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Chengtu. 7-8-41

Dear Mr. Evans;-

This will acknowledge your letters by Clipper, dated July 14th.; rather a longer time than usual. The closing statements for the other institutions had arrived by a former mail and I was anxious to receive those for Huata. They came just in time to be available when Miss Priest needed them. It is good to read that you found justification for what I had written you about correspondence from the N.Y. office although I feel no satisfaction in the realization of the extra work you have had to carry this spring. I understand you usually take your holidays in August and I hope very much you may now be far from the worries of the office and deep in the country or high up in the mountains or on the sea shore. The minutes and the letter of June 6th came to hand and were acknowledged in a previous letter.

Your reference to the U.C.R. is rather disturbing and I wonder what kind of an impression our plan for wider service in the general plan of reconstruction, made on the people concerned. We had visions of large sums being available and used in much less practical ways than those outlined by us; in fact we thought we were planning something that only had to be suggested to be adopted by the committee. But we were anxious that it should be clearly understood that the claim for assistance towards our regular budgets must come before anything else. It is perhaps not to be wondered at that people in New York find it difficult to understand what the rise in the cost of living had done to our budget; I have tried different ways of drawing a picture to make clear how the members of the staff are affected but I have never felt that I had been successful. A man with a wife and two children getting a salary of \$200 a month, which is what associate professors and some professors get, is not able to buy sufficient rice for the family, using his entire salary. And where is he to get what they need beyond that. Our salaries are on the basis of rice at one-twentieth what it has been lately. Fortunately the price has been dropping recently and with the new crop in sight it should continue to do so. But no one expects the price to be less than double the price at which we stocked rice last spring; and we shall be lucky if the gold exchange is as favourable during the coming year as it has been during the past. So you at least will appreciate our worries.

The telegraph people came back with an enquiry as to the first word of our reply cable, 'Valid Does Freezing Affect Field Selling Drafts', and we told them it was correct. I thought that the best word as you had used it in the cable we were answering; 'Is Cheque 5000 drawn Favor YTKWOH Valid Cable Immediately'. The explanation probably is on the way, as well as the meaning of your reply cable, 'AMERICAN DOLLAR BANK FUNDS FROZEN PENDING FURTHER ADVICE!'. The action taken by the American government was a total surprise to us and we fear we shall suffer because of a somewhat lower rate of exchange. As soon as your cable came I took up the matter with the Presidents and the conclusion was to write at once to the Minister of Finance and ask for information and advice. His reply has not yet been received. As far as Huata was concerned we were caught rather badly as the matter of the overdraft had not been cleared up and we did not know how our bank account stood. Moreover our theory that it was not wise to keep money in Shanghai but rather in New York may not be so good in the present circumstances. No doubt it was impossible to foresee all the possible entanglements arising from the general order and only time will make satisfactory arrangements possible. We are interpreting your cable to mean you are awaiting further advice from the American government.

Yesterday the last box from the Albertson consignment and the last of the Best-Hoffman lot reached Chengtu; a great relief to all who have been concerned with these goods. We still have no word of the Cheng Deh-kuen, Wallace Wang, Li Min-liang party which sailed on the 12th; Dr. and Mrs. Ho, the Drs. Hsie, Mr. Pen Tse-fu and Will Small have written from San Francisco by Clipper saying they were sailing on the 21st. we shall be anxious about them till they arrive in Chengtu.

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Chengtu. 7-8-41

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ACCOUNTS PAYABLE a/c #179

West China Union University

|   |   |          |           |
|---|---|----------|-----------|
| Income Hodgkin Memorial Fund 1937/38        | - | 360.24   |           |
| " " " " 1938/39                             | - | 180.00   |           |
| " " " " 1939/40                             | - | 450.00   | 990.24    |
| " Scholarships 1938/39                      |   | 7.54     |           |
| " " 1939/40                                 |   | 8.37     | 15.91     |
| Balance on Sustaining Funds 1938/39         |   | 2,662.90 |           |
| " " " " 1939/40                             |   | 792.73   | 3,455.63  |
| " Harvard-Yenching 1939/40                  |   |          |           |
| Program of Chinese Studies                  |   | 1,480.80 |           |
| Special Grant                               |   | 500.00   |           |
| Fellowship T. K. Cheng                      |   | 108.10   | 2,088.90  |
|   |   |          | <hr/>     |
| Old Balance June 30th 1941                  |   |          | 6,550.68  |
| Entered June 30th 1941 a/c 1940/41          |   |          | <hr/>     |
| Auth. 4101 Extra salary Marjorie Robertson  |   |          | 120.00    |
| " 4103 Assistant in Bursar's Office         |   |          |           |
| LC\$2,250. @ 10 to 1 estimate               |   |          | 225.00    |
| Program of Chinese Studies balance          |   |          |           |
| LC\$2,600. @ 17 to 1 estimate               |   |          | 152.95    |
| Fellowship T. K. Cheng LC\$1,800. @ 17 to 1 |   |          | 105.88    |
| Scholarship Fund Income                     |   |          | 7.54      |
| Henry T. Hodgkin Memorial Fund income       |   |          | 425.00    |
| Sustaining Fund balance                     |   |          | 2,466.42  |
|   |   |          | <hr/>     |
| Total 1940/41                               |   |          | 3,502.79  |
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| Balance Accounts Payable at the             |   |          |           |
| close of fiscal year 1940/41                |   |          | 10,053.47 |

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West China Union University

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE s/c 1941

July 14, 1941

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7/14/41

Mr. H. D. Robertson  
West China Union University  
Chengtou, Szechwan, CHINA

Dear Mr. Robertson:

Enclosed find the closing for 1940-41 which includes the trial balance sheets before and after closing, cash statements, budget analysis, copies of Journal Vouchers #409, #410, #411 and #412. There are also several invoices enclosed, as well as a letter from the Associated Boards dated June 28th conveying \$30.25 to West China Union University. This, you will note, over pays the \$12,000 allocated for 1940-41 in Sustaining Funds by \$1,602.75.

You will note that the Governors closed with a Surplus of \$1,118.21. As we received the amount carried forward in Accounts Receivable, I shall recommend that \$118.21 be credited to the Reserve Income Account and the balance of \$1,000 be made available for the field. Presumably all of this money should accrue to the governors as it came about through the savings in the Governors' budget and I do not know how far we can go with this recommendation, but we will attempt it anyway. Journal Voucher #411 shows our closing entries carried over into Accounts Payable. We are attaching herewith a transcript of this account as it stood on our books June 30.

Journal Voucher #410 shows that the overdraft in the Current Budget was charged against the \$5,000 paid West China by Shantung, and we trust you will clear this overdraft in this manner.

I sincerely trust that a careful study will be made of Accounts Payable and forwarded to us as soon as possible.

A cablegram came to hand this morning from the four presidents asking for \$75,000 American dollars. I shall discuss this with the United China Relief before the day is over and probably will send you a cablegram with a covering letter next week. The situation needs considerable study.

I am sending a copy of this letter and the balance sheets to William Small, who is on the way to the West Coast, for his information and study.

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

CAE/B  
ENCS.  
cc: William Small  
Via China Clipper - 7/14/41  
c.c. via next boat.

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July 14, 1941

Mr. H. D. Robertson  
West China Union University  
Chengtu, Szechwan, CHINA

Ack  
7/18/41

Dear Mr. Robertson:

This morning's mail brought a letter including one from Dr. Beech which I took occasion to read as on two other occasions specific authority has been given. It caused me to study again the whole situation here in the office covering correspondence with the field and I find that we are grossly at fault in not communicating with you more promptly. I am as much to blame as anyone else, but when I note that a whole month elapsed between the time when the minutes were mailed after the Executive Committee meeting, I have nothing to say -- but I am greatly chagrined and yet I could say a great deal. We have been working with two executives entirely out of the picture and even though promotional work has decreased in the office, the keeping of contacts with the U. C. R. and the furnishing of material have consumed practically as much time as were we carrying on our own program. There is no question but what we would be in no worse condition and probably a much better situation were we not in the United China Relief. I should not say this, but the facts are that we are involved in a condition from which it is almost impossible to extricate ourselves, and we are doing the best we can at both ends -- by that, I mean the United China Relief as well as endeavoring to operate in the office.

I feel confident now that no letters have been lost but that you will have received the minutes and the communication of June 6th by the time this letter reaches you.

I will write you on other items in several letters at hand before the day closes.

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

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Via China Clipper - 7/14/41  
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July 21, 1941

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Mr. H. D. Robertson  
West China Union University  
Chengt'u, Szechwan, CHINA

Dear Mr. Robertson:

Your letter of June 29th is before me, and we are grateful for your word regarding the Commencement. We also are looking forward to receiving a copy of Generalissimo's speech.

Your letter of the 19th of May came to hand and we discussed same with Mr. Small, and I acknowledged this letter on June 9th.

It has been evident to all of us that there must be some definite understanding regarding the handling of funds in the future, and my last letter has dealt with this situation. The closing out of any balances or deficits is an essential thing before we proceed with adjustments for the future.

It is quite true that the Shantung budget has not been finally approved as the figures sent were at variance with those submitted to the Board meeting. It is necessary to have some other action before approval is granted.

I have before me a communication from Dr. Beech informing me that he has written you regarding several questions raised in communications addressed to our office, as well as to him.

I note that there are letters which have been received within the last few days which will require an acknowledgment.

I shall try to get other matter in the mail before the day is closed.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

CAE/B  
Via China Clipper - 7/21/41  
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July 23, 1941.

Mr. H. D. Robertson, Chancellor  
West China Union University  
Szechwan, Chengtu, China

Ack  
9/9/41

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Dear Mr. Robertson:

We have cleared the travel of several staff members in the last few days, and I am reporting on the expenditure of these items.

You will understand, that circumstances beyond our control have compelled us to make overtures never before attempted. At one time it seemed necessary to send all of these good people first class, and as a matter of fact, first class tickets were purchased for Mr. and Mrs. Ho, but they have made the change to steerage, after arriving in San Francisco.

Expenditures on our books are as follows:

WEN-CHUN HO

|         |                              |          |               |
|---------|------------------------------|----------|---------------|
| 6/27/41 | Western Clergy               | \$       | 4.00          |
|         | Travel - Ames to Los Angeles |          | 75.00         |
| 7/15/41 | William C. Borgers           |          |               |
|         | Travel                       | \$833.00 |               |
|         | less                         | 40.05    | <u>792.95</u> |
|         |                              |          | \$871.95      |

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|--------|-------------------------------|--------------|
| 7/1/41 | Eastern & Western Clergy      | 4.00         |
|        | A/C Travel                    | 100.00       |
|        | Thomas Cook & Son ticket      | 50.00        |
| 7/11   | For Travel                    | 400.00       |
| 7/15   | Thomas Cook & Son S.S. ticket | 128.00       |
| 7/17   | Thomas Cook & Son             |              |
|        | Balance on S.S. ticket        | 8.00         |
|        | U. C. of Canada               |              |
|        | Toronto to Vancouver          | <u>76.09</u> |
|        |                               | \$766.09     |

We will notify you further upon other developments.

Very truly yours,

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C. A. Evans

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Chengtu. 25--7--41

Dear Mr. [unclear] --- The set up and typing of this letter will be evidence that Miss [unclear] is away at the Hills. She has not been too well of late, some things to do with her heart; but the doctors are insisting on complete rest and she writes cheery letters, so we hope the rest will affect a cure.

This will acknowledge your letters of June 9th, 2, June 11th, June 30th, 3. We are informed that a Clipper mail leaves Hongkong on the 29 and I hope to catch it. I want to assure you that I did realize how much work had devolved on you with the departure of Dr. Garside and you must put down to the special circumstances of our situation the impatience expressed. I trust August provided the 'nice cool place' for which you longed.

Cable Budget. Does the Field have the 12,000 or only 11,000, F-1556, HYI.

What does 'scholarships as last year' refer to?

H-Y I Balances. We are glad to have the additional items for the budgets.

But I am very disappointed that the request for funds from these balances for assistance for Mr. Meng Ssu-ming was turned down by Dr. Elisseeff. I find it difficult to understand as the matter already had been considered by Dr. E. who had informed us that his funds were not available for the first year but that if Mr. Meng did good work in his first year then he would consider support for the second year from H-Y I funds. So we appealed for assistance from our own funds, balances, for Mr. Meng's first year feeling confident his work would be satisfactory and that Dr. E. would then help him in the second year. The Office and Dr. Elisseeff both have a record of Mr. Meng's work at Yenching where he took his M.A. in Chinese History and had his Thesis printed by the research society. His work has been highly spoken of by Mr. Hung of the China section of the Institute and we understood that Mr. Hung who has been in the U.S.A. had spoken to Dr. E. about Mr. Meng. Is it possible that Dr. E. was not aware that this was the same man. He is quite prepared to have his course of study outlined for him by Dr. Elisseeff and is anxious to study modern methods of historical research. If you could take this matter up with Mr. Parker I should be very much obliged as I am personally interested. Does the H.Y. Board of Trustees know we have such balances; do we have to get the consent of the H.Y. Board when we use these balances?

Department of Pharmacy. June 30th letter. we made no request for \$50,000.0

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Bank Deposit. Letter of June 9th. This explains your reference to our overdraft which I could not understand. We naturally though your authorisation still held for the balances of the Sustaining Funds for 1938--39; 1939--40. We have not received any authorisation for any Sustaining Funds for 1940--41. Miss Priest will write you in reference to items under this heading in your letter.

