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111, Swinderby Road,
WEMBLEY, Middlesex.
23rd August, 1935.

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

Dear Dr. Garside,

A few weeks ago Mr. Silcock told me about your doctorate, and I send my heartiest congratulations.

I understand that Mr. Silcock has now learned from Chengtu that the University is unable to do anything about making a financial contribution towards the support of its urgently needed secretary, and that if anything is done it must be done here and in America. The British Board is to meet next month, and send some recommendation to the Annual Meeting in New York. This means, of course, that in the ordinary way I should not hear their decision until about the end of October. As you may imagine I am eager for news as soon as possible, and I wonder if you would be so kind as to send me a Night Letter Telegram after the Board meeting. I would gladly meet the cost of this if you would let me know how much it is. As we have an office telegraphic address, I suggest you send it to me at the B.M.S. - i.e. ASIATIC, FLEET, LONDON.

Money raising seems to be a pretty uphill job in this country, and I don't suppose you are finding it easy in America. You certainly have my very best wishes for your autumn campaign and for the all annual and other Board meetings which are held during these next months.

Yours sincerely,

M. Robertson.

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September 11, 1935

Miss Marjorie Robertson
111 Swinderby Road
Wembley, Middlesex, England

My dear Miss Robertson:

Thanks for the kind felicitations in your letter of August 23rd. I am afraid that it takes more than a diploma, a hood and a laudatory citation to transform a very ordinary individual into a convincing "Doctor". My young daughter is openly sceptical as to the effect in my particular case, for she insists that if I really were a doctor I would be able to cure anyone who is sick.

We have all been very much disappointed that as yet no West China funds have been discovered, either in Chengtu or here in the West which can be used for the support of a secretary. This is really one of the most urgent needs of the University, and for several years I have been saying to Dr. Daang and Dr. Beech that it seems to me that they should put an appropriation for this position into their regular budget, even though it might mean the cutting down of their staff at some other place. But we appreciate the critical state of their finances, with income from the West shrinking and with the exchange rate much more unfavorable than it was a few years ago.

We are regretful all the more that these funds have not been found since you have expressed your willingness to go out to the University for this secretarial work. Certainly you could render a particularly valuable service in this field.

We will try to impress again upon the consciousness of the Board of Governors at the Annual Meeting next month the importance of this secretarial need and will urge them to seek again for some means of providing the necessary funds. We will also keep this need in mind in all our promotional efforts during the coming year. I am reminding Mr. Sherwood and Mrs. Macmillan of the urgency of this item on our list of West China needs.

Should any favorable action be taken on the matter at the Annual Meeting of our Governors we will immediately cable you, as you suggest. However, as I consider the state, not only of our West China finances but also of the mental attitude of most of our West China Governors, I am not very optimistic of any immediate success.

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Here in America we are compelled to go forward slowly with our task of securing funds, not only because of the past economic conditions but also because we are breaking new ground and are compelled to move carefully to avoid making too many blunders which would arise to handicap us later.

With all good wishes, I am

Very cordially yours,

B A GARSIDE

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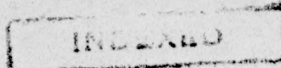
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October 22, 1935

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Miss Marjorie Robertson
111 Swinderby Road
Wembley, Middlesex, England

My dear Miss Robertson:

I trust that the cable we sent to London shortly after the Annual Meeting of our West China Governors was transmitted to you promptly and that by this time you are beginning to plan actively for getting out to West China.

The action of the West China Governors with regard to your appointment reads as follows:-

G-119 v- "RESOLVED 1. That the Board approve of appointing Miss Robertson to this post on condition that the British members of the Board can arrange to secure the money needed for her outfit and passage to China.

"2. That the promotional department of the Board of Governors make the support of Miss Robertson a special object of appeal."

The only condition to be met before your appointment is definitely confirmed is therefore that the British constituency of the University make arrangements to cover your outfit allowance and your outgoing travel. Once you arrive at the University, the Board of Governors undertakes your support the same way it is already providing the support of three other administrative officers - Dr. Beech, Mr. Albertson, and Mr. Small. While we are making the securing of your support a special promotional objective this year, we need not hold up the confirmation of your appointment until this support has actually been secured, for there is room within the item of US\$7,500 in this year's budget for the support of the Board of Governors' personnel to take care of your salary after you reach China, even if special funds are not secured.

