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All the missions have had meetings this last month and in every case the situation is critical both in personnel and in finances. If the war in the Pacific continues for another year as seems likely, even the remnant will be further reduced. The increased bonus came into effect on the twentieth of January and we now have a rate of forty, one hundred percent bonus on the official rate of twenty, but prices have been mounting very rapidly recently and the benefit may not be very great. Dr. Cressy is in town and meetings are being held to discuss what can be done to prevent our being submerged under the waves of uncontrolled inflation; the official rate of exchange seems quite hopeless after these years of experience.

Insurance on University Buildings. You will remember that almost a year ago I wrote you about our insurance, as we were informed by our company that exchange regulations prevented them from insuring in gold. You replied by cable that you could insure in New York and asked for particulars which were sent you. From that time no word has been received. Meanwhile the buildings are insured for large sums in national currency but of course nothing like the amount required to rebuild in these days of depreciated currency. In earlier letters I have asked for instructions and as the time will soon be here again, May 31st, I hope you will advise me at once.

Goucher School. This is an important matter also. Minute 645 of the General Faculty, April 23rd, 1942, deals with this matter and a letter was written you asking the Board to take up the matter with Mr. Chapman. Nothing has been received to date reporting any action by the Board or any opinion of Mr. Chapman. I also wrote Dr. Beech about it. The point was that the school registration was to be kept down to 120 according to the original agreement and present government regulations almost necessitated every junior middle school taking a new class at the beginning of each term; this means the doubling of the registration, in time. The school is fortunate in having a good principal and a loyal teaching staff. It is still spoken of as the best of its kind in this area and parents like to send their children to this school. The son of the governor of the province has been there since coming to this city. Recently a campaign carried on by the teachers and students has raised enough money to build a dining hall and the general tone of the school is most satisfactory. We would like to know of any action taken by the Board of Governors. Also of Mr. Chapman's reactions.

Youth Corps Building. There is not much more light on this subject which I can send you except to suggest that while Dr. Frank Price is in New York you arrange to have a discussion with him. He has as much or more knowledge of the purpose and working of the corps than any other missionary and will tell you just what you want to know. Up to now the use to which the building has been put suggests little interest in the local organization and it is quite possible that with the passing of time and the changes inevitable when the war ends, the building may simply revert to university uses entirely with the consent of all parties. It is a very small building despite the amount of money reported to have been spent on it.

Periodicals for 1942, 43, 44. Please assure us that these have been secured and will be available as soon as it is possible to transport them to West China. This is extremely important. Kindest regards.

Please send a note of this paper at first opportunity. Write to Mr. Chapman.

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Dear Mr. Evans:-

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January 18, 1944

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

Dear Mr. Robertson:

Our records show that we wrote you on August 8th regarding your letter of May 27th. This was so far destroyed in transit that it is practically worthless. We could not use it as two-thirds of the material was burned out and the charred remains are of little value.

We had hoped that another copy of this material would be forthcoming and as a consequence nothing has been done regarding insurance.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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

Dear Mr. Robertson:

Your letter dated October 27th came to hand the latter part of December.

I have been endeavoring to find a date for a meeting of the West China Executive Committee and it now appears that it must be put off until the early part of February.

We are awaiting the arrival of Dr. Phelps, but the Baptist Board has no knowledge of his present whereabouts. He cabled at one stage in his journey.

We were all delighted over the action taken by Dr. Forkner and look for permanent good to come out of this arrangement.

We will await the coming of the minutes before we comment upon the resolution regarding the housing situation. I note your comments regarding the Simkin house and have read the conditions of the contract, and same will be reported to the Executive Committee.

I do not think there is need to go further into the problem of the use of \$20,000. As far as we are concerned it was made available to the field and to all intents and purposes it has been properly used.

I have written you elsewhere regarding Meng Szu-ming and other correspondence has been received regarding John Kao.

You have also written me elsewhere regarding the Youth Corps Building and I am not making further comments thereon.

It would appear at the present time that we ~~would~~^{will} now be in a position to meet the full goal as set for the Colleges Campaign by June 30th, but we will let you know by cable through Dr. Fenn when the quarterly payments are made.

I greatly appreciate your concern over our staff and for the undersigned in particular, and I am grateful for your expression of deep concern over our welfare. Very few people in the office had a real vacation this past year. Such days as were secured were grasped at varying intervals and most convenient to the work. Of course, there are times when it is absolutely essential for me to drop everything and take an evenings recreation at a moving picture show in town or otherwise. During December, when on the first day the GRIPSHOLM arrived and subsequent thereto, we worked in a perfect bedlam and Christmas was not what it usually is. I am grateful, however, to the entire staff for turning in and helping

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out so nobly. We have had great concern, however, for your own health and are wondering how you are getting on. Apparently you are making some progress for which we can well praise the Lord because from reports you were a pretty sick person.

Most sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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

Dear Mr. Robertson:

Your letter of September 11th has been more than answered in the covering letter we sent with the minutes of the Trustees meeting. Several comments might be made, however. One is to the effect that the Harvard-Yenching Institute matter has been pretty thoroughly cleared and the last meeting of the H. Y. I. Trustees learned from Dr. Elisseeff that correspondence with our office and the field had cleared things up satisfactorily. It is good to note, however, that the University will hereafter follow along the lines as outlined by the Institute.

I have written you elsewhere that we could not do anything about the insurance as the papers which you sent and the map were so burned that they were useless.

We are all happy indeed that you found a way to use the appropriation of \$20,000 for building. It was voted for the temporary relief of the building situation and you have reached the right decision.

I have just received a letter from you about the Youth Corps Building which I have not been able to study carefully. You will hear from us later along that line.

At this time may I also acknowledge receipt of your letter of September 11th which enclosed a copy of the report for the Institute. The Institute received its copy in time for the meeting.

I had supposed that the \$5,000 mentioned in "G-1697" had been paid on the field. The United China Relief, however, is conducting a thorough search and I cannot answer definitely until it is reported back to me.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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Dear Mr. Evans,

Repts Chengtu, Feb. 9th. 44.
The day after sending off the letter to you stating the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Governors had not arrived, they turned up on my desk. The covering letter and minutes of the Finance Committee and the Executive Committee of the Associated Board for CCC were included. I shall acknowledge again and write about the matters on which you desire information.

I am sending the copies of the minutes of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors dealing with the YCB. The letter went some time ago; any further action awaits the chairman's return. H. D. Robertson

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Chengtu. Feb. 14th, '44.

Dear Mr. Evans,

I have written a short note to Dr. Hume, Secretary of the China Medical Council For Overseas Work, of the Foreign Missions Conference, and would be pleased to have you forward it to him. Thank you.

Position for young man. Lo Feng-chiao.

This is a repeat of a part of a former letter. General Lan, a business man who has become a very good friend of the University and has helped us at different times financially, has requested us to write you to ask if you could help to place a young man in some factory or firm in which he would get experience in electrical engineering. This young man, whose name is Lo Feng-chiao, graduated in 1942 from the National University of Hunan and has had some practical experience in an alcohol factory in Chungking where he was the assistant director of the engineering department of the factory. He is reported to us to be a hard worker and a good student.

As Mr. Lo would like to proceed to the United States this spring we would appreciate your taking up this matter as soon as possible and letting us know if necessary by cable if you can make these arrangements. All matters concerning travel and financial support would of course be the responsibility of the young man himself. We would greatly appreciate anything that you can do to help in this matter as General Lan has been very generous in his response to our approaches to him for financial assistance. And it is his wife who has taken such a personal interest in our department of Home Economics.

Scholarships. Mr. Meng Ssu-ming, Mr. K.C. Wu.

In this connection please refer to a letter from the office signed by Mr. Parker, dated February 2nd, 1942.

We have written several times about Mr. Meng Ssu-ming and you will remember his case as connected with the Harvard Yenching Institute. After being favourably considered by our own Board of Governors it did not meet with Dr. Elisseeff's approval according to the report made to us here. Further representations were then made to you and to Dr. Elisseeff and the matter cleared up as far as we could from this end. As you have been informed by us and no doubt by Dr. Elisseeff, word has been sent to us by Dr. Elisseeff that Mr. Meng has been admitted into the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences of Harvard University on his recommendation. We are therefore making all the necessary arrangements and if passage can be secured from India we hope that Mr. Meng will sail some time in May. He will report to you and to Dr. Elisseeff and make such plans as are necessary according to the time of his arrival. We are very pleased that this special study has been arranged for Mr. Meng as we feel that he is well qualified and that he will return to China fitted to do what the Institute expects of its trained personnel.

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There is no word from Dr David Dye as yet. Dr. Lindsay, Dental, and Dr. Liljestrand, Medical, of our staff are planning to leave in March. Miss Robertson is still in India waiting for a ship. We are very thankful for the safe passage of so many of our staff who travelled across the sea without incident; we have heard of the Phelps party being in New York. I shall have a reply to your covering letter within a short time.

H. D. Robertson

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Since writing on the first of this month word has come that our rice for this term will cost half as much again as compared with last term. This is just a third of the present market price which keeps on advancing. This increase will just about equal the gain we will enjoy from the higher rate of exchange so that the budget is no better off than before. Developments in this area about which I presume one is not expected to write because of their being of interest to the enemy already are having effects that seem likely to cause the prices of all necessary commodities to soar more rapidly than in any previous period and there is no sign of any attempt at control. We are working on plans to cooperate with the medical unit expected here and expect to afford them hospital facilities and to give them all the assistance possible. This plan will bring us needed assistance too in the matter of drugs and supplies. When the war is over the history of the building and operation of the university hospital must be written up with due regard to the high lights of the inside story.

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Chengtu. Feb. 17th, '44.

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Dr. Joseph Beech
2110 Fargo Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Dr. Beech;

On January 26th I wrote you about many matters presently engaging our attention and of interest to you I thought. Since that date we have received the minutes of the Board meeting and a covering letter from Mr. Evans. I hope you have had time to spend with the Minister and that he will return with good impressions of future relationships. His remarks as reported were of great interest to us and I have no doubt many points were made clear in the discussion that must have followed. The minutes are still being read by individuals so I have not had the opportunity to prepare any reply for the office; when I send it I shall ask Mr. Evans to let you have a copy. There are several matters that should be dealt with at the meeting of the Board or Executive in May and I shall write about them in time. At this time I have one or two special matters, needing your attention.

