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Copy of Cable:

Harold Robertson
Chengtu (China)

January 28, 1942

AMERICAN WOMEN'S HOSPITALS PROVIDING 300 AMERICAN MONTHLY FOR SALARIES
SIX CHINESE WOMEN DOCTORS SIX NURSES HOSPITAL AND OUTPATIENT SERVICE
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January 24, 1942

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

Dear Mr. Robertson:

I am quoting herewith the cable which was sent to you yesterday:

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SIX CHINESE WOMEN DOCTORS SIX NURSES HOSPITAL AND OUTPATIENT SERVICE
CABLING SMALL."

This represents the culmination of considerable work on the part of Mr. Vernon Ramseur of our staff, and one conference of my own, together with considerable study to fit into the plan of American Women's Hospitals conditions which would properly suit the circumstances. This organization has been furnishing maintenance for several refugee doctors and nurses in Shanghai and immediately after December 7th, it was found impossible to carry on this work.

Frankly, the organization is anxious to maintain its status of giving directly for relief purposes for women and after considerable study they came to us. It is necessary for them to send their money through their own treasurer to China in order to maintain their standing with the Government. In effect, however, it relieves your budget of the equivalent of 300 American dollars. I am not sure that you can care for this number of individuals with \$300.00 per month, but let us know particulars so that adjustments may be made. We are hoping that this will be a continuing gift, but cannot definitely say so at the present time. Experience will tell how far this organization can go and they are supposed to be sending you \$300.00 per month.

The money was sent to Mr. Small as definitely the ladies would not wish to have the University Treasurer handle the money. This is mere subterfuge on our part as presumably Mr. Small will be taking over the entire treasureship. However, for the time being, in this particular instance, we are calling him the Treasurer of the Hospital.

From the foregoing, you will understand that neither you nor ourselves can include this money in our budgets, but you will have to figure out a way, if it continues to come regularly, to handle the situation. We will do our best at this end to keep the channels well greased.

Very sincerely yours,

CAE/B
Via China Clipper
c.c. via next boat.

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January 24, 1942

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

Dear Mr. Robertson:

Practically all the money for the Dental Building for which Sydney D. Maddock has been working for among the American Dental Trade Association has been secured. At least he has gone as far in this direction as it seems possible at the present time. He is taking a course which is exceedingly circumspect and proper. In fact, I have in the past considered making a similar approach to some of our contributors for several projects. The thought he has in mind is to prepare a brochure to be given to all of those who have contributed to this fund with several good pictures of the building, and possibly to include the photograph of a plaque which should be placed somewhere in the building. The wording he has suggested is as follows:

With Gratitude for
Your Nation's Friendship and Valor
Members of
The American Dental Trade Association
Dedicate This Building
to the Advancement of Dental Science
in China

It would seem well worth while to make every effort possible to carry out these wishes as Dr. Maddock has now become deeply interested in our work and it is quite possible to continue this interest if we will feed him with the proper material. I would recommend, therefore, that you send us at the earliest possible moment several photographs and, if possible, the negatives, as well as a photograph of a plaque such as is suggested.

I hope this is not asking too much during these strenuous times and trust it can be carried through promptly.

I am going to suggest that in some way Sydney Maddock be brought into our work. He certainly has shown a deep interest and is a very able person.

Very sincerely yours,

CAE/B

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Via China Clipper
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February 2, 1942

Mr. H. D. Robertson
West China Union University
Chengtou, Szechuan, China

Dear Mr. Robertson:

Attached hereto is a copy of a letter addressed to President Dsang giving information about the considerations by the Committee on Faculty Scholarships. We realize that the decisions of the Committee have had to be unsatisfactory in respect to faculty members who are still in China, but under the circumstances, there is nothing else that can be done.

In your letter of October 23 to Mr. Evans, there was included a paragraph concerning scholarships in which you gave quite a list of names. Your organization will realize that our Committee would have difficulty in trying to take care of all these people in any one year in view of the fact that our funds have to be administered in the light of applications from all twelve of the colleges in China. The best we could do is to put these people on our waiting list. Our reason for asking that the names of all who are still in China be reconsidered is that there may be many changes which would have to be made by the time funds are actually available for any of these applicants. When the time comes for reconsideration, it would be well for us to have from you some indication of an order of preference so that our Committee might take this into consideration where they find assistance can be given to only one or two. This would enable them to know which ones should be given first choice for such grants as might be available. As it stands now, Miss Ruth Dsang is first on the list, with Mr. S. M. Meng and Mr. K. C. Wu following in order.

We are sorry indeed that so many difficulties have come up to upset normal procedure.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

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February 16, 1942

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

Dear Mr. Robertson:

In the hope that these papers will get through to you, I am enclosing the West China January trial balance sheets and accompanying papers.

You will note that the disbursements on the field budget are over paid by \$625.52; whereas, nothing has been advanced on the Chinese cultural program. All of the Sustaining Funds have been remitted under Account #175.6. The \$6,402.75 voted from 1941-42 income was transferred to Accounts Payable and is included in the \$16,097.48 as shown in Account #179. This, of course, is available for the field's use.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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March 9, 1942

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

Dear Mr. Robertson:

The West China February trial balance sheets, budget analysis, cash statement and invoices are enclosed herewith. There is also a copy of Journal Voucher #429.

I trust these reach you without too much delay.

I am hurrying off to attend a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Associated Boards which will give thought to the development of conditions and the changing aspect of the educational situation growing out of the filtering of students through to Free China from the occupied zones. The news is meager and we are grasping at every atom with the idea of piecing together the whole fabric as it unfolds from day to day.

Income on the current budget is being maintained satisfactorily and the Harvard-Yenching Institute is furnishing us with the income from the Restricted Fund. They have withheld that from Yenching and Lingnan.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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April 7, 1942

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

Dear Mr. Robertson:

I am enclosing herewith the West China March trial balance sheets, budget analysis, cash statement, some invoices and copies of Journal Vouchers #430 and #431.

You will also find a copy of a letter dated March 20th indicating that 50% of the total Sustaining Fund objective has been paid over to, or received by West China Union University. You will notice that \$8,000.00 of Sustaining Funds have been paid, whereas disbursements in the general funds are in excess of receipts. Presumably this will be adjusted before the end of the year. By Journal Voucher #430 you will see that The United Church of Canada is making adjustments on its annual appropriation which calls for a small remittance from Dr. Armp to balance the account.

Next Sunday the United China Relief begins its drive to secure seven million dollars. If they get four million, they will do well. In that case, we should be in a position to duplicate the budgets for this year. We are awaiting the outcome with keen anticipation.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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April 17, 1942

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

Dear Mr. Robertson:

You addressed us a letter on the 25th of November 1941 and, of course, it arrived long after the December 7th incident. Characteristically, like all delayed actions and questions, many answers have been supplied in the meantime. Some, however, are very pertinent and you should have some answers if such can be supplied. Let me dwell upon some of them.

Central Unit Medical Teaching Building. I have passed on to the United Church of Canada your comments regarding this building as there are not sufficient Plant Funds available on the books of the Governors to cover this shortage. I am also making a memorandum to put this on the docket of the Executive Committee which meets the first week in May.

Miss Robertson. The field has been greatly handicapped by illness of secretarial help. With such an epidemic of illness, one feels out of place in ever thinking of any such handicaps here in New York. They do exist, however, to an exasperating degree. Upon further thought, it seems to me that positions of this nature have been more or less inadequately filled in every one of our Universities. Our files contain evidences of this inadequacy to a marked degree. I am mindful of my own experiences in this respect through five years of work in the Philippines and can truly sympathize with anyone who has to bear such a situation. It is good to know that Miss Robertson is slowly recovering and we hope by this time she is in much better condition.

Financial Statement. Particular reference is made to the needs of the Shantung group which were considered by the Special Committee and which have been to a degree alleviated. A definite call has been made to get this Committee together and a meeting of the North American Section will be held early in May; during the interim every effort will be made to reach some adjustment which will not require Board action. A cable has been sent to the field covering this situation and it is hoped that there will be little difficulty from now on.

John Kae. Frankly, this has developed into a rather questionable situation. John has made good progress in his work and made some friends, and showed marked signs of desiring to return to China and develop the work at the University. Recently, however, he has been offered a position at M. I. T. and it is my impression that he will accept same, although I have made it very plain that there should be some adjustment with the University for the funds which have been advanced. I would like to know what your attitude is regarding such an adjustment. Since September 1939, we have paid a total of \$3,317.10. I am not making any further effort to get him to write as I have admonished him in every conceivable way, and if what I have said has not borne results, there is little else to do. Not one extra dollar of expense will go to him without further authorization from the field.

Travel Expenses. You have raised the question regarding the cost of returned staff members and the possibility of securing funds here in America to care for this item.

Mr. Robertson

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Our applications to United China Relief are all based upon the budget askings as representing the difference between the actual requirements and income available. As the budgets have all been set up on the basis of local currency and the deficits translated into U. S. Dollars, and as our requirements are now before the Program Committee, it would appear inadvisable for us to make a request on one item for travel. If there is an opportunity for revision of our budgets, it will then be in order for us to make some further representations. I am not, however, in a position to make any promises.

Budget for 1941-42. We have all studied your comments regarding the 1941-42 budget with alarm, as it seems that it represents a situation for which there is no complete answer. May I revert to the statement previously made that we are waiting for a clarification of the needs for the present, as well as a figure from the individual Universities for next year's budget. This is the best I can say at the present time, while also indicating our very definite hope that a sizable amount, possibly the entire askings will be available before June 30th.

Requisition #00477. This has been received, but for the time being the order has been held up.

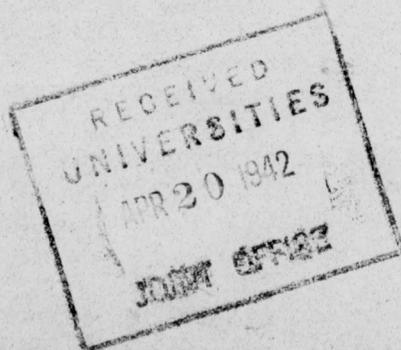
Dr. Garside. B. A. Garside has definitely resigned from all of our Colleges and the Associated Boards. For some little time, we have been endeavoring to secure a successor, and it is quite possible that within a few days, we will be able to announce someone who will help us out as Acting Executive Secretary at least, but at the present moment, we can say nothing definite.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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Via China Clipper
c.c. via next Clipper



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Dea: Mr. Evans;--

from H. D. Robertson
New Map enclosed @ 7/13/42 Chengtu. 5--6--42

It is six months since I wrote you and I do not know whether or not that letter reached you. But there is some evidence that mail is getting through to your side so I shall make an attempt. And first let me express our great pleasure when in April and in May some of your letters arrived; they were dated Dec. 15, 18, Jan. 24, 22nd. April 7, 17th. Your Nov. 3rd letter arrived on the 23rd and the Nov. 6th and 10th on the 12th of May. Your Dec. 1st letters and the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Board arrived on the 13th of May, just after the meeting of our Board of Directors on the 9th. We have no minutes of the Board of Trustees of the Yenching Institute for 1940 or '41 nor any letters covering any actions taken.

John Gao. To take up the points in your letter of Apr. 17th. As you will remember the Field has never authorized payments other than the \$60.00 per month. But we know that you must act at time according to what seems necessary and the items for the M.I.T. in your monthly statements must be for fees, etc. There is one item however in March of this year, Balance \$270.14 which we do not understand; is it the Scholarship money granted us by the Assd Board for scholarships and if so should not that be placed to our credit rather than given to John? No letters have come from him recently and we have no indication of his plans. The amount of financial assistance he has received from university funds is much greater than that given to any other graduate that I hope he will recognize his obligations without the point having to be pressed on him by us. He will be such a valuable man to his country in the post-war period that we shall want to do all we can here to give him the opportunities he needs for his research work and his contacts with the industrial world; but everything will depend on his own attitude to university work and to his own life work. Please let us have any information you can get about his plans, and tell him I would like to hear from him.

Travel Expenses. My covering letter on the Board of Directors, meeting, May 10th, 1941, and Minute 171 of that meeting, refer to our need for some funds to meet this extraordinary expenditure, in addition to the annual budget. Apparently we should have included this in the regular budget and then it would have been asked for; our difficulty is that joint funds are used for assistance to the staff and our own emergency funds are needed to meet the deficit. You might consult the list of needs as set out in this Minute D.171, in case you are stuck for items to present.

Budget for 1941-42. Since you wrote about this we have received your cable and are extremely grateful to all who have helped for the assistance which has been given us here. I shall leave it to Miss Priest to explain how the difficulties arose over the interpretation of the cables, as more than one person attempting to do so might only add to your confusion. But I might say that having to go through the year without any assurance of the outcome of our appeal for special financial assistance is a great strain especially as so large a proportion of the current expenses must be met from these funds. It is inevitable under the circumstances I know; and the breakdown of the mail service added greatly to our difficulties in clarifying the situation. I am sure you will appreciate this and do not need to be persuaded that we are making every possible effort here. The figures for next year's budget have gone home with Mr. Barnett. Up to the present Mr. Edwards has not been able to visit us but we are hoping he will do so this month; he has the budgets and all other information for which he has asked. We were very disappointed when Mr. Barnett was called back to America just as they both were ready to start for Chengtu; even now we are uninformed as to the reason for his sudden re-call.

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Enclosed a Map of Grounds & buildings - Insurance details follow. sincerely H. D. Robertson

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of brick with tiled roof, in the sum of | 10,000. |
| 2. | <u>ON THE BUILDING</u> , known as "Woman's College Permanent Dormitory B",
of brick with tiled roof, in the sum of | 10,000. |
| 3. | <u>ON THE BUILDING</u> , known as "Woman's College Staff Residence A", of
brick with tiled roof, in the sum of | 1,500. |
| 4. | <u>ON THE BUILDING</u> , known as "Woman's College Staff Residence B", of
brick with tiled roof, in the sum of | 1,000. |
| | | Total Sum Insured <u>US\$22,500.</u> |

Policy No. 15768796

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| 1. | <u>ON THE BUILDING</u> , College of Medicine and Dentistry, West Wing,
of brick with tiled roof, marked 2 on plan | 18,000. |
| 2. | <u>ON FURNISHINGS & EQUIPMENT</u> , while contained in the above building | 15,000. |
| 3. | <u>ON THE BUILDING</u> , College of Medicine and Dentistry, East Wing,
of brick with tiled roof, marked 1 on plan | 18,000. |
| 4. | <u>ON FURNISHINGS & EQUIPMENT</u> , While contained in the above building | 11,000. |
| 5. | <u>ON THE BUILDING</u> , known as Workshop and Laundry, of brick with
tiled roof, marked 4 on plan | 10,000. |
| 6. | <u>ON FURNISHINGS & EQUIPMENT</u> , while contained in the above building | 400. |
| 7. | <u>ON THE BUILDING</u> , known as Interne and Isolation Block, of brick
with tiled roof, marked 6 on plan | 10,000. |
| 8. | <u>ON BOOKS AND PERIODICALS</u> , (One vol. not exceeding US\$25.-) while
contained in the above building | 7,550. |
| 9. | <u>ON THE BUILDING</u> , known as Private Wards, of brick with tiled
roof, marked 7 on plan | 10,000. |
| 10. | <u>ON THE BUILDING</u> , known as Administration and General Wards and
Operating Rooms, of brick with tiled roof, marked 9 on plan | 32,000. |
| 11. | <u>ON FURNISHINGS & EQUIPMENT</u> , while contained in the above building | 20,000. |
| 12. | <u>ON THE BUILDING</u> , known as Maternity Wards, of brick with tiled
roof, marked 13 on plan | 8,000. |
| 13. | <u>ON THE BUILDING</u> , known as Pharmacy and Eye Clinic, of brick with
tiled roof, marked 15 on plan | 8,000. |
| 14. | <u>ON THE BUILDING</u> , known as Pharmacy Building (new) of brick with
tiled roof, marked 25 on plan | 6,000. |
| 15. | <u>ON FURNISHINGS & EQUIPMENT</u> , while contained in the above building | 10,000. |
| 16. | <u>ON THE BUILDING</u> , known as O.P.D. General of brick with tiled
roof, marked 16 on plan..... | 21,000. |
| 17. | <u>ON THE BUILDING</u> , known as Dental O.P.D. of brick with tiled roof,
marked 17 on plan..... | 4,000. |
| 18. | <u>ON FURNISHINGS & EQUIPMENT</u> , while contained in the above building | 6,000. |
| 19. | <u>ON THE BUILDING</u> , known as Animal House of brick with tiled roof,
marked 20 on plan | 1,000. |
| 20. | <u>ON THE BUILDING</u> , known as Central Service and Supply, of brick
with tiled roof, marked 10 on plan..... | 6,000. |
| 21. | <u>ON THE BUILDING</u> , known as Leper Hospital, of brick with tiled
roof, marked 24 on plan..... | 2,000. |
| | | Total Sum Insured <u>US\$223,950.</u> |