We earnestly hope that the British friends of West China will be able to provide the amount required for your outfit and outgoing travel within the immediate future, for your presence at Chengtu is very urgently needed.

I have written Mr. Silcock along these same lines, and have raised with him the question of whether it would not be wise to request either the Friends Service Council or the Church Missionary Society to provide for your

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appointment under the same arrangements as we already have for Dr. Beech, Mr. Albertson, and Mr. Small - namely that you would draw the same salary and allowances as other regular missionaries of the Board which appoints you, but that the West China Board of Governors would reimburse the appointing Society for all the disbursements they make in your behalf.

We are all very much pleased that the West China Board was able to take this constructive action. We earnestly hope that you may soon be on your way to China, and we are confident that you can render a wonderfully fine service there.

Very cordially yours,

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111, Swinley Road,
Wembley, Middx.

31st October 1935.

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Dear Dr. Garside,

Very many thanks
indeed for your letters of
September 11th & October 22nd,
the former of which led me
to believe I might quite
easily have to wait till next
autumn before setting out for
Shanghai.

You can well believe
what a delightful surprise
it was to get cabled news
a fortnight ago, confirmed
in your letter of October 22nd,

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that the Governors had approved my appointment as Secretary for the West Africa Union University, on condition that money to cover passage & outfit is secured in England.

Mr. Silcock & the other Governors have this matter in hand, & also the matter of my mission leave with one of the British Boards; and we all hope it may be possible for me to leave for Africa by the end of the year, or early in January. I am thrilled at the prospect of sharing in the work at length & most grateful to you for all you have done to make

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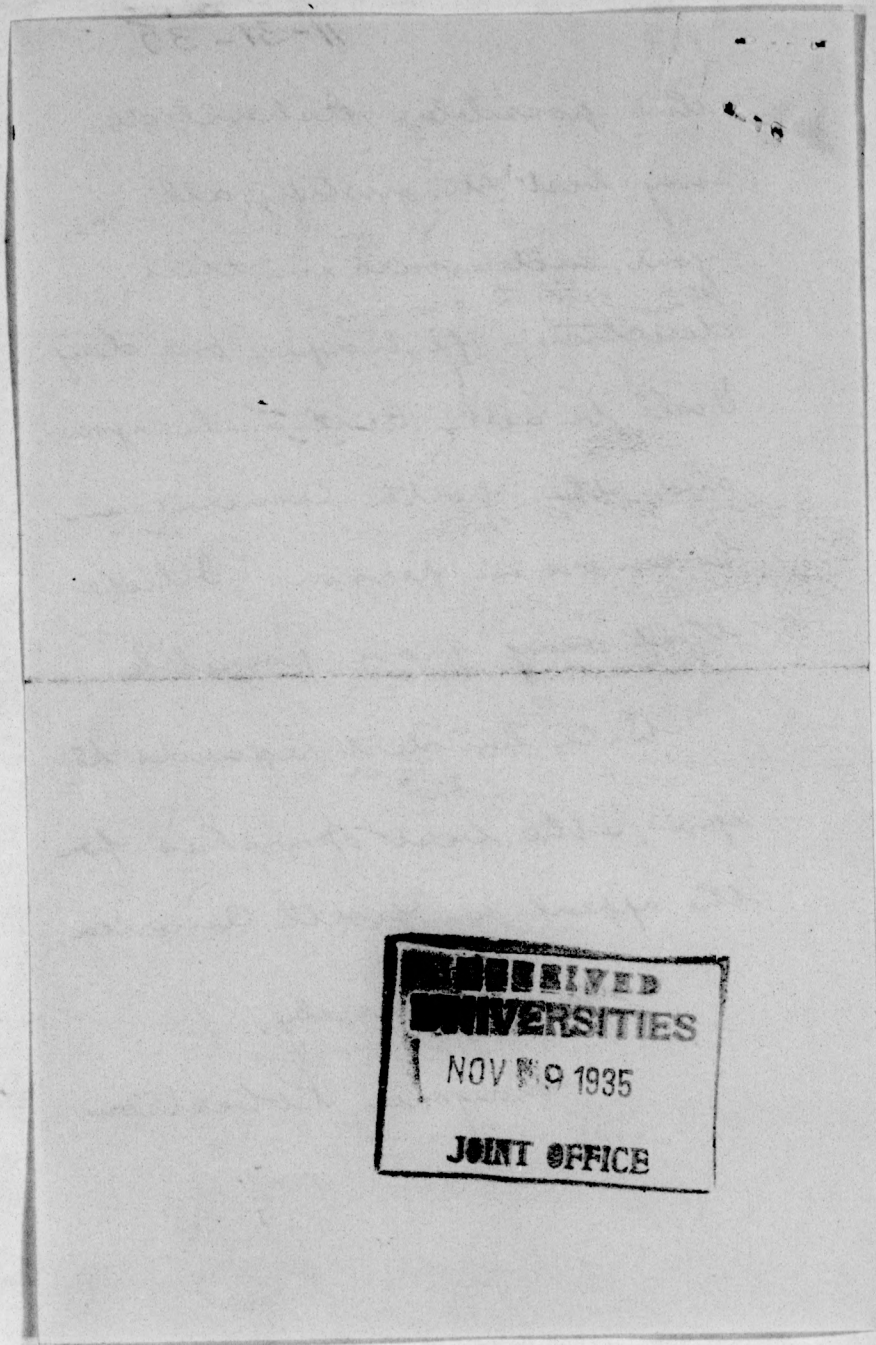
this possible. I shall do
my best to justify all
your endeavours in this
direction - perhaps one day
I will be able to thank you
and the North American
Governors in person. I hope
that may prove possible.

