stated June 1930 to June 1932, \$12.00. I judge there was a slip-up in 1930. Why they should have continued to subscribed in twos is a mystery but frees the budget for this year of \$6.00!
2. Re Medical Clinics of North America, Dr. Kilborn and I are both mystified. He happened to drop in just as I was reading your letter. We have been getting it for some time; I find that I have regularly ordered it ever since I took over in 1928. Our current number is September, Volume 16, No. 2. Could it be possible that it is coming addressed to 'Medical Library'? A few do-due to some complex Dawson's developed last year.
3. Thank you indeed for all your assistance regarding the Dictionary. The lesser price is a distinct relief and I am sure the book will be most satisfactory.

The 'defeated' general, Liu Wen Huei, returned quietly and in control a few days before Chinese New Year! There was much trepidation due to the huge masses of troops which arrived the preceding two days. Fears were groundless. Rumours, however, have started again that the other military leaders do not approve and may 'start trouble'. Reports mention that the Communists are coming in from the north. A telegram has come that missionaries and important Chinese Xians have left the two most northerly stations of the C.M.S.

Thanking you for your kind assistance,

Yours very sincerely,

Alice W. Lindsay  
(Mrs. Ashley W. Lindsay)

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Chengtu, May 17th. 33

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Dear Mr. Evans,

Will you be so good as to see what has happened re this Journal. We received this notification this morning---and have not had any March or subsequent numbers. It was ordered through your office last October --renewed, I should say. Is also on your statement as having been paid by you. Thank you.

Fighting has begun again just a few miles from the city between the two generals in control here. It has a further element of tragedy this time in that the soldiers acting on higher orders are impressing coolies, workmen, and farmers and using them as shock troops. Three of our sawyers were captured when walking around the campus Sunday twilight, efforts were made to get them out but were unsuccessful; they were all three killed in the fighting. The streets and country side ~~is~~ empty of men and the women are trying to harvest the over-ripe wheat. Our coolies are not able to go out and we are acting as messengers, carriers--and the campus is extensive!

Very sincerely,

*Alice W. Tinsley*

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July 6th, 1933  
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A decisive attempt, supposedly, is being made by the Nanking Government through General Liu Hsiang who has control of Eastern Szechuan to displace General Liu Wen Huei from his control of this section.

All roads are closed to ordinary travel and there is tremendous movement of troops and ammunition.

Impressing of men is exceptionally barbarous as they go out in the early hours of the morning and break into the house. / A boatload of students of the Baptist Dormitory, attempting to get home, were fired at not far from here and two of the boatmen killed. No one is able to get away to the mountains. There was an attempt yesterday to flag our buildings for billets and last night at one the river gate was

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down to allow troops to pass through.

In the meantime the Reds are creeping down from the north and our protectors are thus engaged. By 'our' I mean the civilian population.

Prices are soaring and cholera is rymoured. We and our servants have all been inoculated.

Fortunately the weather remains cool and rainy, but some of the children are drooping and don't want to eat for rice full of water are all around us even in parts of the campus and mosquitoes in the evening in myriads.

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October 2nd, 1933

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Mr. C.A. Evans,  
 Christian Colleges in China,  
 150 Fifth Ave.,  
 New York City,  
 U.S.A.

Dear Mr. Evans,

In reply to the last paragraph of your letter of June 30th, may I explain our method used in receiving orders.

The library has a form for such, one is enclosed. In no other way is an order accepted--there are no exceptions to the rule. Following 'Approved by .....', the Dean's signature is necessary---there are no exceptions to this rule either, except in case of a personal order. The latter is also entered on this sheet and an approximate covering deposit is required. If the order sheet comes in lacking a publisher, I make one effort to secure the name; I do not always succeed. The main difficulty is, I think, in the way the Chinese Staff secure their data. This is probably a footnote reference to the book which they come across in their reading. Frequently and without much success we search diligently through the various catalogues which arrive here periodically.

I am sending out a notice, referring to your difficulty and asking for greater attention to the matter and hope that we can secure better cooperation.

Politically we are at peace and in order. Coal is at an almost prohibitive price and taxes beyond suitable words. 100% is actually being charged on woollen clothing. Folk are having to return to sender--but winter, raw and penetrating, approaches. Classrooms unheated. (A further sharp but short earthquake at 6 a.m. yesterday)

Yours very sincerely,

*Ashley W. Lindsay*  
 (Mrs. Ashley W. Lindsay)  
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October 11th, 1933

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

TRANSFER

Dear Mr. Evans,

The periodical renewal subscription list herewith. I hope that everything is clear. I have made a few memos immediately following the periodicals in question which I trust will aid in elucidation.

You will have heard that we are finally and fully registered with the Nanking Government. Our small but troublesome alumni group of critiques who have<sup>been</sup> active in attempting to prevent it have, with astonishing suavity performed a marvellous volte face and are extolling the school's standards and virtues.

Too, since its announcement there has been an almost entire cessation of military activities on the grounds. We hope it will continue.

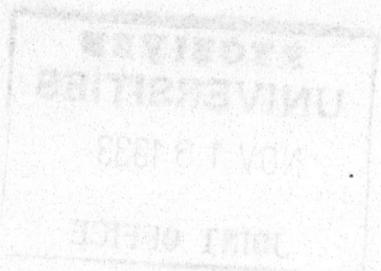
Rumours have come that the Reds are advancing rapidly southward while General Liu Hsiang has been consolidating his position here. Yesterday troops in vast numbers began to move in that direction out of the city.

With kind regards,

Yours very sincerely,

Alice W. Lindsay  
(Mrs. Ashley W. Lindsay)

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West China Union University

March 17, 1934

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Mrs. Ashley W. Lindsay  
West China Union University  
Chengtu, Szechwan, China

My dear Mrs. Lindsay:

Recent orders have been coming through signed by others, and I am wondering about this substitution. Is it because you are ill, or are you on a mid-term vacation? I do not raise any question as to the propriety involved, but am merely interested as to the causes which lie back of the proceeding.