Policy No. 15768798

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| 1. | <u>ON THE BUILDING</u> , known as "Administration Building" of brick with
tiled roof, | 10,000. |
| 2. | <u>ON FURNISHINGS & EQUIPMENT</u> , while contained in the above building | 1,000. |
| 3. | <u>ON THE BUILDING</u> , known as "Library & Museum Building", (Lamont)
of brick with tiled roof | 15,000. |
| 4. | <u>ON FURNISHINGS & EQUIPMENT</u> , whiled contained in the above building | 700. |
| 5. | <u>ON WESTERN BOOKS & PERIODICALS</u> , (One vol. not exceeding US\$25.-)
while contained in the above building | 10,000. |
| 6. | <u>ON THE BUILDING</u> , known as "Education Building", (Cadbury) of brick
with tiled roof. | 10,000. |

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7.	ON FURNISHINGS & EQUIPMENT, while contained in the above building	700.
8.	ON THE BUILDING, known as "Biology Building" (Atherton) of brick with tiled roof	8,000.
9.	ON FURNISHINGS & EQUIPMENT, while contained in the above building	2,000.
10.	ON THE BUILDING, known as "Chemistry Building" (Stubbs), of brick with tiled roof	24,000.
11.	ON WESTERN BOOKS & PERIODICALS, (One vol. not exceeding US\$25.-), while contained in the above building	2,000.
12.	ON FURNISHINGS & EQUIPMENT, while contained in the above building	3,000.
13.	ON CLOCK, including the Upper Wood Structure of the Clock Tower known as "Cole's Memorial Clock Tower"	1,000.
14.	ON THE MAIN BUILDING, known as "Union Middle School", (Scatter-good), of brick with tiled roof	6,000.
15.	ON FURNISHINGS & EQUIPMENT, while contained in the above building	300.
16.	ON THE BUILDING, known as "The Chapel", adjoining the Union Middle School, of brick with tiled roof	5,000.
17.	ON THE BUILDING, known as "Junior Middle School" (Foucher), of brick with tiled roof	6,000.
18.	ON FURNISHINGS & EQUIPMENT, while contained in the above building.	500.
19.	ON THE BUILDING, known as "House A", of brick with tiled roof	4,000.
20.	ON THE BUILDING, known as "House B", of brick with tiled roof	4,000.
21.	ON THE BUILDING, known as "No. 78", of brick with tiled roof	2,000.
22.	ON THE BUILDING, known as Residence T.B. Sanatorium, of Brick with tiled roof.	2,000.
23.	ON THE BUILDING, known as No. 81/82, of brick, tiled roof	3,000.
24.	ON THE BUILDING, known as No. 83/84, of brick, tiled roof	3,000.
25.	ON WESTERN BOOKS & PERIODICALS, (One vol. not exceeding US\$25.0) while contained in the Ear, Eye, Nose & Throat Hospital of brick with tiled roof, situate at Shansi Kai, in the city of Chengtu	2,000.
26.	ON WESTERN BOOKS & PERIODICALS, (One vol. not exceeding US\$25.-) while contained in Si Shen Si Hospital of brick with tiled roof	5,000.
27.	ON FURNISHINGS & EQUIPMENT, of the Medical-Dental College, Dep't of Otolaryngology, while contained in the United Hospital of brick with tiled roof, situate at Shansi Kai, in Chengtu	1,160.
28.	ON FURNISHINGS & EQUIPMENT, of the Medical-Dental College, Dep't of Ophthalmology, while contained in the above Hospital	2,350.
29.	ON FURNISHINGS & EQUIPMENT of the Medical-Dental College, Dep't of Surgery, while contained in the Si Shen Si Hospital	8,230.
30.	ON EQUIPMENT (GENERAL) of the College of Medicine and Dentistry in use in the Si Shen Si Men's Hospital	1,000.
31.	ON 50 MILLIGRAMS RADIUM ELEMENT, whilst contained in the Woman's Hospital Temporary Quarters	1,250.
32.	ON THE BUILDING, used as staff residence, of brick with tiled roof, situate at Tong Hang Tze, in the city of Chengtu	3,000.
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35.	ON 17 BUILDINGS, used as Shops, 2-storied, of brick with tiled roof, situate at Tong Hang Tze, in the city of Chengtu	2,000.
36.	ON THE BUILDING, of brick with tiled roof, occupied by Chinese Post Office as Branch Office, situate at Tong Hang Tze, Chengtu	1,400.
37.	ON THE BUILDING, of brick with tiled roof, occupied by Bank of China as an Office, situate at Tong Hang Tze, in the city, Chengtu	1,400.

TOTAL SUM INSURED US\$160,990.

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Policy No. 15768794

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1. ON THE BUILDING, known as "Temporary Dormitory No. 1" (formerly known as Faculty Residence), 2-storied, the 1st story being of single brick walls, & the 2nd story being of bamboo, plaster with tiled roof 4,000.
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4. ON FURNITURE & FIXTURES, while contained in the above building . 2,000.
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6. ON FURNITURE & FIXTURES, while contained in the above building. 2,000.
7. ON FURNISHINGS, while contained in Woman's College Permanent Dormitory A of brick with tiled roof..... 20,000.
8. ON FURNISHINGS, while contained in Woman's College Permanent Dormitory B of brick with tiled roof 20,000.

Total Sum Insured CN\$60,000.

Policy No. 15768795

1. ON THE SMALL BUILDING, single storied, of brick with tiled roof, marked 22 on plan, in the sum of 6,000.
2. ON FURNISHINGS & EQUIPMENT, while contained in Workshop and Laundry, marked 4 on plan, in the sum of..... 14,000.

Total Sum Insured CN\$20,000.

Policy No. 15768797

1. ON CHINESE BOOKS & PERIODICALS, while contained in Lamont Memorial (Library) Building of brick with tiled roof (one Vol. not exceeding CN\$100.-)..... 80,000.
2. ON CONTENTS OF THE MUSEUM LAMONT MEMORIAL BUILDING.....359,000.
3. ON MUSEUM ARTICLES, while contained in the Missionary Residence of brick with tiled roof..... 26,000.
4. ON FURNISHINGS & EQUIPMENT, while contained in the Hart College Building of brick with tiled roof135,000.
5. ON THE BUILDING, known as "Student Social Centre" of brick with tiled roof 5,000.
6. ON THE BUILDING, known as Tanning Building" of brick with tiled roof 5,000.
7. ON THE BUILDING, known as Tanning School Residence of timber with tiled roof 15,000.
8. ON THE TANNING SCHOOL CLASSROOM ACCOMODATION AND RESIDENCE, of timber with tiled roof 5,000.
9. ON THE TANNING SCHOOL CLASSROOM ACCOMODATION, of timber with tiled roof..... 10,000.
10. ON THE BUILDINGS, known as No.111-112 of timber with tiled roof 8,000.
11. ON THE BUILDING, known as "Dairy Barn", of brick with tiled roof 10,000.
12. ON THE BUILDING, known as "T.B.Sanatorium" of lath, plaster, with tiled roof..... 20,000.
13. ON FURNISHINGS & EQUIPMENT, while contained in the above building 10,000.
14. ON 5 BUILDINGS, of lath and plaster, with tiled roof, formerly known as Wang Hsi Kai property, 4 Dormitories and 1 Dining Hall 47,000.
15. ON BEDS AND FURNITURE, while contained in the above building 6,000.

Total Sum Insured CN\$741,000.

TOTAL FIRE INSURANCE INSURED U.S.\$384,940.- PREMIUM U.S.\$859.61
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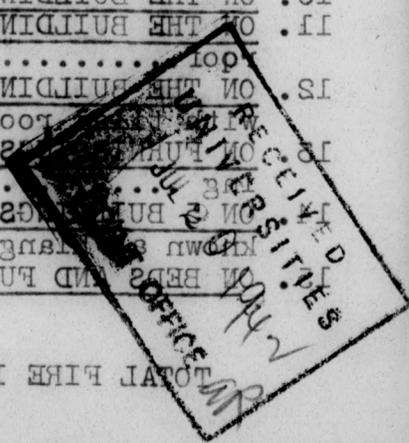
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May 25, 1942

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

Dear Mr. Robertson:

Dr. Serge Elisseeff of the Harvard-Yenching Institute sent us communications covering various actions of the Institute on November 17th, each letter being addressed to the individual institutions or a corresponding member of the Board of Directors. He held them for some little time and then passed the responsibility on to our office.

We have held these with the hope that they could be sent out by someone returning to China. This hope has faded and we are taking chances on getting them through by Clipper mail.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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Dear Mr. Evans;--

This morning I sent off a letter to you acknowledging the receipt of your letters, dated Dec. '41 to Apr. '42, and the Minutes of the Board; also I enclosed a map done on this paper, showing the grounds and buildings as they are. If this is not large enough to be satisfactory I shall have another made. The insurance policies are being increased this year and I am expecting the new policies from Chungking any day; when they arrive I shall give you the details of all the larger buildings. You will remember that beginning last May we have insured for gold values and pay premiums in gold. Of course there is no way to insure against loss in case of actions connected with war, such as bombing or local fighting.

Books purchased by Dr. Beech. I wish to clear off a few items of a financial nature. In Nov. there is a charge of \$43.89, and in Dec. \$68.91 for books bought by Dr. Beech. Please charge these to the special funds he has for this purpose and which are not sent to the field. 20,000.00

March Analysis. Your statement reads, "Appropriations, General, (to Mar 31) \$20,822.21, Harvard Yenching, \$12,421.06, Expenditure....." We wish the two drafts cabled, total \$10,500.00, to be charged to Harvard-Yen-so the statement should read, Approp. General, \$20,000.00, Disbursed to Mar \$10,322.21, Har.-Yen. Approp. \$12421.06, Disbursed, \$10500.00.

Rockefeller Hospital Equipment. We have issued draft #802 for \$1180 to pay for transportation of supplies purchased by Dr. Brown and brought to Chengtu for the new hospital. This is in addition to a draft for \$1000.00 given to Dr. Brown for the purchase of goods in Rangoon; what has become of this is not yet clear.

Gift for the Department of Pharmacy. Please deposit this amount \$250.00 in the Central Hanover Bank as we have sent a cheque for this amount to Mr. Sewell in Hongkong and have had no word from him since the attack on Hongkong but the cheque may be presented; so we need the money in the bank.

Harvard-Yenching Institute. Please inform Dr. Elisseeff that we have received nothing from him since the spring of 1941; and no minutes of the Board have reached us. We fear this is because of postal difficulties. However the visit of Dr. Stelle to Chengtu and his consultation with the three institutions here last fall was a very great help and inspiration to us all and we are confident that his report on his return to the United States would be of the greatest interest. I think all those concerned were prepared to accept his comments on the work being done under H-Y auspices, certainly Huata (our university) was and I personally shall be glad to do all I can to carry out the wishes of the Board of Trustees based on Dr. Stelle's recommendation. We are anxious to learn whether or not the Trustees are prepared to make an additional grant to meet the cash and rice bonuses for the staff on H-Y funds, in accord with those given to other members of the university staff. It is impossible to keep within the regular annual budget which is fixed, and maintain the teaching, research and salary staff at its regular strength, under present abnormal conditions. This we have tried to do this present year but with cost of living still going up I fear it will be impossible next year, and this needs no elucidation. We have acted on our best judgment in deciding to remove some of our Museum things and some books from the Library, to places off the university grounds in view of the increased danger from bombing of our buildings. This has been done very carefully indeed by Dr. Cheng and the library staff and complete records are in the university safe and other copies in other places. We hope special funds will be available to meet this expense which is not large but which cannot be met out of current income. Please take this up with Dr. Beech and let me know how much money is available for these two purposes, in 1941-42 and for 1942-43. You may read the enclosed letter to Dr. Beech, as I shall deal with other matters.

Exchange and Cost of Living. You will be surprised some day when you learn how very careful we have been in the matter of salaries. Naturally most of us feel that the central gov't has not done all it could to keep prices from skyrocketing while at the same time the rate of exchange has been kept at the altogether artificial rate prevailing last year. As compared with prices in '37 the rate of exchange now should be around 130 instead of 18.71 as fixed; in other words the allies are paying seven or eight gold dollars to get what they should get for one, on all the funds subscribed to help China; while the Chinese government is getting gold at this fraction of a business rate of exchange.

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Exchange and Cost of Living. As you know from experience in a time like this there is lots of money floating about and many people are very prosperous. More money is demanded for every thing, rents, food, clothing, travel, fees medical and school, and all the rest. But the salaried man has no recourse and finds himself unable to supply the necessities for his family. So from time to time we have had to add to the salary of a few months earlier but never have we felt that we were able to anything like meet the rise in the cost of living. The agreement of the gov't to let us have rice at a fixed price really saved the situation although even then it cost the university a very large sum indeed; the teachers paid back an amount equal to about three times the ordinary price of rice. One trouble has been that anyone who owned land benefited by the high price for rice, or if connected with a family in business or owning land, or if in a profession which could be used privately, to bring in additional income, thus causing great differences in the income of members of the staff. On the whole I think our people have stood the test very well and we would like those who send us these extra funds to know that morale has been maintained without any unjustified increase in salaries. In fact had there been no controlled exchange, or a less rigid control, the amount of money needed from our supporters abroad would have been less this year than last. So it looks as if the Chinese gov't banks are making a good thing out of relief funds secured abroad.

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American Women's Hospitals Grant. These funds have been coming through regularly and help a lot in carrying on our hospital services. I have asked Dr. Kilborn, Dean of the College of Medicine, to write thanking those behind the grant and giving some indication of the work which these funds are making possible. You might enquire whether the letter got through.

American Dental Trade Ass'n. The Dean of the College of Dentistry Dr. Lindsay, and Dr. Agnew who is now with us again, are looking after all the matters dealt with in your letter of Jan. 16th. Our local architect, Mr. Cannon Young, a graduate of Michigan Univ., is a real artist and will be able to design a plaque which should please Mr. Maddock and his friends. Before the building was finished it cost over \$4,000.00 because of the increased cost of materials and labour. Do you think it wise to ask for this additional amount? The danger to communications under present circumstances may be a difficulty in the matter of photographs and negatives but we shall certainly send some, and hope for the best. How we wish for an all-air better service despite cost.

Meeting of the Board of Directors. The Board met on the 9th and I am sending you a copy of the minutes by letter post. The Chungking members could not be present but the Governor of the province came and he continues to be very much interested in the university. I may call your attention to some items. (D.192, this is an increase of \$1,000,000.00 over last year and is a very gratifying acknowledgement of our work, both Ministry of Education and Provincial gov't, increase \$80,000.00.) D.194. Dr. Dsang had had large sheets of statistics prepared and intends to have the information sent to all members of the Board of Directors. In giving his report the President always makes a good impression. Budget. D.196. Grant from M. of Ed. includes another \$80,000.00 we expect to get as a special grant to meet cost of living. Share from Cheeloo. (\$5,000.00) will likely be too large if we are not able to import supplies for our departments. (Note. we are somewhat mystified over the large amount you reported for Cheeloo from Sustaining Funds, as compared with what Huata got.) Leper Hospital. Some one's memory slipped at the Board when you passed that minute, G.1595. Consult Dr. Arnup and refer to G.1261. United Hospital. We did not include Hospital estimates this year as their figures vary with the times. the amount may easily be \$5,000,000.00. Huata Press. Perhaps I should explain that this really is a bookstore but we do mimeographing, typing, etc. and have books for sale; income covers expenses. Contingent. This amount is based on a careful estimate of possible necessary increases in salary bonuses; you will understand our difficulties in trying to foresee the likely rise in the cost of living over present levels. The budgets of all four institutions include a similar item. Special Grant to United Hospital. teaching. This is to cover any emergency situation due to war conditions, in which the university should help the hospital meet a deficit, because of the teaching done in the hospital for our medical and dental students; we may or may not need it but the chances are it will be needed and we could not do our College medical work without this hospital. Minutes of Directors go under separate cover.

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Meeting of the Board of Directors, continued.

D. 195. This would include the Members of the Board of Governors and yourself. We all are deeply grateful for all the efforts made on our behalf and for the confidence expressed in us. At the same time we hold firmly to the belief that the work we are able to do here during these years is worthy of the support asked for and will bear comparison with any other kind of work receiving support from the United China Relief. When you realize we were getting no information from New York except your cables and the weeks were passing without any indication of how much money actually would be made available for the current year, you will appreciate our anxiety and our relief, perhaps even a little more than that, when your May cable came giving the final division.

D. 199. I am enclosing copy of this Minute. Also I shall have Dr. K'lborn put a paragraph on the new Board in the report we are preparing on the U.U. hospital. The university has a larger representation on the Board which will be acting in somewhat of an advisory capacity. Since June 1941 the College of Medicine of the National Central University has not been cooperating with us in academic or hospital work. The hospital of the Woman's Missionary Society of the United Church was burned down last spring so that the hospitals now operating are the General Hospital of our Mission and the E.E.N.T. hospital of the M. E. M. with which the late Dr. Peterson was associated. At the moment the medical men are trying to decide when to open the university hospital for certain kinds of work in the parts of the building now completed.

D. 201. These reports were all very interesting but the postal regulations and the cost of air mail postage makes it impossible to forward copies. The President will write you particularly on the situation in Goucher School.

D204. Miss Robertson has not returned to the office and apparently will not be able to do so before she has her furlough and an operation or surprises the doctors by a great improvement in her condition. Naturally she is very distressed over this protracted illness and would be very happy to be allowed to return to her office work. Miss Kirk of Ginling is in very much the same position. We are now anxiously awaiting the cable from England telling of the safe arrival of Miss Turner, who was in S. Africa five weeks ago.