Miss Tsai Wen-na, Admission to Graduate School

The Head of our Department of Sociology and of the Frontier Research Institute is Mr. Li An-che, formerly of Yenching, Southern California, and Yale. In a letter to Professor Martin H. Neumeyer, Department of Sociology of the University of Southern California Mr. Li wrote,

One of our graduating class, Miss Tsai Wen-na, is expecting to go abroad for further training. She is one of the best of her class. Being a native of this province she got married very early. Her husband is a famous general fighting on the front against the Japanese. She is anxious to get the best qualification possible so that she may help him in post-war rehabilitation and reconstruction work. The government is also encouraging students with broader outlook to undertake advanced studies. I should like to recommend her to you and your graduate School.

She is going to graduate before the end of next June and then proper transcript of her credits will be submitted. Her thesis is a case analysis of the intra-relations of an old-fashioned Chinese family, illustrating social process and its bearing on personality adjustments. She is able to pay all the necessary expenses but her application for passport is dependent upon the permission of a school for admission. Owing to the difficulties in communication I am writing on her behalf in advance. Will you please inform me of the possibilities? ?

You of course know the general referred to, Yang Sen, and Mr. Li asked the president if he would write to you asking you to take up this matter with Professor Arthur J. Todd, Head of the Department of Sociology of Northwestern University. One of our professors in the department who I believe studied at Northwestern, Mr. Chiang Chih-ang, has written to Prof. Todd in the interests of Miss Ts'ai. This is not a university matter as all arrangements are being made by Miss Ts'ai herself and the university has no responsibility; but if you can inquire and find out for us the possibilities we shall appreciate it.

Insurance on University Buildings

Last spring I referred this matter to the New York office. The company with which we are insured through Barry and Dodwell, Chungking, informed us that it was no longer possible to give us insurance in gold dollars, because of exchange control board regulations. As national currency was depreciating so rapidly even then it seemed impossible

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to insure for anything like replacement value and there was little hope of keeping up with inflation. So we doubled our insurance in terms of national currency and arranged with the company to cancel this policy when we were informed that our New York office had insured in gold. We received a cable saying that it was possible to place the insurance in New York and asking for details. These were sent but up to the present no further information has been received. The policies date from May 31st. Building costs at present are ten times what they were a year ago; we cannot put any valuation on the buildings and pay the very high premiums in national currency with exchange pegged as at present.

Dental Clinic Section of New Hospital

After two or three years the Board has taken action and released the thousand dollars needed to complete that building which has been in operation all these years. The clinic has been making good money in the meanwhile and when it seemed that nothing would be done at home we persuaded the hospital to take sufficient from the income of the clinic to meet this overdraft. Now that we have the grant from the Board I am proposing that the balance from the thousand gold (the present exchange is double what it was when the account was cleared) together with the clinic grant be put to the credit of the OPD which still has a debit balance, due to the rising cost of building at the time. We have lost a lot of money over the slow rate of building on a number of buildings and failure to get materials at the proper time. We were badly caught in the arrangements made for the completion of the central section of the college building proper and there is a good sum to wipe off in some way; if you can have a talk with Leslie he will make that clear to you. However we all feel that we did the wise thing and it is a treat to see this eyesore filled in with what is a very fine looking building and most of it in use; the PUMC on the third floor, the Yenching science people on the second, the library and offices on the first and various uses made of the ground floor. Dr. and Mrs. Lindsay are planning to leave for furlough in a short time and you will get later information from them.

Simkin House -- The Housing Question

You will remember the correspondence over the building of this house in the early twenties; the Board of Governors ticked off the field for allowing the house to be erected. When the Simkins decided to go to Chungking and carry on work of the Friends in the Canadian Mission Agency they wanted to sell their house and were offered double what the university paid for it. As it seemed to me they were not at liberty to sell the house to others than the university I had the unpleasant duty of insisting on this procedure. At the time it was rumored that the government would soon bring to an end the sale of their gold bonds at the official rate and in order that the Simkins might get their fifteen thousand gold we agreed to the sale; the house now would cost double that to build and the Simkins got a good bargain too. Since we were disappointed in the hope that the PUMC would pay half the price in gold in New York we found ourselves with the task of finding the money for the house ourselves and it was then that the east and west cultural association insisted on their right to the house. We finally compromised by allowing them to pay half the cost in lieu of rent for ten years; Loh Chong Shu is the prime mover in this organization and has very big ideas for its development but some of us did not favor the idea especially in view of the great need for residences for the Chinese staff. There has been lots of talk and agitation about this matter of housing, much of it beside the point, and there are now three ideas floating about; a university housing committee is actually functioning, a missions committee is half born and a proposal for the turning over of all mission property to the university has been referred to the home board by our mission council. The old mission houses cannot be made suitable for two families without the spending of a lot of money and no one can afford a whole house these days.

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We are expecting to be in the news in a big way very soon and opinions differ as to whether we shall be bombed; if the enemy are able to do it the example of what we are doing to German cities may stimulate them. Plans for cooperation with the medical unit of the AAF are under way but it will not involve any building of a permanent nature as suggested in my former letter. There is also a plan for a hospital unit from the university being sent to the front as evidence of our desire to help in the war effort. Our missionary personnel is being reduced to a very small number because of furloughs, non-return from furloughs and the financial pressure on missions. The Associated Boards should make a thorough study of the situation before the annual meetings in May and get information to the field at the earliest moment; and the statement as to financial support should be definite and final so that we can plan accordingly.

Thank you for sending on the enclosed letter to Gordon Jones. Kindest regards to Mrs. Beech and to other old friends. I hope you have good health.

/s/ H. D. Robertson

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

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You know full well that we have been working at great disadvantage because of the shortage of labor and executive leadership. In normal times our staff was larger by at least three people to whom tasks might be delegated with assurance of efficient completion. I must confess that there are many times when I feel how far short we have come in dealing with many problems. We have been greatly helped, however, by having Dr. Fenn in China. What he has done for us and the Colleges never could have been accomplished without his aid. It has been a bulwark of strength and inspiration and the whole enterprise here in America has been greatly strengthened because of his connection with the work in China.

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Your other particular item is regarding the newly erected building on the West China campus. Frank Price has given us his version of the situation and your letter of December 31st enclosed a statement from Mr. Albert F. Lutley which was approved by the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors.

Personally, I have recognized many of the difficulties involved in your situation. While the principle involved in not permitting outside organizations to erect buildings on university-owned property should be adhered to strictly, yet the political aspects are even more questionable. I realize that it needs strong treatment to bear with these situations and regret that you are faced with problems of this nature. The statements which we have in hand, however, will be presented to our Executive Committee and a report made to you later on.

Very sincerely yours,

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Chengtu. March 4th, '44.

Dear Mr. Evans,

Your covering letter of Dec. 10th reached me on the second of Feb and since that time has gone the rounds of the few people who should know what went on at the meeting of the Board, together with the minutes of which only one copy has reached us. I need scarcely say that there was much of special interest to us in the minutes and in the two appendixes.

Youth Corps Building. You will have received the letter from the executive committee of the Board of Directors setting out the actual situation and giving all the essential factors in the situation, as seen here on the spot. I hope what I have written in other letters may have been of help in bringing out additional facts which will throw light on the real problem involved. If Dr. Arnup was successful in arranging a special meeting of the executive committee in Toronto to discuss university matters with Dr. Kilborn and others returned from the field this question would be among others discussed. And I hope you took the opportunity to talk over the important problems arising from the change in feeling which has accompanied the change in national status since this country has been recognised as one of the four great allied nations. We have heard that Minister Chang Kia-ngao is returning to China shortly to take up an important post and we shall expect to put before the Board of Directors any recommendations he may wish make and to reconsider our attitude towards this question.

China Medical Board. There is nothing new to add to what I have already written with regard to the decision of the Board to join us in our medical work. We are very happy indeed to have been able to offer something in the way of buildings and equipment which made possible immediate cooperation. Dr. Kilborn went home well prepared to give all possible information about arrangements here; in my reply to Bishop Welch I assured him that we here were very conscious of how important this cooperation might be in the future. Dr. Forkner the Director in China, has been very generous in the amount of time he has given to the problems as they arose and the college has benefitted very much from his advice and experience. He is planning to leave in a few days for the United States and as he will fly all the way you may have a call from him before this letter reaches you; his opinions on the future of our college and of medical work in general are sound.

Honorary Degree. The letter from the President dealing with the granting of this degree will be in your hands. The degree granted several years ago to Mr. Yang Shao-chuan, the former principal of the Union Middle School and now deceased, was approved by the Board of Directors when Dr. Beech was on the field and this was regarded as something of a precedent in the present case. Having called the attention of the Board of Directors to the importance of this matter I feel quite certain that the Board of Governors need have no fear that many such actions will be taken in the future. I think the President's letter made this clear.

Harvard Yenching Institute. I had a letter from Dr. Elisseff after the meeting of his Board of Trustees and I have replied giving him some additional information he desired from the annual report. It was bad luck for us here that correspondence which might have cleared up the misunderstanding without any special difficulty, was delayed unduly by the war in the Pacific and arrived too late to achieve its purpose. Also letters to Dr. Beech did not reach him or were not acted upon. But that is of the past and we shall hope that with Dr. Cheng Teh_kuen well established and taking a wider interest in all matters connected with the use of H-Y funds and reporting regularly to Dr. Elisseff, no further misunderstandings will arise. But present conditions do not lend themselves to the best results either from teaching or from certain lines of research and publication is possible only under severe limitations.

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Associated Board Matters. We realise that something drastic must be done here in this connection and Dr. Fenn has been very clear in his statements to the Presidents. However there is this to be said for our budgets, that with an exchange rate that had any relationship to the rise in the cost of living we should be able to carry on without asking for an increase in gold currency. As you may know there are rumours of some such action being taken by the governments concerned but at the moment there is no definite news; a rate of a hundred to one which is not high when it is remembered that a rate of three hundred for American notes has been given on the black market and at long last the authorities seem to be concerned about it. You will have seen the communications containing the suggestions of a representative group of mission treasurers that under the circumstances now prevailing we be allowed to sell to reliable merchants, etc. and of course you have the representations from the presidents through Dr. Fenn and Miss Priest. However if no representative comes to study the present situation on the spot and to advise us I hope the Ass'd Boards will make it quite clear what they expect in the way of further coordination and cooperation by the five universities working together here. In view of the fact that we all, both on the field and at home, are thinking about and planning a new program for Christian Higher Education after peace comes, I think it is a great pity that some one in whom all of us have confidence, is not here with us to consult and if necessary to put into effect decisions reached. You can understand how much easier this would be for one not connected with any particular institution and thinking only of the work as a whole. Miss Priest has spent many hours getting ready the budgets of all five institutions to be given to Dr. Forkner who leaves almost at once for the United States by air all the way.