We had a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board of Governors of West China the day before yesterday, and I was privileged to attend. Dr. Franklin, one member of that committee, has visited West China, and the enthusiasm engendered at that time seemingly has not abated. It is because of this very unique service which West China is rendering to Szechwan and adjacent territory, that we are so keenly interested in the welfare of the institution and its staff. The more I learn of its work, the more deeply impressed I am; and consequently this very sincere interest in the personnel.

Incidentally, you will be interest to know (and I trust you will pass this information on to Dr. Beech), that Dr. James Franklin of the Baptist Board has resigned after twenty-two years of service to take the presidency of Crozier Theological Seminary in Chester, Pennsylvania. We will feel his loss very greatly, but Crozier will secure the broad services of a very intelligent and sympathetic Christian clergyman.

Very cordially yours,

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Assistant Treasurer

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May 15th, 1934

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

Dear Mr. Evans,

Your letter of March 17th reached me last week and I very much appreciated your kind thought. For a year I have been growing more and more weary. At last suddenly those doctors with four days notice decided to operate--a major operation with complications--and a very weary body which did not add to a rapid convalescence. I was in the hospital for six weeks and in bed at home for about the same length of time. Mrs. Starrett kindly took over my work in my absence. I was just beginning to come over for a little, the Starretts were leaving and Mrs. Simkin was asked to assist with the orders, I retaining the administration and all other work, when Dr. Lindsay came down with paratyphoid. That was six weeks ago. He is now taking a class a day in his bedroom and I am attempting a little daily supervision back here.

But we are both very weary having carried very heavy schedules this term and so I am resigning from the Library the end of June, as we go home, probably, in February.

Your sympathy and understanding in our work here which for the last few years has been a great strain with limited budgets, limited staffs, increasing numbers, our Chinese confreres learning to assume responsibility, is very much appreciated. There is much compensation here if one has learned to take the 'long view' but we are still greatly in need of the backing of the ones who gave us the commission--and finances are not what I mean here! One of these compensation is the way the staff here in the Library have taken hold during all my absences and their constant assurances that affairs would go as they should so that I should not need to worry.

About ten days ago we had a most interesting, if not THE most interesting, group we have ever had as guests come to look over the plant. They comprised the district officials of all the districts of Szechuan and were a very wide-awake and appreciative

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body of about four hundred and fifty. They looked everything over most intelligently and were, to all appearances very impressed. Following the inspection the Commercial Press and World Book Company put up a luncheon for all in Hart College. They thought they had thoroughly enjoyed themselves and we hoped they had!

This morning Dr. Beech has just dropped in with about a dozen officials of the Bank of China, from all over the country, one foreigner advisor and one lady official among them, decidedly up-and-coming looking folk and all speaking English, I think,--all I talked to anyway.

Two weeks ago prominent government officials. The week before that an outstanding newspaper group with moving picture cameras. With the air service and motor cars coming through easily from Chungking, Szechuan and its capital is certainly being inspected as never before.

I hope that we shall be able to measure up to their good opinion of us--we all work hard enough but our funds and our staffs are SO limited.

We all regret to hear of the resignation of Dr. Franklin. We very much enjoyed his sympathetic visit to us a few years ago and his appreciation of the wives' contribution to the work!

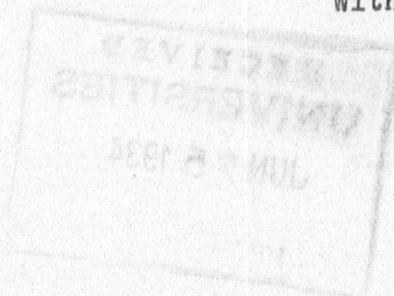
I am much troubled over the work here and we have wondered and asked if the Starretts could not return for it. There are immense opportunities in the Library and its seminar and club rooms, and the Starretts are particularly fitted for that type of service. It is no longer possible for a mere wife to carry all the responsibility.

Again thanking you for your kind interest,

With kindest regards,

Yours most sincerely, \*

*Ashley W. Lindsay*  
(Mrs. Ashley W. Lindsay)



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June 26, 1934

Mrs. Ashley W. Lindsay  
West China Union University  
Chengtou, Szechwan, China

My dear Mrs. Lindsay:

It was indeed very thoughtful of you to write us under date of May 15th and tell us something of your own personal experiences. We are very sorry that both you and Dr. Lindsay have been ill, but hope nevertheless that you will have strength to continue through the remainder of the year until furlough time in February.

We are very glad indeed to be of any service to West China, and it is gratifying to know that what we have done has been appreciated. We realize that mistakes are made, and frequently it is difficult to interpret conditions 10,000 miles off, but your sympathy and understanding has made it much easier for us.

A young Chinese student was in to see me the other day and told of his experiences of having been at West China for two years. He could not adequately express his appreciation for the kind of work you are all doing, and of how impressed he was at the atmosphere of the campus. These are the kind of reports we are receiving continually, and it brings a sense of real satisfaction to know that we are connected up with an institution that is rendering that kind of service.

We are following up the subscription to "The American Review," and "The Journal of Educational Research," as per the letter of May 21st, and will report thereon later.

We have also ordered the one copy of Bullfinch's "Mythology," according to the order of May 23rd.

With additional thanks and with continued good wishes, I remain,

Very sincerely yours,

*C A Evans*

Assistant Treasurer

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June 4, 1935

Metropolitan Museum of Art  
Fifth Avenue at 81st Street  
New York City

Gentlemen:

This noon I had lunch with our Dr. and Mrs. A. W. Lindsay of the Medical Department at West China Union University, Chengtu, Szechwan, China, who are in America on furlough. Upon my return to the office I found a message telling of serious illness of Mrs. Lindsay's father, with an urgent request that they communicate with the home in Montreal.

I knew they were headed for the museum, and called upon your staff to help out in locating them. I want you to know how much we appreciate the very efficient manner in which this was done, and the very courteous and kindly treatment accorded to Dr. and Mrs. Lindsay at the Information Desk. In emergencies of this sort, assistance of the kind rendered is all the more appreciated, and we cannot let the opportunity pass to express our gratitude.

Very gratefully yours,

*C. A. Evans*

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June 6, 1935

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

Dear Sir:

It was most kind of you to write to us about the help which our ladies at the Information Desk gave you in your recent visit. We are glad to know that this was well done, and we are glad of the opportunity you give us to lay the thanks where they belong.