Coles Estate Balances. Your letters during the year had suggested that the income from this estate was available for the Field for specific purposes and apart from the general budget. I note that in E-1535 this income is not put among the specially designated items but regarded as a source of general income. Please clarify this item. We are grateful for the amount made available from the balances. As almost all our insurance premiums are paid in gold could we have the insurance items in Gold, \$310.00 and \$470.00, please.

Definite authorizations. Your suggestion seems eminently proper and suits us on the field; that is the present practice, is it not? If not please issue covering authorizations.

Bank Deposit. Could we establish a system under which you would deposit a certain amount each month or each quarter; mail communication is likely to become very uncertain shortly.

Radio news is very disquieting. Apparently the most remote places are to become involved directly, until the whole world shares the suffering.

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all our insurance premiums are paid in gold could we have the insurance  
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August 7, 1941

Mr. H. D. Robertson  
West China Union University  
Chengtu, Szechwan, CHINA

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Dear Mr. Robertson:

We became somewhat embroiled in a situation involving a check for \$5,000 issued on the West China Union University account. I think you will recall that when consideration was given to the request to establish a banking account for West China, that we stated banks in America were not any too willing to accept accounts of this nature and that particular pains must be taken in handling it.

This particular check in question was dated June 25th and drawn in favor of Y. P. Kwok written by a typewriter, whereas the amount in figures was inserted in ink at \$5,000, but was not filled in on the face of the check. The National City Bank immediately refused payment and notified the Central Hanover Bank and Trust Company, and we were then notified. This occasioned a cable to China to establish the validity of the check to which you responded promptly. Quite naturally there were not sufficient funds to take care of this payment, but fortunately we had on hand in the Plant account \$5,500.00 which we deposited with your account at once. This was in accordance with my letter of April 21, 1941.

There is another check for \$900.00 coming through which we must make some arrangements for meeting.

We all appreciate the difficulties involved in your situation which is emphasized again by a cable from President Liu calling for the release of funds for Cheeloo. However, we are hoping for the fullest cooperation in the handling of details such as involving checks of this size, especially under prevailing conditions.

We have friends at court in the Federal Reserve Bank who will go the limit, but they are hemmed in by law and it must take its course.

The treasurers of the Mission Boards met day before yesterday and gave full consideration to the freezing of funds. Apparently they are in worse shape than our office, and an effort is being made to consolidate the requests in approaches to the Government, but what will come of it I cannot tell.

As soon as these accounts can be unfrozen, we will telegraph you immediately.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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Mr. H. D. Robertson  
West China Union University  
Chengtu, Szechwan, CHINA

Dear Mr. Robertson:

The first closing papers for the new fiscal year, dated July 31st, are enclosed herewith. You will also find the budget analysis, cash statement, copy of Journal Voucher #113. In addition there are a number of invoices.

Obviously, a re-study of the various budgets is in order and will be done the very first part of September.

You will also note that there is no mention made of askings from the Associated Boards. It is our thought that the balance of 1940-41 must be cared for before releasing our requests for 1941-42. As a matter of fact, the Disbursing Committee of the United China Relief has not approved our asking and the thought has been that we cannot expect more than \$140,000 from the second stage of the campaign or the second million. The first million has just been completed.

We will write you further as soon as any information is available.

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

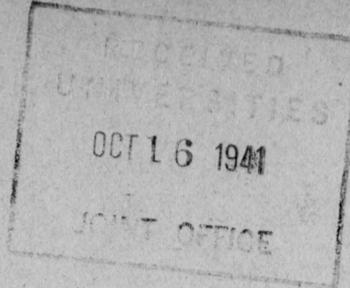
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August 29, 1941

Mr. H. D. Robertson  
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Dear Mr. Robertson:

I am grateful for your letter of July 25th, informing me of Miss Robertson's illness, which we trust has entirely disappeared by this time.

The actual amount of the Harvard-Yenching appropriation is \$13,421.06, but there is a deduction for administrative charges of \$1,000., and the field has the balance of \$12,421.06.

Scholarships to which we referred amounted to \$8.75, Hodgkin Memorial, \$450.00, and Kate Atherton Fund for Books, \$175. All of these items you know are restricted.

I have taken considerable time to study through material about Mr. Meng Ssu-ming, and I cannot find where we have available such information as is contained in the second paragraph of your letter. I doubt very much, however, that it would have made much difference, as Dr. Elisseeff is adamant in his position about the qualifications of those coming to the States. Presumably Dr. Elisseeff made a statement without having before him the transcripts which were furnished to Mr. Parker. A rather elaborate presentation was made regarding Mr. Meng, with full assurances regarding the responsibility of the West China Board of Governors, which has complete control of the Harvard-Yenching Institute balances, and of which the Institute is fully aware. We do not find any record of where this matter had been taken up in an informal way with Dr. Elisseeff, and presumably he could well overlook any connection with references made by Dr. Hung while in America.

Nothing can be done about the Pharmacy Building until the meeting of the Board later in the fall. We will investigate the possibility of getting a meeting soon, but are not optimistic.

Coles Estate Balance. Income under this caption has been \$1,700 in the regular budget, as you will note from an inspection of the monthly balance sheet. A larger amount, however, has been received from time to time, which has built up a considerable credit balance, and on July 1st we carried forward \$5,725.47. You will note that action E-1535 has raised the income to \$2,300., which of course is included within the \$20,000 appropriated toward the field budget. Action E-1535 authorized three \$310. and \$470.

All previous recommendations and suggestions about bank accounts are now void. We are using every possible means of unfreezing field accounts, and if by Tuesday definite results are not achieved, we will let loose upon every available influential power within gunshot in an effort to alleviate this situation.

Cordially yours,

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Dear Mr. Evans;--

Acknowledging yours of Aug. 7th, 2, with budget analysis. I am enclosing (1) statement covering Grant received from the Rockefeller Foundation, 1940--41, \$6,000.00

(2) Report of the U.U. to the H-Y Institute.

As you know we did not receive the \$6,000.00 in addition to our budget and we are simply sending this statement as a suggestion to you as to how the report might be made by your office to the Foundation. I understand this is the procedure followed by the other institutions, and trust you approve. H-Y report. Please note the financial report. We have reported the amount in gold as indicated in your budget analysis; that gave us sufficient to cover the extra expense due to the rice bonus.

Dr. Mullett's requisition. You may have had a request from Dr. Mullett for money to meet his order for dental supplies he wishes to bring back with him. I have not got this straightened out yet with the Dean but have agreed to write you that it is quite all right for this money to be spent by Dr. Mullett and the proper requisition will be sent to you in due course.

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United China Relief. I have been unable from your letters to get a clear idea of the situation as it affects our budget of 1940-41 and that of 1941-42. We were very grateful for your cable from the Finance committee of the Board but as everything depended on securing the large sum necessary to meet the cost of living bonus we still are on the anxious seat as regards the future. This month will be a busy one with you as with us and it will be possible for decisions to be made.

All the financial statements connected with the reports that must be sent off this month have to be done by one person, Miss Priest, for the four institutions and this follows on the closing of the books for the year; you can imagine the kind of summer months she has put in. I think however all will be sent away in good time; only Clipper mail can be depended on now.

The Small party divided at Manila, the Hsies and Pen going on to Rangoon. Will Small flies from Hongkong on the 16th and we shall be much relieved to have him here. We have been asking altogether too much of Miss Priest for too long a time. The U. of Nanking is in deep sorrow over the death of two of their Heads of departments, within 36 hours, one by drowning.

The Chengtu paper today announces the government's action to make a black market impossible and fixes the exchange at \$18.82 for one gold dollar. If you can transfer our money to Shanghai at that rate we shall not worry but up to this moment we have no official word from this end and nothing from you. The cablegrams mentioned as likely to be sent have not reached us. We shall write giving our comments on the Accounts Payable and your letter of July 14th, as soon as we possible can get the time.

IMPORTANT. Please acknowledge at once the arrival of this letter with its enclosures; I am not sending second copies because of the expense. You might enquire of Dr. Elisseeff as to whether his report reached him.

If you can let us have some more of this thin paper and like envelopes we shall appreciate it very much as we can get nothing like it. I hope very much you will have the necessary assistance in the office this autumn and assure of our wish to save you all unnecessary worry. With the assistance of Will Small and his knowledge of your opinions we should very easily reach an agreement on methods satisfactory to both offices. Please pardon the set-up of this letter; I may be at this for two months yet as the doctors think Miss Robertson should not resume her work till the first of November.

My regards to Dr. Garside and best wishes,

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Dear Mr. Evans:-

Just a note to keep you informed of our correspondence. Yours of the 17th, 21st, 2, 23rd July to hand, with enclosures for Will Smith. I shall deal with the matters concerned on the arrival of the party. The amount drawn by Pen Tse -fu is not clear to us as the item 'for travel' is already covered by other detailed items. However we shall write you about this later. They had an anxious time until their passage was assured and we were much relieved to hear they were sailing. The regulation as to all students going to the U.S. having to have their case passed by a special committee in Washington caused all kinds of trouble and three of our staff decided not to leave Chengtu; now we hear the regulation is no longer in effect. There is much confusion of thought as to likely happenings in the Pacific; every time we conclude fighting is inevitable some development takes place to make another solution likely or at least possible; Shanghai is a good example of how mistaken most people have been in interpreting the outcome of situations. We have had a radio statement as to the arrangements that can be made by educational institutions wishing to transfer funds from the U.S.A. to China but nothing official and we are eagerly awaiting your reply to the letters and cable from Miss Priest.

In the matter of the high cost of living there has been some improvement recently in that the price of rice has fallen somewhat. Whether this will be maintained is not clear and we shall not know till the price for the new harvest, now being gathered, has been fixed. As you can imagine the Presidents are very anxious about the future and are doing everything possible to keep the situation before the educational authorities.

Yesterday we had one of our most trying air raids; the J. had a large number of planes in all parts of this province and twenty seven bombers came to Chengtu. Accompanying the bombers were very fast planes that swooped down at tremendous speed and terrified people with their noise. Planes were over us for two hours but bombs were dropped only at the airport as far as I have learned. For a month now the J. planes have been busy bombing cities and towns, large and small, all over the province.

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H.D. ROBERTSON.

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Dear Mr. Evans;-

We have received no letters since those of Aug. 7th. already acknowledged. I regret to have to report that Miss Robertson is still unable to return to the office so you will have to put up with my feeble efforts on the machine. We still hope that further rest will be all that Miss R. requires and that she will be back soon be back in the office.

Will Small arrived on Thursday having flown all the way from Hongkong that morning. He arrived in Hongkong the day before and had a great rush to attend to requests from friends here and get the plane at three the next morning. We are delighted to have him in the office and the present plan is for him to study Chinese in the mornings and take on work in the office in the afternoons; he has no difficulty in picking up the spoken language as he had a good vocabulary before he went home to college but he has ambitions in the matter of characters. We shall see that he is not overwhelmed at the beginning and have every confidence in his fitness in every way for this position.

W. C. U. U. Draft. On Aug. 8th we wrote two drafts of which I should have informed you and did not; regrets. We were under the impression then that perhaps we could get national currency for them if no Chinese signature appeared on the draft; so we used the old forms and I signed them. One #799 for U.S. \$1000.00 was sent to the American Express Hongkong, and we have a letter from them dated Sept. 15th saying it had been sent by air mail to New York for collection. The other #788 was sent to the Associated Missions Treasurers, Shanghai, the same amount \$1000.00, and we have not had any reply from them. I feel sure you will recognise the emergency we were trying to meet resulting from the freezing regulations and our need of funds to carry on. Dr. Dsang's signature is not on either of these drafts if presented and the reason is indicated above; we were trying to find a method that might allow us to get funds in China. I think you will understand the irregularity.

Ministry of Finance authority. Last week we received a communication from the M. dated Sept. 9th and quoting our letter of Aug. 1 in which we asked for information as to how our funds in the U.S. could be released. In this Mr. Fox of the Stabilization committee was quoted as follows; "that these four institutions.....may have their U.S. drafts exchanged from the Central Bank of China at the official rate; also all their letters of credit may be cashed through the Central Bank of China!" Miss Priest has sent you a copy of the statement in full. Acting on this information we took up the matter with the local Central Bank and found that instructions had already been received that our institutions could secure local funds on the terms of the letter received from the Ministry. The official rate at present is \$18.82 and we shall not be so badly off if we can exchange all our funds at this rate. It is a great relief to have this matter settled after the weeks of anxious waiting. Your cable of July 29th, "American dollar bank funds frozen pending further advice" was our only information up to this date.

Finance Committee meeting, 18/6/41. In your letter of June 30th you enclosed a transcript of minutes F1554, 1555, 1556, 1557, and commented on same. We have never received a copy of the minutes of this meeting; if they were sent I fear they were lost and other copies should be sent immediately, please.

Department of Pharmacy. Recommended change to College. On June 2nd I wrote you in some detail concerning this desired action on the part of the Board of Governors; the petition could not be presented to Ministry until we had the consent of the B. of G. Your letter of June 30th stated that the request "for \$50,000.00 for the D. of Ph." was being circulated among the B. of G. for consideration; this apparently was a mistake but we have had no report on the matter and the B. of Governors has not sent the desired approval we have not been able to approach the Ministry. If you can inform us by cable we shall be very grateful.