With kindest regards to
you, & the best wishes for
the appeal in North America,

Yours sincerely,

Maïorie Robertson.

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November 11, 1935

Miss Marjorie Robertson,
111 Swinderby Road,
Wembley, Middlesex, England

Dear Miss Robertson,

Glad to learn from your letter of October 31st that you are hopeful of getting started to Chengtu by the end of the year. There is a great need for you there, and we are all confident that you can render a splendid service to the University and to the cause of Christ in China.

As yet I have had no direct word from Mr. Silcock, but I hope that he will soon be able to send a report of definite progress toward completion of arrangements for your appointment.

Just as soon as the details of your plans become definite enough for us to discuss concretely your work at Chengtu, I may write at somewhat greater length concerning various points at which you can be of particular value in bringing about closer relations between Chengtu and New York.

Will you be so kind as to send our New York office a photograph of yourself, which we can use in introducing you to American friends who have not as yet had an opportunity to meet you in person? We need this both in our general publicity and also in connection with our special efforts to secure gifts applicable to your salary.

I do hope that we'll be seeing you in America some day - if not on your outgoing trip to China at least on your return a few years hence.

Cordially,

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111, Swinnderby Road,
Wembley, Middle.

November 26th 1935

Ack 12/1/35

Dear Dr. Garside,

Thank you for your kind letter
of November 11th. By now you will know
I leave England on November 30th &
expect to reach Shanghai on January 1st.
Perhaps your letter about my acting as a
link between the University & New York
will await me in Shanghai - also the
letter containing details of my contract.

As my mission link is still undecided,
Mr. J. H. Irving, B.M.S. Accountant, has
kindly offered to act as my banker in
England, to facilitate payment of my
insurance premium etc forth with you,
or the Board who pay my salary, kindly
deduct each month ^(commencing in April 1936) the equivalent of 30/-
(or the nearest number of dollars to such
equivalent) & pay this money over quarterly
to Mr. Irving for my account at B.M.S.?

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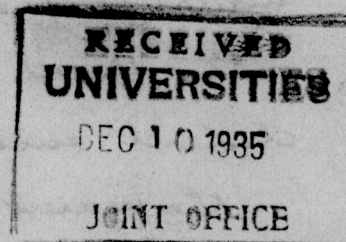
As requested, I gladly send a
photograph for use in North America.
I shall indeed hope to meet American
& Canadian friends when I return
on furlough a few years hence.