Yours sincerely,

*H. W. Kent*

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5727 Ste. St. Antoine Rd.

Montreal, Canada

August 22nd. 1935.

Dear Mr. Evans,

For some weeks I  
have intended writing you to thank  
you for your kindness to us while  
in New York. Our summer has  
been and still is a very diffi-  
cult one. My father passed  
away at the beginning of it  
despite our weeks of strenuous  
effort to save him. My step-  
mother is very frail and is  
needing all the courage that we

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can give her, pluckily but delicate  
as she is. My father-in-law had  
taken a house here (Waddington, Ont.)  
for the summer to be with my father  
& us. She is badly broken up and  
has been far from well — So our  
summer is a busy one though we  
are not having to do the actual  
housework — and a sad one.

This morning I went into my  
husband's study and he was  
somewhat troubled over a book  
order he had received from one  
of the students in Chicago. I sug-  
gested that you might help  
him in his difficulty as he has  
not gotten into touch with any  
book concerns in Canada, <sup>as yet</sup> —  
and as my library orders con-  
tained a fair proportion of

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such orders, i.e. student orders.

Would you be so good as  
to have the accompanying or-  
ders filled and sent to

Mr. Chew Shi Deo,

c/o Mr. W. B. Albertson,

West China Union University,

Chengtu, Szechwan, China.

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A draft for \$4<sup>00</sup> (U.S.) is enclosed.

My husband hopes that it will  
cover the cost of the books, sub-  
ject to the usual discount. If

there is not sufficient, kindly  
omit the last: Mead, Diseases  
of the Mouth. He is hoping.

though, that the entire order  
can be forwarded - but the

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postage and insurance (please)  
must or should come out of the  
\$84<sup>00</sup> total.

The news from China - Chengfu -  
is all of General & Madame Chiang  
Kai Shek. They gave their services  
most freely at graduation time and  
the students' letters are bubbling over  
with pleasure - & admiration of "the  
two very famous ones" !

Again thanking you for your  
goodness to us in our 100-day  
days in your city - and  
for this immediate favour as  
well.

With kindest regards,

Yours most sincerely,

Alice W. Lindsay

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For the winter,  
Apartment 6  
40 Hazelton Ave.,  
Toronto, Canada  
January 25<sup>th</sup>, 36

WEST  
CHINA

Dear Mr. Evans,

Your letter and enclosures received yesterday morning with many thanks. We have filled in, I hope, satisfactorily - so that you will not be troubled with official doubts, the certificates, and are returning them to you at once with a cheque to cover same. If there is any due over & above, as we are not aware of the amount which may be demanded by exchange, will you kindly let us know.

Thank you, we have the Canadian railway certificates, so shall now be half-free of America, excluding Alaska!

If New York is having <sup>Toronto</sup> weather like unto Montreal, then I send my sympathies. This has changed to a wretched climate, not at all what one visualised in <sup>sunless</sup> Greenland! At least in the winter months.....

We have just been reading our Annual Council (held this year in Oct. 35) because of the appalling deficit in missionaryary

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giving) minutes. Our work (the dental) is receiving a very hard blow. They have dropped Dr. Anderson who is now on furlough here and turned down the new man, Dr. Campbell, whom they instructed my husband to secure. Which he did. Dr. Campbell was about ready to leave. My husband feels it will be almost an impossibility to carry on. He says he cannot any longer attempt the teaching schedule of the years since Dr. Thompson's leaving which included preparation of the textbooks as well (typing, multi-graphing of excerpts - new every year as the science advances). The boys cannot afford English ones, and there are none in translation. The Council seemed to think the Baptists could be forced to replace Dr. Yates. Some members of that mission was evidently over-optimistic - for the Secy whom my husband consulted in New York in June was adamant - with regrets.

So we are somewhat nonplussed. Evidently the factions group felt that the Missionary had been receiving too much attention in New and they went on strike - as far as I can judge. This is gossip, I fear, but shows the way the wind blew & why & to our discomfort. This year Dr. Mullett is carrying a terrific load, as my husband did, of teaching administration & clinical work. My husband's subjects are not being taught. Even divided would be overwhelming for the two of them - & furloughs come. So what next? - Forgive this side light. I thought you might be interested!

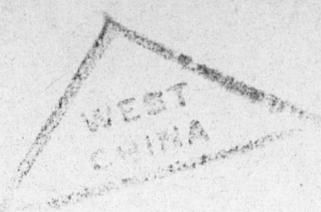
With many thanks, & our kindest regards,  
Most sincerely,

Cheque No M 24136. Royal Bk. of Canada. Alice W. Tinsley

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West China Union University

January 27, 1936

Mrs. Ashley W. Lindsay  
Apartment 6  
40 Hazelton Avenue  
Toronto, Canada

My dear Mrs. Lindsay:

Your good letter of the 25th at hand enclosing blanks for clergy certificates. We have approved these and they will go forward within a day or two. Just as soon as the check you sent us has been collected, we will inform you of the rate of discount, if any.

I am sure that we need your sympathy regarding the weather in New York. One outburst of the elements left us with a sufficient accumulation to last for a while, only to receive a slight addition to it last night. After the first downfall it got very cold and stopped the relief workers in their task of snow removal. In many places now the streets are ice with a thin coating of snow, which makes it even more difficult to navigate. However, we thought that good Canadians would welcome this kind of weather, and wonder if the China climate has done anything to change your attitude toward the severity and rigors of a real winter.

Your close contact with conditions in China has surely done something to you in evaluating the conditions here in the church at home. Along with the "appalling deficit in missionary giving", it was disheartening indeed to learn at the last meeting of the Board the necessity of the United Church in cutting personnel so much at the present time. The conditions which prevail in that denomination are likewise true about others, and our dear Baptist brothers find themselves in the predicament of having used up all their surplus to meet a constantly receding budget.

The paper prepared by Dr. Lindsay and others regarding dental work in West China was read with a great deal of interest, and very sincere expressions of appreciation were heard regarding the work that has been accomplished. Copies of this communication were given to the Baptist Board with the hope that through some means sufficient money could be secured to help carry on this most valuable work. The appeal which the Baptist Board is making to the Rockefeller Foundation is in line with the thought expressed by Mr. Rockefeller in cancelling any further participation in the denominational activities of the Baptist Board. It is hoped that the appeal when based upon the union work will produce the desired results.