D 205. We have no further news here of the movements of Bishop Ward but take it he will be evacuated with the others when the ships sail for the exchange port, at present East Africa. D. 207. I was very pleased to see that our Board had appointed A.E. Johns to succeed Dr. Wallace; he has had a fine record at home since eye trouble forced him to leave our staff here and will be a valuable man on the B. of Governors.

Your cable arrived on Sunday. 'Cable immediately American dollar requirements for 19423 to equalize W st China Chinese salaries with guest institutions'. No one here has any idea why this question should have arisen; since 1939 we have been gradually bringing the staffs of the four institutions to the same general levels with the result that we do not feel there are any salary inequalities at present. But there is much interest in the possible source of the information that led to your cable. Could it have been the H-Y grant to the Cheeloo m-eds; if so why did you say 'guest institutions'? And even at this date the Cheeloo people have not decided how they will use their grant, so how could that have given rise to your cable? My long cable in reply may have seemed strange to you but it is explained by our wishing to be frank about our salaries while at the same time making sure that you had the figures necessary to make our salary scale possible. Our bewilderment was all the greater as we believe Mr. Barnett must have arrived in New York and would have the information our cable gave you. Dr. Cressy is in Chungking so we could not consult him as to the origin of the enquiry. Unless the gov't acts to control prices, and there is no sign of this, the cost of living is likely to rise to double what it is now before this time next year. But no one can give a definite figure or even state an opinion that has any meaning; a change in the rate of exchange would reduce your grants surprisingly.

Graduation day is fixed for Monday June 28th and we hope to be undisturbed by bombers at least till then; naturally we are a bit anxious to hear that the Aleutian Islands have not been occupied and are not being used as a base for bombing the mainland. Regards and best wishes for a change and

rcst. 2014 H.D.R. Robertson

June 8, 1942

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

Dear Mr. Robertson:

On Friday last I cabled you as follows:

"CABLE IMMEDIATELY AMERICAN DOLLAR REQUIREMENTS FOR 19423 TO EQUALIZE WEST CHINA CHINESE SALARIES WITH GUEST INSTITUTIONS."

This has grown out of a very frank discussion of the ^{H.K.}Institute of our policy of holding the balances of Restricted Funds on the books of the Governors. While the Institute in the early days favored this, the growth of the balance in the last two or three years has caused additional questioning.

In making our reply, we offered to return any special grants for Chinese Cultural work, but the action of the Institute was indeed generous and far-reaching. It reads as follows:

"That the Board of Governors of West China Union University be informed that the Trustees of the Harvard-Yenching Institute recommend that they draw reasonably from year on the balances of the Restricted Fund which have been accumulating in New York since 1928 to make adjustments of all salaries at the University."

To follow out the recommendation of the foregoing action, the cable quoted was sent. It was also given consideration at the meeting of the Executive and Finance Committees held on Friday last and the foregoing cable was authorized. By the time this letter reaches you, the matter should have been cleared by cablegram.

The point in giving consideration to this matter was the repeated reference to the lower salary scale of the Chinese teachers as related to other Christian Colleges in China and more particularly to those that are guest institutions. This situation has been recognized for a long time, and as a matter of fact a resolution was voted at the Executive Committee meeting the first part of May requesting that special effort be made to secure \$5,000.00 with instructions to take \$3,000.00 from the Governors Reserve Funds. In the light of the action of the Institute this will not be necessary. It is apparent to our office that a study of the entire salary situation at Chengtu should be made, even to the extent of mission board salaries. With the limited information we have on hand, we cannot answer questions intelligently even when very sympathetic and interested people desire the information for the purpose of rendering some assistance.

With the hope that this letter will get through to you promptly, I am

Most sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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June 8, 1942

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

Dear Mr. Robertson:

The monthly trial balance sheet for May covering the West China accounts is enclosed herewith. You will also find the budget analysis, cash statement and record of payment of funds made available for West China, as well as copies of journal vouchers #435 and #436.

A cable dispatch to the field has notified you all of Sustaining Funds available and it is our hope that there will be some additional savings within the current budget. At the present time, we cannot say definitely regarding this. You will note by journal vouchers #435 and #436 that the Church Missionary Society and the Friends Service Council are sending their appropriations directly to China. This is because of the restrictions of the British Government in sending funds to the United States.

We are preparing to close up our books as of June 22nd and presumably it will be necessary for us to cable you the condition of the budget after the closing. This will entail considerable cost, but we see no other way at the present time. Please be assured that everything possible is being done at this end to render assistance, but frequently you must become greatly incensed at us for our seeming lack of maintaining our correspondence with the field. Please remember we exist for you.

We could go on at length giving details of various approaches being made to help the Colleges, very few of which bring the desired results. Detailed reference to these contacts would be too revealing to be written to you.

With every good wish, I am

Most sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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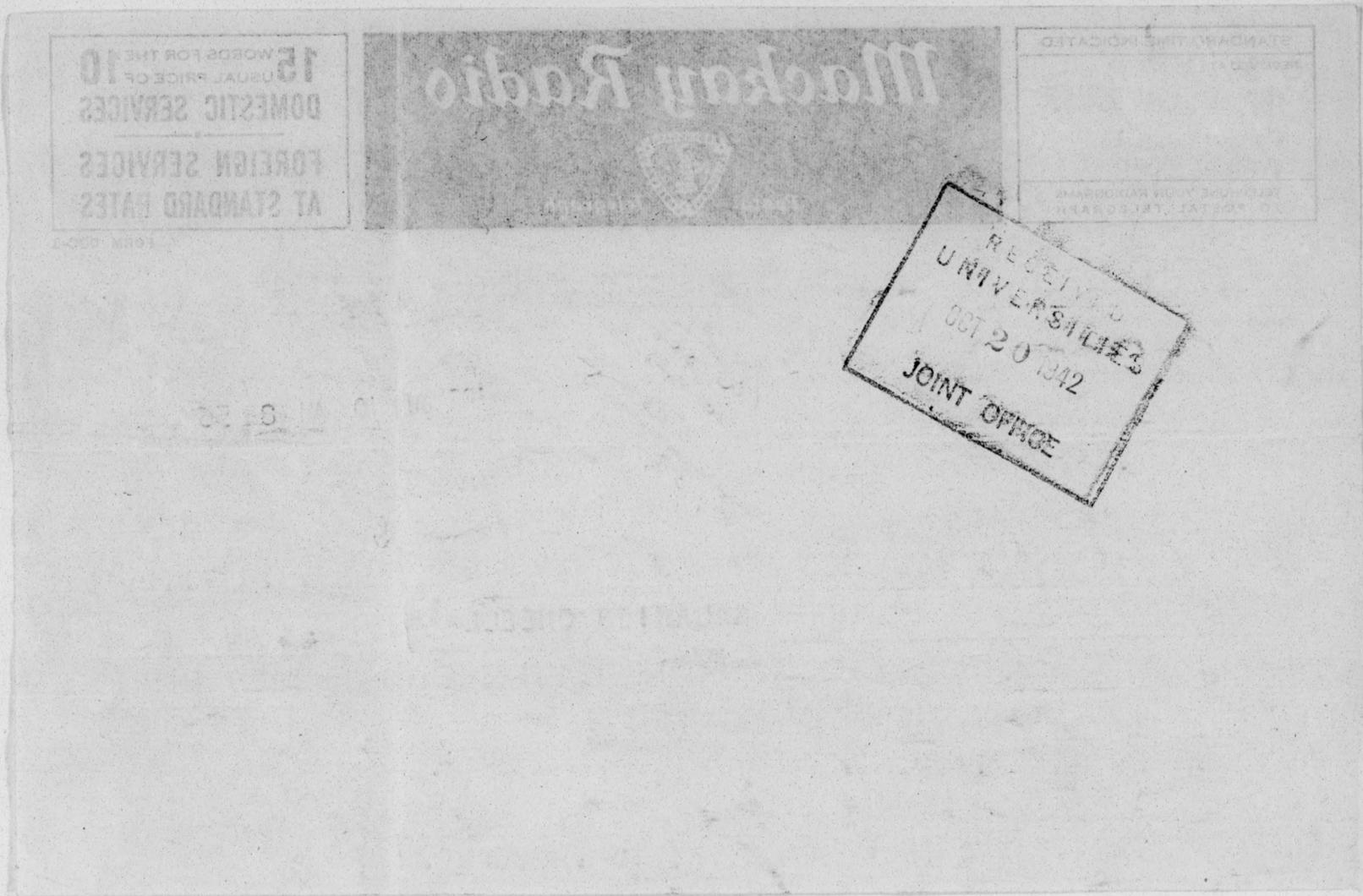
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Charge to the account of ~~ASSOCIATED BOARDS FOR CHRISTIAN COLLEGES IN CHINA~~

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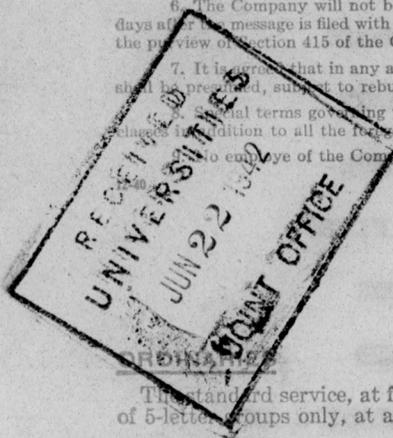
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HAROLD ROBERTSON

CHENG TU (CHINA)

IN VIEW YOUR CABLE JUNE NINTH REGARDING SALARY ADJUSTMENTS ELISSEFF
ASKING EXACT SALARY PROVISIONS FOR CHENG TEHKUN CABLE REPLY

CARL EVANS

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Dear Mr. Evans; o

On June 5th I wrote you covering these items, .. John Gao, Travel expenses of staff returning, Budget 1942~~3~~, Dr. Garside's resignation. ~~Meeting~~ your request I enclosed map of university grounds with buildings located. June 6th I began a three page letter, mailed June 8th., covering, Books purchased by Dr. Beech, March analysis, Rockefeller Hospital Equipment, Gift for Dep't of Pharmacy, HAY Institute, Exchange and Cost of Living, American Women's Hospitals Grant, American Dental Trade Ass'n, Meeting of Board of Directors, a copy of some of the minutes and the budget was sent you, and your cable about our salaries which bothered us at the time and which Elisseeff's concern about Dr. Cheng's salary has since explained. I do not seem to have mentioned Dr. Agnew's arrival on the 27th May after some time in India and in Chungking arranging for the bringing in of supplies and consulting about the new and larger plan for dental education to be assisted by the funds of the ABMAC.

The monthly statement, April 30th, mailed May 18th reached me on the 24th of June. that for May 31st, mailed on the 8th, June, on the 20th of July., also your letter of same date dealing with the H-Y minute and the question of salaries of Chinese teachers. I quote from the minute..to drawxreasonably from year on the balances... are the words 'year to year' on the balances? Also your cable of July 5th..credited accounts payable..... I have given this detailed information about your correspondence because up to now we have had no air-all-the-way mail service and there is the danger of letters being lost at sea. This goes by the new route at the higher rates and is I presume available for you at that end too.

The summer is going very rapidly and at the moment the heat is very great. This week we are registering students who will take entrance examinations the end of the month; in the matter of time we now have to conform to the practice of the Ministry which sets the dates for all gov't schools. Many people changed their minds and went away to the Hills despite the costs which are really alarming to most missionary families; but in some cases the Mission is helping with a special allowance and in others it was felt that a change and rest was absolutely necessary if work was to be carried on in the autumn. There has been an unusual amount of illness this summer; people's vitality has been drained I suppose, and many have suffered from what we used to call 'summer complaint'. Unfortunately Will Small contracted a particularly virulent form of this trouble and was very ill for several days last week; he is now recovering but very much in need of a change of air, so that all his plans in connection with closing the books for the year and writing up the necessary reports have gone by the board. He feels very badly about this but we are very thankful he is getting better and I think perhaps he will be ~~on~~ the office in August sometime. Miss Robertson seemed to be somewhat better in June and went to the Hills hoping that the two months there would set her up so that she could take up her work again, but I do not know as the doctors are non-committal. Miss Kirk is still ill and Miss Turner is in England so you can see how our office work has suffered. Typists of a sort can always be found but not people who can take dictation.

The President has gone off for two weeks. He has had a good many worries and is not too robust. The strain does seem to be showing in the case of not a few but there is no change in the feeling of responsibility for seeing it through to better days. We have had no recent word from Dr. Mullett and Mr. and Mrs. S well, who are detained in Hongkong, and no direct word of course. In April they were reported to be well. You may remember that the Sewells have three small children all requiring special food. Mrs. Mullett is in Toronto and has our deep sympathy. It would be a very good thing if the J. gov would allow Bishop Hall to return to his post there as he is a very much loved and respected man. We have had a visit from Mr. Edwards who now knows a lot more about us and how we are managing things together; he impressed the Presidents as being very sympathetic with them in their financial worries. Also we had a visit from Dr. Essen Gale whom you may know; he is an old China hand and connected with many movements in the u.s.a. associated with China. The air men of our two countries in chungking and here in chengtu have provided us with a new interest and assured the local people of the assistance that will be com
in greater and greater amount as time goes on; ~~as time goes on~~ as needed.

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Executive meeting in May. Up to the time of the receipt of your letter of June 8th we did not know a meeting had been held and we have had no minutes and no covering letter. We take it the Board will be responsible for the same amount as last year and will support our appeal to the Ass'd Board and the UCR. We are counting on the statement covering our needs having been made known to you by Mr. Barnett who took a copy with him when he returned. Also our cables and Mr. Edwards' should have made the position clear; in case you have not got a copy of the statement Barnett took I think you should ask him to let you have a copy made. Our recent cable would be an indication of the trend of things here. Salary situation. It is good to know that the Board of Governors were willing to attempt to secure an extra \$5,000.00 for our annual budget in order to help meet the increased expenditure necessary for teachers' salaries. But you will realize that in the light of present costs this sum does not mean as much as it did two years ago. The assistance which we gave the teachers during the 12 months simply to help them buy rice amounted to something like gold \$20,000.00, and next year it will be more because rice has already jumped fifty percent. I might explain that since 1938 the salary scale for our teachers has each year been raised a little because of rising costs of living, until by June of this year there was little difference between the institutions here. In fact this was inevitable because more and more as time has passed all questions have been decided for all institutions as if they were one organisation; you will note this when you study the reports as to how the UCR funds have been divided. Then if you compare our total disbursements with the amount provided by the Governors it will be clearly seen that there is a very serious situation in our financial condition. As the same situation prevails in the Missions and as you have Mission secretaries on your Board I am sure I do not need to stress this point further.

Fixed Exchange. This leads up to the matter about which I have already written you, the fixed exchange rate and the constantly rising cost of living. Our estimate is that a gold dollar at the present rate of exchange only purchases 14 per cent as much as it did in the summer of '39. In other words it now requires more than seven gold dollars to purchase the same amount of goods and services that one dollar gold would buy in the summer of '39. Or in effect the seven million dollars being raised in the US will not be worth as much in China this year as one million was two years ago, because of the exchange and the rising price level in China. In terms of national currency gold is being secured at a low rate while at the same time the gold raised to help China in her war effort and for relief and for such educational work as ours, is only doing one seventh of what it should. Or again, if the exchange were in line with the price levels here only one seventh of the amount we are asking for in order to keep going would be sufficient. And under similar conditions the amount being raised to help China would do seven times that it can do now. You can understand that it is impossible for us, the universities, to do anything from this end as government policy is involved, but one would think that some of the men on the executive committee of the UCR would be aware of the situation and also in a position to bring this matter to the attention of the US government and perhaps the Chinese ambassador and the minister for foreign affairs who is now in your country. I should not be surprised to learn that this matter has already been the subject of discussion in your committees.

Harvard-Yenching Institute. I shall deal with this matter in some detail later, probably in a letter to Dr. Beech which I shall ask you to read. We were under the impression that Dr. Beech could make clear to the Board what we wished to do in our Research Institute. Dr. Elisseeff had intimated in a letter that he did not approve but we never had any action of the Board reported to us. I presume you have a copy of the letters he wrote me recently. As to the amount of money held in New York I should think the fluctuations in exchange would account for most of it. But the fact is that in the case of the other institutions the money is put in the hands of the Field each year and it is only our Board of Governors that determines how much should come to the field each year; an arrangement of Dr. Beech I believe. We shall probably need some extra money for salaries after the relief appeals cease and it is good that you have the consent of the Board of the Institute to use these funds in this way. I hope however that it will not be necessary and that we shall ultimately use these balances for H-Y purposes distinctly.