With all best wishes for your
endeavours on behalf of the Universities,

Yours very sincerely,

Margie Robertson.

P.S. I have just had a
note from Mr. Silcock
re financial arrangements
of which he is sending
you a copy.



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West China

December 16, 1935

Miss Marjorie Robertson
c/o Associated Missions Treasurers
Post Office Box 251
Shanghai, China

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My dear Miss Robertsons:

We trust that when this letter reaches you you will be safely arrived in Shanghai after a very pleasant voyage from England.

We have been in correspondence and consultation with the Woman's American Baptist Foreign Missionary Society with regard to their including you among their representatives at West China Union University. The Society is very cordial to the suggestion, although they have to give the matter rather careful study because they have a regulation to the effect that they can not appoint anyone whom the secretaries of the Society have not seen as one of the regular missionaries of the Society. I hope the Society can find some way to meet this regulation, either by accepting the testimony of Mr. C. E. Wilson and others of the English Baptist Missionary Society, or, if necessary, by getting endorsements from the representatives of the W.A.B.F.M.S. in China.

Meantime, it is important that we see to it that funds are provided for you. I am enclosing herewith a draft for \$502.10 Shanghai dollars which is the equivalent at today's rate of exchange of US\$150. The Baptist Woman's Board rate of salary for a single woman in China is US\$75 per month, so this enclosed draft will take care of your salary for two months. From the letter Mr. Silcock wrote you on November 26th, a copy of which he sent me, I understand that the funds provided you when you left England were adequate to cover your expenses until you arrive in Shanghai together with your travel up-river to Chengtu, and that according to the usual custom of the British Board your salary would begin from the date you arrive in Shanghai. If I am correct in my understanding this enclosed draft would cover your salary from January 8th to March 7th inclusive. Please let me know frankly, however, if this is not an equitable arrangement, and we will be happy to make any necessary adjustment.

I hope that before we get to the close of March 7th, some definite arrangement with the Baptist Woman's Board will have been made, and that they will be in a position to begin paying your salary from that point on. But if final decisions are delayed, we will write you again in February, continuing your salary payments from month to month until more definite arrangements have been made.

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We have, of course, sent the field the good news that you are on your way to China, and no doubt Mr. Silcock has written also. I hope that you will find all arrangements made at the University to give you a hearty and cordial reception. I know they will be very happy to have you on the campus and that there will be many important tasks which you can undertake immediately. I am enclosing herewith another letter taking up some of the definite ways in which you can render a valuable service in tying more closely together the University itself with the offices in New York and London.

With all good wishes for your happiness and success during the New Year, I am

Very cordially yours,

B A GARSIDE

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December 24, 1935

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Miss Marjorie Robertson,
West China Union University,
Chengtu, Szechuan.

Dear Miss Robertson,

I failed to get into the envelope with the letter I wrote you last week this present attempt to summarize some of the ways in which your presence in Chengtu will help to strengthen the ties between the University and its home-base constituency. Perhaps, however, it is just as well that this letter will not reach you until you have arrived on the campus and have had a chance to view the situation at first hand.

First of all, I suspect that you will find so many things need to be done that you are apt to feel a bit overwhelmed. I have mentally pictured the situation at W.C.U.U. as regards records, correspondence, and office affairs generally as resembling that of a household where the men have for a protracted period been doing all the housekeeping, save for sporadic help they may have called in occasionally when things got too bad. I am afraid all your feminine housewively instincts may stand aghast and dismayed at a state of disorder and untidiness with which you will have to deal. But then I hope that the situation may be much better than these imaginings. In any event, you will find lots to do - more than any single individual could possibly accomplish - and you will have to choose what are the things which are so important that they must take precedence even at the expense of minor things left undone.

One of the matters where, it seems to me, greater emphasis should be placed by the University, is the preparation of reports to special groups here in the West. I have frequently felt that our friends in Chengtu have not fully realized the importance of sending prompt and carefully prepared reports each year to the organizations here which require them. Of course, it is always easy to put off from day to day the preparation of such reports when there is such a constant pressure of daily routine tasks which must be performed. And the longer a report is delayed the greater is the temptation to prepare it hastily, and without taking

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time to do the work thoroughly and accurately. Yet those of us here at the time have had many convincing evidences of the fact that the absence or delay of a report may mean the difference between cordiality and increased support on the one hand, and criticism and withdrawal of help on the other.