Nursing School. There has been a lack of understanding on this matter which needs to be cleared; information from the field seems to have been incomplete or not studied by those interested at home. While Dr. Kilborn and Dr. Forkner are with you I think an effort should be made to put the case for the school in clear terms so that in the future we shall know just what is proposed. Dr. Cunningham the acting Dean has been in communication with Dr. Kilborn about this and Dr. Forkner has all the latest information and the Board or the executive committee should take some definite action at the May meeting. Having the School of Nursing of the P.U.M.C. actually carrying on in the new university hospital is a very fine thing for our college of medicine and it is setting standards that we must maintain in the future in the interests of the profession.

Foreign Staff Appointments. Dr. Arnup will have a minute passed by the annual meeting of the West China Mission of the United Church of Canada in January dealing with this matter. This is to be read as from the point of view of our mission and has these considerations in mind; the number of members of our mission on the staff of the university is and always has been much larger than that of any of the other cooperating missions while the total number of our missionaries has been steadily reduced since 1926-27 the proportion of missionaries appointed to the university has increased; this of course means that a large amount goes to the university in the form of salaries while at the same time the personnel of other missions has become smaller in number; the time has come when the situation which has developed through thirty five years of history should be reviewed and the necessary adjustments made; each of the cooperating missions should be invited to re-study their obligations to the university and a clearer understanding should be reached based on present conditions. With the departure of those going on furlough within a few weeks the total number of missionaries remaining at the university is reduced to a very small number and this condition will be even more alarming a year from now when many others are due to leave; another serious feature is the very small number of young men who have joined the staff in the last ten years.

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Religious Activities. Long before this you will have had a visit from Dr. Phelps and will have heard from him of what is expected from this new venture. The organisation here has gone on according to plan and the church board is now functioning. Last Sunday there was a special service of dedication at which Bishop Song, a graduate of this university spoke and leaders of all the city churches took part; there is every reason to hope for great things from this community church under the leadership of the universities. Nothing can be done till peace comes in the matter of the building but it is our hope that Dr. Phelps will return with plans which will provide this congregation with a church building in which all the activities envisaged can be carried on most effectively.

University Hospital. We are just putting the finishing touches on the agreement being entered into with the medical section of the aaf by which they will use a part of the building and secure certain services from the hospital. Their payments are being made in gold in new york city and to save any banking trouble I have advised their cheques being made out to the university at your office address; I hope that seems a good arrangement to you. Their business is done by cable so that you will have received the first payments before this reaches you but as I had mention these negotiations in a previous letter I trust you will not be too surprised. These are most difficult times in which to carry on hospital work and the financial assistance coming to us is very much needed. The arrangement has the approval of Dr. Forkner and of Cheeloo university. I do not say more at the moment to avoid any trouble with the censor by the reference to military matters which are not supposed to be mentioned.

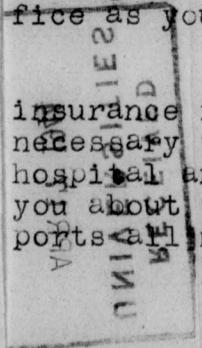
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I noticed that a copy of your letter was sent to Dr. Arnup and to Dr. Slater; would it be a good thing for me to send a copy of my letters to them or would it be better for you to send extracts which you though had interest for them. Dr. Arnup will be anxious to have all possible information now that he is Chairman of the Board of Governors and I fear the British office has not maintained as close a connection as we would like during recent years. Miss Robertson will help when she arrives in England I hope; we have not found anyone to take her place in the office as you can see by this typing.

I shall be anxious till I have your instructions as to the insurance for the next year. Thank you for your efforts to secure the money necessary to meet the overdraft on the dental section of the university hospital and for the money from the Coles fund; Mr. Small will be writing you about these sums. I am sure you appreciate the care with which he reports all matters to you.

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Mr. C. A. Evans,
Ass'd Boards of C.C.C.
150 Fifth Ave.
New York City.

Dear Mr. Evans,

I am giving this letter to Mr. Meng Ssu-ming who is leaving on Monday for Chungking by bus; he will fly from Chungking to Calcutta and then proceed to Bombay where he hopes to get a ship without too much delay. We had thought that it would not be necessary for him to leave before the first of May but difficulties about the passport and government regulations and the uncertainties of ships sailing from India combined to make an earlier date seem better.

I am writing by post giving more details but to be sure that you have the information when he arrives I may say that the letter from Dr. Elisseeff saying he had been admitted into the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences was written on the first day of October and reached us at the end of the year. We are recommending the support for the first year be taken from the reserves of the Harvard Yenching account and we have advanced travel expenses from that fund at this end. He is keeping a careful account of all expenditures and you will find his statement as detailed as you could wish. If he does well in his studies the first year as we are sure he will, then the second year he may expect his support to come from the Trustees of the Institute as in the case of Dr. Cheng Teh-kuen.

Please allow him what he needs for board and room and other necessary expenses; he will provide you with clear accounts. I imagine the allowance made to John Gao would not meet present charges; you will find Mr. Meng quite a different type of person to deal with. There is a strong feeling here on the field that the men from our staffs who go abroad to study should be treated generously so that they may do the things that will help them to understand the people in which they are studying. If he gets to the USA in time I believe (of the country) Dr. Phelps is taking him up to the camp in Canada where Dr. Dai Shu-ku went the year he went home, but all those expenses are paid; he might want some help however in getting the permission to enter and leave Canada.

Mr. Meng has had many talks with Dr. Cheng and is well informed on what will be expected of him at Harvard. But he has proved himself an unusually good student in his field both at Yenching and also here on our staff so we have no fears on that score. However the first months are sure to be difficult and if you can put some one whom you know in touch with him who will be a friend to a stranger in his new surroundings I shall be very grateful indeed. He is quiet in manner but does not lack in what it takes to make a real man and a scholar; I have every confidence in him.

Hoping the way is all clear with Dr. Elisseeff and that you have been informed of the correspondence sent us by him and are expecting to see Mr. Meng in your office; and asking your special interest in all his plans and ambitions; and with most sincere thanks,

cordially yours,

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150 Fifth Ave.
New York City

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Not in list but on our last order

- Blackwood's Magazine (E) ✓
- ✓ Cumulative Book Index
- ✓ Int. Index to periodical Literature
- Life and letters of To-day (E) ✓
- National Review (E) ✓
- ✓ New Republic
- ✓ Ontario Library Review (pd. through 1943)
- ✓ Readers' Guide to periodical lit.
- Spectator (E) ✓
- ✓ Wilson Library Bulletin
- ✓ Amer. Jl. of Digestive Diseases
- ✓ " " " Surgery
- British Jl. of Children's Diseases (E) ✓
- " " " Ophthalmology (E) ✓
- " " " Tuberculosis (E) ✓
- Bulletin of Hygiene (E) ✓
- ✓ Canadian Jl. of Public Health
- ✓ Cumulative Index of extant vols. of Am. Jl. of Gynecology & Obs.
- ✓ Food Research
- Jl. of Obstetrics & Gynaecology of the British Empire (E) ✓
- Jl. of Pathology & Bacteriology (E) ✓
- ✓ Johns Hopkins Hospital Bulletin
- ✓ New England Jl. of Medicine & Surgery
- Public Health (E) ✓
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- " " " Microscopy (E) ✓
- Tropical Diseases Bulletin (E) ✓
- Tubercle (E) ✓
- ✓ Am. Jl. of Mathematics
- ✓ Annals of Mathematics (N.J.)
- ✓ " " Statistics (Ann Arbor)
- Annual Report of Chemical Society (E) ✓
- ✓ Bull. of Am. Mathematical Soc.
- ✓ Chemical Abstracts (RCS sub) *Ray Spomer*
- ✓ News edition
- ✓ Electronics
- ✓ Jl. of Amer. Pharmaceutical Assn.
- ✓ American Sociologist
- Artist (E) ✓
- ✓ Atlas Permanent
- Country Life (E) ✓
- Eng. Historical Review (E) ✓
- ✓ Poetry
- Rural America - *not being printed*
- ✓ Rural Sociology
- ✓ Survey
- ✓ Survey Graphic
- ✓ The Family
- Education (E) ✓
- ✓ Education
- New Era in Home & School (E) ✓
- Pictorial Education (E) ✓
- British Weekly (E) ✓
- Expository Times (E) ✓
- Hibbert Journal (E) ✓
- Int. Review of Missions (E) ✓
- Protestant Digest
- ✓ Archives of Clin. Oral Pathology
- ✓ Columbia Dental Review
- ✓ Dental Assistant
- ✓ Dental Outlook
- ✓ Dental Survey (? probably this is intended instead of Dental Surgery, which is not on our list)
- ✓ Dentistry
- ✓ Harvard Dental Record
- ✓ Index to Periodical Dental Lit:
- ✓ Jl. of Cal. State Dental Society
- ✓ " " Michigan State " "
- ✓ Minneapolis District Dental Jl.
- ✓ Modern Dentistry
- ✓ North-west Dentistry
- ✓ Empire Jl. of Exper. Agriculture
- Jl. of Genetics (E) ✓

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Proceedings of the Edinburgh Math. Soc. (E) ✓	Popular Anatomy, not on ours)
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" " " Royal Soc. Ser. A (E) ✓	Science Progress
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On New York List - not on our order:

- no Dental Surgery (see above ? mistake for Dental Survey)
- no Health
 - Municipal Sanitation - *ordering*
- no Popular Anatomy (see above ? mistake for Popular Astronomy)
- no King Hall News Letter (should be National News Letter - this is put on Book Club table now, air-mail ed.)
- no Life
- no Natural History
- no Pacific Affairs

The following appear twice on N.Y. list, being duplicated in the micro-film list:-

- Amer. Jl. of Orthodontic & Oral Surgery
- Amer. Jl. of Psychology
- Amer. Rev. of Tuberculosis
- Jl. of Lab. and Clinical Medicine

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

Dear Mr. Robertson:

Your letter of January 2nd is at hand and I have since received word from you that correspondence from our office has been received.

Conditions in China. We are troubled beyond expression over the conditions which are now existing in China and everything possible is being done to secure relief by additional exchange grants or similar methods. Ever since Frank Price has been in America there have been constant representations before the State Department and Treasury Department, and we hope for some early solution. The next move seems to be from China however.