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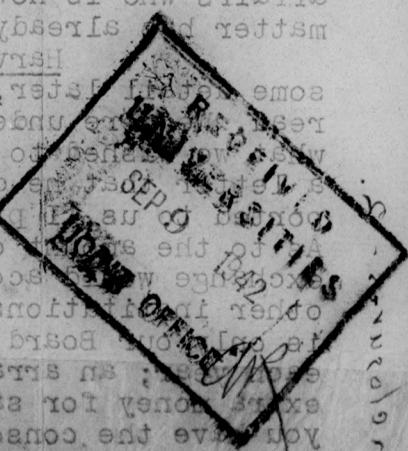
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MINUTES OF THE COLLEGE OF MEDICINE AND DENTISTRY HELD ON JAN. 16, 1942. *Memo to Mrs. Carter 10/20/42*
4 Relationship of Chengtu City Mission Hospitals to University Hospital.
RESOLVED: that minute J-69(b) of April 20, 1940, and minute J231(1) be co-ordinated
to read, that we recommend to the Missions concerned and to the University Board
of Directors through the President, that the Chengtu Hospitals Board be re-
organized to consist of not more than twenty members, to include three members
from the Board of Directors of the University, the President of the University,
the Director of the College, the Dean of Medicine, the Dean of Dentistry, one
representative from each Mission unit co-operating in the University (total of
six), the Provincial Commissioner of Health or his representative and co-opted
members preferably from the community, and that, further, the Chengtu Hospitals
Board, as reorganized become the Board of the University and City Mission Hospitals

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July 27, 1942

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

Dear Mr. Robertson:

Your letter of May 6th enclosing map came to hand on the 13th of this month and we also have in hand the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors held on May 9th; likewise, an insurance list.

I have searched through the actions of May 9th to ascertain if it is desired that we do anything regarding insurance of the property at this end. The rate is relatively low, but it covers nothing but accidental fire losses not traceable to war in any way. You know of this without my elaborating any further.

I do not know that it is necessary to circulate these minutes before the next meeting of the Board which should be held early in September or late in October.

In your letter of May 6th you refer to the assistance rendered to John Kao. This has been a case which has called for all of the tact and diplomacy which we possessed and in the end we finally cast aside all reservations and blasted ahead without any better results. He is an extremely difficult case. If there is any thought at all of his going back to West China, the money invested is well spent. If, however, he is not returning we have told him that an adjustment with the University is necessary. When he wants anything he is willing to write, but otherwise he is speechless as a clam. He likewise is a hard-headed grasping sort of an individual with great ability. We have made it very plain to him that the University and the Associated Boards are not responsible for his education and then allow him to follow a course of his own choosing. We have very carefully studied his expenditures and, knowing the situation as we do, believe that there has been no over-expenditure of funds. I wish we could make a better report, but I am sure you will understand what I mean if you talk with Dr. Dye as it was my understanding that he had a conference with John.

The travel expenditures, alluded to, certainly are high at this time, but since December 7th there will be very little of it. However, some adjustment can be made with funds you receive on the field.

Everything we are getting here, and as much as possible from balances we have on hand in the Governors' Account are being made available.

We note your comments regarding the budget for 1941-42 and I am sorry that we could not place before you earlier in the season definite amounts which we hope to get from United China Relief and our own efforts. As I have said elsewhere, the program started at such a late date we were not in a position to even estimate what the results would be. We are hoping that we can get figures to you earlier in the year for 1942-43.

Garside's resignation was not unexpected -- for a considerable time before being

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Mr. Robertson

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leaned to U. C. R. a large portion of his time was being devoted to the developments of programs of this nature and it was a foregone conclusion that sooner or later he would become involved in a development of this kind. In this sense he has stepped out of the routine tasks of administration into a field of soliciting money for all of China. Surely our best wishes go with him as we know he is in a most difficult situation.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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returned to Dr. Beech 10/8/42*

August 14, 1942

Dear Dr. Beech,

I still have no letter from you dated later than Chicago, July 19, 1941. I wrote you July 25th, October 3rd, October 24th, December 9th and Dr. Dsang wrote you on March 11th.

The uncertainty about the postal service across the Pacific was an excuse for not writing letters and consequently, our cable account must be pretty large. Mrs. Carscallen's letter written shortly after the Board Meeting in Toronto only reached me last week. Our information here, is that an air-all-the-way postal service is now operating and we are making use of it. Mr. Evans' letters from New York are taking about one month to reach us.

Harvard-Yenching Institute Funds. To-day I wish to take up with you especially the matter of the H. Y. Institute Funds. We have had a very strong letter from Dr. Elisseeff and also cables from Mr. Evans indicating dissatisfaction with the present situation. This chiefly arises, I gather, from the setting up of the Chinese Cultural Studies Research Institute which you will remember was done when you were last in West China, 1940. The constitution as agreed upon was forwarded to Dr. Elisseeff and in my covering letter I suggested that you would be seeing him and would give him all necessary information. When replying, Dr. Elisseeff said he could not personally favor the proposal and therefore, would not recommend it to the Board of Trustees of the Institute. We had no further communication as to any action taken by the Board and each year our report to the H. Y. Institute contains a section dealing with our Research Institute. Unfortunately, I think we allowed the staff of our Research Institute to grow too rapidly. Especially, in view of the fact that with the increase in the cost of living, each member of the staff cost so much more than formerly, especially, if he has a family. Consequently, the proportion of money spent for the Research Institute has been increasing noticeably and attracted the attention of Dr. Elisseeff. Also, those were the years when Dr. Cheng was still in the United States and the Museum was coasting along under its own momentum awaiting his return. Dr. Elisseeff also has raised the question as to the qualification of our Research staff although full information was sent to him. As he does not refer again to his original objection to our undertaking graduate studies, I take it that in this regard our explanation was satisfactory to him.

Dr. Stelle's Report. When Dr. Stelle, assistant executive secretary in China, was here last autumn, he made a very careful study of our situation and had long talks with Pres. Dsang, Mr. Fong and myself. As Dr. Elisseeff's letters were written last December, he had not then received Stelle's report which we hoped would have good results. However, this does not explain the cable from Mr. Evans suggesting that the Board of Trustees of the H. Y. Institute felt that we were not living up to our agreement with them. We have had no letter giving us any explanation of that cablegram and are naturally much worried that it was felt to be necessary. The action taken by the Board of Trustees in fixing the proportion to be used by the Chinese Department, Research, Museum, and Library is a very good thing although I am inclined to think that we might have been consulted.

New York Balances. In Dr. Elisseeff's letter, he makes a great point of our balances held in New York. I personally have not much information on this matter, but it has always been my impression that those funds were to be used for three things (1) a possible museum building (2) museum purchases when conditions here were more favorable (3) assisting one or more graduates of outstanding ability. In this regard I might repeat my previous criticism that despite all our efforts to get Mr. Meng Ssu-ming abroad on this fund for one year, after which, if he made good he would be taken on by H. Y. Institute, the matter was so badly bungled in New York. In general, I do not see how the Board of Governors can be blamed for allowing these balances to accumulate when they are the result

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of fluctuation in exchange. As you know in the case of the Universities of Nanking and Cheeloo, these H. Y. restricted funds are under the control of the field, and the Board at home does not exercise any control as does ours. Each year we ask for a certain amount in National Currency and the Board grants us only enough Gold to provide that amount. Several times during the last few years it has been necessary for us to ask for additional grants within the annual income because of the increased cost of living here; and it always takes many months before we can get a reply. However, there may be some advantage in having the Board control the funds but in that case a report should be made each year to the H. Y. Institute I should think.

Suggestions. In view of this new situation I would like to make several suggestions (1) that the Board of Governors at its next meeting should in consultation with you decide how these balances which have accumulated in New York, shall be used. And I suggest that you urge them not to allow these funds to be dissipated in grants to supplement salaries of our staff. My reason for this is that the three purposes mentioned above will be in existence and, in an acute form when peace comes (2) look into the matter of the arrangement between the H. Y. Institute and the other Universities. If we are the only university whose funds are controlled in New York and if, the Board decides to continue this arrangement, you must make the necessary explanation to our Chinese administration here. In this connection, it should be remembered that a very full report covering finances, departmental instruction, research projects, museum, library, is sent each year to the Institute and to the office in New York (3) if it is true that most of the criticism is directed at the Research Institute, it would seem necessary for you to underline the necessity for this university located where it is having such a research organization. Unfortunately, since our scholars began publishing the results of their work, publishing difficulties in China and postal uncertainties have worked together to keep these publications from reaching Dr. Elisseeff, so that they really have not had a real chance to justify their labors. We have made some progress during the year in getting Dr. Cheng and Prof. Wen to view this research problem as a common one, and I feel confident that during the coming year we shall go still further in this direction.

I am very conscious of Dr. Elisseeff's confidence in Dr. Cheng and I do not fail to give him the support which it seems to me he deserves. His three years at Harvard did for him all that could possibly have been expected and he is an exceptionally valuable addition to our staff. Unfortunately, the cost of living problem and the difference between his salary here and that which was allowed him in the United States, has made him unhappy. I do not need to elaborate to you the difficulties of the university administration where special treatment has been considered (4) please take up the content of this letter with Mr. Evans before the next meeting of the Board and if possible arrange to get from Dr. Elisseeff in a personal interview, the real significance of his criticism.

I hope also you will have an opportunity of meeting Dr. Stelle; we all liked him very much and everyone of us is prepared to stand by his recommendations. We do want to know however, the basis of the Institute's criticisms and we expect you to persuade those concerned that we are taking advantage of every opportunity to improve the standard and nature of the teaching of the Department of Chinese. Thanks a lot.

I have enough space to mention the matter of exchange which is such a pertinent one with us these days. So much has been written home about it that I feel sure the facts are known and I only mention it to urge your doing anything that may be possible to get action. To put it crudely, the rate of exchange at the present time should be well over 100 to 1 instead of 20 to 1 which is the ~~current~~ official rate. The inflation or, in other words the depreciation of the National Currency is now so great that our university budgets must appear fantastic to people at home. To put it another way, the seven million dollars which the United China Relief is raising to help various enterprises in China during the war

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will not do anything like as much as the one million raised two years ago. We cannot see what has been done to control prices here with the result mentioned. Rice has been as high as \$100. a deo as compared with the \$2.50 with which you are familiar. Without the assistance given us by the government in fixing the price of rice at a lower level than the market price, no educational institution could have continued to exist. Even doubling the rate of exchange would enable us to meet most of our problems.

We have not yet received the Minutes of the Meeting in Toronto last November nor any comments on it from you. I know there is a war on but the air service has been operating now for some months. There are many other matters to be reported to you but they must be kept for another letter. All four institutions expect the same number of new students as last year. Yenching is also having extrance examinations with Huata.

My kindest personal regards to Mrs. Beech and yourself.

Yours sincerely,

~~AS~~ H. D. Robertson

HDR:JC

Aug. 17, 1942

P. S. Dear Dr. Beech:

Before Mr. Robertson could sign this letter, he was taken ill, and is now rather seriously ill with suspected typhoid. The doctors took him to Sz Shen Shih hospital Saturday. I am sending this letter on for I believe it covers the matter clearly enough and it should not be greatly delayed. I will try to finish the report and send off in time for fall meeting of the H. Y. Trustees.

Unfortunately William Small has also been seriously ill this year, is now in Pei Lun Din, but we have sent for him to return for the whole office, even with our good staff, is too heavy for me with my other load. With personal regards -

Sincerely,

Elsie M. Priest

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

Dear Mr. Robertson:

Your letter of June 6th is here and after the Accounting Office has made some suggested changes, I am trying to answer. We received the map for which we are deeply grateful. We will look forward to receiving the details about insurance.

Book Purchases. An error in the December Cash Statement charged \$2.48 in with the Beech order which did not belong there. Thus the December charge would be \$66.43. This with the November \$43.89 is being charged against the Book Account by Journal Voucher #446 and Accounts Payable credited with a like amount.

March Analysis. In the final closing we carried into Accounts Payable the Harvard-Yenching Institute appropriation of \$12,421.06. We are now changing this to read H. Y. I. \$1,921.06 and Field Budget \$10,500.00.

Rockefeller Hospital Equipment. Draft #802 has come through and been paid. The additional draft has not been accounted for.

Gift for Department of Pharmacy. We note the way you have handled the \$250.00 for Pharmacy. We are holding this amount in Suspense as there is no telling what has happened to that check of yours. Anyway the bank protects us from overdrafts and the check would be honored when presented.

Harvard-Yenching Institute. The Institute knows that no mail got through to you, but the strongest action came in the study of the Governors Balances and the 1942-43 field appropriations plus the use of the funds last year. It is really a serious situation and calls for the greatest tact and wisdom in ironing out the problem. Dr. Elisseeff has written recently which says more than I have time to say now. The Institute wants bona fide, honest to goodness, members of the Harvard-Yenching Institute staff to be taken care of, but we should use first the Balances on hand with the Governors. Therefore, any request for these funds should give the name, actual teaching position on the cultural staff, as well as the amount. Let us know the cost of moving the museum things.

Exchange. We have been greatly concerned about this and have been doing our best to get the matter adjusted to some degree at least. From all sides we have received word regarding the great need and it was our purpose to make a special effort to bring relief. It has been a marvel to us that the Chinese staff has remained loyal. It is our understanding that the budgets include a certain amount for this purpose.

American Women's Hospital Grant. Dr. Kilborn has written regarding this -- also a note from William Small. Every scrap of information has been sent to the Society. Any more will be appreciated.

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Dental Building. Glad to know that the plans regarding the building are to be taken care of. I have known of the additional cost of the building and was primed to broach the subject with Mr. Maddock on Saturday night when Mrs. Evans and I were at a dinner party in their home. However, others were present and it didn't seem to be a good time to raise the question. I shall put this item on the docket for the Fall Meeting.

*May 9
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Board of Directors' Meeting. Minutes (condensed) have been received and I am glad to have your comments. It is also gratifying to note the increased gifts from local sources. I have written to Miss Priest about the Cheeloo appropriation. These minutes will be presented at the Annual Meeting in the fall along with your comments on any particular action.

Staff.

Miss Turner has arrived in England and I have had word from her. We are indeed sorry to hear of the continued illness of Miss Kirk and Miss Robertson. Dr. Williams' report clears up some questions and we are all anxious regarding the outcome.

Equalization of Salaries. Since I have known West China Union University there has always been discussions regarding the low salary scale, and since coastal universities have moved westward, we have heard still more of this situation. However, it was not within our office that the question was brought to a focus, but through recommendations of the Harvard-Yenching Institute. They have records of the salaries and are constantly receiving additional information through various sources. The Institute also has on file the past performance of the Colleges and reached their own conclusions. Very recently I have heard of adjustments being made to level off the averages and this is especially gratifying. An additional word before closing regarding the Institute, - They have shown a very keen desire to help in every possible way and called an extra meeting of the Board to consider the work of the Colleges. It is gratifying to realize the interest they are showing and I never hesitate to express my appreciation for their sympathetic understanding.

The Lord's blessing upon you and your work.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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Dear Mr. Evans; - I am writing an off. the record letter to thank you for the letters posted Sept. 18th and Oct. 10th which have just arrived - with B.O.G. minutes - Toronto - Nov. 1941. and to give you some account of my illness which is necessitated by my long absence from my office. [Please forward the enclosed letter to Mrs. Willford Uphous, 106 Carmel St. New Haven. Conn.]

^{Sent} Just before being taken to hospital I think I wrote you and Dr. Beech, taking up pressing matters - I have not seen all the N.Y. correspondence so do not know if these have been acknowledged. On the 10th of Aug. the doctors discovered I had a temperature of 103° and sent me to bed - on the 15th I went into hospital & it was decided I had typhus - this was followed by double pneumonia & those 16 days are a complete blackout. My temperature going from 106° - 96°. Apparently the doctors think I was a stark man for they have been very insistent since that I must not undertake work for a considerable period of time - so I have not seen the office since Aug. 10th. Fortunately Miss Robertson improved a lot during the summer & is allowed to give an hour to office work each day. Dr. Lindsay also gives some special time there - of course we have Miss Priest & Mr. Will Small to carry on. Will's illness of which I wrote you was very acute while it lasted - very like cholera - but being young & strong he picked up rapidly & a few weeks at the Hills completely restored his health - my many years are against a quick return to normal & I am inclined to follow the advice of the medical people here - However it will be a very happy day when I go back to my office & again take my share of the responsibility. There has been more than the usual amount of sickness among the missionaries here, this autumn.

Mr. Chang Kio-ngo - the President Chairman of our Board of Directors was in Chengtu for a week recently & spent almost the whole time getting better acquainted with our staff & the work of the university. Gen. Cheng Chun, the Governor of the province continues to be actively interested in the university; he recently moved to a house quite near us - the family attend our Sunday morning service. I hope the appointment of Mr. Corbett will relieve you of enough work to be a real help. So many representations have been made about the inflation of prices & the rate of exchange that we hope for something at least.

In view of the uncertainty of the mail service I shall send you my Christmas Greetings and Good Wishes for the New Year - & I hope to be back at the office before this reaches you. Warm news is exciting these days.

Sincerely - H. C. [Signature]

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October 19, 1942

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

Dear Mr. Robertson:

Your letter of July 22nd came to hand a couple of weeks ago and I have been endeavoring to find the time necessary to carefully study all of the questions involved with the purpose of giving an intelligent reply.

We heard pretty promptly about Dr. Agnew's arrival as the word came through from Canada. I do not know why it was relayed in this manner, but we were glad to have the information.

The question you raise regarding the Restricted balances held by the Harvard-Yenching Institute refers to "year to year" and I must apologize for the way the letter of June 8th read.