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Reports. The Harvard--Yenching and the Rockefeller annual reports have been sent to you, Sept. 9th. The Financial Report from the Field and the report for the State Department of Education at Albany will go off this week we hope. Getting these ready for the four institutions is a really big job and under the present circumstances one person, Miss Priest has to do it along with the usual routine work. Sending by Clipper is the only safe method but we do not like the expense; there are reports current that postal rates are to be increased on Oct. 1st and that a Clipper letter will cost three times the present rate.

Union Theological College. On your statements three items have appeared but no authorization to draw has ever reached us; Women, Baptist, \$33.33 in July 1940, - Women, Methodist, 111.00 in Aug. 1940 Women, Canadian, \$89.86 in Oct. 1940. Enquiries have been made of us so I write to ask if we are authorized to draw these amounts for the College. I presume you know Peter Shih formerly of the Nanking Seminary and now Principle of our college; we are very much worried over his health and fear he will be off work for a term at least; his fine Christian character and his outstanding ability clearly indicate him as a most promising leader.

United China Relief. It is some time now since we have had any information on the results of this appeal. We shall hope to hear from you soon as to the \$1,000.00 carried forward and also as to any Sustaining Funds that may be available to the field. The appeal of the four Presidents has not lost anything in urgency although we have good reason to believe that the Ministry of Education will give consideration to our need. Statistics indicate that living is more expensive in Chengtu than in the cities of Toronto and New York; 'believe it or not'.

E-1533, Coles Estate Fund. As so much of our insurance now is paid in gold we are asking you to credit our New York gold account with the two items, 3 and 4, insurance, \$310.27 and \$470.60 and we shall draw only the NC\$ for items 5, 6, 7, and trust this will meet with your approval

There has been some uneasiness as to the talks in Washington but recently I believe opinion in this country is reassured and confident that our three countries will stand together until the war is won and work together after the war to ensure a better world.

Registration this term is quite up to that of last year and accommodation is still a big problem. We expect to send a cable the end of this week giving detailed statistics. Conditions here were only partly satisfactory during the eclipse yesterday but we all had a view of the sun. I hope you are finding the work less strenuous since the summer. Regards.

H. Robertson.  
R.B.

Dear Mr. Evans,

Mr. Robertson has given me the opportunity of adding a few lines to his report. You can be sure that I was pleased to reach Chengtu after having spent two months on the way. I was in Manila for three weeks as it seemed a more satisfactory place than Hongkong for an extended delay. Our trip from Manila to Hongkong coincided with an unusually heavy typhoon with the result that we had a very rough time and were delayed for three days. Fortunately the plane on which I had made reservation was likewise detained and I was able to retain my place when it left the night of our arrival. Again I was fortunate in being able to continue on the same plane from Chungking to Chengtu, where I arrived only 15 hours after landing in Hongkong. Quite a change from the old form of travel!

At present the most satisfactory arrangement seems to be for me to carry on with office work in the afternoons and concentrate on Chinese study in the mornings. It is desirable from all points of view for me to be able to recognize Chinese characters as well as to be able to carry on conversation fluently. I hope that this will not require too long a period for I well realize that the sooner I can relieve Miss Priest of the work that she has been doing the better it will be for all concerned. I trust that this procedure meets with your approval.

Yours sincerely,

William Small.

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September 30, 1941

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Mr. H. D. Robertson  
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Chengtu, Szechwan, CHINA

Dear Mr. Robertson:

I am taking correspondence in order of the date of receipt, but find that much of the matter which is contained in some of the communications is out of date.

I have in other letters alluded to the United China Relief and may I add that the structure is in process of reorganization with the probable solution being a complete absorption of the relief agencies with the Church Committee and the Associated Boards as contractual parties. The thought is that no others can take the responsibility for our regular program and quite naturally they cannot assume trusteeship for raising our regular budgets. We do have, however, a claim upon the public for relief funds and undoubtedly will find a place in the organization. The next meeting is to be held October 15th.

Again may we report that four applications for unfreezing field accounts have been refused by the Treasury Department. There is another one before them at the present time and we are putting on the pressure for immediate decision. Meanwhile, individual requests for remittance of funds to the field are coming through and as they are received, we are making remittances. Most of the remainder of the day will be spent following through with the Treasury Department on the applications pending for unfreezing these accounts.

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

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9-30-41 Parker  
Chengtu, 30--9--41

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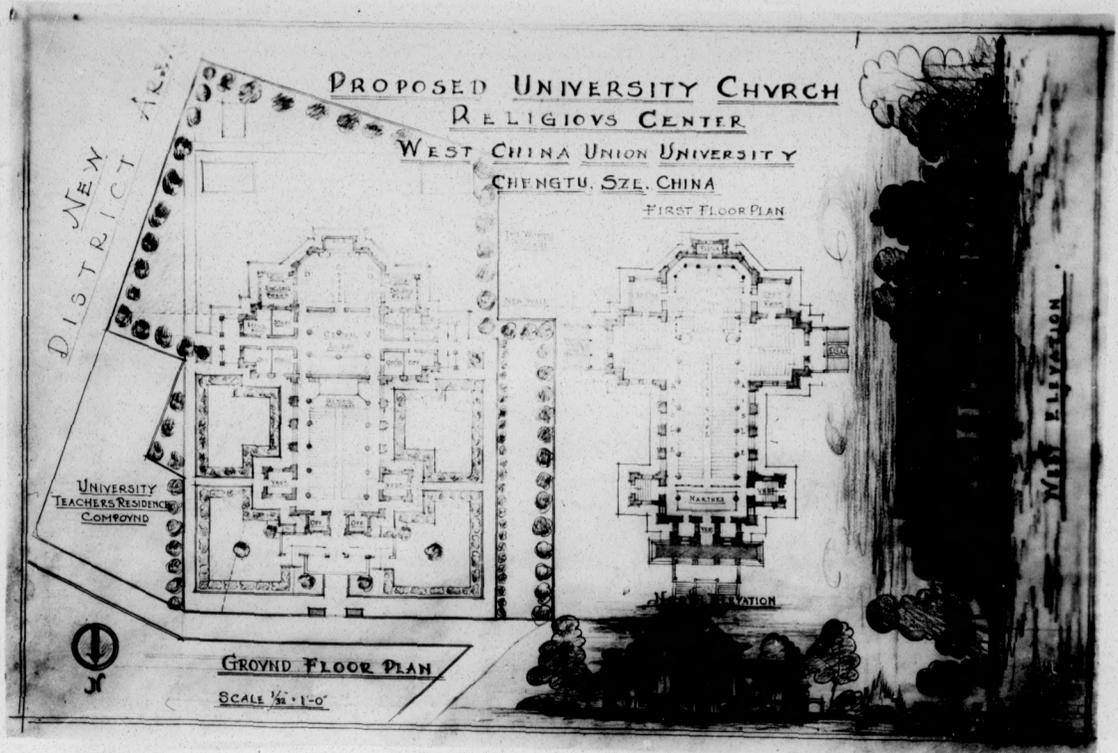
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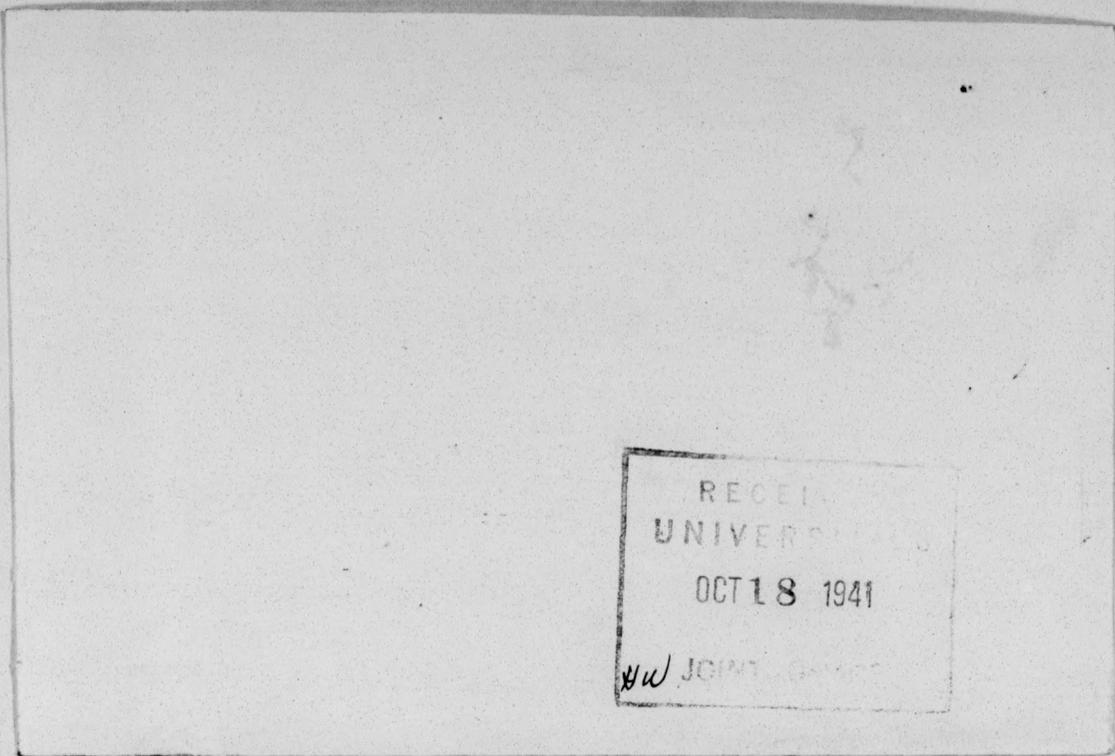
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628. *University Church.*

Dr. Phelps presented the following statement:

Renewed attention to the religious life of this institution, and to the purpose for which it was founded, was urged by the Minutes of the Executive Committee of the Board of Governors at its Toronto meeting of October 16, 1940.

This minute brings to a focus the problems, long with us, relating to the religious life of our staff and students. Our purpose is to create Christian men and women, training them in the practical ways of religious living and working which shall best bring the Kingdom of God to actuality in all areas of Chinese life.

This aim involves the deepening and strengthening of those who come to us as Christians; and the winning to God and a religious life of all who are not Christians.

It is a fact of experience that such growth, and such a life-dedication, occur most effectively within the body of the enduring, closely-knit religious fellowship which we call the Church. Yet for more than the twenty-five years of its existence this university campus has been without a church. Effective religious services and varied student activities have ever been a vital part of our life here. Now the feeling of the Board of Governors is reflected in our conviction that a new step in unity needs to be made.

There are a number of factors which make the present time decisive for such a church. The guest universities on this campus—the University of Nanking, Ginling College, Cheeloo University; and the new campuses near by Chao Yang and Szechuan National University, all need a central place of worship and Christian activity. While these guest institutions are with us, they can give to the new church the impetus of their religious resources—a gift that will remain to enrich the life of this campus and city long after their departure.

The New South Gate has been opened, connecting the campus with university communities in the city. The adjacent New Village suburban development is tangible evidence of the rapid growth and large community need about us.

To meet these varied and pressing needs it is proposed that a Union University Church be organized, and

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that a building beautiful and efficient be erected. It should be a genuine, organic church in which the University would undoubtedly be the major participant, but whose governing body would be elected by, and responsible to, its members. It should be a union church in which the ritualistic differences and varying forms of expression of the distinctive participating denominations would be given free scope—the present moment in Free China, and at this campus, makes possible a great experiment to enrich and not divide. It should be a union church in which university staffs and students would worship and work side by side with members of the whole community, and all get the vital experience of a powerfully functioning church, modern and alive to human needs. The University Committee on Religious Life recommends to the West China Union University that plans be immediately set in motion towards the organizations of a Union University Church; and the gathering of funds for the erection of an appropriate building for religious worship, with adequate space and equipment below for student and community religious activities. The Hall of Worship should seat a minimum of 1,000 persons. The total building—Chinese style—and equipment, will cost US\$50,000.

The site should be adjacent to the campus on the east, readily accessible not only to our own university staffs and students, but also to the Tung Hang Tse community, the New Village suburbs, Chao Yang University, Szechwan University, and the New South Gate.

RESOLVED to agree in general principle with this statement, and to refer it back to the Committee, with the addition of the President, Mr. Robertson and representatives of the Missions, to be put into more concrete form for presentation to the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors.

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Report of the grant received from Rockefeller Foundation - 1940-41.

Received US\$6,000 00 estimated at rate of 20:1 C\$ 120,000 00

Expenditures:

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| Cash subsidy - 20. for each staff per no.<br>for five months         | 24,400 00                       |
| Rice subsidy - in part   | 58,050 00                       |
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Dear Mr. Evans;--

This has been quite a week. Getting off the reports and the letters for the Board meeting on the 5th of November without the help of Miss Robertson has been a new experience. I trust you receive the President's report and the other reports in good time. Everything is going by Clipper from this end as we never know when there will be a ship. I have written Dr. Beech and Dr. Elisseeff and hope everything is in order. In this letter to you I shall take up several matters that need attention.