One report with which we have long had difficulty with our friends in West China is the annual report required by the Board of Regents of the University of the State of New York. The Regents require that this be mailed by each institution to which the Regents have granted incorporation at the close of each academic year, and not later than June 30th. This would mean that the West China Report should reach our office here about the middle of August, and could be in the hands of the officials in Albany well before the first of September. Frequently these reports do not reach us until October or November. Some years they have been neglected altogether. Since the Regents cannot prepare their own reports until all institutions have been heard from, you can imagine the attitude of mind they sometimes have toward West China Union University. Their indignation is frequently increased by the fact that when reports do arrive they are incomplete and inaccurate, and bear evidences of having been carelessly done. You will find in the correspondence from our office a number of very long communications on this subject, so I need not go into the details again. But we do hope very sincerely that you will be able to convert the officials of the University to a better way of life at this particular point, and that before the clock strikes midnight on June 30th, 1936 you will have the report for the New York Regents completed and in the mails.

A second source of rather constant irritation has been the reports requested by the Board of Trustees of the Harvard-Yenching Institute. Dean Chase and Dr. Klisseff have written frequently during recent years explaining with meticulous care just exactly what information they desire from the University and the form in which this information should be supplied. Yet the University has been guilty during the last few years of sins both of omission and commission. Sometimes their reports to the Institute have been overlooked, delayed, and incomplete. At other times they have sent material that was too voluminous and undigested to be of any great value without a long and tedious process of sifting a great deal of chaff to find a few kernels of wheat. I have frequently had a suspicion that our overworked officials in Chengtu have not taken the time to study carefully the instructions sent to them from the Institute - otherwise they should have been able to prepare reports which were much more complete and comprehensive and yet at the same time much more concise.

A third point at which the University has suffered from the effects of inadequate information has been in the matter of statistics as to the amount and expense of the University's work. It has never been possible for our New York office to prepare a simple and accurate statement as to just what work the University is doing and how much it spends each year in doing that work. The so called "University budget" is not a complete one, since it does not take into account the contributions of the Mission Boards in personnel and in the upkeep and maintenance of the property they own on the University campus. The most complete figures we have been able to secure for West China from year to year are so small, in comparison with the other China Colleges, that they give the

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unavoidable impression that West China is a very small and insignificant institution. This is a serious handicap to all of our publicity and promotional efforts here. Dr. Beech has for many years had the fear that if all the facts with regard to the contributions of the participating Mission Boards were published too widely, some of the Boards would be so greatly impressed by the size of their contribution that they would be inclined to withdraw some of it. Even though there may be some grounds for such a fear, we now have the contrasting difficulty that many of the Boards have an exaggerated impression of what they are doing and all are inclined to view with suspicion and dissatisfaction a policy which they feel conceals facts to which they are entitled. I recognize that this is a matter in which the views of the field appear to be at variance from those here in the West. We appreciate that you must carry out loyally the wishes and policies of those in charge there at the University, and that they must not look upon you as in any sense a spy of the Board of Governors. But we do hope that, with your knowledge of the situation and attitudes here in the West, it will be possible for you to find some way to reconcile these two views.

In the more general field of correspondence between the field and the home base, your presence on the campus will prove invaluable. It has been impossible for President Dsang and Dr. Beech and Mr. Albertson to write as frequently as they and we would desire. I am sure that with your coming there will be a great improvement at this point - though we must keep in mind that there is a limit to what one individual can do. I know that much of your time will be taken up with duties related to the routine of the campus, and that your time for correspondence and reports going to London and New York will be quite limited.

We hope that when you read this letter you will be safely arrived in Chengtu and happily settled down on the campus of the University. We are waiting eagerly for news of your journey.