After talking with many people on different boards regarding this situation, the consensus of opinion is that this fund should not be touched at the present time, while there seems to be a reasonable chance of securing funds from United China Relief -- but we will talk of this more at length at another time.

The third paragraph of your letter deals with the health of the staff at Chengtu, but at that time you were among the list of well ones. Other news has reached us since then and we are sorry indeed that you have been so ill. It is our sincere hope that you are entirely recovered, and in fact a letter relayed to us through the United Church of Canada gave us this impression.

We have had round-about word about Dr. Mullett brought to us by one of the Americans repatriated. We had hoped that he had been exchanged on a British ship, but have been unable to find that this is true. This likewise applies to the Sewells. Up to the early part of June, the Sewells and Mullett were in fairly good health, but the question arises how long they could survive the treatment they were receiving.

I am at a loss to understand why the Executive Committee minutes of May 6th were not sent to you and I can find no light weight copies. If you have not received them by this time, it is evident that they will not be forthcoming. Mr. Parker was with us until June 30th. It is necessary, therefore, for me to review various items of special interest to the Board.

MISS MARJORIE ROBERTSON. The Committee was very much concerned regarding her health and passed a resolution extending sympathy.

SCHOOL OF NURSING. Consideration was given to this after giving thought to a letter from Dr. R. E. Brown. It was felt that the matter should be investigated still further and a letter was mailed to the field on August 8th regarding this matter.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE DIRECTORS, MAY 10, 1941. These were studied in detail and the Chairman of the Board wrote a letter to Minister Chang Kia-ngau in reference to his gift of \$60,000 local currency.

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REPORT OF THE CHANCELLOR. Dr. Beech reported on the activity at Wesleyan University and of various scholars in America -- all of which were listened to with great interest.

REPORT ON THE GENERAL SITUATION. The Committee spent a considerable amount of time in studying this situation and, as a matter of fact, the cables regarding the staff salaries were the outcome of this meeting and discussion. There were several statements regarding the under paid salaries of West China as compared with other visiting institutions, and at that time authorization was given to ask the field for the amount required to equalize these salaries. You know the result of this exchange of cables.

BUDGET FOR 1942-43. I am quoting herewith Action E-1662 which was:

"VOTED to inform the field that the following schedule will be the basis for the 1942-43 budget:

General Budget Appropriation

Field Budget		7,500.00	
Special		<u>12,500.00</u>	20,000.00
Governors' Budget		7,500.00	
Miscellaneous Expenses:			
Home Admin. - Incidentals	400.00		
" " - Gov. Expense	400.00		
Promotional Expense	<u>200.00</u>	1,000.00	
Home Admin. Executive Office		<u>9,570.00</u>	<u>18,070.00</u>
			<u>38,070.00</u>
<u>Specially Designated Items:</u>			
H. Y. I. - Program of Chinese Studies		12,421.06	
Upkeep - J. A. Coles Memorial Building		300.00	
Scholarship		6.44	
Kate Atherton Fd. - Spec. Library Purchase		163.25	
Hodgkin Memorial - Promotion of World Peace		<u>410.27</u>	
			<u>13,301.02</u>
			<u>51,371.02</u>

It is estimated that income to cover the above items will be derived from the following sources:

Mission Boards	12,825.00	
Endowment Income	9,966.72	
Coles Estate	2,300.00	
H. Y. I. for Administration	1,000.00	
Special Gifts - Atherton Family	1,600.00	
Specially designated income - H. Y. I.	12,421.06	
Sustaining Fund	<u>11,258.24</u>	51,371.02

There will be some changes in Home Administration, but that will not affect the field budget.

In addition to this, there is \$100,000.00 in the budget for West China, plus \$20,000.00 for temporary buildings, if and when required. One-quarter of the \$100,000.00 is now

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available. This information will be relayed to you within the next twenty-four hours.

RESIGNATION OF MR. GARSIDE. Mr. Garside is now with the United China Relief and consequently has resigned from the Board, and we are carrying on without an executive leader.

Mr. Charles H. Corbett has taken over the place vacated by Mr. Parker, but is only with us two-thirds of the time.

RESIGNATION OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE. Dr. Huntington resigned as Chairman of this Committee and Mr. Forrest Smith, Treasurer of the Baptist Board, was elected to succeed him.

LAND SITUATION IN CHINA. We have this all sewed up in a way which would have allowed the West China Board of Governors to act as Trustee for Mission Boards here in the United States. This would not have disturbed the relationship with the field in any way and would not have affected the deeds held in China. However, one of the attorneys back-tracked on a previous decision and the whole matter was thrown in the lap of the new Chairman of the Finance Committee.

COMMUNICATIONS WITH HARVARD-YENCHING INSTITUTE. As you well know the Harvard-Yenching Institute has raised some serious questions regarding the staff conditions at West China and has still further pursued the matter with relentless vigor. Elsewhere I have written regarding recent developments. It is good to know, however, from your letter that gradually the situation has been brought into line with other institutions.

SPECIAL REQUEST FROM UNITED CHINA RELIEF. As a matter of promotional activity, Mr. Caldwell and Dr. Beech have presented a special list of askings from the West China Board to United China Relief. As it represented a field entirely outside of relief and rehabilitation, a special committee was appointed to study the recommendations. In view of the turn which affairs have taken, there seems to be no possible chance of securing \$200,000.00 additional for West China and the committee has so decided.

DEATH OF REV. W. A. McCURDY. A special motion was voted expressing the deepest regret over the death of Mr. McCurdy, and sympathy was extended to the family of the deceased.

May I return to your letter of July 22nd -- we are grateful indeed for the paragraph on "Fixed Exchange." This has been the basis of several discussions we have had recently, but for obvious reasons we cannot write further on this subject which has also been discussed with United China Relief -- the report being that nothing can be done about it.

The closing paragraph of your letter alludes to the Harvard-Yenching situation which has been answered elsewhere.

I have read the letter which you sent to Dr. Beech and have dictated a reply to him. Probably he will get in touch with you, although he has been under observation for the past several weeks by medical experts in Chicago.

Accompanying your letter is a copy of J-234 from the minutes of the College

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of Medicine and Dentistry held on January 16, 1942. We are presenting this to the Board meeting in November, although we have no further comment regarding same at the present time.

With best wishes to you, I am

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS: "HUATA"

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ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

CHENG TU, SZECHWAN

February 9th, 1943.

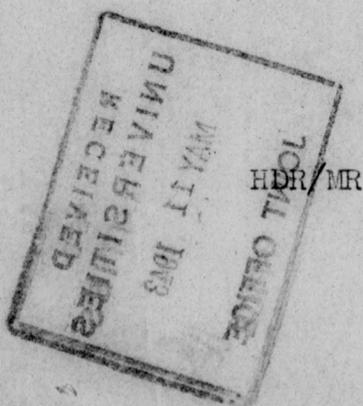
Dear Mr. Evans,

During the visit of Dr. J.K. Fairbank, Far Eastern representative of the Library of Congress, Washington, D.C., we have taken the opportunity to consult with him regarding the filming of certain Chinese books in the Library of Congress. Because of the expense we are not recommending the filming of any of the Hsien Chi (縣志). However we would like to have filmed the very rare Chengtu Fu Chih (成都府志 張世雍 天啟元年). Would you therefore take up the matter and if possible secure the amount necessary from the reserves of the Harvard-Yenching Funds? The estimate made by Dr. Fairbank is that it might cost as much as Gold \$500.00.

I am giving this letter to Dr. Fairbank who will write you on his return to the United States.

Yours sincerely,

Harold D. Robertson
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CHENGDU, SICHUAN

ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

February 9th, 1943.

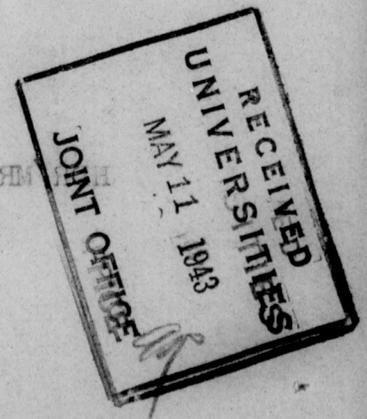
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Vice-Chancellor



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March 3, 1943

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

Dear Mr. Robertson:

I am answering your letter of November 10th—it being probably one of the first ones which you wrote after your illness. This enclosed some letters which we were very glad to forward, principally to Mrs. Willard Uphous.

I presume I should set aside this letter until tomorrow as Dr. Beech is in town since young Joe is leaving for the Service and was married day before yesterday. I am to see Dr. Beech today and I presume some things will develop in our conference which will be of interest to you. Pending further developments, however, I will let this be a letter of sincere gratification upon your recovery.

In some respects it was well that we did not know of your illness until after the crisis had passed as it would have been even more distressing to know of your very, very critical condition. Now, however, we can look back with gratitude that through the skill of medicine and the grace of God you are carrying on still further in the name of the Master.

Your good wishes for the Christmas Season were deeply appreciated. We were confined ourselves to felicitations through cables. One of the best compensations of the Christmas Season was the consciousness that in spite of war, threat of disease, illness and lack of funds, yet God through the ministrations of you people was carrying on in China, and our hope and faith point to a time when we can see His peace predominant throughout the world.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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Chengtu, Sze., West China,
March 18th, 1943. *art 10/14/43*

Mr. C.A. Evans,
Associated Boards for Christian Colleges,
New York City, U.S.A.
Dear Mr. Evans,

This letter will deal almost altogether with the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Board of Governors held in New York on November 23rd, which reached us on 19th February. I am sending this letter to you, but if it should go to Mr. Corbett, would you be kind enough to explain to him.
Department of Education.

The comment of the Minutes is quite correct, as was explained in the Minutes of the General Faculty which went home to you.
Ministry of Education and Provincial Government Grants.

For several years now we have received these annual grants, and they are used as the University sees fit. No conditions are attached.
Appointment of Foreign Personnel to University Staff.

We do not know what gave rise to this discussion, nor why it was thought necessary to appoint a special committee. We shall be interested in their report.

School of Nursing.

I have had prepared for you a statement as to the School of Nursing, and it was sent to you a day or so ago with a statement covering the building operations in connection with the University Hospital. I hope this will make the situation quite clear.

The Baptist Mission was informed several years ago with reference to the Baptist Mission Middle School dormitory, and the Baptist missionaries here do not understand the statement that their Board had no word.
Chinese Cultural Studies.

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I am writing a special letter to Dr. Elisseeff and will send you a copy. We here are certainly anxious to conform to the wishes of the Harvard-Yenching Institute Board. I would like, however, to have the explanation for Minute G1698 which approves of our reserves being kept intact for the present, and Minute G1716 which "approves the inclusion of \$30,000 in the budget for 1942/43 as presented to the Harvard-Yenching Institute." Does this mean that the Board approves of \$130,000 for West China 1942/43 budget, or does it only refer to a statement presented by the Board to the Institute? In former correspondence I suggested that I thought it would be most unfortunate if these reserves were used up now, so that when we wanted money for ^{a museum} building or some other special H-Y project we should find ourselves without funds. There has been no reply to my previous letter to you and to Dr. Beech asking for a clarification of relationships between the field and the Board of Governors, and between the field and the Harvard-Yenching Institute.

Minute G1697, Special Gift of \$5,000 from U.C.R. for staff of the College of Medicine and Dentistry (not West China Medical School)

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This is the first indication that we have had of any such grant. It has not appeared on the monthly statements and we have no information whatever with reference to it. As the Cheeloo grant is now practically used up, it would only complicate matters further if West China received such a grant. It would be better, therefore, if this were simply included as a part of the U.C.R. grant to the University, without any definite allocation. We are still following the plan of salary adjustment which we think fair to all the members of our staff.

Minute G1699 Budget Estimates (d).

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As was made clear in the letter written by Miss Priest on November 10th, ~~setting out the reconciliation of field accounts with your office,~~ ^{on June 30th 42} there was no balance of \$29,773.32 of unused appropriations in Accounts Payable, as reported in your statement, drafts having been sold which had not yet reached your office. Moreover, all money appropriated for the field has been taken account of in drawing up our budget for 1942/43, and there is, therefore, in this account no balance of \$3,817.27 which it was thought might be used to meet the anticipated deficit of the Board of Governors amounting to \$8,155.71. We are working, therefore, on the understanding that "authorisation might be given to operate on the

Mr. C.A. Evans.

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Will you kindly forward the enclosed letter to Dr. Beech for me. Thank you so much. H.D.R.

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proposed budget with the hope that the credits for administration may be secured in the assurance that balances in (b) and (c) will be ample protection". Our situation will be clear to you in view of the reports which you must have, indicating a continued increase in the cost of living necessitating monthly increases in our payroll. We shall hope that the Finance Committee will be able to secure the necessary funds from other sources, and also to secure from the interested parties the additional \$1,000 for the Dental Building.

Exchange.
We have had no further definite news as to efforts made in the United States to secure a rate of exchange more nearly in accord with the cost of living in China. Representations are still being made to the Central Government here, but we have had no indication that a favourable decision is likely to be made. Meanwhile costs continue to rise daily.

Medical Equipment.
I am sending a more detailed statement with my letter to Dr. Beech. Dr. Agnew has recently visited India and spent some time tracing down the equipment and supplies which he brought with him a year ago. Of the equipment mentioned in the Chancellor's report to the Board as shipped to Rangoon and taken to India we hope to secure the greater part. Unfortunately at the present time it seems as if the "Nurses Call System" has disappeared. The action taken by the Board, assuming responsibility for the medical equipment, is very much appreciated by the field.

Pamphlet on West China Union University.
We would very much like to see this pamphlet, as no copy has yet reached the field. Also, if the pamphlet on the Woman's College is prepared, please let us have a copy of that too.

Mr. Brian Harland.

Mr. Harland reached Chengtu the first week in February and has been attending the Language School since that time. He is definitely a splendid addition to our staff.

Sewells and Dr. Mullett.

I regret to report that we have no further news of either the Sewell family or of Dr. Harrison Mullett.

Special Grant for Building - \$20,000

We have received no letter covering your cable, stating that the money was not now available. We are very anxious to hear the explanation, as the original cable seemed to assure us that we could use that amount of money to increase our very much needed dormitory accommodation.

Coles Fund.

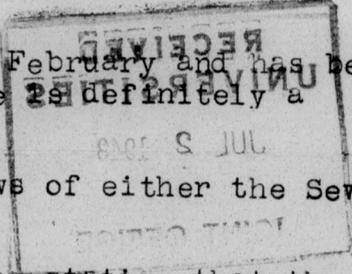
A considerable amount of money needs to be expended in order to build the paths and prepare the grounds of the University Hospital and the Medical-Dental College (see plan). The Building Committee asked the University to request that money from the Coles Fund Reserves should be used for this purpose. The amount suggested by the Committee was Gold \$2,500.

Would you please inform us as soon as possible if any money is available and how much could be used for this purpose.

Funds Required in 1943.

It is possible, though now we are not sure, that our funds may be sufficient to carry us through to the end of June. After that date we shall be in difficulties. If more money is not available from the U.C.R. before October we shall have to make some special arrangements to secure the funds necessary to carry us through July, August and September. Even if all the money from the Board of Governors were made available at the beginning of July it would be insufficient at the present rate of exchange for two months, and I do not suppose you are able to authorize our drawing these funds in July. I am sure the Associated Boards will discuss this particular problem in the May meeting. It is interesting to note that our financial year is July-June, that of the U.C.R. April-March, and that of the Governments in China January-December. We have been warned that we cannot count on more money for 1943/44 than we have in 1942/43, and that if the cost of living index continues to rise it will be necessary for us to reduce staff and cut down work. But it is absolutely essential that we should know in May or June how much income we can count on for the year 1943/44.

I trust you are well and that the work of the Office is not too great a burden. With kindest personal regards,
Yours sincerely,
Harold D. Robertson



See - file W.C.U.U., Chengtu, April 1st, 1943. *Oct 1943*

Dear Mr. Evans,

The enclosed report from President Dsang was outlined before his departure for Chungking, and the first copy was sent there for his signature. I take it for granted it has already reached you.

Since my last letter to you we have received the Minutes of the Finance Committees of December 28th and January 22nd, together with your letter to Pres. Dsang and Mr. Small of Feb. 5th. I had already called your attention to the fact that the amount reported in F 1725 (d) had been transferred to the credit of the field in its 1942/3 budget. Minute F 1726 reducing the remittances to the field from the Board of Governors is, as you must realise, a very serious matter for us. I believe similar action is being taken by other Boards of the Universities, and if so our income for 1942/3 will be very seriously affected. However, I presume there is no difficulty in the way of the Board of Governors reporting the deficit of the field as Gold \$9,435 greater than that shown in the budget already sent to you for 1942/4. This would make it possible for the Board to appeal for that much more from the Associated Boards, who in turn would secure it from the U.C.R. We shall be anxious to hear what action is taken at the annual meetings.

With kindest regards, Yours sincerely,

Harold D. Robertson
Harold D. Robertson, Vice-Chancellor.

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W.C.U.U., Chengtu, April 1st, 1943.

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 Harold D. Robertson, Vice-Chancellor.

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May 22, 1943

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

Dear Mr. Robertson:

On February 9th you wrote a letter to me through the State Department requesting the microfilming of Chengtu Fu Chih.