Cheng Teh-kuen- When Mr. Cheng arrived and came to see me he had a letter from you dated May 29th, which I quote; The field has been authorized to draw the 1939-40 and 1940-41 fellowships, but they are still on the books available for the treasurer's draft. As far as we know the field has been authorized to draw only the amount needed to bring the LC\$1800.00 which we have been paying to Mrs. Cheng; this was G\$120.00 in the year and G\$105.88 in the other so that there would be a balance in the account according to Mr. Cheng of G\$474.12, from the \$350.00 granted each year. In your statements you always \* this item as 'to be adjusted'. Then there is the matter of the projector which he brought and which you show on your statements as having been received and paid out; do we send you a requisition for the \$49.92 plus a charge for transportation of \$1.25

Scholarships. We are preparing a further list of members of the staff and shall send shortly. Meanwhile you have the three names as stated in Mr. Parker's letter of June 30th; these are first on our list I would like to call your attention to the fact that our College of Medicine and Dentistry is able to get fellowships that look after their men while they are studying but these fellowships do not provide enough to cover travel; in their cases therefore it is travel allowance we need. Please see that the scholarship for Meng Ssu-ming is cleared up; if Dr. E. Elisseeff insists he go to Harvard the first year his record at Yenching and during these two years under the British Boxer Indemnity Fund should reassure him. I enclose a statement he prepared for me.

College of Pharmacy. It is a long time since we sent our request home for permission to make this appeal to the Ministry of Education; please do what is necessary to cable us to go ahead.

Central Block, College of Medicine and Dentistry Teaching Building. In 1926-7 when the two wings of this building were erected the funds ran out and since that time nothing has been done to complete the building. Appeals to the China Foundation resulted in two grants of forty thousand each to be used for this purpose. The Estate of the late Dr. C.W. Service who gave his life to medical work in West China has made available another thirty thousand and with this \$110,000.00 we think we can put up the building and finish some of the rooms; this is possible because we are lucky in that some materials were purchased at much lower prices some time ago. Plans are all here and we wish to see this eyesore removed as well as to get the much-needed accommodation.

University Clinical Hospital; The report of Dr. Brown was forwarded by Clipper mail some weeks ago; this should give the Board a clear picture of the present situation. Our doctors feel badly over the delay in building last spring resulting from the Board's instructions and present prices are much higher. The aim now is to finish what will allow of ~~some~~ at least of the hospital being put into operation. With such a splendid plant (there is nothing like it, nor likely to be for many years) in this part of China) it does not seem unreasonable to anticipate assist- from abroad as well as locally to secure expensive equipment and cover running expenses for the first few years.

Ho Wen-chuin. Dr. Ho has given me a detailed statement of his use of the \$871.95 advanced to him; one half of this will be re-funded by the Woman's college as Mrs. Ho's expenses. In addition Dr. Ho would like to collect \$28.00 gold which was spent on their travel to Chengt. Did Dr. Beech succeed in securing a special grant to meet any of these extraordinary travel charges. Mr. Pen Tse-fu is preparing his statement. All returning staff will have more charges for baggage from Rangoon.

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Robertson 5-10-41

Miss Robertson. As indicated in former correspondence the health of Miss Robertson has not been good for some months. In June the doctors ordered a lighter load for her and a good long holiday in the summer. Her heart had been giving her some trouble. During the summer she did not pick up as was hoped and when she returned in September she was not able to take up her work in the office. More recently certain tests made by the medical people lead them to think she has thyroid trouble; this is not for publication. Had it been possible she was due to return to England in June on regular furlough; but because of the war she would not have been allowed to take passage. Because of our war in China there is no suitable place for her to go for a rest and treatment in this country. We are thinking therefore that she might go to Toronto where she has friends; if she became better as we would hope and if the war came to an end she could then go on to England to see her people and finish her furlough. So please write at once to the proper authorities in Washington, a special commission I believe, to secure permission for Miss Robertson, a British subject, to pass through the U.S.A. on her way to Canada. The Washington authorities send a cable to the American Consulate-General in Hongkong I believe, and notify you. We all regret very much Miss Robertson's illness; she has been all and more than was expected of her when she was appointed and her willing service in many different causes will be sadly missed. I can give you only unofficial information as yet but I should think the Board should be informed of her illness and make the necessary provision for her travel and extra expenses. I do not suppose you can do anything to help out in meeting the situation in our office; there does not seem to be any possible help available locally.

Mrs. Simkin. If there is any difficulty over permission for Mrs. Simkin to return to China please assure the Friends Council that she is on the staff of the U.U. and responsible for essential work, in case this information would help in securing her passport.

Financial statement for 1940-41. The books have been closed and arrangements have been made to have them audited on the 14th; the statement will be forwarded to you at once. In the light of all the circumstances of the past year I think you will agree that we did not do too badly. There will be no deficit.

Bank Account 66. Please deposit to our account in the Bank the G\$6000.00 authorized by Mr. Lair for settlement of West China's account with Cheeloo, 1940-41. We are drawing against this.

Draft #727 is reported lost in the mails. We are issuing draft #792 dated Sept. 27th, '41, to take its place, for \$32.11 to Sterling Rubber Co.

I think I have covered all outstanding matters. Miss Priest has written you about the two drafts for G\$5000.00. The best of luck.

very sincerely yours, H. D. Robertson.

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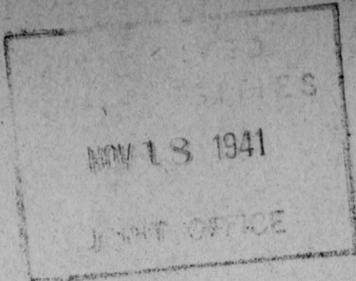
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October 20, 1941

Mr. H. D. Robertson  
West China Union University  
Chengtu, Szechwan, CHINA

Dear Mr. Robertson:

I am grateful for your letter of September 9th enclosing report for the Rockefeller Foundation gift, also copy of report to the Harvard-Yenching Institute. We are checking with Dr. Elisseeff and will have this report ready in case he has not received his.

Thanks for your authorization regarding Dr. Mullett's requirements. It came to hand the day before he left for Canada.

I have written a letter today to Miss Priest regarding the United China Relief and the progress which is being made. We cannot count too heavily upon money coming in speedily, but we trust that the necessary requirements for carrying on during 1941-42 will be made available.

Since writing this letter to us, we have received word that Mr. Small has arrived on the campus and as he took with him a considerable quantity of light weight paper, we are not sending any additional at the present time.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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Mr. H. D. Robertson  
West China Union University  
Chengtu, Szechwan, CHINA

Dear Mr. Robertson:

Your letter of September 22nd is also at hand -- a batch of about five letters having arrived at the same time.

This letter gives us news about Mr. Small's arrival and, I am sure, you will be greatly satisfied with his work.

The West China Union University draft of August 8th came through and the lack of President Dsang's signature made no difference by the bank presenting same for our final decision as the account was then frozen. We submitted our trustees check and cleared it without further difficulty.

The authority of the Chinese Ministry of Finance certainly will help greatly and now you have received word that the bank accounts in America are unfrozen.

Light weight copies of the minutes of the Finance Committee of June 18th were sent by Clipper mail and we are forwarding another copy by regular mail.

It is true that we intended to circulate the request for \$50,000.00 for the Pharmacy Building, but upon further study of the situation, felt that it would be inadvisable to present the plan without permitting discussion. In other words, there will be less opportunity of it passing without opportunity for a thorough clarifying of the issues.

The Union Theological College remittances alluded to in the second paragraph of your letter on page 2, as you know, have been in hand for some time. Authorization No. 4102 permitted you to draw \$33.33. Draft No. 896 cared for \$100.00 of the Methodist Women appropriation -- \$11.00 still remaining. Another \$25.00 also came from the same source, and the Canadian women sent us \$89.86. You are, therefore, authorized to draw, under Requisition No. 4103, the following items:

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We regretted exceedingly to learn of Peter Shih's condition and trust that he will recover rapidly to his normal health and strength.

I have written you elsewhere regarding the available funds from United China Relief and no further comment need be made at the present time.

As requested, we have made the journal entries authorized under E-1533 and will send you copies of the journal vouchers later.

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Please pass on to Mr. Small my appreciation for his personal note. I am hoping to be in a position to write more at length at a later date.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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Dear Mr. Evans;--

Your last letters to me were dated Sept. 11 and Sept. 12. Also we have the letter to the Presidents, dated Sept. 18th. Your cable indicates that ours asking for a special grant to meet rice prices was received. We are hoping your recommendation to the Executive means that you will try to send us that amount each month. This is a very difficult situation indeed for U. of Nanking and Huata particularly as we have more people on our staffs with families which means we need more rice. Also we have received the cables sent for Dr. Agnew. Yesterday we sent this cable in reply, IMPORTANT CONSULT BEECH MEDICAL DENTAL EQUIPMENT PREVENT DUPLICATION STOP FIELD CAN AUTHORIZE DOLLARS 1000 TRANSPORTATION STOP ADVISE A PPEAL AMERICAN ORGANIZATIONS FOR BALANCE. The Finance committee met on this matter and the feeling was strong that we should make sure all this equipment was needed and was not duplicated in what Dr. Beech is securing. This is all the more necessary because of the cost of getting freight here and the cost of maintaining equipment out of our current budgets. This will be apparent to you I know. We have gone as far as we could in agreeing to guarantee half of the estimated cost for freight; you know the financial situation we are in and present prices have added gold ten thousand to the estimates submitted to you last February, as indicated in the three cables of the Presidents urging special assistance to meet rice problems.

Scholarships. In response to Mr. Parker's letter of June 30th. the President has consulted with the colleges and I am now sending the names of members of our staff who are recommended for scholarships. it being understood that the applications of Dr. Ruth Chang, Mr. Meng Ssu-ming and Mr. K. C. Wu are already approved.

Science, Miss Pen Ta-si, Biology; Medicine, Dr. Beh Yin-tsai, Dr. Yang Kia-liang, Dr. Stephen Yang, Dr. Pen Gie-ren, Dr. Tsao Chong-liang  
Dentistry, Dr. Cheo Shao-wu; Library, Mr. Den Gwang-lu, Miss Lei Shou-lien  
General. Business Administration, Mr. Li Hui-ngi

Certain data is enclosed and fuller information goes by surface post. I may say that in the case of the Medical-Dental men the aid desired is not really a scholarship but rather financial aid to cover travel and perhaps a little towards their living expenses. Drs. Beh and Yang were ready to leave for Canada in July of this year when the new regulations requiring special permission for students travelling through the U.S. on their way to Canada and the difficulty of cancelling passages caused us to advise their not leaving at that time; their medical work in Toronto is all arranged for and we want them to go next summer definitely, so ask for a sum to help meet their travel. You can see from the records of each man that they are well qualified to profit from the experience and we are depending on them to take leading positions in coming years. Dr. Cheo, Dental, is in the same position of needing only assistance to meet travel.

The two librarians need special mention. Mr. Den has been assistant to Mrs. Lindsay for many years; she has a high opinion of his work and character. He desires to secure the degree of M. S. in Library Science at Columbia University. We have been in communication with Dr. Williamson of and Den would be accepted if funds can be secured; Rockefeller Foundation are no longer helping with such scholarships. Our difficulty in securing a trained librarian from outside the province makes this scholarship very necessary. In the case of Miss Lei we feel we have a rather special person who wishes further training to fit her for the responsibility of taking charge of the Medical-Dental library as it grows with the years.

Mr. Li Hui-ngi is the business manager of the university and is ambitious to organize his department in as efficient a manner as possible; this is not so urgent as to time.

Enclosures. Statistics for 1941-42. Scholarship data.

The cost of cables and Clipper letters bothers me these days when every dollar means so much. We shall expect a cable after the meeting of the Board on the 5th. Finance committee minutes not received. Hoping you are sitting on top of the office work and that prospects for assistance improve with the weeks; yours in the red,

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in coming years. Dr. Choo, Dental, is in the same position of needing only from the experience and we are depending on them to take leading positions can see from the records of each man that they are well qualified to profit to go next summer definitely, so ask for a sum to help meet their travel. You that time; their medical work in Toronto is all arranged for and we want them for students travelling through the U.S. on their way to Canada and the difficulty of cancelling passages caused us to advise their not leaving at towards their living expenses. Drs. Beh and Yang were ready to leave for Canada in July of this year when the new regulations regarding special permits a scholarship but rather financial aid to cover travel and perhaps a little say that in the case of the Medical-Dental men the aid desired is not really certain data is enclosed and fuller information goes by surface post. I may

General, Business Administration, Mr. Li Hsi-ning; Dentistry, Dr. Choo Shao-wu; Library, Mr. Den Gwan-ju, Miss Lei Shou-lien; Miss Yen Tsai, Biology; Medicine, Dr. Beh Yin-tai, Dr. Yang Kiu-ling, Dr. Stephen Yang, Dr. Pen Gie-ren, Dr. Taso Chong-liang; Science, Miss Yen Tsai, Biology; Medicine, Dr. Beh Yin-tai, Dr. Yang Kiu-ling and Mr. K. C. Wu are already approved. It being understood that the applications of Dr. Ruth Chang, Mr. Heng San-ting the names of members of our staff who are recommended for scholarships. June 30th, the President has consulted with the colleges and I am now sending the names of Mr. Parker's letter of

of the President writing special assistance to meet rice problems. estimates submitted to you last February, as indicated in the three cables situation we are in and present prices have added gold ten thousand to the guarantee half of the estimated cost for freight; you know the financial to be apparent to you I know. We have gone as far as we could in agreeing to and the cost of maintaining equipment out of our current budgets. This will This is all the more necessary because of the cost of getting freight here equipment was needed and was not duplicated in what Dr. Beech is securing this matter and the feeling was strong that we should make sure all this A PRIMAL AMERICAN ORGANIZATION FOR BALANCE. The Finance committee met on ATION STOP FIELD CAN AUTHORIZE DOLLARS 1000 TRANSPORTATION STOP ADVISE in reply, IMPORTANT CONSULT BEECH MEDICAL DENTAL EQUIPMENT PREVENT DUPLIC Have received the cables sent for Dr. Agnew. Yesterday we sent this cable people on our staff with families which means we need more rice. Also we situation indeed for U. of Nanjing and Huata particularly as we have more you will try to send us that amount each month. This is a very difficult We are hoping your recommendation to the Executive means that indicates that ours asking for a special grant to meet rice prices was Also we have the letter to the President, dated Sept. 18th. Your cable Your last letters to me were dated Sept. 11 and Sept. 12