Insurance on University Buildings. I find that one cable and two letters have referred to the loss of details of the West China property as related to insurance. A letter sent to us by Mr. Small included a map and lists of buildings and values. This was so charred as to make it useless. Undoubtedly, the duplicate, if it was sent, was destroyed entirely.

Goucher School. I am greatly distressed at what seems to be a gross oversight on our part regarding the Goucher School. I do not recall of seeing a request to communicate with Mr. Chapman about the School and we do not have a copy of the General Faculty Minutes of April 23, 1942. The recent report on the School written by Mrs. Dye did not refer to any problem to be taken up with the Chapmans. I have written to the last known address of the Chapmans asking that a reply be sent directly to you.

Youth Corps Building. I will be writing to you regarding the minutes of the Executive Committee regarding the Youth Corps Building, but do not believe there is anything which can be done at the present time.

Periodicals. One person in our office is spending full time in an effort to secure magazines for all of the Colleges and every effort is being made to round up the total list by gifts of subscriptions of magazines and if not in that manner by outright purchases.

Incidentally, we are enclosing a list of periodicals which we would like to have you check and let us know which ones you would like to have us secure.

With every good wish, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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American Economic Review	Hide and Leather and Shoe
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" " Hygiene ✓	Illinois Dental Journal
" " Medical Science ✓	Journal of Abnormal and Social Psychol.
" " Obstetrics and Gynecology ✓	" " American Dental Education
" " Opthamology ✓	" " " Leather Chemists
" " Orthodontia and Oral Surgery ✓	Assoc.
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" " Psychology	" " Chemical Education
" " Public Health ✓	" " Comparative and Cellular
" " Roentgenology and Radium Therapy ✓	Physiology
" " Sociology	" " Comparative Neurology
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American Mathematical Monthly	" " Education
American Review of Tuberculosis ✓	" " Educational Psychology
Amerasia	" " Educational Research
Anatomical Record ✓	" " Experimental Medicine
Angle Orthodontist	" " Experimental Zoology
Annals of Otology, Rhinology and Laryngology ✓	" " General Physiology
Archives of Dermatology and Syphilology ✓	" " Heredity
Archives of Internal Medicine ✓	" " Immunology
Archives of Neurology and Psychiatry ✓	" " Higher Education
Archives of Ophthalmology ✓	" " Infectious Diseases
Archives of Otolaryngology ✓	" " Laboratory & Clinical Medicin
Archives of Pathology ✓	" " Neurophysiology
Archives of Psychology	" " Nutrition
Archives of Surgery	" " Parasitology
Atlantic Monthly	" " Pediatrics
Biological Abstracts	" " Periodontology
Biological Bulletin	" " Pharmacology & Experimental
Botanical Gazette	Therapeutics
Canadian Journal of Economics &	" " Philosophy
Political Science	" " Social Hygiene
Chemical Reviews	" " Urology
Christendom	" " the American Dental
Christian Century	Hygienists Assoc.
Clearing House	" " the American Medical Assoc.
College and Research Libraries	Library Journal
Current History	MacLeans Magazine
Dental Digest	Medicine
Dental Items of Interest	Modern Hospital
Dental Surgery	Municipal Sanitation
Educational Administration & Supervision	Mathematics Teacher
Educational Method	National Geographic
Elementary School Journal	Nelsons Loose Leaf Revision Sheets
Ethics	for Encyclopedia
Far Eastern Quarterly	Nelsons Loose Leaf Surgery
Foreign Affairs	Personalist
French Review	Physical Review
Harpers Magazine	Physiological Reviews
Health	Physiological Zoology
Hide and Leather and Shoe	

Periodicals - West China

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Popular Anatomy
Popular Science
Proceedings of Institute of Radio Engrs.
" " National Educational Assoc.
Psychological Monographs
- Puerto Rico Journal of Public Health and
Tropical Medicine

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Quarterly Cumulative Index Medicus
Saturday Review of Literature
School and Society
School Review
School Science & Mathematics
Science Leaflet
Scientific American
Social Forces
Social Service Review
Sociology & Social Research
- Stain Technology
Student World
- Surgery, Gynaecology & Obstetrics
Reader's Digest
Religion in Life
Religious Education
Reviews of Modern Physics
Travel Magazine
Teachers College Record
- Venereal Diseases Information

Additional subscriptions taken from
Micro-film list:

Abstracts in Pure Chemistry
American Anthropologist
American Journal of Orthodontic & Oral Surgery
American Journal of Psychology
- American Review of Tuberculosis
- Canadian Medical Association Journal
Harvard Journal of Asiatic Studies
Industrial and Engineering Chemistry
- Journal of Anatomy
" " Biological Chemistry
" " Laboratory and Clinical Medicine
" " Physiology
" " Political Economy
" " the American Dental Assoc.
" " the American Medical Assoc.
" " the American Oriental Society
" " Chemical Society
" " Electro-Chemical Society

King Hall News Letter
Life
National Research Institute of Industrial
Psychology
Natural History
- Nature
- New York Journal of Dentistry

additional subscriptions taken from
Micro-film list:

Pacific Affairs
Philosophy
- Proceedings of the Society for Experimental
Biology and Medicine
Time

English publications taken from Micro-film
list:

- Biochemical Journal
- British Dental Journal
British Journal of Educational Psychology-sup.
- British Journal of Experimental Pathology
British Journal of Psychology
- British Journal of Surgery
- British Medical Journal
Contemporary Review
- Dental Journal of Australia
Economica
Economic Journal
Economist
Illustrated Pictorial Magazine
Illustrated London News
Journal of Royal Statistical Society
- Lancet
London Times Weekly
Mind
Nineteenth Century and After
Occupational Psychology
Picture Post
- Proceedings of the Royal Society, Sect. B.
" " " " " of Medicine
Punch
Science Abstracts A and B
Sociological Review
Times (Educational Supplement)
- Transactions of the Royal Society of
Tropical Medicine and Hygiene

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Mr. C. A. Evans
150 Fifth Ave.

West China Union University.

Chengtu, April 26th.

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ack 8/10/44

Dear Mr. Evans,

This ribbon seems pretty faint and I shall look for some thing out of that Christmas bag you are sending us, the three hundred lbs that is to come to the five institutions here according to the cable you sent; the response may startle you as each department thought it was an opportunity to let you know their needs, and when they all were put together it made quite a list. In the case of our lists I hope it was clear that your office or the person put in charge of this matter, should use their own discretion wherever necessary in deciding what to send. We are not very clear just how you plan to send the supplies but no doubt a letter of explanation will soon reach us.

Mails have been very slow and since I wrote you a month ago there has been no letter to report till two days ago when your letters of March 2nd to the President and to myself, came in; this was a very large American mail and on it we received the minutes of the Executive meeting of the Associated Boards in February. These reported the appointment of Mr. Ballou as Executive Secretary and told us something about him; I am sure you heartily welcome this appointment and it is evident that the Board has confidence in the fitness of Mr. Ballou for the position which will be a very important one indeed in view of all that is happening. This should give you an opportunity to spend more time on finances and so to afford the Ass'd Boards the kind of advice they will stand in need of for some time. I take it you will continue to serve the Board of Governors as in the past. It has been a great strain on your strength to carry such a burden in the office these last years and if possible a holiday of some length should be arranged for; the difficulty is that under the conditions of war no one ~~feels~~ really wants to be away from his work unless it is absolutely necessary.

I trust my letter re insurance reached you safely this time and that you will advise me by cable as to what you are doing; with the cost of everything mounting without letup and with exchange rate unsettled the best thing seems to me to insure in gold; our policies are dated May 31st. There is a feeling that we should expect more bombing now that the attack on Japan is being pressed home and within a week two important places north of us some hours' flight have been bombed; on the other hand we are told that our defence forces are now so strong that there is nothing to fear. We have been and still are worried about the developments on the Assam-Burma border and there is evidence of much increased activity in central China which is connected with the supposed purpose of the Japanese to secure and maintain control of the rail communications from south to north; in fact we have a feeling that the war is coming near us again.

The final word about selling on the open market has not yet reached us and we hope the delay does not mean that the arrangements have broken down. We expect to benefit greatly by the new arrangements but it is possible that prices will advance accordingly or not far behind. The price of rice is advancing rapidly these days in terms of national currency and already we have been told that it will cost us at least twice as much as it has this year when we buy from the government at a fixed price. It is clear to us all that something must be done to limit our expenditures this coming year and we are depending on you at home letting us know in May how much gold we can expect to carry us through to June next year. Over this week-end the presidents and a few others have spent two days in serious discussion of possible methods of greater cooperation and reduction of overhead; there are difficulties peculiar to the times and conditions existing here but these are understood by our supporters and we shall be honest in making every possible effort.

Thank you for your word of John Gao; please keep trying to get some reasonable sum of money for his wife if he continues to prefer to stay in the United States. I enclose a letter from our Mr. Fong for Dr. Liljestrang who has gone on furlough; Miss Robertson is very much missed.

kindest regards, *W. C. Collett*

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West China Union University

May 8, 1944

Mr. C.A. Evens
Associated Boards
#150 5th Avenue
New York



Dear Mr. Evens:

No mail has been received since I wrote you on April 26th. The mail service is very disappointing these days and letters are taking two months to reach us. I am anxious about your cable instructing us as to our insurance. Under present conditions insurance in national currency seems to me to be of little value.

I am enclosing copy of a letter to the Board of Governors signed by the President. This deals entirely with the matter of missionary personnel on the university staff. The matter is important because of the situation mentioned in the letter which will become even more critical next year when the furloughs of several missionaries become due. A good many of the missionaries now connected with the university are able to give only part of their time because of appointment to other work by their respective missions.

The minute of the annual council of the West China Mission of the United Church of Canada mentioned in the president's letter and of which Dr. Arnup has been informed, is as follows:-

"Whereas the needs of the West China Union University for missionary personnel, as indicated in the letter of President Dsang accompanying his annual report, raise the question of how such workers should be appointed and supported, and

Whereas we believe that the present trends suggest the wisdom of a change in the procedure regarding appeals for and appointment of new missionary personnel,

Resolved, That we recommend to the University administration and the Board of Directors that such appeals be made to the Board of Governors on the understanding that the support be shared by the cooperating Mission Boards, and that such workers upon appointment by the Board of Governors be associated with one or other of the cooperating Missions.

Resolved, That, when and if an appeal for a dentist is presented to the Board of Governors, we request our Home Board to support the appeal, but that it be understood that the support will be shared by the cooperating Boards in harmony with the principle stated in the resolution dealing with new missionary personnel for the university."