We of course are always interested in the views of those who are on furlough, and welcome these expressions from time to time as it gives us inspiration and encouragement to carry on and do even more.

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Mrs. Ashley W. Lindsay

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We want to thank you for taking the time to write us, as well as again expressing our gratitude for the fine contribution you and Dr. Lindsay have made to the work at West China Union University.

With best wishes to you both, I remain,

Very sincerely yours,

*C. A. Evans*

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January 28, 1936

Mrs. Ashley W. Lindsay  
Apartment 6  
40 Hazleton Avenue  
Toronto, Canada

My dear Mrs. Lindsay:

You were so helpful in giving the information about Dr. Ngan that I am taking the liberty of asking for your assistance in connection with another former West China student.

I have just received a letter from Mr. Lawrence Lit Lau who is now living in Honolulu. Mr. Lau states that in connection with an application which he is making for a teaching position in Hawaii he needs "an official statement to the effect that I taught at West China Union University during the academic years 1926-1928".

I have not been able to secure from our West China information available here in New York any evidence that Mr. Lau taught at West China Union University, nor do I know anything about the department in which he worked. Our University catalogs and other similar sources of information are, however, not entirely complete. We have a catalog for 1926-27 but 1927-28 and 1928-29 are missing.

We would be grateful if you would send us on the enclosed postcard such information as you can regarding Mr. Lau. I cannot send the certification he requests until I have some definite confirmation of the fact that he taught at West China and to obtain further information from Hawaii would involve considerable delay.

Very cordially yours,

B A GARSIDE

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Re: Mr. Lawrence  
Lit Law

Apartment 6  
40 Hazelton Stne.  
Toronto, Canada  
January 30/36

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Dear Mr. Fairside,

For two reasons I am not replying by postcard. It is too small, and this is a foreign country!

When your letter came about two hours ago, I was puzzled. The name brought memory only to the "Lawrence" but followed it by "Liu".

My husband was not at home and I could not reach him as he was attending the Dental Faculty Executive, a kindly gesture of the University, his two last few laughs. "Your experience & success in dental education... We need your advice." Nice of them anyway and a chance for a word of the W. C. U. U.!

We were not in Chengfu from Feb'y 1927 to first of Nov. 1928, being asked to take our furlough during the upheaval & get it over with. There may have been catalogues <sup>in English</sup> then, but it was just at that time, due to an excess of racial

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feeling, that catalogues began to be published  
in Chinese and as I remember for one year  
there was only one put out a week in the  
native language. I shall make a memo  
of that and if possible try to complete  
your files, no matter of what character.

After some research into the fact, Lawrence  
Lin seemed to come into view as being  
there during those years <sup>1927-28</sup>. And  
as the Chinese name <sup>of anglicized</sup> the spelling of their  
names according, frequently, to the pronuncia-  
tion <sup>of the Chinese name-character</sup> in different localities, I assumed it  
might be the same man. He was  
on the staff of the Santo Faculty and  
had much to do with Earl Crauston.  
The latter at that time was passing  
through a crisis in his thinking which he  
traced radicalism, & intolerance to "what had  
been" to a marked degree. For a time  
the University was somewhat upset by  
the attempts to indoctrinate 'the young'  
(by these two men). Last May we  
spent part of a <sup>very happy</sup> day at Redlands,  
California, with Dr. & Mrs. Crauston.  
I think that Earl has safely  
matured - & Lawrence Lin probably  
shares in this natural phenomenon!

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To make sure I called up Dr. Leslie Kilbourn. He agrees with me that it is probably the same man and as one talked it suddenly occurred to him that when Lawrence Lin first arrived he spelled his name 'Lai'. Then finding that in Szechuan, we had no name character of that sound, that it was there pronounced Lin, he changed his name to the latter, for the period of his stay.

We cannot remember the circumstances of his leaving, whether he went with Earl or was dropped about that time, both of us being on fulong then.

Dr. Kilbourn and I, however, both think you can say with perfect truth that he was on the staff for that time; that he is the same man

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we are practically certain...

He seemed a very nice chap when he seemed. A very dangerous thing for any of us when we allow any engaging chap to become or attempt to become a replica of ourselves, with such differing traditional back ground for the veneer of our ideas!

Forgive this long explanation. It seems to be my way! Forgive too the hurried writing. The day is a busy one, and I know you desire an immediate reply.

With kindest regards,

Yours most sincerely,

Alice W. Tinsley  
(Mrs. Ashley W. -)

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Apartment 6  
40 Hazelton Ave.,  
Toronto, Ont.

February 7/36

Dear Mr. Evans,

Very many  
thanks indeed for your  
kindness in securing &  
forwarding to us the  
Railway Certificates,

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The Western ones received yesterday.

The one to Chicago will probably be used next week, as my husband hopes to attend a Dental Convention there, and in March one further to be held in Kentucky.

So we are grateful indeed as without them he could not go anywhere, the Mission, Tours, as yet.

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not offering any assistance  
in post-graduate facilities.  
And our salaries having  
been "cut to the bone"!

Winter has been on  
the rampage again  
but looks very be-  
nign and innocent  
today. I have been  
"housebound" for over  
a week, so it has  
not blown me around.  
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With gratitude &  
good wishes,

Most sincerely,

Alice W. Tinsley



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See Mr. H. D. Robertson's individual folder.

April 2, 1937

Dr. A. W. Lindsay  
West China Union University  
Chengtou, Szechwan, CHINA

My dear Dr. Lindsay:

Let me acknowledge to you, Mr. Robertson's letter of March 8th together with material attached thereto.

We are particularly glad to have the budget estimates for next year at a date early enough to permit giving careful study to the budget situation before the annual meeting of the West China Governors on May 12th. We will look to Dr. Anderson for leadership on all the matters which should be brought to the attention of the West China Governors.