Dear Mr. Evans:--  
Chengtu, 23-10-41

WEST CHINA UNION UNIVERSITY

STATISTICS FOR THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ASSOCIATED BOARDS FOR 1940-1941

|   |                      |     |         |     |               |     |
|---|----------------------|-----|---------|-----|---------------|-----|
| Teaching staff (based on full time service)   | Chinese              | 64  | Western | 21  | Total         | 85  |
| Student enrolment during year   | Men                  | 415 | Women   | 241 | Total         | 656 |
| Total expenditures for year, in Chinese currency<br>(Mission board staff salaries are not included) |                      |     |         |     | \$1,066,757   | 61  |
| Total income for year, in Chinese currency:   |                      |     |         |     |               |     |
|   | From Chinese sources |     |         |     | \$634,691     | 33  |
|   | From western sources |     |         |     | \$432,066     | 28  |
|   | Total                |     |         |     | C\$ 1,066,757 | 61  |

(Salaries of staff furnished by mission boards not included)

Valuation of plant, grounds and equipment, in Chinese currency C\$3,476,485 75

Average exchange rate for year 20:1

Number of staff furnished and paid for by Mission Boards:

|                           | Married | Single |
|---------------------------|---------|--------|
| Baptist                   | 6       | 1      |
| Church Missionary Society | 1       | 2      |
| Friends Service Council   | 2       |        |
| Methodist                 | 1       | 2      |
| United church of Canada   | 14      | 2      |
| Board of Governors        | 1       | 1      |

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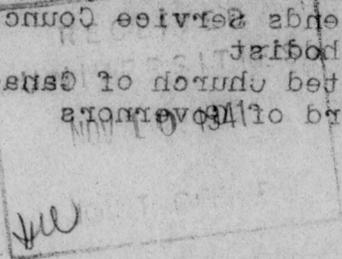
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Number of staff furnished and paid for by Mission Boards:

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Born, 1910, Suifu, Sze.

Degrees: B.Sc. 1932; M.D. 1935, both from W.C.U.U.

P.G. work: Fellowship from Ministry of Education, Commission on Medical Education, 1938-39. Worked in National Central University under Dr. Leslie Chen, on histology of central nervous system.

Rank in W.C.U.U., Assistant, 1935 to 1937.

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Blood Groups of the Aboriginal Chwan Miao of Szechwan Province, West China (with W,R.Morse and Stephen Yang). Man, 1938, 66.

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Born: 1910, at Kiangtsing, Sze.

Degree: M.D., 1934, W.C.U.U.

P.G. work: P.U.M.C., 1935-1937.

Assistant Resident, U.C.C.M. Hospital Chengtu, 1934-35

Resident " " " " 1937-38

Ranks: Instructor, 1937-39

Associate Professor of Medicine, 1939-

Superintendent of General Hospital Unit of United Hospital,  
Chengtu, 1940-

Publication: The Preparation and Clinical Use of Bacillus Pertussis  
Vaccine (with J.P.Wu and F.T.Chu) Chinese Medical  
Journal, 1938, 54, p. 517.

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C. R. Pen (Pen Chie-Ren) 彭吉人

Born, 1910. Chungking, Sze.

Degrees: B.Sc., 1932; M.D., 1935, both from W.C.U.U.

P.G.Work: Two year course in Ophthalmology and Otolaryngology in W.C.U.U. with Diploma in these subjects in 1937.

Rank: Instructor, in Otolaryngology, 1937-39.

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Acting Head of Department since 1939.

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Shao-Wu Cheo

Born, 1911. Junghsien, Szechwan.

D. D. S, West China, 1938.

Work since 1930: Twice the President of the General Student Association of West China Union University.

Rank: Assistant, Junior Instructor, Senior Instructor in Department of Oral Anatomy and Oral Physiology under direction of Dr. Ashley W. Lindsay.

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Application for Fellowship

West China Union University LIBRARY  
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Name: Miss Lei Shou Lien

Age: 30

Unmarried            Member of the Anglican Church in China

Desires to secure Library training to continue work in the Library of the College of Medicine and Dentistry, West China Union University.

Previous training: Graduated from the History Department of Yenching University 1933, B.A. degree

Speaks, writes and reads Chinese and English. Has studied French in Yenching for two years.

Experience: Taught History and Geography in Porter Wycott Middle School, Techow, Shangtung, 1933-37 until the occupation of the city by the Japanese. Started West and reached Chengtu July 1938.

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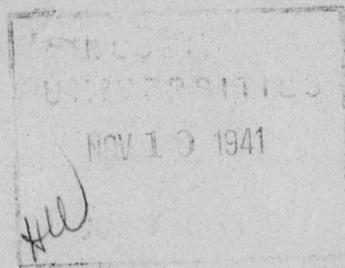
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Application for Fellowship

West China Union University Library  
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Name: Den Gwang-lu

Age: 37

Married Member of the Methodist Episcopal in China

Desires to secure Master of Science degree from Columbia. Has previously applied to Dr Williamson and been tentatively accepted conditioned to the securing of funds elsewhere for tuition and living expenses.

Previous training: Primary School work in China  
Pasadena College Academy, graduated 1923  
Attended Bible Institute of Los Angeles  
for one year  
Graduated West China Union University 1931,  
B.A. degree  
Attended Boone Library School 1932-33

Speaks, writes and reads Chinese and English. Can work with French, German, Latin, Japanese and Russian in the Library; has studied each a little.

Experience: Taught English in Chungking Middle School 1926-28  
During College course worked as student-assistant in Library  
Since graduation has been employed continuously in University Library, West China Union University, except for year at Boone. His emphasis has been on cataloguing and administration.

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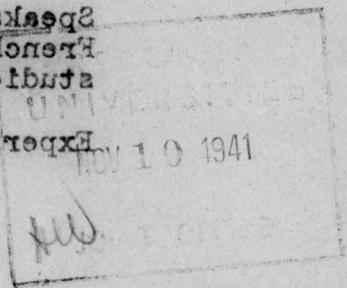
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Name: Pen Da-si (Daisy Pen) 彭達詩

Date and place of birth: March 17, 1913. Chunking, Szechuan, China

Member of church: Methodist church member

Collegiate institution attended, date and degree:

B. S., West China Union University, 1935. Major in Biology.

Teaching:

Assistant in General Biology and Invertebrate Zoology, 1935-38.

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List of Publications:

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STUDENT'S RECORD

Miss Pen, Da-si ( Daisy Pen )

Admission to Science College, September, 1931.

FRESHMAN YEAR (1931)

| Subjects     |                       | Credit hours      | 1st.term | 2rd.term | Final Grade |
|--------------|-----------------------|-------------------|----------|----------|-------------|
| Chin.        | Chinese               | 4                 | 82.5     | 83.5     | 83          |
| Eng. 2 A     | English               |                   | 87.5     |          |             |
| Eng. 5-6B    | English               | 6                 | 71       | 68       | 69.5        |
| Phil. 41-42  | Ethics                | 4                 | 81       | 82       | 81.5        |
| Biol. 1-2    | Biological Principles | 10                | 87       | 80       | 83.5        |
| Chem. 1-2    | Inorganic Chemistry   | 10                | 58       | 64       | 61          |
| Phys. 3-4    | Physics -Electricity- | 8                 | 66       | 78       | 72          |
| Gen.Sci. 3-4 | Science & Human Life  | 2                 | 92       |          | 92          |
| Sericul.     | Sericulture           | 3                 |          |          | 88          |
| Mus.         | Music- Insturmental   |                   | 85       | 90       | 88          |
|              |                       | Total credits---- | 47       |          |             |

SOPHOMORE YEAR (1932)

|             |                             |                    |      |    |      |
|-------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|------|----|------|
|             | Physical training           | 4                  | 82   |    | 70   |
| Chin.       | Chinese                     | 4                  | 82.5 | 79 | 81   |
| Phil. 61-62 | General Psychology          | 4                  | 76   | 63 | 69.5 |
| Eng. 3-4A   | Short Stories               | 6                  | 74   | 70 | 72   |
| Math. 1-2   | General College Mathematics | 6                  | 84   | 74 | 79   |
| Gen.Sc. 1-2 | Scientific English          | 6                  | 73   | 75 | 74   |
| Bio. 6      | General Botany              | 4                  |      |    | 87   |
| Bio. 17     | Invertebrate Zoology        | 4                  | 90   |    | 90   |
| Chem. 3-4   | Organic Chemistry           | 8                  | 61   | 73 | 67   |
| Phys. 5-6   | Mechanics & Heat            | 8                  | 78   | 78 | 78   |
| Mus. 3-4    | Organ                       | 3                  | 88   | 88 | 88   |
| Mus.        | Music - Vocal               | 2                  | 85   | 85 | 85   |
|             |                             | Total Credits ---- | 55   |    |      |

JUNIOR YEAR (1933)

|             |                         |                   |    |      |      |
|-------------|-------------------------|-------------------|----|------|------|
| Eng. 59-60  | Senior Thesis & Seminar | 2                 | 92 | 86   | 89   |
| Bio. 11     | Systematic Botany       | 5                 |    | 93   | 93   |
| Bio. 26     | Embryology              | 3                 | 95 |      | 95   |
| Bio. 27     | Entomology              | 4                 | 96 |      | 96   |
| Bio. 33-34  | Biological Technique    | 4                 | 80 | 97   | 89   |
| Bio. 37-38  | Journal Club            | 1                 | 92 | 90   | 91   |
| Gen.Sc. 7-8 | Geology                 | 4                 |    | 78.5 | 78.5 |
| Bio. 21-22  | Histology               | 8                 | 87 | 92   | 92   |
| Mus. 15-16  | Piano                   | 3                 | 90 | 91   | 90.5 |
| Relig. 175  | General Horticulture    | 6                 | 80 | 94   | 87   |
|             |                         | Total Credits---- | 40 |      |      |



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SENIOR YEAR (1934)

|                          |                                   |    |      |    |      |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|----|------|----|------|
| Eng. 11-12B              | Rhetoric & Composition            | 6  | 77   | 80 | 79   |
| Biol. 10                 | Plant Morphology                  | 5  |      | 95 | 95   |
| Biol. 19-20              | Comparative Vertebrate<br>Zoology | 4  |      | 93 | 93   |
| Biol. 23-24              | Animal Physiology                 | 10 | 86   |    | 86   |
| Biol. 29                 | Genetic                           | 3  | 90.5 |    | 90.5 |
| Biol. 35-36              | History of Biology                | 2  |      |    | 88   |
| Biol.                    | Plant Physiology                  | 3  |      | 92 | 92   |
|                          | Total Credits-----                | 33 |      |    |      |
| German (1939, Fall term) |                                   | 3  |      |    | 82   |

Registrar *Shien-doh Twa*  
 West China Union University  
 Chengtu, Szechwan, China



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| SENIOR YEAR (1934) |      |    |         |
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| 79                 | 80   | 77 | 6       |
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Dear Dr. Beech:

One or two matters call for another letter to you. I fear the effort you made in July was too much as I have had nothing since. I hope both you and Mrs. Beech are well and that you had a good summer. It is thought now that Miss Robertson should leave China on furlough, overdue as she cannot resume her work at the office. She plans to go to Toronto where she has a friend. I have written to Mr. Evans to secure the necessary permission from Washington for her to pass through the U. S. on her way to Canada; you might check up on that as we must wait till the Am. Consulate in Hongkong receives word that permission is granted.

Board Meeting. We got another report home from the President but have had no news by letter of the meeting scheduled for the 5th and 6th of November, I suppose everyone wonders what we are thinking of when we keep on cabling for funds to meet the rice subsidies; but what are we to do when the currency of the country buys less and less, in other words depreciates at the rate of exchange remains the same. There seems no third road to take either we get more gold and carry on the work or we close some of the work and carry on what we can; you know how difficult it is to do that. Rice is now fixed by the government at \$45.00 per teo which means we have to pay our teachers \$35.00 for every teo they need, an average I think of five teo per month per teacher for the whole staff. The central government ought to subsidize all schools to this extent but they refuse to see it that way, and if this is not simply a war condition but really a new standard of living, the future does not look so good for private institutions. I have asked Mr. Evans for a cable, you too in my Oct. 3rd letter, immediately after the meeting of the Board and would appreciate a Clipper from you before you leave New York.