The estimate of \$500.00 is an error, the cost being nearer to \$5.00. However, due to war conditions it is not possible to carry out your wishes at the present time, but when peace is restored the Library of Congress will be glad to consider a new application.

I wish I could write you more in detail as to the reasons back of this delay. When war clears from the horizon, I may be able to do so.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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Mr. G.A. Evans,
New York Office.

West China Union University,
CHENG TU, Sze.,
June 1st, 1943.

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Dear Mr. Evans,

Your letters of April 13th, together with copy of the minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee of March 30th have been received. However I have not received any reply to my letter of March 18th asking for additional information in regard to certain minutes of the annual meeting of the Board of Governors held on November 23rd. Mr. Small recently forwarded to you a statement covering our drafts and cables from your office for the present year.

A few days ago we telegraphed you as follows: "IMPOSSIBLE INSURE UNIVERSITY BUILDINGS GOLD CURRENCY CAN YOU PLACE INSURANCE NEW YORK." The explanation is that on 17th May we received a letter from the Insurance Co. agents in Chungking to this effect:

"I wrote to the Stabilisation Board some ^{time} ago asking for special permission to write policies in Sterling and / or U.S. \$, and agreed to turn over the premiums in either of those currencies to the Board so that there would be no loss either way. The Board refused my petition and I am therefore helpless in the matter..... The position is governed by the Stabilisation Board, not by agents here, or Head Offices in foreign countries, and as the Board is supported by the British and American Governments there is little I can do about the matter."

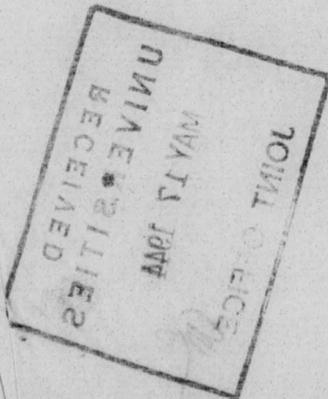
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Yours sincerely,

Harold D. Robertson, Vice-Chancellor.

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CHENG TU, Szechwan,
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New York Office.

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

Dear Mr. Robertson:

Your letter of March 18th was held for the Board of Governors and I should have before me the minutes of that meeting in replying.

May I say that the appointment of a Special Committee to Study Foreign Staff and Personnel has grown into a much larger proposition as it involves the whole group of Colleges in China. This week's SATURDAY EVENING POST has an article crediting the missionary staff with helping to save the day in China. To this we give hearty accord as too much cannot be said for the devotion and work of our staff members. Some have gone to the field, however, without this spirit and it is to such cases that consideration should be given. I will let you know any developments.

As further action was taken by the Executive Committee toward the School of Nursing project no further comment need be made here. I am sure that the arrangements regarding the building will be satisfactorily adjusted if the funds for a new building are provided.

In regard to the Department of Chinese Cultural Studies the Harvard-Yenching Institute at its meeting on April 12th had in hand a considerable amount of material. I was instructed, however, to make a further report to the Institute, which is now in process and it is hoped that this will still further relieve the situation. This subject needs special treatment and when the complete statement is in hand, I will write you further relative to several questions which you raise in connection with relationships. The inclusion of the \$30,000 in the 1942-43 budget was on condition that it be an extra item for West China salary adjustments. A recent communication indicates that part of this is being drawn, and I am hoping that I will have in hand a report regarding the use of the money.

Relative to the \$5,000 from United China Relief, it was reported to us that the United China Relief, through its office in Chungking, had paid to the University \$5,000 to match the \$5,000 granted by The Rockefeller Foundation for medical staff relief at Cheeloo University. I hope upon further investigation you will be able to locate this item.

The Executive Committee noted what was said regarding the balances held in Accounts Payable in our office and the cost of cooperating here in America. This was referred back to the Finance Committee for further consideration along with the request for \$1,000 for the Dental Building.

The exchange situation has been worked out recently and I trust it is proving satisfactory.

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I will endeavor to send some pamphlets of West China Union University by someone going to China, but unfortunately funds were not available for issuing one on the Women's College alone. We have not been publicizing the departments of the Universities.

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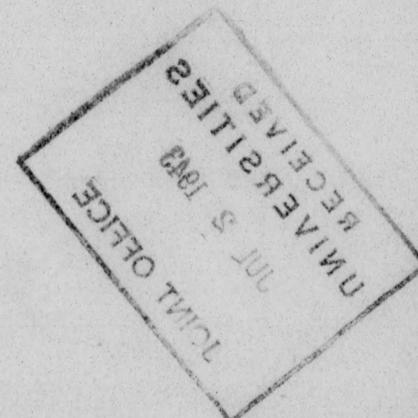
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Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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C. A. HARRIS

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July 17, 1943

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

Dear Mr. Robertson:

The West China Executive Committee meeting gave thought to the erection of a building on the campus for the Youth Corps of China. It appeared from covering letters that consideration had been given to this project and authority granted for erection of the building. There was considerable question in the minds of members of the Executive Committee regarding the purpose and ideals of this organization. However, Dr. Wu Yi-fang was present at the meeting and stated that the present leader is a reliable Christian and that there is no need of apprehension at the present time.

Apparently we were not alone in our misgivings, as a cablegram has been received from Noel Slater in London indicating that the United Committee there is deeply concerned, and suggests the possibility of purchasing the building immediately, presumably for the purpose of controlling the situation on the campus. I have replied to Mr. Slater indicating the present thought of the West China group here in America, but it seems best to let you know the thinking of both the West China Executive as well as the group in England.

All of our colleges at all times have endeavored to keep out of political situations, either in America or in China, remembering of course the injunction of Christ - "Render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and unto God the things that are God's."

This does not mean that there is to be an ignoring of such a situation, but in all cases we work in harmony with the Government without becoming involved in political issues. This works very well here in America, as both the State Department and the Treasury Department are given full information regarding financial matters as well as this particular issue, and we have been told that we are permitted to write fully wherever it represents a protection of the interests involved within the United Nations. This would seem a case in point, and if you can explore carefully the implications involved in this movement and report to us, it will clarify the thinking both in England and in America very much.

If the building has not been completed, quite naturally our concern is greatly lessened and you will have a much better opportunity to handle the situation.

Very truly yours,

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The first annual report for last year mentioned the origin of the Institute together with its regulations, lines of orientation, and its activities at Labrang in Kansu. Since then, the personnel there have been transferred to Szechwan with the exception of Mr. Huang Ming-hsin who is remaining there as a lama student at the monastery. He continues as our Assistant Fellow, undergoing the regular training in the lamaic order. Apart from his training, he has published a very good review of the Politico-religious History of Tibet (in Chinese) by Fa Tsun, a Chinese lama, who is heading up the Sino-Tibetan Institute near Chungking. He also wrote a comprehensive article on the Monastic Life of Labrang to be published by our Hua Wen Monthly.

Yu Shih-yu and Yu Wen-hua are those who come from Labrang to remain with the Institute. The former serves as a Fellow, and besides writing up her report on Tibetan womanhood, has taught a three-credit year course on Tibetan language. Attendance of her class began with 15 students and ended in three, not counting auditors. During the winter vacation, she went with Prof. Chiang Chih-ang of the Department of Sociology to visit the Black River People in Lifan, on the invitation of the Hsien government of that name. The trip lasted for two months under the support of the latter. They travelled largely on foot and were able to bring back a report to the great satisfaction of both the Hsien and the Provincial governments who considered it the best so far of its kind. A report in book form is expected of them.

Yu Wen-hua, as Assistant Fellow, spent the first semester in reading up anthropological literature and in attending relevant courses in the Department of Sociology, while waiting for his appointment by the Pao T'ien Railways authorities as part of our cooperative plans. The latter, however failed to come through due to changes in administration on the part of the Government. But in the meantime, Shih Yang Ch'ang, a market town some three miles from the campus, was made a training centre by our Department of Sociology financed by funds from the Ministry of Social Administration. As an intermediate station between urban and frontier conditions, it serves also as a preliminary training center for frontier work. Thus Yu Wen-hua is stationed there for the second semester both for his own advanced training and for the supervision of students in the Department of Sociology.

Cheng Hsiang-hsien and Ch'en Tsung-hsiang are new members of the Institute for the present year. Cheng, as a Fellow in Geography, offered two courses in the College of Arts for the first semester. Then utilizing the travelling funds of the National Geographic Institute, he made a trip to the northwest - between Lanchow, the northern part of Kokonor, and the Kansu Corridor. Coming back during the early part of the second semester, he has been devoting himself to the writing of his report.

Ch'en is a student of frontier history who served the Catholic University, Peiping, as assistant under Prof. Ch'en Yuan-an. We appointed him as Assistant Fellow to our Institute. He was put to the same preliminary as was Yu Wen-hua in attending lectures, etc. Since then he has been devoting himself to the compilation of commentated bibliography of literature on things frontier. Quite a few articles already appeared in Huawen Monthly.

I myself have not been able to do much creative work for the past year because of duties in connection with the Directorship of the Institute as well as the Chairmanship of the Department of Sociology. For the first semester I offered 4 credits, and for the second, from 7 to 9, besides organizing class fellowships. However, an article on "Religion and Frontier Reconstruction" is of some significance, and a book on Frontier Social Work is about to be finished for the Ministry of Social Administration. It will serve as a handbook for all frontier workers.

To speak of the Institute in general, a better recognition is apparent in the general public. No sister institutions are able to compete with us in this regard now. The public Exhibition of Things Frontier and the Frontier Evening staged just before the end of last semester met with general approval. The Frontier Weekly in connection with the Tangchün Daily has been running regularly. And offers of cooperation with the Border Service Department under the leadership of Mr. Chang Pai-hua were extended us, so that we may take care of their research work while their stations may be available to our workers when necessary.

A brief statement of finance must be added in conclusion. For the past two years, in addition to the \$50,000.00 granted towards the end of 1942 for the

Installation of Tibetan texts, we received the following contributions:			
\$11,949.10	from the balance of	Border Highways Expedition	
30,000.00	" "	Sino-Indian Highways	
30,000.00	" "	Pao-t'ien Railways	
47,915.90	" "	University for the subsidies of staff	
<u>119,865.00</u>		Making a total of	
Expenditures for the last year		\$30,994.68	
" " " current year		72,678.98	
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Thus from now on further financial support must be sought in order to continue our work for the next academic year.

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West China Union University, Chengtu,
July 26th, 1943.

Dear Mr. Evans,

Herewith I enclose first copy of the first part of our report to the Board of Regents. Mr. Small is working on the closing up of the books for the year, and as soon as that job is satisfactorily completed he will prepare the financial section, and forward it with the second copy of the enclosed report.

I am also sending you the list of the member of our Board of Directors, appending descriptive notes about the Honorary Members.

Mr. Robertson has just left for a brief holiday on a lovely little mountain not far from Chengtu - he was feeling the heat more than usual. It certainly has been hot this past fortnight, but we should not grumble because we have had a cool summer up to that time. I plan to visit friends in a neighbouring town which is said to be somewhat cooler than Chengtu. Even though the doctor has kept me down to a short half-day he has not insisted on a two months' holiday, so I feel quite encouraged. President Dsang and Mr. Fong take holiday next month.

Over a thousand students are sitting the Entrance Examinations today and tomorrow. Jesus Study Groups are being held at the Lung Chwan I Lodge; a Religious Discussion Conference organised by Dr. Cressy is meeting in our Library this week.

With kind regards and best wishes for your holiday,
Yours sincerely,

Marjorie Robertson.

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August 18, 1943

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

Dear Mr. Robertson:

Your letter of April 1st included a report from Lincoln Dsang to the Board of Governors which arrived too late for the meeting of the Executive Committee. However, this has been sent to the Board of Governors and some of the recommendations contained therein will be presented to the Board meeting in the fall. I trust you will notify President Dsang that later on more definite action will be taken.

We are conscious of the fact that the cost of securing funds in the United States, when deducted from Trustees' income, will make a difference with the field, but it is only relative. The facts are that without this payment, the additional funds could not be secured.

At the last meeting attended by Dr. E. W. Wallace, who also attended the Associated Boards Meeting, he completely lost control of himself in an harangue about expenses of the Associated Boards. Later he came to me and asked for an analysis of the figures as to cost of promotion and administration. After he had seen the actual distribution and the results we were securing from our program, he became very much perturbed and apologized profusely for his misconceptions. That was about a year before he passed on and he then appeared to be a sick man.

For more than two years now I have had the major responsibility of carrying on this work and every effort is being made to conserve funds so that credits may be extended to the individual institutions. The staff has worked harder than ever before and it is a stronger and more harmonious unit consecrated to the endeavor to keep the Colleges in China in operation.

One thing that must be borne in mind is that the Associated Boards as a whole, and the Executive Committee have insisted that the original budget be maintained in case the Promotional Program is suddenly thrown back upon us. Meantime any accrued savings are credited to the Colleges. As yet I have not had time to figure up last year's costs, but this will be done as soon as possible.

Very sincerely yours,

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2.	Furnishings and Equipment, while contained in above	20,000.
3.	Lamont Memorial Library	300,000.
4.	Furnishings and Equipment in the above	14,000.
5.	Western Books and Periodicals in the above	200,000.
6.	Chinese Books and Periodicals in the above	150,000.
7.	Contents of the Museum, Lamont Memorial Building	500,000.
8.	Museum articles stored in missionary residences	50,000.
9.	Cadbury, Education Building	200,000.
10.	Furnishings and Equipment in the above	14,000.
11.	Scattergood Middle School	200,000.
12.	Furnishings and Equipment in the above	6,000.
13.	Middle School Chapel	100,000.
14.	Goucher Junior Middle School	120,000.
15.	Furnishings and Equipment in the above	10,000.
16.	Clock, including upper wood structure of Coles Memorial Clock Tower	20,000.

	House 81/82	60,000.
	House 83/84	40,000.
	House T.B. San.	60,000.
	Staff Residence TR1	60,000.
	Staff Residence TR2	60,000.
	Single Teachers' Residence	120,000.
	House 111/112	8,000.
23.	Woman's College:	
	Permanent Dormitory A	200,000.
	Furnishings and Equipment in the above	20,000.
	Permanent Dormitory B	200,000.
	Furnishings and Equipment in the above	20,000.
	Staff Residence A	20,000.
	Staff Residence B	20,000.
	Temporary Dormitory and Gymnasium	2,000.
	Furnishings and Fixtures in the above	2,000.
	Large Temporary Dormitory	4,000.
	Furniture and Fixtures in the above	8,000.
	Temporary Faculty Residence	2,000.
	Furnishings and Fixtures in the above	2,000.
24.	College of Medicine and Dentistry, West Wing	360,000.
25.	Furnishings and Equipment in the above	300,000.
26.	College of Medicine and Dentistry, East Wing	360,000.
27.	Furnishings and Equipment in the above	220,000.
28.	Central Unit, College of Medicine & Dentistry (under construction)	600,000.
29.	Pharmacy Building	120,000.
30.	Furnishings and Equipment in the above	200,000.
31.	New University Hospital:	
	Workshop and Laundry	200,000.
	Furnishings and Equipment in the above	288,000.
	Interne and Isolation Block	200,000.
	Books and Periodicals in the above	151,000.
	Private Wards	300,000.
	Administration and General Wards, Operating Rooms	800,000.
	Furnishings and Equipment, including 50 milligrams Radium Element, in the above	425,000.

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Maternity Wards	160,000.
Pharmacy and Eye Clinic	160,000.
O.P.D. General	600,000.
Dental O.P.D.	80,000.
Furnishings & Equipment in the above	120,000.
Animal House	20,000.
Central Service and Supply	240,000.
Temporary Morgue	10,000.
Kitchen and Laundry	200,000.
Boiler Room	60,000.
T.B. Sanatorium	20,000.
Furnishings and Equipment in the above	10,000.
Leper Hospital	40,000.
32. Western Books and Periodicals in E.E.N.T. Hospital, Shansi Kai, Chengtu	40,000.
33. Western Books and Periodicals in Si Shen Si Hospital, Chengtu	100,000.
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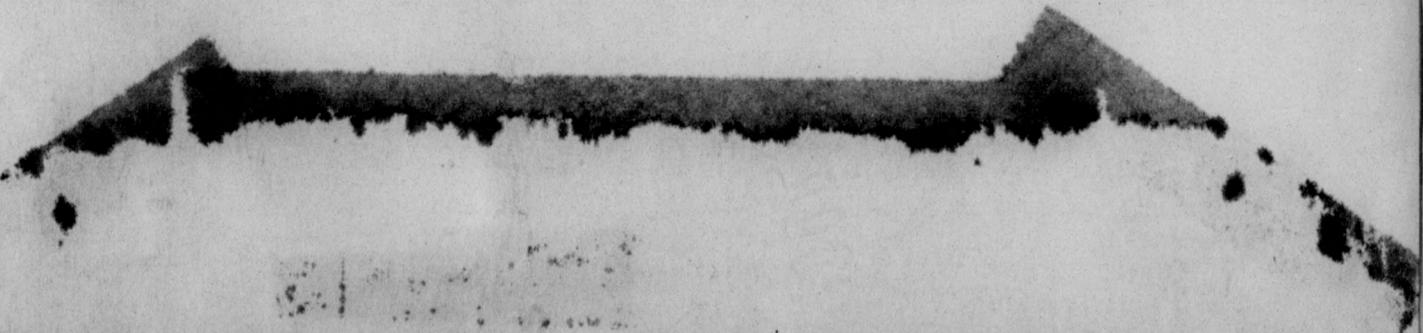
39. Chinese and Western books while stored at Jenshow, 63 miles from Chengtu	40,000.
40. Museum objects stored at Tsung Yi Chiao	500,000.
41. Furnishings and Equipment in Hart College	135,000.
42. Student Social Centre	5,000.
43. Tanning Buildings	35,000.