This as you can see grows out of developments during the past twenty years and the present financial situation of the university and the cooperating missions.

You will notice that in the report nothing is said about a missionary for the division of religious studies. Dr. Dryden Phelps has made this his special work and we are expecting him back to continue it. We feel the special need of a missionary to give special attention to the courses in religious subjects which are open to students from all departments. In fact the missionary head of this work needs very high qualifications. For several years we have tried and up to the present have failed to find a Chinese scholar to head up this work.

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expect to make decisions which will result in more effective coöperation and also a more efficient administration. We shall do everything possible to reduce expenditure and to increase our income from sources in China. The weakness of our position lies in our not knowing the definite amount of gold we may expect and on the fact that the rate of exchange on which we may count is not yet determined.

These are most anxious days for us all and I trust that in your office you may all have the health and the confidence necessary for your strenuous labors.

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Sincerely yours,
H. D. Robertson
Harold D. Robertson

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From Mr. Robertson's Letter of June 1, 1944

"P. S. Periodicals. I have had the list of periodicals enclosed in your letter of April 12th carefully checked by Miss Hickson and enclose her report. It was our expectation that your office would arrange to renew these subscriptions for 1942, 1943 and 1944 and keep the copies in New York until a favourable time for sending them to us should appear. Our annual budgets have contained the usual items covering this essential expenditure and we would be relieved to hear just what has been done. The English periodicals are marked by an (E) and we would like to hear what arrangements were made about them; perhaps I should have written about this matter earlier but I had taken it as already arranged. I do not need to stress the importance to the University library of complete sets of all the scientific and departmental periodicals. We shall appreciate very much hearing from you that these subscriptions have been renewed at the proper time and that in due course we shall receive the periodicals."

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WEST CHINA UNION UNIVERSITY

Harold D. Robertson

June 1, 1944

Mr. C.A. Evans
Associated Boards of C.C.C.
#150 5th Avenue
New York City 11,

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Dear Mr. Evans:

I wish to acknowledge your letters of April 24th and 25th together with the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting of March 23rd, with covering letter. It was most interesting to know that Dr. Kilborn and Bishop Chen were present and took part in the meeting. I am sure it was an inspiration to you all to have them with you.

I do not think any of the minutes call for special comment. Dr. David Dai reached India in time to meet and consult with Dr. Lindsay who was on his way to Canada. He is now in Chungking attending a meeting of the dental section of the National Health Administration. Dr. Agnew also is attending this meeting. I am sorry that Dr. Phelps could not be present at the meeting and hope you will have the pleasure of a visit from him before the summer. In the report of the president for the year we shall refer to the organization and work of the University Community Church.

China Medical Board, I think that you will have been in consultation with Dr. Forkner concerning the working agreement between the C.M.B. and the University both with regard to P.U.M.C. students and the Nursing School. You will be informed of the difficulties met with by Dr. Forkner here and it was his hope that all these matters would be straightened out as a result of his visit to the United States. A cable has come from him stating that he hopes to return to China in the late summer.

University Hospital, I plan to have a statement covering the University Hospital prepared within the next month; meanwhile I might say that agreements have been completed for the use by the medical corps of space for wards also for the use of operating rooms. In addition there is an agreement covering all kinds of examinations, and for the use of the machine shop and garage. This means an income which makes it possible for us to continue hospital work under the almost impossible conditions of the present time. We anticipate that both parties will benefit by these agreements.

Staff Members Going Abroad, Dr. Yang Kia-liang and Dr. Bei Yin-tsai together with Mr. Meng Ssu Ming are now at sea on the way to the United States. They were fortunate in being able to sail on the same ship with Drs. Crawford, Lindsay and Struthers of our missionary staff. Arrangement for the study of all three were already made before they left China; Drs. Yang and Bei in Toronto and Mr. Meng at Harvard. The deciding consideration in all three cases was their age which made it seem desirable that they should not postpone further their going if they were to go at all and all three are looked upon as most valuable members of our future staff. Originally they had planned to go in the autumn of 1941.

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June 1, 1944

Plans for 1944 and 1945, as already reported the presidents and their committees under the direction of Dr. Fenn are making a thoroughly comprehensive study of the situation both academic and administrative, with a view to cutting out all possible duplication and reducing staff to a minimum. This is a very big job and will not be completed until next week, using the experience of last year when our plans to a large extent felt through. We have reason to feel that the job will be done more thoroughly this time. It is planned for Yenching University to make use of our class room accommodation to a larger extent and for all institutions to reduce somewhat the size of the student body.

Exchange, You will have received from other sources much information about the exchange situation. The Chengtu offices concerned were anxious to work with the the Board set-up in Chungking but with more independence than was originally suggested by the Chungking Committee. As you know months have passed since negotiations were begun and only that amount of gold was sold which was absolutely necessary; then as time went on and information continued to be incomplete, we all found ourselves very short of local money with pay rolls to be met. It has been a very anxious time and at the moment we are awaiting a reply to our last cable. To make matters worse the renewed activity of the Japanese army in Central China has added to the confusion and uncertainty.

Insurance, Our insurance in Chinese national currency runs out the end of this month and as I have not heard from you there seems nothing for me to do but to renew the policies here. I have been writing since the first of the year about this matter and hoped to have word from you that policies had been placed in New York as indicated in your cablegram was possible. If we succeed in getting a higher rate of exchange for our gold checks I think it would be wise for us to double the amount of insurance if carried in national currency.

The presidents have invited Vice-President Henry A. Wallace to be present and address the students on June 26th, the day of our closing exercises. Mr. Lennig Sweet has been invited to preach to baccalaureate sermon on the previous Sunday. We shall be pleased and honored if it is possible for Vice-President Wallace to be with us on that occasion.

There is nothing I can say about the war situation as it affects us here which would be of interest by the time this letter reaches you. There are many rumours and we just do not know what is likely to develop, so much depends on the plans of the enemy invader, which are of course unknown to us.

With very kindest regards to you all in the office and thanking you for your splendid co-operation.

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June 1st, '44

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Insurance. I am enclosing another copy of the insurance we hoped to have placed in New York because of the inflation here and the rate of exchange. No cable came before the end of May so I have renewed our previous insurance and shall do nothing more till I have heard from you. Please refer to my letter of March 24th, with enclosures, map also. The changes suggested are important and have been made in our policy in national currency for the coming year. Also please note that the rate of exchange used was twenty to one, in every case. As we shall receive at least double that rate this coming year it would seem wise to me to double the insurance carried and if you do not insure in gold and if you agree I hope you will cable me to double the insurance here.

Mr Lennig Sweet is with us and is making a very thorough study of our situation; he will have the benefit of the studies made by the presidents in their endeavour to reduce expenditures and still maintain efficiency. We shall feel much happier to know that he has been on the spot and has seen for himself what is going on and the possibilities we see for the immediate future. He had thought to go north from here but it is not yet clear whether or not that area will be the scene of fighting. As it is now a week since this letter was dictated I can add a reference to the news of the invasion which we all hope may mean the earlier end to the German resistance. We can imagine the excitement in our home lands. H.

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1. Whiting Memorial, Administration Building	NC\$300,000.
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.
17. Atherton Biology Building	200,000.
18. Furnishings and Equipment in the above	40,000.
19. Stubbs Chemistry Building	480,000.
20. Furnishings and Equipment in the above	60,000.
21. Western Books and Periodicals in the above	40,000.
22. Residences: House A	80,000.
House B	80,000.
House 78	40,000.
House 81/82	60,000.
House 83/84	60,000.
House T.B. San.	40,000.
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.
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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) (completed)	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.
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Private Wards	300,000.
Administration and General Wards. Operating Rooms	800,000.
Small building unassigned	120,000.
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.	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.
34. Furnishings and Equipment of the Medical-Dental College, Dept. of Otolaryngology in E.E.N.T. Hospital, Shansi Kai, Chengtu	23,2000.
35. Furnishings and Equipment of the Medical-Dental College, Dept. of Ophthalmology, in E.E.N.T. Hospital, Shansi Kai, Chengtu,	47,000.
36. Furnishings and Equipment of the Medical-Dental Col- lege, Dept. of Surgery in Si Shen Si Hospital	164,600.
37. Equipment (General) of the College of Medicine and Dentistry, in Si Shen Si Hospital	20,000.
38. Chinese and Western books while stored at Jenshow, 63 miles from Chengtu	40,000.
39. Musium objects stored at Tsung Yi Chiao	500,000.
40. Furnishings and Equipment in Hart College	135,000.
41. Student Social Centre	5,000.
42. Tanning Buildings	35,000.

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37.	Equipment (General) of the College of Medicine and Dept. of Surgery in Si Shen Si Hospital	20,000.
36.	Furnishings and Equipment of the Medical-Dental Col- lege, Dept. of Surgery in Si Shen Si Hospital	164,600.
35.	Hospital, Shensi Kai, Chengtu College, Dept. of Ophthalmology, in E.E.N.T.	47,000.
34.	Hospital, Shensi Kai, Chengtu College, Dept. of Otolaryngology in E.E.N.T.	23,200.
33.	Furnishings and Equipment of the Medical-Dental Hospital, Shensi Kai, Chengtu	100,000.
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June 20, 1944

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

Dear Mr. Robertson:

I have received a letter from Mr. B. Burgoyne Chapman regarding the Goucher Middle School. This was dated April 27th and he states a copy has been forwarded to you.

Apparently there have been some unfortunate experiences regarding this situation but definitely I have tried to keep out of entering into situations of this kind. It is my impression that Dr. Beech saw the Chapmans when he was in Kunning and when I see Dr. Beech again I will endeavor to find out if anything was said bearing upon this subject. I did have some correspondence regarding the Library situation as we were more or less in constant communication because of book orders. I am wondering if this is one of the things which should be brought before the West China Board in the fall. I hate to have such things aired in public, but in some instances they are necessary.

We are looking forward to having a meeting here in New York of the entire Board during the first week in November and I shall endeavor to have the situation clarified before then.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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June 29, 1944

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

Dear Mr. Robertson:

We have cabled you to the effect that the West China property contents have been insured according to your recent communication, for a valuation of \$615,740. The premium is \$1,385.41 U.S. currency.

As this is the only policy which can be written in America you must determine whether you think it of sufficient value to pay the cost. The duplicate of the policy is enclosed herewith. You will note that the insurance covers the period of one year from May 31st, 1944. The binder has been on since that time but only today have we sent a check closing the transaction. If you do not wish to continue the policy it can, of course, be cancelled.