We have been sorry to learn that Dr. Elisséeff was delayed in Shanghai by illness but hope that after his recovery he was able to carry through his program in China without any further interruptions or delays. We will await with interest the reports he will bring back from his visit to all six of the Colleges benefitting from the Harvard-Yenching Institute funds.

We are glad to have the privilege of corresponding with you as the English Executive Secretary during Mr. Robertson's absence.

Very sincerely yours,

B A GARSIDE

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CHENG TU, WEST CHINA

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June 28th, 1937.

Ack 8/6/37

Dr. B.A. Garside,  
 Associated Boards,  
 150, Fifth Avenue,  
 NEW YORK CITY, U.S.A.

Dear Dr. Garside,

On April 26th I wrote to Mr. Fuller of the Associated Mission Treasurers' Office in Shanghai, referring to him the two following resolutions regarding the transfer of accounts from the M.E.M. Treasurer to Mr. W.R. Taylor:

RESOLVED that an expression of thanks and appreciation be conveyed to Mr. Main and the Methodist Episcopal Mission for his valuable assistance in carrying the University Account in the Associated Mission Treasurers' Office, Shanghai, for the past twelve or thirteen years.

RESOLVED that Mr. W.R. Taylor, American Baptist member of the Associated Mission Treasurers, be requested to assist the University by keeping its Shanghai Account.

I have again written to Mr. Fuller today to discover why this transfer has not been made. It has been suggested that perhaps Mr. Fuller thought that this transfer should be the responsibility of your office. I am not sure whose final responsibility it is, possibly both of us have something to do with it.

In my letter to Mr. Fuller I stated that before leaving Shanghai Mr. Main had asked Mr. Taylor if he would be willing to take over our books, and Mr. Taylor agreed. Also, we understood that Mr. Main had spoken to Mr. Fuller on the matter.

Up-to-date I have had no reply from Mr. Fuller and so have written again to discover the cause of the delay, and to expedite the transfer.

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Mr. Albertson has been asked to write regarding the transfer of money from New York to Shanghai. At present you are buying Chinese National Currency in New York at the New York rate, and transferring the draft to Shanghai. We understand that in the past this has meant the loss to us of a considerable amount in exchange, as Shanghai men state that it is always more favourable to make gold exchanges into National Currency in Shanghai. Mr. Albertson is overburdened with office duties, and in case he has not written you, I would like to know your complete reasons for purchasing Chinese National Currency in New York.

You will be glad to know that we have appropriated from the Budget this year a sufficient sum to engage a Chinese accountant for Mr. Albertson's office. We have hopes that this man will relieve him of the routine accounting and give him time to take care of reports, etc.

Yours sincerely,

*Ashley W. Lindsay*

Executive Secretary.

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August 6, 1937

Dr. Ashley W. Lindsay  
West China Union University  
Chengtu, Szechwan, China

Dear Dr. Lindsay:

Mr. Evans and I have gone over together your letter of June 28th. In this you report the two actions taken at West China with regard to the transfer of the West China accounts in the Associated Mission Treasurers office to Mr. W. R. Taylor.

Upon the recommendation of Dr. Beech, our New York office has made arrangements with the Bank of China whereby the bulk of our West China funds are being transmitted direct from New York to Chengtu. If this arrangement proves to be satisfactory, we will probably be asking the Associated Mission Treasurers to handle very little West China money in the future anyway, and the question of which individual in the A.M.T. office is to handle what little we do send through Shanghai will become comparatively unimportant.

So far as our New York office is concerned, we have no special preference for any one of the A.M.T. men in contrast to the others. Mr. Main always gave us very courteous and efficient service, and Mr. Fuller seems to have taken over Mr. Main's work in a very excellent way. But if for any reason it seems wiser to the University that Mr. Taylor handle these accounts in Shanghai, that is primarily a matter of field administration on which our New York office has no special viewpoint or preference.

You also comment in your letter with reference to whether it is more advantageous to buy Chinese currency in Shanghai or in New York. Our office has at various times during recent years made an investigation of the theory so frequently expressed by Shanghai men that "it is always more favorable to make gold exchanges into national currency in Shanghai." Our investigations have indicated that this is not always the case. The decisive factor is that of the way in which currency happens to be flowing on any particular day. If there is a particularly urgent demand in New York City for Chinese currency, we can get better rates of exchange here than could a fiscal agent in Shanghai.

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On the other hand, if there is a special demand for American currency in Shanghai, and a comparatively weak demand for Chinese currency in New York City, it would be advantageous to make the exchange in Shanghai. So far as we have been able to ascertain, the average rate is about the same in Shanghai and in New York. One's policy with regard to a transfer of funds must therefore be determined primarily from the basis of what method will get our West China funds to the point where they are needed in the most convenient way and at the proper time.

We are delighted to learn that the University has been able to engage a Chinese accountant for Mr. Albertson's office. We certainly hope that this will provide him with adequate assistance so that he will not be so overburdened with work as he has been for so many years.

Of course we are all tremendously concerned about the events taking place in China these days. But we do hope that the situation will improve during the weeks that this letter is on its way to Chengtu, and that even if disturbances do occur in North China or along the Chinese coast, the situation in Szechwan will remain quiet, and the work of the University will go forward normally.

Very sincerely yours,

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COPY FOR DR. GARSIDE.

August 20th, 1937.

Rev. Frank Anderson, M.A., D.D.,  
26, Grosvenor Street,  
LONDON, Ontario, Canada.

Dear Dr. Anderson,

Please find enclosed a copy of the Minutes of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors, which met on June 30th, 1937.

You will notice that we are making some progress in the matter of scholarships. This is important, for the National Government requires us to provide during the year 1937 tuition scholarships for not less than 5% of our student body (i.e. 19) and full scholarships valued at \$150-250 per annum for not less than 2% (i.e. 7). From 1937-40 the number of tuition scholarships must be increased to 5%; full scholarships must also be increased, though no goal is set. You will note what the alumni are planning in this connection. With permission from the Missions to report their scholarships in our Catalogue, we are hoping to meet the Government's requirements for this year.

In his letter of July 7th Dr. Dsang reported that the Nanking grant for 1937-38 shows an increase over that for the past year. As yet we do not know what the Provincial Government will grant for 1937-38, but there is every prospect that the amount will at least equal last year's.