Agnew Cable. Gift of Equipment. Long cables came from the N. Y. office asking us to guarantee freight up to \$2,000.00 on supplies that apparently Dr. Agnew had secured. The Medical men fear there is danger of duplication as he may not know what you are trying to get. So we replied he must consult with you and you have no doubt been in touch with Evans over this. The transportation situation should improve under McClure and the Friends Ambulance unit; they expect to have seventy trucks and station wagons, etc. under them. I understand the International Red Cross, so-called, has disappeared and the personnel becomes the International Relief unit associated with the Friends A. U. and their men, Evans bros., operating the Kweichow service station, Thompson, Nanking Chemistry, and Dye are to bring most of the university supplies this year; our news of the sailing of Agnew and Mullett is scanty.

Beech cheques. Under the new arrangement by which the Central Bank takes all our drafts Miss Priest has sold your three cheques; Hazen fund for \$50.00 each, N.C. \$2130.00; one personal \$5.00, N.C. \$106.00. Please advise as to use. Mr. Evans has sent us two gold drafts through the Bank of China and we are trying to get them to put our account in gold with the Central Bank in Chungking; otherwise we shall lose on the exchange and also the premium which we are allowed between Chungking and Shanghai. There have been wild rumours recently of the rate of exchange on the dark market in Sh'ah, as low as 30 for 1 Am. dollar but we have no reliable information.

Harvard-Yenching Funds. For three weeks Dr. Stelle, the associate of William Hung at Yenching, has been in town looking into the work of the three institutions here. He is a young man, Harvard Ph. D. and very keen to see the work of the institute prosper. His comments to us and his report to the Board of Trustees will I feel sure have practical results. I wrote you about T. K. Chang and his ideas about salary; from every other aspect his coming bucks us all up and promises a splendid future. But we have not got the relations between the Museum staff and the Research staff and the Department staff ironed out as yet; this is a problem for the President and Mr. Fang and I know they are worried about it as the solution means adjusting the ideas of the mentrained in the old methods and the younger, modern-trained men. But at the present time we certainly are not doing what the Institute expects

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us to do either in teaching methods or contents of courses. It is of course in the Middle Schools that the youth of China are being let down but that does not relieve us of our responsibility not only to give the best possible teaching to such students as choose to study Chinese but also to set standards for others to follow. I question whether anything can be done till we have a Head of the department who has been trained in modern methods and who is prepared to reorganize the whole works; it is unfortunate that Dr. Fung-fu has not executive ability as he is our only man and it is so difficult to bring in someone from outside. Evidently the Board of Governors is letting us have the whole grant this year and that is rare; you remember how our peoples talked about the other institutions getting the annual grant and their Boards having nothing to do with it. I am glad to be able to report that Dr. Stelle regards our three Research men as good in their lines and I hope the bulletin they are putting out gets Dr. E.'s approval. It will take a little time for the joint publication to find a smooth-working organization and under present conditions publishing problems are very difficult. But in the Christian Colleges we now have some of the very best Chinese scholars and if the H-Y Trustees make it possible for them to do their work under the most favorable conditions possible in these times they are doing something very worthwhile. Do you remember promising Mr. Wen, Head of the Research Institute that you would try to get for him certain equipment for the study of Phonetic and anthropology. I wrote once about this and I know you were interested in the problem. Here is the list again; - Oscillograph, Tuning Fork, Kymograph, one small type, one a larger type, Laryngoscope, a Sound Recording Machine and a moving picture camera. Added are now, Zund-Burgnets Voice Indicator, and a Nasal Olives (?) and a Stroboscope. You will have to consult with someone about these and please mention them when you write so I can report.

Hospital and Medical College. You will be interested to learn that the clinic for students is now carried on in the O. P. D. of the hospital under the Dep't of Medicine. Dr. Liljestrand wants to move his work out here at once but Dr. Brown does not favor the idea. Also they are making it possible for a certain number of T. B. students being cared for in rooms in the O. P. D. section, the money coming from some organization in China. There has been a check-up on the condition of the students' health this autumn.

I hope you are spending some time in New York this year and helping Evans deal with his many problems; his reports on the results to be expected from the United China Relief appeal are not optimistic and we must have extra help from some source. The Presidents carry on and did not get any holiday this last summer; Dr. Dsang is not well since getting back from th Chungking and will take a week or two soon. I was interested to hear Dr. Stelle remark that he had not met four brighter people in China, Their method of cooperation could be improved but there seems to be something in the Oriental character that he does not like being tied to routine and regular attention to business. I hope the Boards will always provide for the finances being looked after by a foreign member of the staff; it helps the administration a great deal.

Sent letter to Dr. Agnew on Nov. 27 Please forward the enclosed to Mr. John Small % Dr. Arnup, Mission Rooms, 299 Queen st. W. Toronto. He may have obtained joined the Canadian Navy by this time. What is Washington doing really in the negotiations with the J. ambassador; at one time it looks like an attempt to come to an understanding and then overnight the J. press talks as if war is on the eve. The latest effort being made by the J. to read into the words of Hull some inner significance implying Am. wants to keep on good terms with J. and is willing to do anything to avoid a scrap, is disturbing to the Ch. observers after all that has happened. I am inclined to think the allies are stronger in the East than in any other part of the world. And it now looks as if the great battle may be fought in the Caucasus of all places. Kindest regards,

(Signed) H. D. Robertson

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October 24, 1941

Mr. H. D. Robertson  
West China Union University  
Chengtu, Szechwan, CHINA

Dear Mr. Robertson:

I cabled you on October 14th as follows:

"AGNEW ASKING DEPARTMENTAL AMERICAN APPROPRIATION 19412 FREIGHT SUPPLIES  
ALSO FREIGHT CLINICAL RELIEF EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE CABLE ANSWER."

You have responded in your cable of October 17th and we have  
given Dr. Agnew the \$500.00 plus the balance for 1940-41 as covered in  
Requisition #00052. I trust this meets with your approval.

I cabled you on October 18th as follows:

"AGNEW SECURED LARGE GIFT XRAY OTHER MEDICAL DENTAL EQUIPMENT FROM MEDICAL  
SURGICAL RELIEF COMMITTEE MORE PROMISED NEED AUTHORIZATION APPROXIMATELY  
\$2000 TRANSPORTATION CABLE."

This was addressed to Dr. Lindsay as a letter which he had written  
to Dr. Agnew referred to an effort to secure supplies and equipment from the  
Medical and Surgical Relief Committee. We are waiting for a reply to this  
cable and trust one will be in hand before Dr. Agnew returns from the South  
on Monday.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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cc: Accounting Office

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Chungking, Oct. 26, 1941.

FREE CHINA FACES HARDSHIPS AS ALL PRICES RISE SHARPLY

Prices Increase Hardships

It is undeniable that the economic condition in Free China is causing deep concern as a result of the continued ~~sharp~~ rise in the price of commodities, thereby increasing the hardships of the common people. Before the recent sharp decline in the value of the Chinese dollar in the Shanghai and Hongkong "black markets" commodity prices were steadily rising entirely out of proportion to the increase in wages and salaries. It has made great efforts towards the stabilization of the price of rice and in the distribution of rice at official prices to Government employees who are able to obtain rice at \$235 per picul, but the ordinary people must still pay \$315 per picul in ordinary markets.

It is readily seen that the mere supply of rice at an official price cannot solve the problem. There is no provision for meeting the continued rise in the cost of living, like house rental, fuel, meat, vegetables, salt, clothing and other daily necessities.

Government employees have sufficient rice, but they have no means to pay for anything else, particularly clothing, the cost of which is nearly prohibitive, or the feeding of babies and sending children to schools.

Old Tyres for Shoes

Numerous auction shops have been opened where Government employees are trying to sell their old cloths, shoes or anything else they have in order to meet present expenses. The time will soon come when they will have nothing more to sell. Very few hats, shoes or clothes are now visible in Chungking. Many are wearing shoes with discarded motor-car rubber-type soles. Owing to the high cost of vegetables and meat, the majority of the people are undernourished. - Reuter.

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Chungking, Oct. 26, 1941.

THE CHINESE ECONOMY AS ALL PRICES RISE SHARPLY

Prices Increase Sharply

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November 3, 1941

Mr. H. D. Robertson  
West China Union University  
Chengtu, Szechwan, CHINA

Dear Mr. Robertson:

I am answering your letter of October 5th to assure you that the reports of the President for Harvard-Yenching Institute and New York State have been received. I wrote Dr. Elisseeff stating we had a duplicate for Harvard-Yenching Institute in case his copy was not in hand. May I refer to the items in your letter in order:

Cheng Teh-Kuen. I have looked back into the records of this account and find that the authorization made originally called for "LC\$1,800 (350.00)." As the deductions from the Harvard-Yenching Institute Surplus was made on a U. S. dollar basis, it would seem only just to change the total fellowship to read \$700.00. As our Accounts Payable contains the following items:-

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| 1939 - 1940 Fellowship, T. K. Cheng..... | \$108.10         |
| 1940 - 1941 " " " " .....                | 105.88           |
|  | <u>\$213.98,</u> |

you will see that there is a balance of \$486.02 due him. We are, therefore, depositing this amount in your account at the Central Hanover Bank and Trust Company and you may draw same by check at any time.

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Scholarships. We note the reference to the necessity of providing travel for scholarships in the College of Medicine and Dentistry, and although the conditions of grant as set up by the Committee from the Associated Boards require travel to be provided by the field, still we will submit to them such requests as you may file, with the understanding that considerable adjusting may be required before the Committee can take favorable action.

In the case of Meng Ssu-ming, we will give further study to the papers and make a new approach to the Harvard-Yenching Institute. The statement you enclose hardly answers the question of Dr. Elisseeff unless new data is now at hand, of which we know nothing now. We will look it up at once.

College of Pharmacy. We must acknowledge that this issue has not been pushed with more vigor. New slants both on the project and the method of presenting it to the Board arose and caused a suspension until it seemed wise to wait for the Board of Governors to vote upon it. We will cable results at once.

Central Unit College of Medicine and Dentistry Teaching Building. We note that funds are in hand for the erecting of this unit and will report same to the Board.

University Clinical Hospital. I am sure that all who now look back on the past can see where mistakes have been made in Board actions, as well as the human side of any project. In delaying action, the Board did what seemed wise at that time.

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Dr. Brown's Report will bring new light to the Board Meeting.

Ho Wen-ehuin. Dr. Beech did not report any special gifts received to cover any of these expenses for travel. We will check again and try to find if any such gifts came to Dr. Beech, and not recorded in our office.

Miss Robertson. We are greatly distressed to learn of Miss Robertson's illness in the form which you indicate. We were hoping the summer's rest would prove to be adequate to build her up for the balance of her term. The Finance Committee meets Friday and we will study the financial side then. Meanwhile, please assure Miss Robertson that we will do everything possible for her assistance and comfort. We may include a word or two in our cable after the meeting.

Mrs. Simkin. We will check with the American Friends Service Committee regarding Mrs. Simkin's sailings and carry on in cooperation with them if necessary.

Financial Statement. We look forward with interest to the receipt of this statement, meanwhile congratulating you on the apparent balancing of the books during such a tumultuous time.

Bank Account. With an eye on the flying fingers of my secretary, an ear to the telephone, while three people are knocking on the door, we reverse signals and come out of a huddle to deposit US\$6,000.00 drawn from Shantung Christian University account in the Central Hanover Bank and Trust Company.

We note that draft #792 has been issued in place of #727.

As soon as we are through with the Annual Meeting, immediate steps will be taken to transmit the findings to you as necessity may require.

Many, many thanks for your good wishes. I wish I could convey to you all the depth of my gratitude for your sympathetic understanding of our office problems. They are not diminishing rapidly, although another girl has been secured to help out in orders and accounting. We really need to have a fine understanding woman to take over the contact with women's work. God keep you all.

Most sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

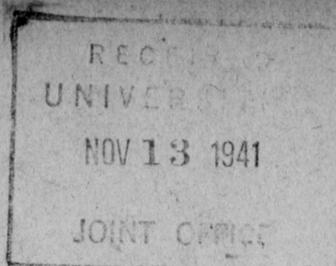
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(Dictated October 22nd)

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November 10, 1941

Mr. H. D. Robertson  
West China Union University  
Chengtu, Szechwan, CHINA

Dear Mr. Robertson:

This is amplifying my cable of November 7th reading as follows:

"GOVERNORS DEFER ERECTION CENTRAL UNIT THREE TO DIRECTORS JUDGMENT AFTER  
CONSIDERING PRESENT CONDITIONS WITHOUT FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY LIKEWISE  
APPROVE PHARMACY DEPARTMENT CHANGE."

I cannot do much better than quote in general the attitude of the  
Board of Governors as the minutes have not been compiled.

One of the functions of this office is to glean all possible news  
regarding the situation on the Pacific. Briefly, the conditions are becoming  
more serious. We cannot, of course, divulge anything definite which we have  
in mind, but the Board of Governors, as a group, seems filled with doubt as  
to the wisdom of proceeding on any building program aside from absolute essentials.  
In this particular instance this feeling was mitigated somewhat by the fact that  
the money had been secured in China and appeared to be ample for the needs of  
the situation. Rather than to defer action, the sense of the motion was that  
the Governors would probably approve of the project of building the central  
section indicated as No. 3 on your diagram, ~~by~~ the Board of <sup>Directors</sup> Governors, after due  
thought and study, felt it to be proper to go ahead.

The last few words referred to the approval of the change in status  
of the Pharmacy Department without any additional financial responsibility in-  
volved. In each instance this, of course is true.