Very truly yours,

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July 5, 1944

Mr. H. D. Robertson

Chengtu (CHINA)

Dear Mr. Robertson:

A specially designated gift for the Woman's College at West China Union University has been received from Mrs. J. Day Torrey, Treasurer of the Woman's Baptist Missionary Association of the District of Columbia. We have written her that this is going forward to the field and, of course, it will be in the remittances which are being made to West China under the Sustaining Fund. However, in view of the nature of the gift we thought it advisable for you to know of this especial interest.

Very truly yours,

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July 5, 1944

Mr. H. D. Robertson
Chengtu (CHINA)

Dear Mr. Robertson:

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July 10th, '44 7/15/44

Mr. C. A. Evans,
150 Fifth Ave.
New York City.

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Dear Mr. Evans,

I wish to acknowledge the receipt of your cable re insurance of University buildings and equipment, also the cable asking for information about Dr. Cheo Shao-wu. Our reply was sent at once indicating the difficulty now met in getting a passport for any one going abroad to study; that word must not be used and instead the person must be going to do a job of work. Another of our staff Dr. Clifford Tsao is having the same difficulty and we hope to get over it by stressing the hospital appointment which Dr. Kilborn has secured for him. Both men wish very much to get away this summer and everything will be done to help them.

Church Missionary Society Grant of £200 .

Some months ago notification was received by the Mission here that a grant of £200 had been made to the University out of the medical funds of the Society. Believing this to be a direct gift to the medical work of the university the information was passed on to the College of Medicine and the faculty agreed that the best possible use for the money would be the purchase in England of recent medical textbooks. There is great need for such books and a way has been arranged to have them brought out to China.

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However a further letter has been received from the Society which makes it clear that the money was to be paid to the Board of Governors. I quote from the letter.. " It is a token payment which brings up our existing general fund payment of \$500 to that Board to the minimum required to constitute a missionary society as a full co-operating body in the University, and gives some recognition to them of our predominant interest in the Medical School " The money is still in England and at the disposal of the Board of Governors. The College of Medicine has prepared a list of books and would like to order them at once if permission is given by the Board of Governors to do so. Would you please take up this question at the earliest possible date and cable us if you do not think it too expensive. We shall very much appreciate favourable action on the part of the Board in view of the importance of our medical teaching and the fact that no books have been purchased or received over a period of years. I might add that the whole of the annual budget appropriation for books for the medical library is used up in the subscriptions for medical periodicals and this is the third year that books and periodicals have not been reaching us.

Grant of Books from the Department of State.

While on this question of BOOKS I must acknowledge the delivery to us of four books which were ' selected by the ABCCC N.Y. office and donated by the Department of State as a small evidence of the continuance of the longtime cultural exchanges between our two countries '. It was a most thoughtful gesture on your part and that of the Department to send these books by the party accompanying the Vice-President and we appreciate it very much indeed. Would you please express through the proper channels our appreciation and sincere thanks. We were disappointed that Vice-President Wallace was not able to accept our invitation to give the address on Graduation Day but he was the guest of the universities for a short time and many of us were invited to be present at the dinner given by the Governor in his honour. I understand the impression he left in agricultural circles was one that will not be forgotten.

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Board of Directors. Executive Committee. Unfortunately it did not prove possible for us to arrange a meeting of the Board in June or July because so many members were unable to be present. In order to deal with the budget or rather estimates for 1944-45 the Executive Committee met on July 4th and listened to the statements of the President and the Bursar. You are familiar with the way the estimates were prepared; allowing for an increase in the cost of living of three times that of last year and estimating our gold at the exchange rate of 100 to 1; thus our estimated income is just over thirty-two million and our expenditure just over forty-four million leaving just over twelve million to be found. The Presidents had been considering this problem for weeks and attempting to find a way to reduce the expenditure of each institution by cutting down staff and arranging wider cooperation; in the end difficulties proved too great and the staff was not reduced to the extent we had hoped might be possible. Each institution is now trying to find a way to balance its own budget and it is not yet clear how successful we shall be. Along some lines we are cooperating to the fullest possible extent but in other departments not much progress has been made. I shall not go into the many reasons for this as I am sure Dr. Fenn has already informed you of the efforts being made to arrive at a more realistic form of cooperation. While expressing disappointment at this failure to do what seems the only wise thing I think I should add that only a person on the spot can realise what the real difficulties of the administration are and I am still hopeful that lessons are being learned which will be in the interests of the institutions in the future.

The other matter dealt with by the Executive Committee was the reorganisation of the Union Middle School. The Principal has been in the position since the summer of 1938 and had done well in some respects but in matters of finance and discipline has been weak. Finally in June there was evidence of the faculty and students getting out of hand and when we looked into the situation it seemed clear that the Principal was not equal to the conditions of the present time. The committee of management of the school recommended to the Board of Directors that a larger committee should be appointed and that a new Principal, Mr. Liu Chih-chiai of the Department of Education, should be appointed; the former Principal Mr. Wu Sien-yiu had indicated his desire to resign. We are increasingly conscious of the importance of this school and it is our hope that with a thorough reorganisation we shall succeed in improving conditions and in building up a new spirit. In these war years it is too easy to get students and almost impossible to secure a satisfactory staff. It is thought that bringing the dormitories under the school administration through the proctors, formerly appointed by the missions concerned and not responsible to the Principal, will mean that the necessary discipline of the school in the dormitories can be maintained.

Graduation Day. Fortunately it was possible for us to secure as Guest Speaker Mr. Wang Yun-wu, managing director and editor in chief of the Commercial Press, and member of the Chinese good will mission to England last winter. He gave an intensely interesting address on the English people in war time and expressed his confidence in the future of China if her leaders learned the lessons of this war. The Baccalaureate sermon had been preached by one of the chaplains. The figures for those graduating are, Cheeloo 49, Yenching 51, Ginling 39, Nanking 153, West China 121, a total of 413. Only the Presidents and Deans are able to appear in academic dress and a shower of rain rather spoiled the procession but visitors who had not been present before on a similar occasion seemed to be impressed.

Dr. David Dai is hard at work and undertaking at least two men's work which is as it should be I suppose. We are very happy indeed to have him with us again and there is no doubt about his being one of the men his country can depend on in the difficult days before us. I think we shall be able to satisfy all his ambitions.

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July 10th '44

Salary of David Dai. Please let us have your understanding of how Dr. Dai was to be paid. From what he tells me there is no question in his mind as to what he should receive up to the end of 1943. But from that time on he is in doubt as to what you intended him to have. Our thought was to put him on the payroll as from the date of his arrival in China and in that case he would be charged to the 1943-44 budget as from May 1st. It is in reference to the months January to April that the question arises. If you have a fund from which he could be paid up to July 31st that would be so much the better. But please at your earliest convenience let us have a statement of your arrangement with him and the amounts advanced and for what purpose. He tells me he is preparing a detailed statement of their expenses while en route to send to you and I have urged him to waste no time in doing this. He speaks in the warmest terms of the kindness shown him by yourself and others. In all his remarks he shows himself to have been a keen observer and he will put into his activities here the lessons he learned while abroad. He has been given the rank of Professor, is appointed Associate Dean of Dentistry, Dr Gordon Agnew is Acting Dean, and is also Superintendent of the Dental Clinic which is a unit in the United Hospital. In addition to this he has agreed to give some time to the duties of secretary of the Committee of the National Health Administration appointed to carry out the scheme of dental education, which is supported by ABMAC and in which our college is cooperating.

Meng Ssu-ming. Our last news from any of the party was just before they sailed from Bombay the last days of May and we are expecting to have news of their arrival any day now. Dr. Phelps had intimated to Meng that he wished him to go to the Sharman Camp and had made arrangements as he did for Dr. Dai; I hope he will be able to go and I would like him to have more time in Toronto to get in touch with our people and to meet the proper officials on the staff of the University of Toronto Museum. He has shown no little ability to look after himself since he started out for the United States and I am confident he will not give you unnecessary trouble. I shall be much interested in receiving your first impressions and some report of what the plans for the first year are; much depends on his first impressions too and I am hoping that you were able to answer all his questions and get him started off on the right foot. He was not able to use a cheque we gave him as he expected to do to purchase his ticket in India but it will be quite simple for you to receive it and give him credit for it. Some advice from some young college man about clothes may be needed; and I have given him good advice about keeping his accounts and being clear at all times about his financial standing. His living expenses for the first year are to be charged to the balances of the Harvard Yenching fund account and if it is possible I hope you will make the monthly allowance a little larger than that we allowed John Gao.

Miss Priest had to pay a visit to Chungking and work hard for ten days before satisfactory arrangements were arrived at for the selling of gold in the open market; and we still do not know why you found it impossible to accept our suggestions at the N.Y. end. The Chungking committee did a lot of work after her visit and will probably do their share from now on; but American funds will likely be at a disadvantage, as compared with pounds sterling and Canadian dollars unless a change in the regulations is made.

A letter has been received from Miss Robertson who apparently had a pleasant trip home and is finding life in England quite as exciting as she anticipated. She reported her medical report as being good and I hope she will gain in whatever she needs all the time she is at home. We are very anxious about the happenings in the south and already it is clear that our institutions there are in for another bad time. We are showing signs ourselves of the wear and tear of these war years and we need the inspiration and conviction about the end of the war, would give us.

With kindest regards to all friends,

H. D. Robertson

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July 18, 1944

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

Re: Various Items as Sub-headed.

Dear Mr. Robertson:

Mr. Lo Feng-chiao. I should have written you or even cabled you regarding the request for a position for Lo Feng-chiao. First, I discussed the matter with several Chinese officials who were not at all encouraging, but regardless of that, in the approaches I have made there has been but one answer to the effect that the individual must be here in the United States first as no one will take the responsibility of bringing a person over without prior knowledge or experience. I am afraid that it is next door to impossible for us to make any progress otherwise.

Mr. Meng Ssu-ming. Mr. Meng is now in New York and I have written you elsewhere regarding his attempted trip to Canada. Dr. Serge Elisseff has written that beginning his work at Boston about September 1st will be satisfactory.

We have practically ceased making efforts to get scholarships because of the restrictions on students coming to America.

It is true that Meng Ssu-ming is here and that Dr. Beh Yin-tsai and Dr. Yang Kia-liang are in Canada, but Mr. Meng tells me that their passports were secured prior to the time when restrictions were put into effect.