The item for Group Insurance should be of interest. It is certainly something which our Chinese staff should have, and I believe the small annual expenditure should prove well worth while, for it will mean a much more contented and loyal staff.

Dr. Dsang has already commented upon the Chinese leaders who have consented to become Honorary Members of the Board of Directors, so I need make no further comment here.

Minute 51 - Budget Estimates - may not be received as heartily as we would hope, but the Board of Directors could do nothing else. The University is growing rapidly. The demands for staff and equipment are becoming more insistent, and it is more and more difficult to mark time. The University Administration will do everything possible to keep expenses down, and the Board

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of Directors will be urged to secure funds to cover the deficit of the year if there is any. At the time of writing it is impossible for us to tell what will come. Our University may not be able to operate for any length of time. Again, we may be asked to accept many more students, aiding universities that are closed. Our whole programme is in flux. We have been asked by the Ministry of Education how many students we can take in our class rooms and in our dormitories, giving us some indication that we may be asked to add to our student body. If this be so, we will do our best to secure appropriations from the Government so that we will not be obliged to call on the Board of Founders to meet additional costs. I hope that in the near future - because of the balancing of the books - we shall be able to discover what is our total debit balance for the past two or three years. There is every indication that this unfavourable balance is not a large one. Naturally we prefer not to have any such balance, and we hope that there will be some means of wiping it out; also that our future budgets can be expanded a little so as to take care of the progress that is inevitable.

These few brief remarks on the Minutes will, I hope, be sufficient to cover the important points. I trust I have left out nothing that should be commented upon.

China's immediate future is one that no one here can prophesy. The people generally are optimistic that the sacrifice which they are willing to make will finally win for them a recognition from Japan that China's sovereignty must be recognised. Our friends admit that they have no munitions of war to compare with Japan's, but they are willing to sacrifice life, comfort, and money to prolong the war to the point where Japan must suffer economically and politically.

After term opens I will write again, then we shall know something more of our programme for the fall and winter terms.

Yours sincerely,

Ashley W. Lindsay

Recording Secretary.

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West China  Union University

CHENGTU, WEST CHINA

August 25th, 1937.

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

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*ack 10/27/37*

Dear Dr . Garside,

Your letter of June 17th referring to the availability of Professor Leslie E. Swain for special assistance in the field of physical education in our University next academic year was received.

The University Cabinet at its meeting held on August 23rd asked me to forward to you the following minute:

RESOLVED that there is not sufficient scope in this University for the type of service which Professor Swain is qualified to render.

It is not that we would not like to have Professor Swain with us, but rather that physical education is not being stressed at present. It is not that we do not believe in physical education, but rather that lack of funds has prevented our securing the proper staff. For the past two years we have had no physical director attached to the University, but this year we are hoping to engage one for part-time. It is unfortunate that we are unable to stress physical education just when the Government is so insistent that we should give military training, a large part of which is, of course, directed towards the physical development of the student body. On my return last year I discovered that the University had not been engaging a physical director, so I have done my best to stir the institution again in that direction. It will, however, be some time before money can be secured to get back to the place we had reached a few years ago in athletic prowess, when our University led the schools of West China. Alas, we are now just one of the crowd!

It may be that because of conditions in East China we will have a larger registration of students, thus assisting other institutions by taking in their students. Conditions may be different when school opens than they look now, but it seems to me that unless we have more money we cannot do more. Further, it would be unfortunate to have Professor Swain come to us at a time when we could not benefit adequately by his service.

Yours sincerely,

*Ashley W. Lindsay*

Ashley W. Lindsay.

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Sept. 7, 1937

Mrs. Ashley W. Lindsay  
Office of the Dean  
West China Union University  
Chengtou, Szechwan, China

Dear Mrs. Lindsay:

Your letter of July 21 together with biographies and pictures arrived during my absence from the office. This is the first day when our complete staff is back from vacations and I am taking this first opportunity of expressing to you my great appreciation of the excellent piece of work you did in selecting and providing these pictures and biographies.

I can readily understand the embarrassing situation in which you were placed in attempting to select the two best students and I congratulate you upon the wisdom of the method you adopted. The material is of such excellent quality and the pictures are so intriguing that, I am sure, we shall find opportunity to use them all in one way or another. We are constantly getting in quest of suitable publicity matter, and these will all fill a useful purpose in due time.

Since you know where these students are at the present time, would you be good enough to write each of them expressing not only my personal thanks but that of the entire staff for their gracious compliance with our request. Furthermore, give them assurance that when we have determined the use to which their particular contribution will be put, we shall inform them and send them copies of the article of publication. The situation in China is so disturbing that we are in a quandary as to just what steps should be taken at this time. It may be that the publication of the proposed piece of publicity material will be postponed for awhile.

American sentiment is very definitely favorable to China and our prayers are with you in these hours of deep anxiety. Whatever happens, I am sure, the China Christian Colleges may rely upon the active interest and support of the American constituency.

Thanking you once more for your generous cooperation, I am

Yours sincerely,

George C. Aydelott, Secretary.

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THE VICE-CHANCELLOR

CHENG TU, SZECHWAN

四川成都

October 13th, 1937.

*ack 11/27/37*

Dr. B.A. Garside,  
Associated Boards,  
150, Fifth Avenue,  
NEW YORK CITY, U.S.A.

Dear Dr. Garside,

During the last month or two we have been receiving reports from the Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China; Minutes of the Executive and Promotion Committees; Minutes of the Board of Governors; and letters of June 7th and 14th, and July 25th.

At the Faculty meeting held on the 7th October Extracts from the Minutes were read as well as important items from your letters. These will be presented to the next meeting of the Executive of the Board of Directors.

We were very much interested in the work of the Promotion Committee, and trust that some time in the near future our University will be in a more favoured position when the hat is being passed round. As we see things here we have exceeded the limit of growth with the regular funds as provided from the Board's grant, and we are slowly going into debt. We have hopes of interesting the National and Provincial Governments, but their gifts are always for specific objects and do not permit us to use them for ordinary maintenance. Anything that you can do to interest our Board of Founders, which means of course the separate Missions, to increase their grant will be an infinitely important service to us. \$55,000 Szechwan currency is quite inadequate. We need funds for special objects, but our maintenance budget must be increased if we are to exist. The expenses cannot but increase.