Very cordially yours,

B A GARSIDE

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West China

January 6, 1936

Memo to Mr. Garside
Miss Peters

Excerpt from Miss Marjorie Robertson's letter of November 26th, 1935:-

"As my mission link is still undecided, Mr. J. H. Ewing, B.M.S. Accountant, has kindly offered to act as my banker in England, to facilitate payment of my insurance premium, and so forth. Will you, or the Board who pays my salary, kindly deduct each month, (commencing in April 1936) the equivalent of 3% - (or the nearest number of dollars to such equivalent) and pay this money over quarterly to Mr. Ewing for my account at B.M.S.?"

Helen Varian

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The Missionary Home,
4, Quinsan Gardens,
SHANGHAI.

11th January, 1936.

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

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Dear Mr. Garside,

Thank you for your kind letter of December 16th enclosing a draft for \$502.10 Shanghai dollars, to cover my salary for the period January 8th to March 7th inclusive. In view of the fact that my salary would commence on my arrival in China, the British Section of the West China Board have made me a grant to cover all my travelling expenses up to Chengtu, so that I am perfectly satisfied with the arrangement.

I have been thinking over the question of my Mission link and do see in a very clear way the difficulty which the American Baptist Women's Board feel in regard to appointing me as one of their associate missionaries. May I make a suggestion? I am quite sure the Baptist Missionary Society secretaries would be only too pleased to do anything they can in the matter. Miss Bowser (Woman's Secretary) said so much in her letter to Mr. Silcock before the British Section considered my application in the first instance in September 1934. I have been working at B.M.S. House for a good proportion of the past ten years, first in the Cheeloo Office and then as part time worker in the Medical Department, and more recently in the Home Department. It is a pity we had not thought of this problem of mission link before Mr. Wilson came over to America last year, for he could have discussed it personally with the American Baptist Board. If other references are thought advisable, any of the following friends would speak of their knowledge of me:

Miss Irene Cox, O.B.E., Little Hobbs Cottage, Tandridge,
near Oxted, Surrey,
formerly General Secretary of the British National Y.W.C.A.
to whom I acted as secretary for five years.

Mrs. J.C. Carr, Old Court Hall, Godmanchester, Huntingdon.

Rev. T.P. Skillings, 95, Lionel Road, Gunnersbury Park,
Brentford, Middlesex.

a former minister of my Church who knows me intimately.

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Miss Marguerite E. Lewis, 100, Lakeshore Boulevard,
Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

who has known me since 1912.
She is a graduate of Toronto Bible College.

Miss Nettie Guy, (or she may be Mrs. Elsdon by the
time she could receive a letter
from New York, but I do not know
the wedding date)
Kingsley Hall, Bow, London, E. 3., England.

who has known me since 1916.

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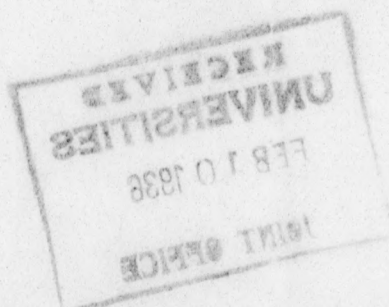
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You will be glad to hear that I am having
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the utmost value when I get to Chengtu. Miss Graham
of the United Church of Canada is due early next week,
so I am waiting for her arrival before making definite
plans about the up-river journey, so that we may travel
together. The trip from England has been most
enjoyable, and now I look forward to an even more
thrilling journey up to Chengtu.

With kindest regards and best of wishes for
a very happy and successful New Year,

Yours sincerely,

Marjorie Robertson.



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Miss Margaret E. Lewis, 100, Lakeshore Boulevard,
Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

who has known me since 1913.
She is a graduate of Toronto Bible College.

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Marjorie Robertson



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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT



CHENGDU, WEST CHINA

21st February, 1936.

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

Dear Dr. Garside,

Your letter of December 24th greeted me on my arrival at the University on Sunday afternoon last, the 16th inst. Thank you for it. The situation here is very much as you picture it - there is a vast amount of tidying and sorting to be done, and a good deal of system and method to be worked into the office side of things, but that will come gradually. However, I am planning to do a bit of tidying each day and not worry unduly if some days the amount is rather small. At present Dr. Beech is very busy with correspondence before he leaves for the States. Dr. Dsang also has arrears of correspondence, and as soon as I can spare the time Mr. Albertson will be glad of my help. At present I am giving about 1½ hours to language each day, but when Dr. Beech leaves I hope to put in more time on this side. Of course the long summer vacation will provide a splendid opportunity for more concentrated attention on language. I am very glad it is possible for me to make a start now with Chinese, as I gather more and more work will fall to me as the months pass, and then there will be less opportunity for language work.