Staff Personnel. Dr. Lindsay is expected in the near future as they arrived in the United States recently, also Dr. Lilljestrang. We have heard from Miss Robertson and will report to you later on her medical situation.

Insurance on University Buildings. We are deeply grateful for the copy of letter issued June 1, 1943 which has permitted us to go ahead and secure the insurance on the West China Plant. We have cabled you to this effect. We have also written you elsewhere on this matter.

With kindest regards, I am

Most sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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July 27, 1944

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

Dear Mr. Robertson:

I am acknowledging your letter of March 4th which arrived on April 17th and was available for the meeting of the Executive Committee in May. I will comment briefly upon the various paragraphs which you capitalize.

Youth Corps Building. I shared with Dr. Arnup previous material which you sent about this situation and we also had in hand two letters written by Dryden Phelps and it seemed to the officers of the Board that further action should not be taken at the present time, but that you on the field who are fully aware of the condition be on the alert for any opportunity to control the situation. I have been waiting to hear of the former Minister's returning to China, but upon last contact I find that he is still comfortably located on upper Park Avenue.

The full Board has not received all of the correspondence that has come to our office and quite naturally some of it could not be discussed with the former Minister.

I would appreciate hearing of any developments which may occur on this subject in the future. At present it is quiescent here.

China Medical Board. Dr. Kilborn gave us a very good idea of how things were working out in this cooperative enterprise and since the meeting of the Executive Committee the China Medical Board has voted its appropriation for this year, of which word has already been sent to the field. Dr. Forkner is scheduled to return and we are sincerely hoping that things will work out satisfactorily.

Honorary Degree. The letter from President Dsang has not been received as yet. There is no intention on the part of the Board of Trustees to make any issue of a thing of this sort—the only point being that any such degree conferred is spurious as not authority is vested in the University.

Harvard-Yenching Institute. I think I have written you elsewhere about the progress which has been made in ironing out this situation, especially with Dr. Kilborn here in America. I am seeking to have a meeting of the Educational Committee of the Institute and Dr. Kilborn early in the fall. This, I am sure, will thoroughly clarify the matter.

Associated Boards' Matters. Miss Priest gave Dr. Forkner a great deal of information which was of immense value to us. A great many things have happened since your letter was written and I am praying that some adjustment will be made whereby the United Clearing Board in China will be properly guided in selling its drafts as we are in more than a peek of trouble at this end, and even now I do not know which way the wind is blowing.

Nursing School. The Secretary was authorized to communicate with the China Medical Board and make a definite statement as to the understanding regarding the Nursing School. I have had considerable difficulty in making an appointment with Dr. Forkner, but I hope to get the issue clarified before he starts back to China. The

Mr. Robertson

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difficulty in making the appointment has been my own as every effort I have made has been thwarted by intervening circumstances.

Foreign Staff Appointments. Considerable time was given to this situation and since the meetings in the spring the matter has been brought more forcefully to our attention through the arrival in America of a large group of missionaries. Some way certainly must be found for replacing some of them or providing assistance.

At our Nanking meeting a motion was passed recommending the Associated Boards to ask all of the Colleges to restudy the Mission Board participation with the purpose of arriving at a more uniform basis of cooperation. It was intended that this should be in the direction of larger support. Mr. Ballou has in hand the active prosecution of this project.

Religious Activities. It has been a source of great regret to us that Dr. Phelps could not be at either of the Executive Committee meetings. We planned for him to be with us during the early part of May but his physicians forbade him to cross the continent. There was a report in hand telling of the progress of religious activities and for the church building.

University Hospital. The payments which you spoke of growing out of the agreement with certain parties to use part of the O.P.D. building have been received. I have written Mr. Small that this money is being held against drafts from the field.

Correspondence. Under this head you discuss several situations, especially mentioning Dr. McConaughy. I am hoping by the time this letter reaches you that he will have been welcomed in Chengtu. If he arrives at a not too distant date we bespeak for him a most cordial welcome.

I am thinking that if you could let Dr. Arnup have copies of covering letters, it might be well--the only difficulty involved being the cost. If you wish to send them to us we will re-mail them to him.

I have had several good letters from Miss Robertson and we are looking forward to seeing her sometime in the States although she is planning on a protracted furlough.

I have already drawn this letter out too long, especially as three other meetings are demanding my attention. I am casting off now on these belated appointments.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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August 1, 1944

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

Re: Eric Shaowu Cheo

Dear Mr. Robertson:

I think the matter of Eric Cheo is being cleared up. He has cabled us from Chungking for confirmation of his admission to Michigan and Michigan has replied. It now appears that the last barrier has been removed. I will let you know later upon his arrival.

This will acknowledge cables received from Dr. Agnew and yourself regarding Mr. Cheo.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS.

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August 9, 1944

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

Re: Insurance X

Dear Mr. Robertson:

Your letter of March 24th came to hand along with the listing of campus property and a copy of the map of the buildings. This was immediately submitted to the Insurance Company and as a result buildings are covered as per previous correspondence which I have mailed you covering this situation. We also cabled you since the deal was finally consummated.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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August 10, 1944

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

Dear Mr. Robertson:

Your letter of April 26th came to hand and I am grateful for your comments on various situations.

The Christmas Bag. I hope that this does not turn out to be a farce. We have purchased a number of articles at the instance of Dr. J. Claude Thomson. At one time he was getting away in June and secondly it was August 15th, and now it is aimed at September 15th. This is all contingent, of course, upon his getting passports but more effort might have produced early results.

I do not wonder that you did not get a perfectly clear idea regarding the whole transaction and frankly I am now not in a position to give first-hand information. Travel conditions are so terrible that any prognostication would be futile.

Correspondence. The slowness of the mails have not been entirely due to transportation. You have pretty well diagnosed the situation, but one must be on the ground to realize the extent of interruptions and the amount of time taken in attending meetings which are absolutely essential.

Dr. Y. G. Chen was in the office for a few days and as he left for just a few days rest at Amherst he admonished me to get out of the rush and turmoil for some sort of respite.

I am utterly ashamed of the way we have handled correspondence. Possibly we are no worse than some others although that is no excuse. I am thinking of one mission board secretary who answers field letters once every four months and scatters the dates or numbers of the letters he is acknowledging and mimeographs copies for the whole mission. Meantime some of the questions which have been raised in personal correspondence may have been the matter of life and death. We have not gone quite that far as yet.

The Insurance of Property. I have covered this subject elsewhere and I trust that you are now at ease on this score.

Trading on the Open Market. This certainly has been a headache and one of the causes of taking a great amount of time. You have more answers now than would be of much value than putting in this letter. So many of the transactions have been by cable and have gone through promptly that the ones which are coming by mail and causing the trouble should be overlooked. Nevertheless, some steps must be taken to clarify the whole situation and a meeting is being held on Tuesday to take further action.

John Kao. Whenever this matter comes up I feel like counting beads on a rosary so that I may calm myself and not be too harsh. He came into the office one day last winter and promised he would return to China. We gave him all instructions and have heard nothing from him since although we have written repeatedly and ten days ago sent a telegram, all of which must have reached their destination as none have been returned. I will still keep after him although he is the despair of those who have had any contact with him in America. Incidentally if my memory serves clearly, I asked the field for advice regarding funds advanced to him. On my own authority I told him if he was not going back to

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West China he should return the funds which were advanced to the University. Any advice you are willing to offer will be greatly appreciated.

Letters which you enclosed in your April 26th communication were mailed as requested.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS: "HUATA"

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THE BURSAR

CHENGDU, SZECHWAN
四川成都

August 12, 1944.

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

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University who has received permission to go abroad
for research and study.

Upon presentation of this letter will you kindly pay
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this amount to the current appropriation - account No.31 -
of West China Union University.

In order to protect Mr. Li, I am asking him to affix his
signature to this letter and will send you a copy for your
records. Please be sure that the signatures agree before
payment is made. Mr. Li may not be in New York as he will
be studying in Missouri, and will then send this letter to
you by mail.

Any favors extended to Mr. Li will be highly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

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Signature of Mr. Li:

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August 12, 1944

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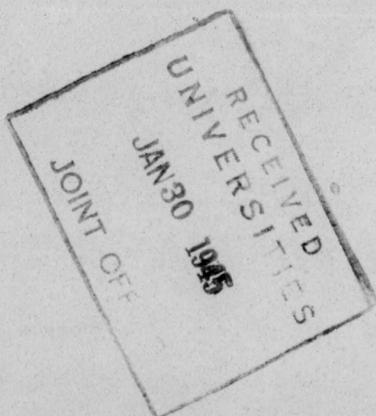
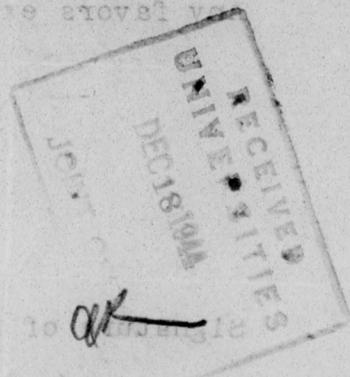
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August 29th, 1944

WEST CHINA UNION UNIVERSITY

To: Mr. C. A. Evans
Secretary, A.B.C.C.C.
150 - 5th Avenue
New York City

Dear Mr. Evans,

I wish to acknowledge your letters of July 18th, 3rd, June 29th, June 26th, and June 20th. I have no record of letters received between April 27th and June 20th. I have had one letter from Mr. Meng Ssu-ming after his arrival in New York. He did not then know whether or not he could get permission to travel to Canada. My letter of Nov. 18th referred to in yours of July 18th dealt with a "partial report on retrenchment effected by Chengtu universities, summer 1943", giving some explanations and personal comments. However that is ancient history now and perhaps has lost any value it may have had. It was the last letter written by Miss Robertson before she left Chengtu. It is a great relief to know that our buildings are insured in New York.