Thank you very much for the interest you take in us. We hope to receive continued information regarding the success of your programme.

Yours sincerely,

*Ashley W. Lindsay*  
Ashley W. Lindsay.

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Since dictating the above I find that I have not commented on your letter of August 6th. Last Monday I reported to the Cabinet your letter in regarding to the transfer of University business from Mr. Fuller to Mr. W.R. Taylor, and the following minute was passed:

RESOLVED to repeat the request that Mr. W.R. Taylor handle the University's accounts in the A.M.T. Office, Shanghai, and to thank Mr. Fuller for his services since Mr. Main left.

*noted  
H.M.*

There are reasons, besides financial ones, that make Mr. Taylor a much better agent for us than Mr. Fuller. Mr. Taylor has lived in West China for many years and was acting-Bursar here for a time. We all know him, and today he is doing most of the work that we ask him to do without having any official connection. So far as I know no one has asked Mr. Fuller to render any assistance, except perhaps our M.E.M. friends. We trust that Mr. Fuller will understand the position when we write to him.

We will try out Dr. Beech's plan of transferring money direct from New York to Chengtu, and as we will not know whether we gain or lose on exchange by this method we perhaps will forget that there is such a thing as gain or loss on exchange.

Our enrolment to date is about 500, and we know now that the Medical and Dental Colleges of the National Central University are coming, and that between forty and fifty students with eight teachers are also on the way.

*noted  
H.M.*

We are now in the throes of making housing and dormitory accommodations. The Provincial Government are giving us some support and we have received a grant of \$2,000 to fit up one of the dormitories for the students. We expect, of course, to receive a considerably larger grant than that before we have finally settled up accounts.

*noted  
H.M.*

The city is now going through a series of anti-aircraft drills. Because of weather conditions there could have been no air raid on Chengtu as yet, but as the season advances and air raids become possible we fully expect to be visited by a few long distance planes.

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October 27, 1937

Dr. Ashley W. Lindsay  
West China Union University  
Chengtu, Szechwan, China

Dear Dr. Lindsay:

Thank you for your letter of August 25th, to which you attach a copy of the letter you wrote to Dr. Anderson on August 20th - also for the minutes of the June 30th meeting of the Board of Directors' Executive Committee.

The next meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board of Governors will be held in Toronto some time in January. At that time Dr. Anderson will, no doubt, bring up all the items not only in this particular set of minutes, but also other minutes and correspondence from the field which require special consideration or action here in the west.

Thank you for giving such careful consideration to the possibility of making use of Professor Swain in West China. The war situation in the Far East will probably compel the abandonment of all plans for the 1938 Hangchow Conference anyway, so the proposed trip of Professor and Mrs. Swain may never take place.

We are all deeply stirred by the things happening in China these days, and realize that all that has happened thus far may be only the beginning of even more tragic events during the months just ahead. But we hope that Szechwan will not be greatly affected, and that the work of the University can go forward without serious interruption.

Very sincerely yours,

■ A GARSIDE

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四川成都

November 3rd, 1937

*See letter to Dean Chase  
11/8/37*

Dr. B.A. Garside,  
Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China,  
150, Fifth Avenue,  
NEW YORK CITY, U.S.A.

Dear Dr. Garside,

Your letter to the President concerning graduates from our Department of Chinese, which is largely supported by funds from the Harvard-Yenching Institute, has been awaiting attention for some time. Mr. Fong has now had an opportunity to go over the records, and I enclose particulars concerning most of the graduates from the Chinese Department since 1929, hoping that this information will be of value to Dr. Chase.

Kindly explain to Dr. Chase that the reason for our delay in dealing with this matter is due to the extra work caused through the coming of so many more students from down river and the north this term, and the transferring of Central National and Cheeloo Medical and Dental Colleges to our campus. We are very sorry if this delay has caused a great deal of inconvenience.

Yours sincerely,

*Ashley W. Lindsay*  
Ashley W. Lindsay.

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*See letter to Dean Chase 2/28/38*

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CHENG TU, SZECHWAN  
四川成都

November 8th, 1937.

*Ack 2/18/38*

Dr. B.A. Garside,  
Associated Boards for Christian Colleges,  
150, Fifth Avenue,  
NEW YORK CITY, U.S.A.

Dear Dr. Garside,

On November 3rd there was forwarded to you a cablegram, copy of which is enclosed. This cable is an approximate copy of one sent to the Nine Powers Conference by the Western Community of Chengtu.

Of course you know that the largest group in this community is that of the teachers of the University, hence the stress laid on the destruction of cultural institutions and the direct threat to China's regeneration.

Very much more would have been said in the cable as to the position which we believe our home people should take in this war, but the cost of expressing our full thoughts by cable was prohibitive.

The Community hope that its brief cable will stimulate churches to more than pious expressions of horror or regret towards Japan's policy of destruction of the bases of China's security and progress. We trust that you were able to use the message.

Yours sincerely,

*Ashley W. Lindsay*  
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November 27, 1937

Dr. Ashley W. Lindsay  
West China Union University  
Chengt'u, Szechwan, China

Dear Dr. Lindsay:

Let me acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 13th.

You comment first on the urgency of the need for increased support from the Board of Governors for the work of W. C. U. U. I believe we have all realized for a number of years that for the Governors to appropriate from L.C.\$50,000 to L.C.\$60,000, is quite inadequate for the needs of a vigorous and growing institution. This appropriation must be substantially increased if the University is to advance.

The difficulty, however, is to find out just how such an increase can be brought about. All of the supporting mission boards have suffered very substantial reductions in income during the last decade. While Dr. Beech and others have been urging them to restore their cash grants to the University as rapidly as possible to the original figure of U.S.\$6,000 per year for the major boards, there seems little immediate likelihood of their reaching, or even approaching, that figure until the whole trend of their income is radically changed.

In the meantime our Associated Boards has been trying to develop new sources of income for the Colleges individually and as a group. Just as we began to have some grounds to hope for success in these efforts, the Sino-Japanese crisis upset all our plans and prospects. For the current year we are trying to secure the urgently needed current fund which the Universities must have in order to carry on. But it is too early yet for us to make any forecast for the future.