We are hoping that the Board of Directors will meet at the end of next week, but it is rather difficult to find a suitable date when folk from Chungking can be here. After that Dr. Dsang plans to write a report for the Board of Governors. I will certainly do my utmost to see that you get regular and appropriate reports. When time permits I want to go through all the files and see just what has been happening, then I will doubtless discover your letters with instructions for the various types of report. I am afraid the reason you have not had the proper statistical reports is that Mr. Albertson is very badly overworked and has so little assistance in his office. Really it is a wonder he keeps up with the ordinary things, let alone any extras. Still when we get straighter I may be able to give him just that help he needs.

I am looking forward to being able to keep strong links between the University and groups in Shanghai, and between the University and the mission boards and other groups in the west, but it looks as though it will take quite a time to develop all these plans, and for a time there may not seem to be much improvement. I feel sure, however, that you will understand this and be patient if we seem a little slow in falling in with your excellent suggestions.

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I had a wonderfully interesting time in Shanghai and made useful contacts there, as well as attending the meetings of the Council of Higher Education. It was most interesting to meet so many Presidents and other members of staff of the various Universities, and to hear their discussions on the various problems before them. You will, of course, be receiving the Minutes soon, or possibly you may have them already. It really was a splendid meeting, the atmosphere was friendly and earnest, and the Council is tackling problems in a most courageous fashion. It will make a lot of difference to my work here to have been at the gathering, for now I can picture West China as one of the group, rather than as an isolated University somewhat 'off the map'. I expect I will be giving some sort of report to the Directors at their meeting next week.

The trip up river was quite good, particularly of course the wonderful trip through the Gorges - fortunately the weather was fine and quite warm at times, and there was only one day of true Szechwanese drizzle. I would not have missed that trip for anything - the scenery is so grand, awesome, mysterious, majestic, and then as the valleys widen out there is a surprising amount of green everywhere, for every available inch of soil is well cultivated. I spent nearly two days in Chungking at the Canadian Agency and then came on to Chengtu by air - a great thrill, for it was my first air trip, and the weather was good apart from a few clouds over the highest peaks. The Crawfords and Mr. Sewell came to meet me with the ambulance! I am thoroughly enjoying life with the Sewells, and it is great getting to know the very fine friendly folk on the campus. By the way I have arrived just at the right time for spring is in the air, and the new leaves are bursting forth and the flowering trees are a picture of loveliness, the grass is freshening up and the birds are singing with joy.

Did I tell you in my last letter (I have not it with me at the moment) that I was able to visit St. John's and the University of Shanghai. I was in Hankow long enough to get over to Wuchang to see Dr. Wei at Central China College. These glimpses of other Universities were very valuable, and I hope that some day I may be fortunate enough to visit some of the universities in more distant cities.

You will be interested to hear that we have just learned that Mrs. Carr hopes to come to China this year. We greatly hope she will get to West China this time - I am sure she will if she possibly can, and you can understand that Mr. Sewell and I will be specially delighted to welcome her.

Let me know at any time if there is anything I can do to aid you in your publicity and promotional work in the United States, and I will do my best to give just the help you need.

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I am very thrilled to be here - in the land of
heart's desire - and look forward to many years of happy
service in the University.

With all best wishes for your work on behalf of
all the Universities, and with kindest regards,

Believe me,
Yours very sincerely,

M. Robertson.

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Apologies for the uneven margin - the typewriter needs a little
adjustment after a year of somewhat heavy treatment!

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February 27, 1936

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Miss Marjorie Robertson
West China Union University
Chengtu, Szechwan, China

My dear Miss Robertson:

We were delighted to get your letter of January 11th and to know that you had arrived in Shanghai safely. I hope that by this time you have successfully navigated the Yangtze gorges and are snugly established on the West China campus.