COVERING LETTER W.C.E.C. JULY 17th. Your report of the remarks made by Bishop Chen and Dr. Kilborn made very excellent reading. I would like to take some credit for urging you to take advantage of these West China people. I am sure their presence made all the difference and the value of their comments shows clearly the difference between letters from the field and personalities. I do not understand however your reference to the Harvard-Yenching Institute and hope to hear more in future letters; I had not heard that appropriations had been withheld from two of our institutions. It is true that the presidents have found it difficult to secure the coordination desired by Dr. Eliessseff. The Kilborn Memorial Library Fund is a splendid expression of the loyalty and devotion of that family. Dr. Leslie Kilborn's father was a first member of our mission to come to Chengtu and the first dean of the Medical College. The staff and Board of the Woman's College will be gratified and pleased with your report of the interest in their work. They are succeeding in keeping up certain standards which in other directions seem to be disappearing. Mr. J. H. Endicott is in India and we expect him here very shortly. His rejoining our English Department will be a great relief to the very much over-worked staff. The plan for consolidation of Trustee Boards was circulated among the presidents and studied with much interest. The advantages are evident and one is anxious only that such consolidation should not result in further separation of Christian higher education from the wider program of Christian work in China. I shall make sure that the President's report is mailed by the middle of September in order to reach you well before Nov. 2nd. He is at present enjoying a well earned two weeks' rest on a mountain range not far from Chengtu. We have had a number of special problems this summer which took a good bit of his nervous and physical strength.

THE BUDGET ESTIMATES. I am enclosing printed copy of Board of Directors Executive Committee minutes including the budget estimates. Since I wrote you in July the situation here in regard to the selling of gold by the Chungking Committee has entirely changed, but as you will have heard from Miss Priest and from Mr. Edwards the details concerning this, I shall not cover the same ground again. However we are still in the position of not knowing what our income for the year 1944-45 will be. I understand that the decision of the U. C. R. Committee is to be made early in September and we shall be anxious to hear what is decided at that time. I am not well

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informed of the prospects and plans of the institutions not in Chengtu, and I do not know how their financial needs will affect the budgets of the five universities here. As you know one of our biggest items is that for rice for the staff and we are disappointed up to the present, in not being successful in persuading the authorities to reduce the announced price for the coming academic year. The present crop is a bumper one but of course there are other considerations which enter in and which help to determine the price of rice. So we find ourselves once again entering a new year without any clear idea as to whether our income will meet the contracted expenditures. There has been some reduction of staff and some cutting down of running expenses but our difficulties in these matters have been greater than our capacity for dealing with them.

FURLOUGHS. I am enclosing a page of our printed General Faculty minutes covering the departure for furlough of staff members. This will serve to bring home to you the severe depreciation of our staff which has been taking place. We shall look for some action to be taken at the November meeting of the Board of Governors dealing with future policy in regard to appointments to the staff. And that reminds me that we have had no acknowledgements of the letter sent you by the President dated May 5th and dealing with this matter.

RELIGIOUS ACTIVITY. We sadly miss Dr. Phelps as the driving force and the organizer of much of the religious life in this university community. This summer it was possible to hold two seminars at the mountain resort where a building was erected several years ago for this special purpose. These are reported to have been quite successful. The summer services and the regular Sunday Services were continued at the university this summer and we have been a little surprised at the large attendance. It is certainly an inspiration to meet in the services several hundred of these young students. In this connection the going on furlough of Miss Ward and Miss Downer leaves a gap which will be hard to fill, because of their faithful work in connection with the music of the religious services. Miss Ward had succeeded in training a choir which would compare very favorably with those of churches in Canada or the U. S. A.

You will be interested in a series of lectures which the university community church has arranged for the opening of the term. The purpose is a better understanding of Christianity and these are the subjects and speakers; "Background of the New Testament" by Mr. Wallace Wang and Dr. Cheo Pin-yi, "The Life and Teaching of Jesus Christ" by Dr. Chang Peh-huai, "The History of the Church" by Bishop T. K. Shen, "What it means to be a christian" by Dr. Y. T. Wu and Dr. Luther Shao. You will know most of these men and we are hoping for real results from this effort.

More students even than last year took the entrance examinations of the universities here. Arrangement was made for students in Chungking to write these examinations at the same time. In all we have 2600 students taking the examinations. Our plan is to admit about 200. Recently we received from the government a request to admit a special class of students wishing to study pharmacy; this is in connection with the government scheme to provide a large number of pharmacists. We are now entering on our third year of cooperating with the government in the training of dentists. It seems right and proper that we should cooperate in this kind of special training but under present-time war conditions, when it is not possible to erect buildings because of the excessive cost, our problems connected with dormitory accommodation become greater with each year.

The war news of recent weeks has caused most people to wonder whether

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or not we may look for the ending of the war in Europe within a matter of months. And of course we all hope that it may not be too long after before we can expect conditions in China to change from those of war to peace. We cannot see very clearly what the course of events will be and we know that all our problems will not disappear; but it will be a great day when we can begin to plan for our university in the New China that is to be.

With kindest personal regards,

Yours sincerely,

(signed) H. D. Robertson

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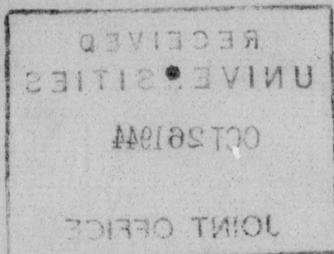
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Oct. 12th, 1944

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Dr. McConaughy was here for a few days only after spending some weeks in Chungking. He met a good number of our people and spoke to a meeting of the staff. He left hoping to reach New York in time for the U.C.R. dinner on the Double Tenth but feared that he would not make it. He seemed to be much interested in what he saw here. Dr. Forker has arrived and we are delighted to have him with us again. Dr. Balfour of the Rockefeller Foundation is in town for a few days and as always, his outlook encourages us.

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The Chungking United Clearing Board situation seems to be clearing up but I take it you are fully informed of developments in your correspondence with Miss Priest. We are very anxious to keep our local conditions looking to the future and it is now agreed that the universities here shall have a monthly quota of gold funds to be sold. The rate of exchange is still unfavorable as compared with that obtained for pounds sterling. We are still concerned about meeting our deficits and as the rate of exchange is likely to improve from our point of view, I hope you have reserved all West China University funds not contributed by the U.C.R.. If we have these available next spring it may make a big difference to our income for the year.

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I presume the date of the annual meeting of the Board of Governors has not been changed and I hope you have with you a number of our people who are now on furlough. We are finding it very difficult to arrange a meeting of our Board of Directors which the majority of the members can attend. If the occasion should arise please remember us to Minister Chang.

There has been a gap in the delivery of home mail and nothing has been received here since Sept. 14th.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

Enclosures: Letter to Mr. Meng Sau-ming,
President's letter of Oct. 29,
C. to Dr. Arnup

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Enclosure: letter to Mr. Meng Sau-ming, President's letter of Oct. 29.

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Dear Mr. Evans,

I have no letters from the New York office to acknowledge. This is in the nature of a covering letter for the minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors and a subsequent meeting of the Executive Committee, which are not yet printed.

Owing to difficulties of travel and other circumstances it was impossible for several members of the Board to attend the meeting and all who could, were asked to appoint representatives living in Chengtu who could attend. Consequently we had a good number present. But of course it is not quite as satisfactory as having the original members. The meeting was rather a hurried one because certain members could not give more than a limited time but considerable business was done and questions were raised which will be dealt with during the year.

Endowment Fund. The President made a statement regarding the status of the Endowment Fund and presented the report of the Alumni Association. He said that he hoped that the annual interest would be in the neighbourhood of NC\$1,600,000. The Executive Committee was made responsible for the investment and distribution of these funds and the interest received is to be handled through the Bursar's office.

Leave of Absence for President Dsang. In his report the President said that for some time he had felt under ~~power~~ and during the summer he had not been able to get any real rest. Many difficult problems had arisen which had used up his energy. In these circumstances he would like the Board of Directors to grant him leave of absence during November and December. Mr. Fong had agreed to act during his absence and he had consulted with the officers of the University as to their duties during this period. The Board granted this request and referred to the Executive Committee, the question of a suitable honourarium to enable him to get a good rest and proper medical attention. At its meeting on Saturday, the Executive Committee dealt with this matter, granting him a sum from the interest on the Endowment Funds.

See W.C.U. Budget 1944-45. file
The Bursar presented a revised budget, a copy of which I enclosed. You will notice some difference in the items, and the possible reduction of the deficit to the amount indicated. I might call your attention to the item under income, balance July 1, of which I think, Mr. Small has already written you. Also everything depends on how the cost of living index behaves and whether or not we are able to secure government rice at the present rate which is what we have been promised. However, all the uncertainties we have known in the past are still with us as we think of the future and our hope is based on conditions over which we have no control.

University Hospital. The agreement between the University and the visitors who are using it was approved. This has been a wonderful help to us and we hope to receive further benefits when the war ends.

Additional Pharmacy Students. A request was received from the Ministry of Education to enroll an additional class of fifty students in the Department of Pharmacy and NC\$1,000,000 was sent to us to help bear the increased expense. This request, like that received in connection with the education of a larger number of dental students, is part of the scheme to provide a larger number of trained personnel. We have the facilities and are of course, anxious to help in every possible way. However, dormitory accommodation and laboratory space constitute real difficulties. Under

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Appointment of Western Members of the University Staff. The resolution of the Annual Meeting, Jan. 19, 1944, of the West China Mission of the U.C.C., was read and referred to the Executive Committee. I reported that I understood this matter was being discussed at the meeting of Governors in November.

A member of the Board brought up the matter of the responsibility of the Board of Directors for finances and the size of the student body and as there was not time for general discussion these matters were referred to the Executive Committee for consideration. During the war years there has been a tendency for everything connected with the Institution being left to the administration and meetings of the Board have not meant as much as they were intended to mean. Local war conditions are partly responsible for this but it is something which must be remedied at the earliest possible moment. Many questions are involved in this development and perhaps we must wait till the war is over before the proper adjustment can be made.

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Sincerely yours,

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Dear Mr. Evans,

I must add a note to ask you to pardon the corrections in the typed letter. I now have the daughter of Dr. Francis ~~Wei~~ with me in the office and she is picking up her shorthand and typing after some years. I like her as a person very much indeed and hope she will be sufficiently interested to stay. Those fortunate people who have been at the ~~fronts~~ are having the usual difficulty in getting back due to rains and washed out bridges. We are worried over the latest news from the fighting area in south west china and still hope it may be possible to hold that important air base; many people are inclined to discount the strength of our enemy because of the success we are having on other fronts. I myself believe that the collapse of Germany followed by an attack from the sea on the islands of japan would be the quickest way to end the war in china. From this distance it looks as if the allies are going all out to use speed and surprise to rout the Germans and force them out of all the occupied countries. And it may be a race against time in that the possibilities of the flying bomb and the radio controlled bomb being used with much more deadly effect, seem to be all in favor of the enemy. I must admit that all the planning and invention necessary to carry on this war to a successful ending is something too big for my imagination. H. W. Robertson

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