I shall try to get the minutes in shape over the week end, but there  
is no hope of getting them in the next clipper mail, which is Monday.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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November 24, 1941

Mr. H. D. Robertson  
West China Union University  
Chengtu, Szechwan, CHINA

Dear Mr. Robertson:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of the minutes of the Finance Committee on October 23rd.

May I say in connection with Action F-1561 that the Harvard-Yenching Institute has requested us to cooperate with the Director in working out some plan for the use of the balances held on the books of the Governors. This will not be done without the full consent and recommendation of the field. It will be some time before the Harvard-Yenching minutes are received.

Report on Finances. Nothing further need be said regarding this situation as it is being studied ~~conscientiously~~ conscientiously by two people on the Committee and an outside concern.

Deposit of Inactive Funds in Savings Bank. This likewise is self-explanatory. As we are anxious to have as much money earning income as is possible, we are investigating other institutions.

Title to University Property. This matter came up for further discussion at the Finance and Board meetings in Toronto -- the minutes of which we hope to have in the mail during the week.

Status of The Governors Budget. The study presented under this heading was for the purpose of providing for Miss Robertson's return travel. Later this was approved by the Board as will be shown in later correspondence.

Application For Sustaining Funds. You will note from this that the amount approved by the Executive Committee was restudied and ratified.

The reports of the Treasurer and Auditors were delayed until the next meeting of the Committee.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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November 24, 1941

Mr. H. D. Robertson  
West China Union University  
Chengt'u, Szechwan, CHINA

Dear Mr. Robertson:

I am acknowledging your letter of October 23rd enclosing data regarding scholarships which is being passed on to Mr. Parker for further study and consideration, and it is my understanding that further information will be coming in slower mail.

I note the stress which you put upon the request for assistance in travel which, as I recall it, is entirely foreign to the purpose of the fund which has been established. However, it is a matter for consideration of the Committee and quite naturally each situation must be studied carefully.

The recommendation to the Executive Committee regarding the rice subsidy cannot be considered as a monthly appropriation as these funds are not available at the present time. As a matter of fact, we are just now making a distribution of that fund and authorizations should be going out at once.

The cable regarding transportation for medical equipment came to hand and was passed on to Dr. Agnew and Dr. Beech. From all that we could learn, the material which was selected would be amply worth much more than the relatively small amount asked for transportation. This is simply personal conjecture as I have no means of definitely checking on what was selected and it seemed necessary to depend entirely upon the good judgment of Dr. Agnew.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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Dear Mr. Evans;--

Acknowledging your letters of Nov.3rd, Oct.24th, Sept.30th.

X <sup>T. K.</sup>  
Cheng Teh-yuen came in with your letter to him and as he was very anxious to get his balance I agreed to give him an order on the Treasurer; now you write that this amount has been deposited in the Bank; I hope this will not inconvenience you. His plan was to send it to a sister-in-law in the U.S.

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College of Pharmacy. The cable cleared the way for our application to the Ministry and we are proceeding with the negotiations. The government is very anxious to have more people with these qualifications and we expect permission will be granted.

to Br. Armstrong  
4/16/42  
Central Unit, M&D Teaching Building. The executive committee of the Board of Directors approved of an appeal to the China Foundation for funds to complete this building but in the meantime advised that money on hand be invested in building materials. Labour prices are very high and unless there is more money available it does not seem wise to start building and not be able to put on the roof and make use of the space. We feel badly about this and if it was possible to do so an appeal to the medical people of our church in Canada might secure the four or five thousand dollars necessary. You may remember that the original funds thought sufficient for the whole building in 1926-7, were secured from that source. The gap between the two wings has always irked us and now the space is very much needed for teaching and other purposes.

Miss Robertson. I have heard from the doctor in charge of the case this morning that Miss R. is somewhat better but that she cannot expect to get back to work until she has had a furlough. She has written to friends in Canada and if convenient will plan to go to them and chance the possibility of going on to England to see her people before she returns. In case that happens I shall ask her doctor for a medical opinion and advice. She did such efficient work that she is sadly missed. Executive secretarial work is most difficult to find here and I cannot see any help in sight. Strange to report the other office secretaries are not up to par either; Miss Turner has overstayed her term of service, Miss Hickson was ill last summer and is on half time, Miss Kirk, Ginling, has been ill and away from the office since early summer; so you are not alone in having this kind of trouble. But we are relieved that the doctors think that with rest and good food Miss R. will make a good recovery.

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Financial Statement. This was sent to you some weeks ago and reached you safely I trust; it has been quite a task for Miss Priest to cover the work of the four institutions. I agree that we have been fortunate to balance our books each year despite unforeseen developments and of course we recognise the special effort made by the Ass'd Boards to meet our needs. We are still hoping the Cheeloo people will arrive at some working agreement by which their staff here will know more definitely their share of the U.S. funds; at the moment they are in difficulties again as their local funds are exhausted and still they are convinced that there are funds that should be made available to them. You will have heard of President Liu's illness, typhoid, and will be glad to hear that he seems to be well on the way to recovering his usual good health.

John Kao. It is a very long time since we had word from John and I think he might make a special effort and write me a short statement of how he has been getting on this year. He certainly has done well and it is easy to understand that he has little time for correspondence but his friends here are very much interested in his success and in his future. I would also like to be informed in good time of his plans to return to us and the probable date. The men and women who returned are all at their work again and appear to have gained all that was expected from their study abroad; is there any chance of us getting any special consideration for this heavy charge on our funds for their travel under the unusual conditions of the last summer?

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Budget 1941-42. It was disappointing to us all that in the cable sent after the meeting of the Board of Governors no mention was made of finances despite all my letters on this subject and the appeal of the President, in his report. The cable sent after the meeting of the Executive committee in June, or rather the Finance committee, simply assured us of the same amount as last year in the general appropriation and a larger H-Y grant but as this can be used for limited purposes only, the increase did not help in the general budget. Asking the ass'd boards for \$29,000.00 may mean everything or not much of anything; last year we got just under \$3,000.00 for the field in addition to the Board's grant of \$20,000.00. But in the meantime prices of everything have soared and the Presidents have sent the two cables indicating the serious situation that had developed and asking for \$50,000.00 to meet the cost of living increases. This in addition to the gold necessary to balance their budgets. But up to the moment we have had no assurance from any source that larger grants can be counted on for the present year. Your letter of Oct. 20th to Miss Priest reported the \$20,800.00 but even that was not to be drawn on till word from you by cable, which has not yet come.

(What I am suggesting is that we must get some reassurance from some quarter very soon or we shall not know how we can carry on beyond this term as all monies definitely promised will have been exhausted by that time. At a meeting of the executive committee of the Board of Directors held on Saturday the situation was felt to be so serious that a cable and Clipper letter was sent stressing the urgency of the requests already sent by the Presidents and asking for some indication of the aid we may reasonably expect in order to see us through this academic year.) We have your letter of Sept. 18th to the Presidents and of Oct. 20th to Miss Priest but I am sure you will understand our feeling that soon we must have something more definite from the Associated Boards if we are to carry on next term. When I outlined the possibilities I saw for meeting our 1941-42 budget deficit of \$500,292.00, as it now stands with the increased rice costs, I outlined these possibilities.

A saving by spending only gold \$9,000.00 abroad for supplies, equipment, etc, instead of the \$14,000.00 which we had planned, and bringing the balance of \$5,000.00 to China. The departments cry out against this but realize it may be necessary if we are to keep our staff alive. Then I thought we might get a larger grant than last year from the Ministry of Education and the Provincial Bureau of Education, which would help. But here we are up against the argument that what is done for us must be done for all and that seems to the educational authorities too large a sum to contemplate. I might say that I have taken the line from the beginning that the government really should regard this startling rise in the cost of living as their responsibility and aid us and other schools accordingly. But as in all countries and at all times we are among those who are the first to suffer from inflation, our income being fixed and in terms of national currency. Then I suggested \$3,000.00 as Huata's share of assistance from The Ass'd Board, not daring to hope for the full amount of \$28,973.13 of E-1535; also Huata's share of the Joint Funds, at least as much as last year and Huata's share of the special Funds for special Cost of living Relief. Finally we have the adjustment to make with Cheeloo which may not be so large in view of the fact that we are ordering less supplies. What do you think of my effort; is it over-optimistic and unreasonable. It is this not having any information to work on that is disturbing my sleep. And I might mention that the monthly payroc including rice and cash bonuses, now amounts to over \$70,000.00 in the depreciate currency, depreciated in the sense of purchasing power. And still for the bare necessities of life a good many of our staff find themselves unable to pay, with the consequences that need no elaborating.

Dr. Garside. I would like you to make the contents of this letter known to Dr. Garside as the executive secretary of the United China Relief committee who may not be aware of the urgency of the need of our colleges in Chengt. And if there is any way of bringing it to the attention of the special finance committee of the Ass'd Boards I hope you will do so.

Received by  
Atkinson. He  
has been in  
communication  
but decided to hold up order  
Requisition # 00477. This is being sent to cover Music sheets and is authorized, not to exceed \$50.00. for G.D. Atkinson, Toronto Conservatory.  
Enrollment figures and Reuter's despatch enclosed.  
for  
Thinkin, you shopin, you keepin good health - H.D. Priest

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Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China  
One Hundred-fifty Fifth Avenue      New York, N. Y.

December 1, 1941

Mr. H. D. Robertson  
West China Union University  
Chengtou, Szechwan, CHINA

Dear Mr. Robertson:

Minutes of the meetings held in Toronto November 5th and 6th were forwarded to the Boards of Trustees on Friday night and we are sending herewith copies to the field. It would seem wise to assemble items referring to the separate meetings into individual letters. May we consider this as referring to the Finance Committee meeting on November 5th.

Land Situation. This preamble and motion was designed to cover the understanding of counsel and to embody the thinking of those who have been studying the situation for some time. Independently of the Finance Committee, Mr. Forrest Smith of the Baptist Board has been in consultation with The United Church of Canada. Our office was carrying on the correspondence with Dr. Anderson prior to his death. You will note that the present situation gives no one authority or responsibility for the titles vested in the various boards.

During the discussion at Toronto, Mr. Whitehead raised the question that it would now be advisable to have a complete description of the property and, if possible, photostat copies of the deeds. You will know best what this will involve and I trust that you will give us your opinion. The United Church of Canada has a map which was found to be very incomplete. If possible, this should be brought up to date including full information.

Insurance on Property. It is futile to write out a complete statement of the amount of work which has entered into the insurance question. We have investigated the situation for Yenching University and Nanking has reported on the coverage carried by that University. We are also lining up information regarding the Fukien campus and have endeavored to ascertain the situation at Tsinan. This is all with the hope of having available as complete information as possible from all of the Universities. This question has added significance after the experience at Hwa Nan where the main building was destroyed by fire early in the year.

You will note that the request from the Committee was to have an up-to-date map of the campus showing the different properties and U. S. dollar coverage.

Treasurer's Report, 1940-41. Copies of this report are enclosed herewith, and may I say that these were written under great pressure and are not as complete or full as one might wish. May I also add that under Income from Sustaining Funds, West China secured \$18,402.75 instead of the \$16,800.00 reported in the Treasurer's Report. There is no need to delve into the various accounts listed in Current Special. Later on you will hear more of the Harvard-Yenching Institute action at the Trustees meeting. The other accounts are self-explanatory. The Accounts Payable shows a balance as of June 30th. Since that time \$508.88 has been paid for Mr. John Kao. Undoubtedly you have made these adjustments as they have been revealed in the cash statements sent to you monthly.

I do not think that other items need special mention in the Treasurer's Report.

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Mr. Robertson

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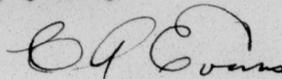
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Auditors' Report, 1940-41. We have sent you a copy of the Auditors' Report in ordinary mail and we trust it reaches you without delay.

Bequest from Wallace Estate. This was reported in detail for the benefit of the Board of Governors, but the National Trust Company does not give much hope of any sizable distribution.

Report on Savings Banks. This covers a routine item for investment.

Very truly yours,



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December 2, 1941.

Mr. H. D. Robertson  
West China Union University  
Chengtu, Szechwan, China

Dear Mr. Robertson:

On November 18th we deposited \$50 on your account at the Central Hanover bank & Trust Company at the request of Dr. Beech. This represents 50 U.S. Dollars received from the Hazen Fund, and the Chinese currency equivalent is to be given to Dr. Dryden Phelps.

On November 18th we deposited \$1,500 U.S. Dollars, in your account at the Central Hanover Bank & Trust Company. This is one-half of the funds for the Dental Clinic, but Mr. Sidney Maddock has authorized us to inform you that \$3,000 will be definitely underwritten, therefore we cabled you today:

"DEPOSITING 3000 AMERICAN HANOVER DENTAL CLINIC"

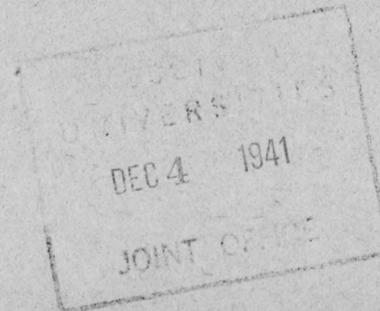
On November 18th we deposited \$1,000 to your West China Union University account at the Central Hanover Bank & Trust Company, this is at the request of Dr. Beech and represents part of the Rockefeller Grant, and it is to be used for purchasing furnishings for the hospital, and a careful accounting is to be kept of this to be returned to the Foundation.