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Administration Office
West China Union University
Szechwan, Chengtu
September 6th, 1943

Express Letter, Urgent.

Dr. William P. Fenn,
c/o Mr. Harry T. Silcock,
Canadian Mission Agency,
CHUNGKING, Szw.

Dear Bill,

A few days after you left for Chungking the question of the available teachers of English came up again, because it seemed likely that Dr. and Mrs. Kennard would be on furlough. I had talks with several people, and although it now appears that the Kennards will not go at the present time, the critical situation in the English Department remains. I believe you have had conversations with Mrs. Kennard on this matter.

I might review the situation by mentioning the fact that your appointment to your present position meant that you would find it impossible to continue your former work with your Department. Dr. Moncrieff's appointment as secretary of his Mission apparently means that he will not be able to give time to his Department after 1st December. Jim Endicott is in Canada and Miss Hensman in the United States. If the Kennards leave at the end of this term the situation will become just that much more acute.

In the case of our own University, the Baptist Mission in appointing Dr. Moncrieff as their Mission Secretary has made it impossible for him to give much time, if any, to the Department. Miss Fosnot, who might be able to take responsibility for headship for a time is prevented from doing so because of the demands which her Mission make upon her. In the case of our own Mission Jim Endicott is prevented from returning because of the financial conditions at home and here in China.

In the conversations which I have had with different people the suggestion has arisen that perhaps in the circumstances the Associated Boards would consider arranging to have Jim Endicott returned to West China. I think there might be a possibility of such action being taken, and I therefore asked for an opportunity to present the matter to the Executive Committee of our Mission, as I thought it necessary to consult them before writing you, the official representative on the field of the Associated Boards.

On Saturday afternoon, therefore, I presented the case to the members of our Executive Committee. I found the members very sympathetic with the University in the situation which has arisen, but ~~consider~~ conscious of certain difficulties. In the first place the situation seems to have been made more acute by the appointment of Dr. Moncrieff to other work by his own Mission. Why then should our Mission be asked to fill this vacancy? In West China we have a much greater financial responsibilities than has the Baptist Mission.

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Again, at the present time several men are being kept at home and are being urged to go off the payroll of the Mission Board because of financial conditions in Canada and here in West China. How then is it possible for us as a Mission to ask Jim to return at once. On the other hand, the opinion was expressed that if the Associated Boards were prepared to support Jim financially until such time as the situation here cleared up that might be arranged.

I am suggesting, therefore, that you consider this possibility. If you are prepared to cable the Associated Boards stating that an emergency exists and urging the support and return of Jim Endicott to the work of our English Department, a solution of our problem might be found. As I understand it work of the English Departments of the Five Universities has been very systematically and thoroughly coordinated, and Jim's service would be given to all five Universities to a certain extent at least.

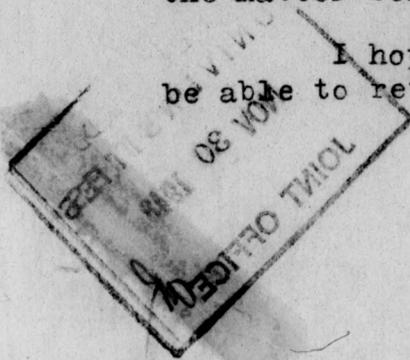
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I hope everything is going well with you and that you will be able to return to Chengtu according to your original plan.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

Harold D. Robertson.
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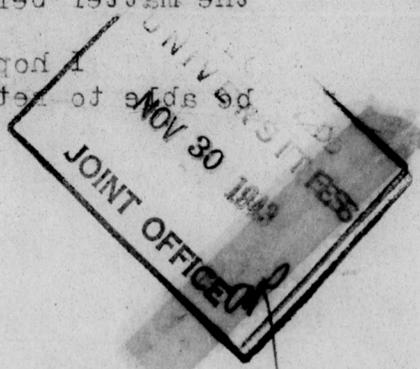
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West China Union University,
Chengtou, Sze.,
September 11th, 1943.

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Mr. C.A. Evans,
Board of Governors, W.C.U.U.,
15, Fifth Avenue, New York City, 11.

Dear Mr. Evans,

Yesterday we got off your copy of our annual report to the Harvard-Yenching Institute. Dr. Elisseeff's copy went off a week ago. I am enclosing a short letter to him which I shall be glad if you will please forward.

Harvard-Yenching Report.

I hope you and others will take time to study this annual report. I fear that some of the misunderstandings of the past were the result of statements and reports not having been studied; for instance, Dr. Elisseeff once said he never knew how much money was used on the field, and this appears clearly in every annual report, the amount of US\$ paid to the Board of Governors and the amount of NC\$ used on the field. I do hope that the Board of Governors will make clear the relationship of the Harvard-Yenching Board of Trustees to the field. Please note the comparison of the use of Harvard-Yenching funds - proportions suggested by the Institute and our allocation of funds, as follows:

<u>Proportion suggested by H.Y.I.</u>	<u>Actual proportion 1942-1943</u>
General Administration 5%	2.3%
Chinese Department 25%	31.1%
Library 25%	21.5%
Museum 25%	20.4%
Research and Publications 19%	24.3%
Scholarships 1%	.4%

Next year we shall be able to report strictly in accord with the Harvard-Yenching Institute percentages.

Insurance.

We have not had any further word from you re insurance. I have taken out insurance in national currency covering all our property, for the period of a year. The Company will return part of the premium paid if you instruct us that you have insured in gold in New York.

\$5,000 from U.C.R. for staff of College of Medicine and Dentistry (G1697).

You haven't given us any further information as to whether or not this sum is available.

President's Report.

The President's Report and other reports of interest to the Board of Governors will go off this coming week. I hope they will reach you sometime before the first week of November, although mails are not very reliable.

Minister Chang Kia-ngau, chairman of the Board of Directors and member of the Board of Governors left Chungking on 2nd September. We do not know when he will reach the United States, but I have already written you giving his permanent address, the Bank of China, New York City, asking you to be sure to get in touch with him. I hope he sees Dr. Beech before the meeting of the Board of Governors and also will attend the annual meeting in Toronto.

Communications received. I wish to acknowledge receipt of letters of May 22nd, June 7th to Dr. Lindsay, June 29th to myself and to Dr. Lindsay and July 17th, covering Minutes of the Executive Committee of the Board of Governors, held on May 5th.

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Youth Corps Building.

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H.D. Robertson
H.D. Robertson, Vice-Chancellor.

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P.S. We are anxious to hear when Dr. Dai Shu-ku and John Kao are leaving and when we may expect them to arrive.

P.P.S. In the President's Report he is calling the attention of the Board of Governors to the fact that the Contractual Statement between the Board of Governors and the Board of Directors was signed in November 1936 for a period of five years, and should have been renewed last year.

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West China Union University,
Chengtú, Sze.,

September 11th, 1943.

Dr. J. Serge Elisseeff,
Harvard-Yenching Institute,
Boston, Mass., U.S.A.

*Mr. Robertson
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Dear Dr. Elisseeff,

On September 4th we sent off our Annual Report, and I trust it reaches you in good time. I shall be very glad to explain more fully anything in the report about which you are not clear. I hope, however, that this year the report is more in accord with your wishes.

You will notice that the allocation of funds is not yet absolutely in accord with the suggestions of your Board. They are as follows:

<u>Proportion suggested by H.Y.I.</u>		<u>Actual proportion 1942-43.</u>
General Administration	5%	2.3%
Chinese Department	25%	31.1%
Library	25%	21.5%
Museum	25%	20.4%
Research and Publications	19%	24.3%
Scholarships	1%	.4%

Next year I think there will be no question about their being strictly in accord with the required percentages. The differences really are to a great extent explained by the fact that staff members with large families get so much more because of the rice subsidy.

The re-organisation of our Chinese Department is proving quite as difficult as we anticipated. I hope, however, that we shall be able to make satisfactory arrangements with the older teachers who have been our staff for so many years and are not pleased with our new plans.

With kindest regards,
Yours sincerely,

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Chinese Department	25%
General Administration	5%

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Mr. C.A. Evans,
Board of Governors, 150, Fifth Avenue, New York City, 11, U.S.A.

Dear Mr. Evans,

Since writing on September 11th, we have received your letter to President Dsang of July 12th; of August 18th to myself; also two cables with reference to Kao Yoh-lin. On September 20th we sent you the report of the President for the Annual Meeting of the Board of Governors, and on October 20th the President wrote you again about the use of the \$20,000.

The Executive Committee of the Board of Directors met on October 8th and dealt with the University Community Church; the Management Committee of the Union Middle School; the arrangement with the China Medical Board for P.U.M.C. students and the Nursing School; the renting of the Simkin house to the East and West Cultural Association and the problem of University and Mission housing.

Dr. Phelps is leaving by plane tomorrow and will be in the East soon after arrival in the United States. He takes with him copies of the Minutes passed by the General Faculty and Board of Directors in connection with the University Church and will give you the latest information.

The personnel of the Committee of Management of the Middle School has been changed slightly in order to secure greater efficiency.

Dr. Forkner, the Director of the China Medical Board, and our College of Medicine and Dentistry have worked out an arrangement by which the P.U.M.C. Medical students (30-60) will take their work with us; the P.U.M.C. Nursing School takes complete charge of the nursing programme of the University Hospital Medical Unit. We received a cable from Bishop Welch welcoming on behalf of their Board of Governors the cooperation of the C.M.B., which was much appreciated by Dr. Forkner.

The minute dealing with the problem of University and Mission housing grew out of a situation which has arisen this autumn and has made it clear that this problem is one which must be reconsidered. The resolution is as follows:

"RESOLVED that in view of the very great difficulty in finding adequate housing for the faculty of the University, owing to the increase during recent years in the professorial staff of the University; and in view of the excessive rents now being charged in and around Chengtu;—a letter be written to all Missions requesting them to consult with the University authorities re the use of Mission houses on the campus, whenever a house falls vacant or accommodation becomes available due to furlough or other causes."

Simkin House. This matter was dealt with in Dr. Bell's covering letter, written after the meeting of the Board of Directors in June. At that time Dr. Forkner had intimated that he would like to secure the use of the house for the period that the C.M.B. was cooperating with us and had suggested a payment in gold of half the amount determined by Mr. Simkin. The Board of Directors had acted quickly because there was a possibility that the arrangement by which gold drafts might be bought for the exchange rate of 20:1 would lapse at the end of June, and the saving to the University in the purchase price was very considerable. At the same time the East and West Cultural Association very much desired the use of this house and was prepared to raise half the amount required. Some weeks passed before Dr. Forkner secured the approval of his plan for cooperation with us, and when he returned to Chengtu from Chungking the cost of building and of materials had increased to such an extent that he found it was impossible for him to invest money in the house, as all his funds would be required to complete those parts of the University Hospital/Central Section of the College building required for the scheme of cooperation. After much consideration it was decided to recommend to the Board of Directors Executive Committee that the house be rented to the East and West Cultural Association for a period of ten years, on the immediate payment to the University of NC\$150,000. A contract has been drawn up covering the relationship between the University and the Association. The period of ten years seems rather a long one, but as you will see by the contract, enclosed, it is expected that the use of the house by the Association will be of real service to the University as well. We still have to find the balance, NC\$150,000. The price of this house is very good value because we secured the gold, US\$15,000, by purchasing gold drafts at 20:1 instead of at the prevailing rate of 30:1. In his letter President Dsang suggested that you allow us to use part of the US\$20,000 for the balance required.

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Contract With E.W.C.A.

The West China Union University agrees to rent house No. 101. to the East and West Cultural Association for a period of ten years, on the following conditions:

The E.W.C.A. shall pay the ten year's rent, NC\$150,000 (regarded as the equivalent of US\$5,000 at the present University rate of 30:1) in one payment at the time of the signing of the contract. The use of the house by the Association begins from the date of the signing of the contract and runs for ten years. During this period the E.W.C.A. has the use of the whole house and no further rent is to be paid.

The E.W.C.A., the membership of which is given in the attached statement, (not enclosed herewith) rents the house for the cultural activities defined by its constitution, herewith attached. (Not enclosed herewith). These are academic research, meetings for academic discussions, collecting books for a special library, the entertaining of distinguished scholars of China and from abroad, including University guests. No part of the house or grounds shall be rented to others. If the house is not used for these purposes the contract may be terminated, but notice of at least six months shall be given. If the contract is terminated before the end of the ten year period, the W.C.U.U. shall refund to the Association an amount equal to the rent for the balance of the ten years, at the rate of US\$500 per year.

During the period the E.W.C.A. rents the house the Association shall appoint one of its members who shall also be a member of the faculty of the W.C.U.U. to take full responsibility for the management and care of the house.

During the period of rental the house and compound of No. 101 shall be under the control of the E.W.C.A. and shall be kept in good condition, as at present. No structural changes shall be made in the house. Should the E.W.C.A. desire to make any alterations they must first secure the consent of the W.C.U.U. The cost of the repairs and insurance shall be shared equally by the two parties to the agreement.

At the end of the ten year period, if both parties agree, a further contract for renting the house may be considered."

US\$20,000 Grant. This was the main subject of the President's letter of October 20th. I also referred to it in mine of September 11th, and it was the subject of discussion at the Executive Committee of the Board, as indicated in your letter of July 12th. You may remember that through the months we had information that \$10,000 was available; later that it was not available at that time; and then later still that \$20,000 was available, if absolutely necessary. In the minutes of the Board of Governors it is said that the special committee on Emergency askings approved the \$20,000 and that "it is therefore available for use. The field was notified that the money is available but whether or not it is in a position to use it at the present time is not known." We have had to use a portion of this grant for the purposes outlined in the President's letter, and it is desired that the approval of the Board should be given to this use of the money. Perhaps I should call to your attention the fact that costs have very greatly increased in the course of the year, because of the rise in wages and in the price of materials. As a matter of fact, in these categories \$100 is equal to about \$25 a year ago.

Meng Szu-ming.

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John Kao.

We are awaiting your letter referred to in your cable, and immediately upon its receipt will write you and him. It is altogether too bad that he is not doing anything to help support his wife and two children when conditions here are so difficult.

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With reference to your letter of July 17th, I have talked over the matter with President Chen and Mr. Fong. Mr. Fong is preparing a statement to be made before a small study group here, and that should be very full and satisfactory. He has promised to have a copy of that statement made to forward to you. At the moment I can only say that the Chairman of the Board of Directors, the President of the University and Mr. Fong, our Dean of Studies, all approved the arrangement for the erection of the building. The missionaries, because of their desire to keep free from all possible political connections would probably have preferred not to have the building on the University grounds, but these are days when such matters are decided by the majority. The organisation is directly under the Generalissimo (now President) and branches are to be found in all Universities and, I think, in some senior middle schools. Included in its membership are members of the staff as well as students. Its purpose is to teach the Three People's Principles of Dr. Sun, and thus is part of the plan of instructing the people during the period of tutelage. You will have had the Chairman of the Board of Directors at the meeting of the Board in Toronto and this must have afforded the members of the Board an opportunity for securing the desired information. When I have Mr. Fong's report I will perhaps add further comments.

Our anxieties over the financial outlook do not decrease, but we are hoping that by some means we shall be able to carry on until next June. If the end of the war is not in sight then, one wonders! I hope letters from the field have indicated to you our appreciation of the way you have fulfilled your responsibilities during these years since Dr. Garside left the office. I hope you were able to get a holiday of some sort during the summer and that you and your staff will be blessed with good health and a feeling of satisfaction in what you are able to accomplish.

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With reference to your letter of July 15th, I have talked over the matter with President Chen and Mr. Fong. Mr. Fong is preparing a statement to be made before a small study group here, and that should be very full and satisfactory. He has promised to have a copy of that statement made to forward to you. At the moment I can only say that the Chairman of the Board of Directors, the President of the University and Mr. Fong, and Dean of Studies, all approved the arrangement for the erection of the building. The missionaries, because of their desire to keep free from all possible political connections would probably have preferred not to have the building on the University grounds, but these days when such matters are decided by the majority. The organization is directly under the Generalissimo (now President) and branches are to be found in all Universities and, I think, in some senior middle schools. Included in its membership are members of the staff as well as students. Its purpose is to teach the Three People's Principles of Dr. Sun, and thus is part of the plan of instructing the people during the period of tutelage. You will have had the Chairman of the Board of Directors at the meeting of the Board in Toronto and this must have afforded the members of the Board an opportunity for securing the desired information. When I have Mr. Fong's report I will perhaps add further comments.