You may rest assured that we will do everything possible, both in urging the mission boards to increase their grants to the University, and also through the development of income from other sources. But until somewhat more stable conditions are restored in China, we dare not be too optimistic of results.

On the second page of your letter you quote the action of the University cabinet repeating the request that Mr. W. R. Taylor handle the University's accounts in the Associated Missions Office in Shanghai. Of course

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our New York office will be quite happy to deal through whatever individual in the A.M.T. office is designated by the group on the field. Due both to the disturbed conditions in the lower Yangtze valley and also the difficulty of transferring funds direct to Chengtu, there will probably not be much business transacted through the Associated Missions Treasurer's office in the near future anyway.

By the time this reaches you the holiday season will probably have come and gone. We hope that W. C. will have continued to enjoy a reasonably peaceful fall, and that you will not be harassed by the military disturbances which have created such havoc down river.

Very sincerely yours,

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ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

CHENG TU, SZECHWAN

December 16th, 1937.

Dr. B.A. Garside,  
Associated Boards for Christian Colleges,  
150, Fifth Avenue,  
NEW YORK CITY, U.S.A.

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*no reply due to 3/3/28*

Dear Dr. Garside,

Your letter of September 15th reached us on November 15th and was read to the Cabinet and to the Faculty at their regular meetings.

We are receiving funds through the Bank of China quite satisfactorily. The Cabinet has asked me to suggest to you that it might be wise to make arrangements with the Bank of China for us to use credit balances on hospital and other accounts which are now in hand in China until they are used up, before you transfer further New York gold funds to the Bank of China. By this means we would reduce our bank balance in China and safeguard any possible loss because of future eventualities.

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I have just learned from Mr. Albertson that without informing the Cabinet he has been drawing on the Shanghai bank balances with the expectation that he was doing just as we have suggested, but as he does not know your procedure of remitting money to us, he is not sure whether money has been sent to Shanghai or not, or whether it is still in New York. He says that until he signs the receipt the money is not actually in the Bank of China in Chengtu. Therefore he is under the impression that the money is not in China. This does not seem to me to be likely, as he could always have the money here if he signed the receipt for it.

Please find enclosed a copy of all the minutes having to do with the proposed Pharmacy Building. The Board of Directors has not met and therefore we have not been able to place this matter before them, but this will be done at the first opportunity, and you will be informed of their action. We thought that it would be advisable that you should have all the minutes concerning the matter before you, so that possibly a cable would be sufficient to indicate their recommendation. We will also enclose a copy of these minutes to Dr. Anderson in our next letter to him.

As I have mentioned above, the last letter we have received from you was dated September 15th. Therefore there has been no reply to any of our letters or cables of this autumn. We had hoped

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that you would make use of the Clipper Air Service so that we would be able to know something of the reactions of the Board or its executive officers.

In a letter received two or three weeks ago Dr. Beech criticised us very severely for not keeping him and the New York office informed of our situation this autumn. But our records show that there has been a large volume of correspondence and publicity material sent to you. It may be, of course, that there is some hold up and that you are not receiving everything which we send. We have no way of knowing this, but we trust that everything is going through and that we will very shortly be receiving some word from you. We usually send important correspondence for the attention of the Board to more than one officer.

Several weeks ago we received a letter from Dr. Wallace Crawford informing us that he had received a promise of funds for the erection of a Leper Hospital and for the maintenance of the same, but we have had no word from your office to this effect. We would be glad to have confirmation of this information at an early date so that plans may be made accordingly.

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You will find enclosed a copy of the diploma of the University of the State of New York which we are about to have printed here in Chengtu. We believe the wording follows the requirements, and that it will meet with the approval of the recipients in China. If it should be that it is incorrect in any way, we would be glad to have early information.

From the radio news we receive we know that Nanking has fallen and that Japan has inaugurated a provisional Government of the Republic of China in Peiping. As far as we can estimate from those about us, there is no indication whatsoever that the war is over; in fact it would appear that it has just begun as areas of China other than the north and Shanghai and Nanking are concerned. It would seem that the National Government under Chiang Kai-shek is as strongly united and determined as ever to resist the aggression of Japan, and they anticipate that they have the ability to engage Japan in a long period of hostilities, and they have the hope that there will be a turn of events in which some foreign power or powers will decide that it is a vital economic or political necessity to intervene.

No doubt we will find ourselves cut off from the coast much more effectively than we have been to date. There seems a grave possibility that the Hongkong-Szechwan air service may be disrupted, and this will certainly be unfortunate for us, for we have been making very good use of this service. The Indo-China-Yunnan, Kweiyang route to Szechwan may be developed later, but as yet it is very slow and inadequate either for securing supplies or for ordinary travel. The Government is using the railway material intended for the railroad from Chungking to Chengtu for building a road from Kweiyang to Yunnanfu, and it is ordered that this road must be completed within a year.

As yet we have not had any visit from Japanese bombers, but as they have begun to pay attention to Sian, it is possible that

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before many months they will be paying us occasional visits, especially if the aerodrome in Chengtu is occupied by Government war planes. This new aerodrome will be completed within a very short period, and it is almost unbelievable what has been done in the levelling and preparing of this tremendous field. Should the several hundreds of plans which are expected from Russia make their headquarters here it is quite likely that Japanese may consider their attentions necessary.

Life on the campus is proceeding normally, and students are paying strict attention to their studies, though they are all doing some extra studies along the line of preparation for war. A large part of the winter holiday will be occupied with Special Training given by Government instructors to our students, and to all other schools in Szechwan.

Yours sincerely,

*Ashley W. Lindsay*

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Diploma of the  
University of the State of New York.

Having satisfactorily completed the full course of study and all required examinations, and having been recommended by the Faculty of this institution, and having complied with all provisions of law and of university ordinances,

JOHN SMITH

is hereby admitted by the West China Union University to the degree of

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN EDUCATION

In witness whereof the Faculty of the West China Union University grants this diploma under an Absolute Charter and with the full authority of the University of the State of New York.

President

Seal

Dean of College

Dated this day of

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