Very truly yours,

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December 3, 1941

Mr. H. D. Robertson  
West China Union University  
Chengtú, Szechwan, China

Dear Mr. Robertson:

We recently received from the American Council of Learned Societies a gift of essential parts for a microfilm reader, together with complete plans drawn up by the Department of Archives of the United States Government. This set is now on the way to Chengtu, where we hope it will prove useful in the library.

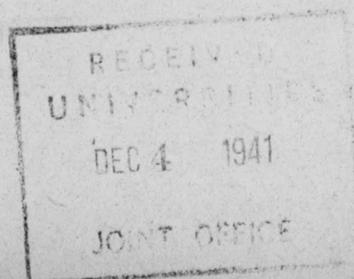
In return for the courtesy accorded us, we promised to include in one of our shipments from Philadelphia two additional sets destined for government institutions operating in or near Chengtu. Therefore, you will receive three sets, one designated for the library of West China Union University and two to be called for by the National Szechwan University and Wuhan University, if I remember correctly. The boxes are clearly marked.

I am in the throes of preparing a publicity pamphlet for West China Union University, and therefore your work is very much in my mind. We feel rather small and humble in this office when we think of what our friends in Chengtu are undergoing and of what they are accomplishing in spite of almost superhuman difficulties.

Very sincerely yours,

Oliver J. Caldwell

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October 19, 1940

Mr. H. D. Robertson  
West China Union University  
Chengtu, Szechwan, China

Dear Mr. Robertson:

Mrs. Henry N. Walkden of Olmstead Falls, Ohio sent us \$91.00 for scholarship funds for a medical student at West China Union University. She is requesting that this be made available for a medical student who will be able to communicate with her. She is a leader of the Adult Class of the Community M. E. Church of Olmsted Falls, Ohio.

As this will be a part of our regular Sustaining Fund, we are suggesting that you select a medical student who is receiving help from the University and instruct him to write to Mrs. Walkden in appreciation of this gift.

Very truly yours,

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17 Boylston Hall,  
Cambridge, Mass.,  
December 5, 1941

Dear Mr. Robertson:-

I received your letter of October 3, 1941 in regard to  
\* Mr. Chéng Te-k'um's salary with the enclosed program for the im-  
provement of the Museum as proposed by him. You state that it  
was agreed that the President and you would write and ask whether  
a special annual grant towards his salary as Curator could be  
made by the Trustees.

I went over your budget again on receipt of your letter  
and then realized more strongly than ever that the proportions of  
expenditures are very unbalanced and that research is greatly over-  
emphasized. Research can be cut down and the amount for the  
museum can be increased. I was distressed to see that only \$10,620  
was allowed for the Museum and that six times that amount was  
allocated to the Chinese Cultural Studies Research Institute, which  
was established without the permission of the Trustees and without  
any letter to me, which is absolutely contrary to academic ethics and  
to the policy of the Institute. West China Union University is  
the only affiliated university in China which has an outstanding  
museum, and we have prepared a special man to make it a really  
scientific institution. Therefore, it will be most inadvisable to  
transfer the interest of the University to the newly-established  
research institute, as to the value of which we have no information.  
The Trustees have made a large investment over a period of years in  
the Museum; they paid a high salary to the previous curator and  
also expended a great deal for the purchase of various objects;  
and they do not now want to curtail the Museum work greatly and have  
the money spent on a newly-established institute for the carrying  
on of research when undergraduate work is very weak at the Univer-  
sity. In view of this fact, the Trustees

VOTED: That the authorities of West China Union University  
be informed that the Trustees of the Institute de-  
sire that they reallocate for 1942-43 and following  
years the proportions of expenditures from the Re-  
stricted Funds they receive from the Institute and  
make up their budget annually to conform as nearly  
as possible to the following proportions:-

25 per cent for teaching,  
25 per cent for library,  
25 per cent for museum,  
19 per cent for research and publication,  
1 per cent for scholarships,  
5 per cent for general administration.

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Putting this vote into effect would take care of an increase in salary for Mr. Chéng so that he could receive a basic salary of LC\$5,000, which, in comparison with the salary of outstanding scholars in the other institutions is quite a high one. It is contrary to the Institute's policy to pay a salary of a man living in China in a foreign currency. With the proportions outlined above in effect, Mr. Chéng will be able to readjust his budget to take care of his salary as curator, which I think should be included in the budget of the museum. I shall have to leave to you the question of what proportion of the \$5,000 basic salary he will receive as curator and which as a teacher, because I do not want to interfere with your teaching schedule of salaries. Also, since it is now December, this rearrangement will have to go into effect next year.

Sincerely yours,

Director

Mr. H. D. Robertson,  
Vice-Chancellor, West China Union University,  
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Putting this vote into effect would take care of an increase in salary for Mr. Cheng so that he could receive a basic salary of 100,000, which, in comparison with the salary of outstanding scholars in the other institutions is quite a high one. It is contrary to the Institute's policy to pay a salary of a man living in China in a foreign currency. With the proportions outlined above in effect, Mr. Cheng will be able to receive his budget to take care of his salary as curator, which I think should be included in the budget of the museum. I shall have to leave to you the question of what proportion of the 100,000 basic salary he will receive as curator and which as a teacher, because I do not want to interfere with your teaching schedule of salaries. Also, since it is now December, this reassignment will have to go into effect next year.

Sincerely yours,

Director

Mr. H. D. Robertson,  
Vice-Chancellor, West China Union University,  
Chengtu, West China

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December 15, 1941

Mr. H. D. Robertson  
West China Union University  
Chengtu, Szechwan, CHINA

Dear Mr. Robertson:

At the meeting of the East Asia Committee of the Foreign Missions Conference held last Friday sufficient information had been collated to warrant the continuance of mail to China and this we have verified with the New York Post Office. It is recommended that we send mail as usual without marking the route. This, therefore, is the first attempt since the explosion in the Pacific, and from now on it will be continued regularly unless there are further limitations imposed by the Government.

You will find enclosed the West China November trial balance sheet, cash statement, budget analysis and various invoices. You will also find copy of a letter dated November 27th transmitting \$4,726.00 to the West China Treasurer from the Associated Boards. This was the result of action taken by the Associated Boards Executive and Finance Committees and represents the balance of the distribution of \$250,000.00 from last year. The total for West China, you will note, is \$18,402.75. Of this amount a balance was carried over in Sustaining Funds on July 1st which together with the \$4,800.00 makes a total of \$6,402.75 which has been credited to Accounts Payable as per Journal Voucher #424 as enclosed. This is available for your use in connection with the last year's budget or such purposes as you may deem prudent. Copy of Journal Voucher #421 is also enclosed.

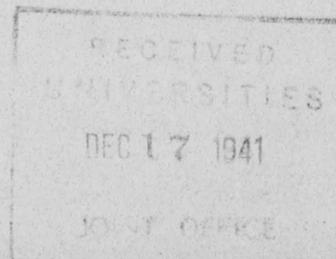
I believe there are no other comments required on the present situation.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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December 15, 1941

Mr. H. D. Robertson  
West China Union University  
Chengtou, Szechwan, CHINA

Dear Mr. Robertson:

With the hope that this mail will get through with some degree of promptness, I am writing with the hope of securing assistance from West China insofar as possible in getting news from Yenchiing University, Cheeloo at Tsinan and the Universities in Shanghai, and Fukien and Hwa Nan in Shacwu and Yeping.

This is a large order and it is only with the thought that some news might filter through that I am writing. There is nothing you can do as I view it through instituting any action. It is also quite possible that some of our people in the various Universities will filter through to Free China and in that case word from you will be greatly appreciated. No word whatsoever has been received. Of course, any expense involved will be borne by the Universities concerned through our office.

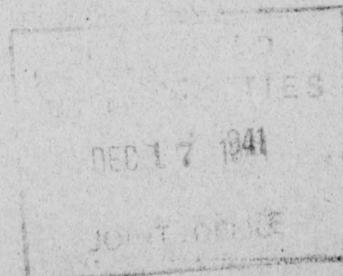
We have had a week of terrific suspense with pressure from all sides. No word from any source in China has been received -- the only word being that Americans in North China are being treated "circumspectly". We are praying for you all, but we need a few prayers ourselves.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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December 18, 1941

Mr. H. D. Robertson  
West China Union University  
Chengtou, Szechwan, CHINA

Dear Mr. Robertson:

I am trying to get caught up on some routine correspondence that has, to a degree, been covered by previous correspondence.

One of these items is your letter of September 30th which enclosed the President's Report and a copy of the proposed Religious Center. The answers to the questions raised are all contained in the covering letter of the Board of Governors meetings in Toronto.

I have been wondering about Miss Robertson. It is tragic to think of her as being marooned in China, but yet with all we have had no word from any of the people in North China since December 7th.

I am imploring our Boards of Trustees to keep on<sup>praying</sup>/in relation to this situation. It is only by the exertion of spiritual power that we can manage to survive this period of devastation.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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December 18, 1941

Mr. H. D. Robertson  
West China Union University  
Chengtu, Szechwan, CHINA

Dear Mr. Robertson:

Your letter of October 23rd is at hand enclosing the following:

Auditors Statement  
Trial Balance Sheets  
Scholarship Records

The latter we are assembling for the Committee to give consideration to scholarships in spite of the uncertain conditions of the immediate future. There is no feeling now over the war situation. We are in it for good.

I am grateful indeed for the fact that Dr. Stelle has been with you and shall await with keen interest his report if it is ever made available for us.

We are also awaiting the report from the Harvard-Yenching Institute covering the various universities as it was discussed at the recent meeting. Minutes of that meeting are never available from six to eight weeks thereafter.

Very sincerely yours,

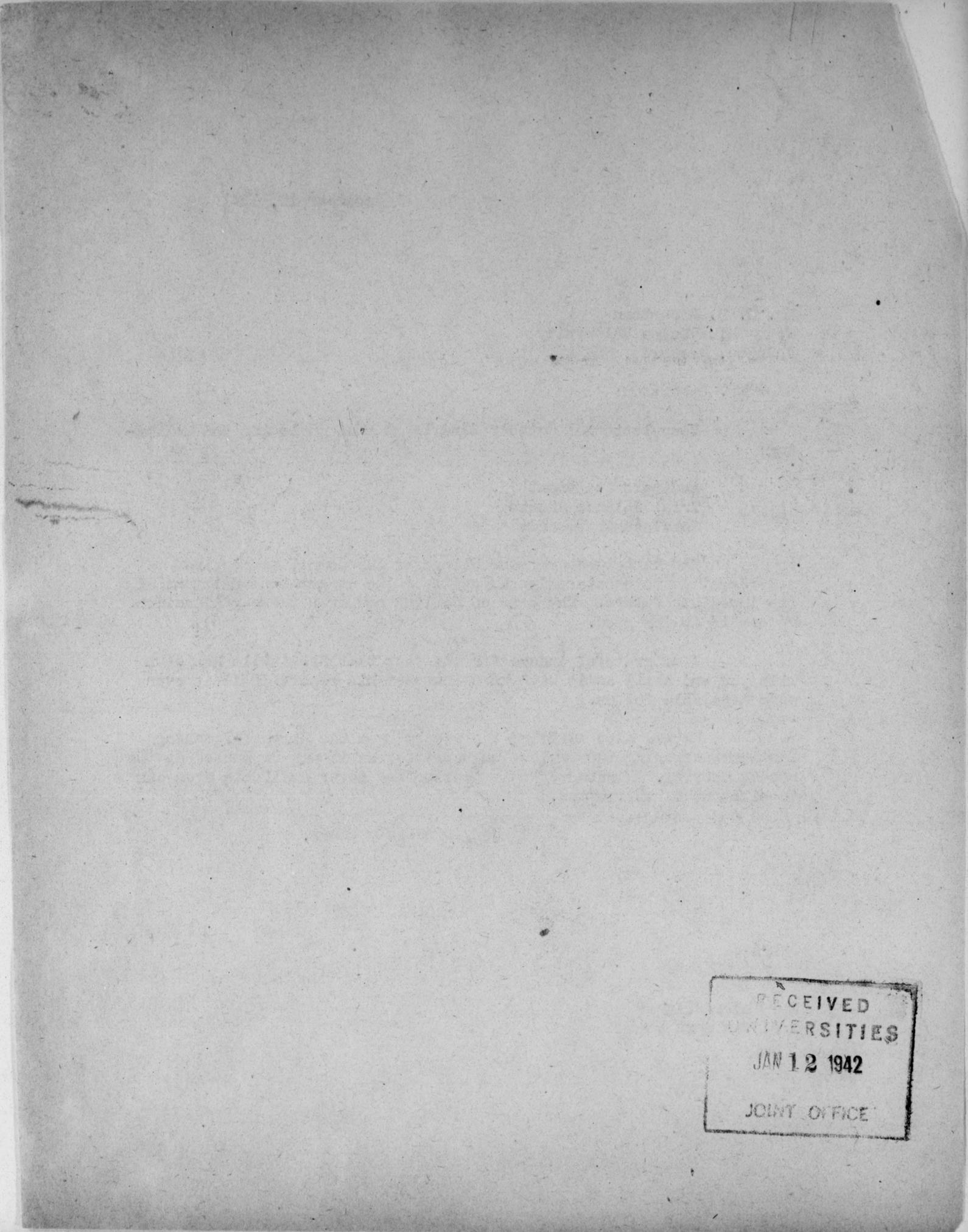
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