Our anxieties over the financial outlook do not decrease, but we are hoping that by some means we shall be able to carry on until next June. If the end of the war is not in sight then, one wonders! I hope letters from the field have indicated to you our appreciation of the way you have fulfilled your responsibilities during these years since Dr. Garais left the office. I hope you were able to get holidays of some sort during the summer and that you and your staff will be pleased with good health and a feeling of satisfaction in what you are able to accomplish.

With kind regards,
Yours sincerely,

Harold D. Robertson
Harold D. Robertson, Vice-Chancellor.

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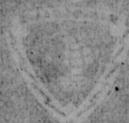
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October 1, 1943

Mr. H. D. Robertson
c/o West China Union University
Chengtou, Szechuen, West China

Dear Mr. Robertson:

We have been deeply interested in the reports concerning cooperative work in medicine and nursing in Chengtu and in the coming of students and teachers formerly identified with PUMC, as well as in the large help for buildings and current expenses which the China Medical Board is willing to give. We do not have up-to-the-minute information as to the point of action which has now been reached, but we infer that this new form of cooperation is actually under way, and we trust that it is proceeding with satisfaction to all the parties concerned. I have cabled you, expressing in general the foregoing thought.

Without undertaking any extended discussion of the whole matter, I may note two things which are clear in the minds of the friends here.

(1) We recognize fully and gladly that such problems must be worked out on the spot and not in New York. You have direct knowledge of all the factors involved -- medical, financial, political, psychological--, and we have a comfortable assurance that on the basis of that knowledge and with a spirit of conciliation and good-will among the various groups, the wisest possible procedures will be attained.

(2) We can see that the present plan, like any other which might be adopted in this disturbed time, faces difficulties not only in present necessary adjustments, but in the readjustments which will inevitably come when the war is at an end. But we believe, as you evidently believe, that any embarrassments or possible losses which may arise in the future are greatly overbalanced by the immediate and assured gains in the strength and efficiency of the work.

If each party to these new arrangements adopts an attitude of the most generous and harmonious friendliness, we shall anticipate a real advance, the good effects of which will long be felt. And so we have desired to send you this message of congratulation and confidence.

Probably by this time most of the new relations between the participating groups have been settled. Some of the interested friends here have suggested that a committee representing the three (or four) cooperating bodies might select one Dean who, with the committee, could choose the one Faculty and also select the most promising students to share these unusual advantages. But whatever the details of the plan you may have considered or adopted by this time, we trust that there will be a real merging of the work, based on a spiritual unity, during these years of great stress, and that there may be created a sense of common interest which will extend even into the period beyond.

The Annual Meeting of the Board of Governors will be held in Toronto November 4 and 5, when some formal action will probably be taken. But in the meantime, I have addressed this personal letter to you as you are the chosen foreign correspondent of West China Union University, trusting that you will share it with President Dzang, Dean Cunningham, and any others of your colleagues who might be interested.

With high regards and with cordial best wishes to you all,

Faithfully yours,

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Bishop Herbert Welch,
W.C.U.U. Board of Governors,
150, Fifth Avenue, New York City, N.Y., U.S.A.

West China Union University,
Chengtu, Sze., Nov. 18th, 1943

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Dear Bishop Welch,

I wish to thank you for your letter of October 1st and to acknowledge receipt of your cablegram which was much appreciated by us and by Dr. Forkner, Director of the China Medical Board. Much information has already gone to you in correspondence from us and from Dr. Forkner, but I shall indicate again what has taken place.

Dr. Forkner came to Chengtu in June and made a study of the situation here from the point of view of the C.M.B. He was impressed by the possibilities of association with the Medical-Dental College of our University, and in consultation with our medical people drew up a careful statement covering possible cooperation, including the provision of funds to help complete certain sections of the University Hospital Building and the Central Section of the College of Medicine and Dentistry building, which was in the process of erection. This plan was agreed to by our people and taken up by Dr. Forkner to Chungking to be considered by his C.M.B. Executive. There it was decided that the question of whether the C.M.B. should establish its work should be referred to the New York Committee. This was done and approval was given to Dr. Forkner's plan. You will understand that there was considerable pressure brought to bear on the Committee to have the C.M.B. associated with a Government University.

Dr. Forkner returned to Chengtu in September and since that time has been working out with our people the details of the plan. The students (34 in number) are registered as P.U.M.C. students, and Dr. Forkner and Dr. Stephen Chang have become members of our University General Faculty. Dr. Stephen Chang is in charge of their students and in that capacity sits on our Cttee. of Residential College Principals. The School of Nursing under Miss Nieh is established in the new Hospital and the nursing of the new Hospital is now in the charge of this School, while the nursing of the other units of the United Hospital is under our own School of Nursing. These plans seem to be working out very harmoniously and we have every reason to believe that they will continue to do so. The basis of this cooperation is set out in Minutes of the General Faculty and Executive Committee of the Board of Directors. (enclosed) ← See - Black binder top of files

I feel that I can assure you that there is a keen appreciation on our part, as well as by Dr. Forkner, of the benefits which will derive to both parties in this war-time cooperation between the C.M.B. and our University. We have benefitted greatly by the large sums of money which have been put at our disposal for large sections of the Hospital and College building; their students are able to take advantage of our faculty and equipment; their past experience we have every reason to hope that new conditions will be met in a common spirit of desire to cooperate and to secure our common interests. I hope the reports which were sent home earlier reached New York in time for the annual meeting. We shall anticipate with much interest the reports of your meeting, as we hope it was possible for the chairman of the Board of Directors, Mr. Chang Ka-ngau, to be present with you and to help clarify the situation which is developing in China during these years.

With very kindest regards and anticipating the continuance of our correspondence,

Yours sincerely,

Harold D. Robertson
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P.S. Actually the C.M.B. are granting the university this year national currency \$1,396,959.00 for completing sections of the hospital and college buildings, and N.C. \$572,092.00 for two chairs and certain departmental work. H.

West China Union University, Chengtu,
November 18th, 1943.

Mr. C.A. Evans,
West China Board of Governors,
150, Fifth Avenue,
New York City, 11, U.S.A.

Dear Mr. Evans,

I wish to write at this time about a matter which may or may not be important.

Dr. Fenn, the field representative of the Associated Boards, has prepared a "partial report on retrenchment effected by Chengtu Universities, summer 1943". This follows on a careful consideration organised and carried out by Dr. Fenn in June, as a result of which the Departments of the several institutions agreed to carry out certain cooperation and retrenchment as indicated in the beginning of this "partial report". In October Dr. Fenn collected his statistics from the offices of the five institutions, and on the basis of these figures prepared his statement. Unfortunately, I think, this statement was presented to the Presidents concerned only a few days before Dr. Fenn was leaving on a trip to visit other colleges and there was, therefore, no time for the consideration of the Presidents individually or at the regular weekly meeting of the Presidents. My attention had not been called to these statistics and it was only when I saw a copy of the report that I realised the significance of the figures presented. The seriousness of this matter arises, of course, from the fact that as noted in the report, "these figures speak for themselves", and I therefore went into the matter thoroughly and had a talk with Dr. Fenn about his statement. He, of course, intimated that he was anxious to make any corrections necessary and to represent any opinions held by the Presidents, but his report had already gone forward, so he suggested that he send on any corrected statement which I might be able to give him. He left the next day for Chungking and Kunming.

Students. The total enrolment for West China as stated in the report of 1,149, when broken down indicates the following: That West China Union University received by examination a number around 200 which had been planned as the entrance class for this year. However, for one reason or another, an additional number was received. A certain number of students who were admitted last year and who were not able to pass the examinations at the end of their first year decided to repeat their year. At the time of the admittance of students, of course, we did not know how large this number would be. Also, a certain number of students who had written on the University entrance examination a year ago and had not entered the University applied for entrance this autumn. Then a certain number of students were sent to us by the Commissioner of Education from Government schools, and no University is in a position to refuse these students. Then there were a certain number of so-called Special Students who for one reason or another were allowed to enter as Special Students, although the University would prefer not to admit them because their academic standing is not sufficiently high. Then we had an indefinite number of students from other provinces and other institutions who came to us, a good many of them, after the term had opened and who wished to enter as Transfer Students. An examination is, of course, given to all such applicants, but as they are refugee students it is very difficult to refuse them admittance if their standing is sufficiently high and if they are properly recommended. These are not first-year students, but in any of the other years. A good many of them are students who intend to study medicine or dentistry. As a result of all this our entrance class and the total registration are much higher than we anticipated or than we desire.

Staff. West China staff is quoted as: full-time 302, part-time 34 (two part-time taken as equal to one full-time = 17), making a total of 319. Actually the total is 303 and is accounted for in this way. Included in Dr. Fenn's number are two doctors supported by funds granted us by the C.M.B. Also there are two men on the staff of the Economics Research Institute included in this list but who are paid by special funds and not a charge on the University's budget. Then there are six other teachers who are included in the report whose support is secured from sources outside of the University budget.

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Also, there had not been any adjustment made in the foreign personnel as between this year and last year, and several have gone on furlough and are no longer on the staff. The actual figures should read as follows:

	Nov. 1942	June 1943	Oct. 1943
Full-time (Chinese)	256	259	266
Part-time *	13 (26)	11.5 (23)	13 (26)
Full-time (Western)	28	27	24
TOTAL	297	297.5	303

** In the totals part-time teachers are included as one-half.

Perhaps one might explain that the method of reckoning two part-time teachers as equal to one-full-time teacher is not a very good one, as most of our part-time teachers give not more than three hours a week, and in the part-time teachers are included missionaries who are only giving one course which might be two or three hours a week. Also, one might note that if missionary teachers who are not a charge on the budget are not included in the figures of the institutions, one does not get a proper picture of the total teaching being done. On the other hand when the missionary teachers are included in these figures the picture of the charge on the University budget for teaching is not accurate.

The explanation for this letter dealing with this matter is that the appeal which is made to the Associated Boards and through them to the U.C.R. for funds may be affected by this report which, like all statistical reports is open to several interpretations, and in our particular case seems to be likely to cause our institution to suffer in comparison with other institutions. My whole purpose is to assure you that our institution is as honest in its attempt to carry out as much as possible of the cooperation and retrenchment which has been suggested by Dr. Fenn in consultation with the institutions concerned. I believe Dr. Fenn is writing you in accord with these facts which have already gone home in letters written since he left Chengtu.

Yours sincerely,

Harold D. Robertson

Harold D. Robertson, Vice-Chancellor.

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P.S. Miss Robertson is planning to leave the first week of December on furlough, long delayed. Unfortunately she has picked up a cold and is staying in these cold, raw days. We have not yet succeeded in finding a suitable person for the office, I am sorry to say. I am sure you are aware of the fact that we have found Miss R. suitable in every way for this appointment and her friends are many. We are anticipating her return and hoping that her health will benefit very much by the sea voyage; she has been in the office only two hours a day this last year, on doctor's orders, but she has done much for many people in other hours of the day.

This information about the statistical report which was sent to your office by Dr. Fenn is meant to be used only if the conclusions drawn on the basis of the earlier statement are likely to be used to the disadvantage of our university. We all think Dr. Fenn is the man for the job and have confidence in his ability. This situation arose I think because of the many things he had to do before he got away. H.

A reply to Bishop Welsh is enclosed. Please forward.

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Chengtu. November 24th. '43

Dear Mr. Evans;--

I have written a letter to John Gao⁺ which you might read before sending on to him. I hope very much this case does not turn out to be a casualty of the war but one cannot but wonder. As you know there are family complications which it is difficult for an outsider and a foreigner to properly understand and appreciate. His wife is a Korean whom he met when studying for his M.A. degree at Yenching, a very pretty and attractive young woman. They have two fine boys, about five and seven years of age I should think, who have been kept in school and in good health by their mother during these years of John's absence. These last two years since the cost of living has been going up so rapidly and to such heights, Kimmie has been put to it to earn enough by her teaching of English to keep the family in food and clothes; nourishing food for the children and the clothes they wear out so rapidly and need to be replaced, are just the things that have been sky-rocketing in price. But she has stuck to it and worked more hours a week than anyone should; moreover she has not allowed her troubles to spoil her disposition nor has she lost her bright and helpful outlook on life in general. Everyone admires her no end and it is our hope that John will prove himself big enough to appreciate what she has done for him and his boys.

Roy Spooner has written to John direct urging him to be ready to return as soon as it is possible to travel. Mr. Moncrieff, the head of the English department and whose family are old friends of the Kao's has written too I believe, from the family standpoint. So I think we have now made it quite clear to John what we think about his returning and if he still declines to do so he will need to make a different case from that in his letter to you. We very much appreciate the efforts you have made and the letter you wrote us and we look for results.

As to the request for further information on the youth corps organisation I regret that I am not able to send you any statement which is likely to satisfy you any more than it does myself. The fact is that it is very difficult to get information other than such as is general in character and which does not really get to the bottom of the matter. In a former letter I stated that I hoped to get material from an address that our Mr. Fang was to give before a group of our staff but later Mr. Fang decided that he would not make the address and instead I have some facts he has collected for me. This seems to be one of those organisations set up in countries having some form of totalitarian government and which are or may be used by the government in power for the purpose of strengthening their position and also building for the future. I give you the following facts as indicating all that I have been able to learn.

The Youth Corps was first organised in Wuchang in 1938 and there now are twenty five provincial branches and one hundred and fifty nine branches in schools. The total number of members is said to be about five hundred thousand, and the average age of members between twenty and thirty. The members are supposed to be trained so that they may assist in all movements aiming at improving the condition of the people and in loyalty to their country and in support of the ideals of the New Life Movement. To this end over a hundred youth service centres have been established and four youth centres, with six more to be organised. Also eighteen youth hostels have been established. Assistance is given to such forms of public service as mass education, training of farmers, afforestation, assisting students financially, improving medical services, and participating in social reconstruction movements. The central committee is in the capital and is said to be responsible directly to the generalissimo. In all this we can find the desire to train good citizens and it is only in regard to other activities that criticism arises. About two hundred students of our university are reported to be members; members I believe are invited to join by the local secretary who is the important official and in our case he is a member of the dental faculty. As stated previously the general purpose is the carrying out of the Three People's Principles.

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It is of course our duty as representing the church and the Board of Governors to keep from being involved in the political situation and all of us are conscious of this trust. Had I been aware of what was proposed my advice would have been in favour of a different arrangement and a reference to the Board of Governors before anything was signed or work begun on the building. However I was ill and away from the office and not consulted; nor do I feel that it is a proper thing for me to criticize those who did act. Now that there has been this discussion about the building and the organisation it will be all the more necessary that the university sees to it that the agreement is carried out in spirit and in letter. It may be as is suggested by some of our Chinese friends that we foreigners are more concerned about the future in this connection, than we need be and that any fears we have will not be realised. And perhaps I should add that in our decisions on many matters we are constantly being reminded of the changing relations between countries because of what has happened during these years of war, and the advisability of our maintaining the best relations with the national authorities. The combined wisdom and experience of the administrations of the five institutions here should prove equal to the demands of these difficult times but the strain has been and is great. We shall welcome the return of Dr. Wu Yi-fang. And if you could find the right person to represent the Boards and the missionary societies this is the time to send him or them to this country for a study of the situation which would extend over a period of several months.

I am very conscious of the weakness of this letter as an answer to the questions raised in your letter to me. The agreement has been made, the building is erected at a cost far exceeding the original estimate because of the increased cost of labour and materials, and I fear it would be very difficult now to take up the matter with the parties concerned. I shall not fail to keep you informed if there are other facts that become known to me and that I think are of interest to you at home. Please feel free to ask me for information on any particular point; perhaps I am not getting after the very things which you wish most to have discussed.

With kindest regards,

your sincerely,

Harold D. Robertson
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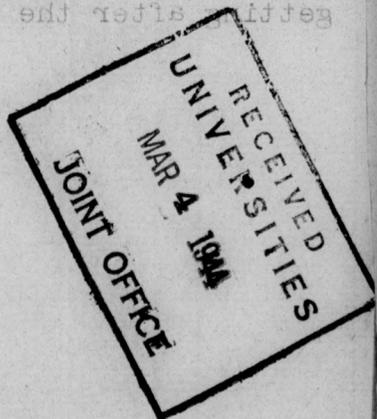
It is of course out of the question to represent the church and the Board of Governors to keep from being involved in the political situation and all of us are conscious of this fact. Had I been aware of what was proposed my advice would have been in favour of a different arrangement and a reference to the Board of Governors before anything was signed or work begun on the building. However I was ill and away from the office and not consulted; nor do I feel that it is a proper thing for me to criticize those who did act. Now that there has been this discussion about the building and the organization it will be all the more necessary that the university see to it that the agreement is carried out in spirit and in letter. It may be as suggested by some of our Chinese friends that we foreigners are more concerned about the future in this connection, than we need be and that any fears we have will not be realized. And perhaps I should add that in our decisions on many matters we are constantly being reminded of the changing relations between countries because of what has happened during these years of war, and the advisability of our maintaining the best relations with the national authorities. The combined wisdom and experience of the administrators of the five institutions here should prove equal to the demands of these difficult times but the appeal has been and is great. We shall welcome the return of Dr. Wu Yi-fang. And if you could find the right person to represent the Board and the missionary societies this is the time to send him or them to this country for a study of the situation which would extend over a period of several months.

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With kindest regards,

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