Thanks for the helpful suggestions as to individuals to whom we might write for reference. The question of finding the right missionary society to undertake your support seems to be quite a tedious one but I am sure that we will ultimately find a solution for it. It is merely one more demonstration of the fact that the machinery of missionary organizations moves slowly and ponderously, and that frequently the wheels groan and squeak quite a bit in the process. In your particular case, we have several factors which have not previously confronted us, since you are the first person we have sent out for secretarial work (for a good many years at least) and also since we have not heretofore had the proposal that a society on one side of the Atlantic appoint an individual from the other side. Anyway, there is one element in the situation which gives us all great satisfaction, and makes it certain that the technicalities will ultimately be solved satisfactorily - we are all agreed that we have a thoroughly qualified young lady who is an extremely valuable addition to the University staff, and one who will be a credit to any one of our supporting missionary organizations.

I am enclosing herewith a draft for LC\$ ^{442.63 (US \$135)} ~~to cover~~ your salary from March 7th to April 30th. We are sending you a remittance for this period of one month and twenty-four days so as to bring your salary to the end of the calendar month. From this point on we will send you a draft for each month, forwarding it early enough so as to reach you about the 25th of the month which it is to cover. Will this be satisfactory to you? Also, is our method of sending drafts in Shanghai local currency the most satisfactory for you, or would checks in United States currency be as good or better? We hope of course, that some more permanent arrangement will be made soon but meantime we wish to take the proper care of you.

Very cordially yours,

B A GARSIDE

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West China

February 28, 1936

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Miss Marjorie Robertson
West China Union University
Chengtú, Szechwan, China

My dear Miss Robertson:

I have just received a letter from Mr. Harry T. Silcock in which he discusses in much greater detail than heretofore the possibilities of your having at least an affiliated relationship with one of the British Boards participating in the University. He discusses in particular the possibility of your having some relationship with the Friends' Service Council. He expresses the general opinion that if such a relationship is desired by yourself and by the group of Friends in West China, it is likely that the Friends Service Council would approve such a relationship.

I understand that Mr. Paul Sturge is writing Chengtu about the matter, so probably you will have heard from him before this letter arrives. In that case I need add nothing more except to say that we will be happy to cooperate with you in whatever way you suggest, either urging some affiliated relationship with the Friends Service Council, or possibly the Church Missionary Society, or else carrying forward our negotiations with the Women's American Baptist Foreign Missionary Society. The important thing is to have you establish whatever relationship will be most natural and most pleasant for you.

Very cordially yours,

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Union University,
Chengtu, Szechwan,
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14th April, 1936.

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Dear Dr. Garside,

Your letters of February 27th and 28th came in last night, and with them was enclosed your cheque for LC\$442.63 (US\$135) to cover my salary until the end of April. Thank you so much. It will be quite a satisfactory arrangement for the cheque to come towards the end of each month in future, and in Shanghai currency. Our local Bank of China does not deal with foreign currency. I take it your remark "that some more permanent arrangement will be made soon" means that when the question of my missionary affiliation is settled, I will probably draw my salary on the field from the treasurer concerned.

I am assuming that from next month onwards you will be deducting the amount I requested to have sent to London to cover my insurance policies?

From your second letter I was glad to note that you had heard from Mr. Silcock of the negotiations which are on foot for me to become affiliated to the Friends' Service Council. The Friends in Chengtu are very willing for this, and I have therefore written to convey my wishes in the matter to Mr. Paul Sturge. Mr. Sewell is in communication with the Committee of Missionaries in China, and when he gets their views he too will write to Headquarters. I am very happy amongst the Friends here, and feel that such a relationship would be a splendid one. In many ways it would be so much more convenient to have a link with an English society; though, had the former suggestion of a link with the American Baptists proved a workable proposition I would have been quite happy to take my part under their wing, so to speak. They have already made me welcome here. I have only been able to get to the Chengtu Baptist Church once, as I have a class in the Canadian Sunday School, which does not close in time for me to get to the city for morning service. Anyway, while I am still a beginner at Chinese, it is far more sensible for me to do what I can in English. The Friends here are perfectly willing for me to remain a Baptist, and join the Baptist Church whenever the opportunity opens, even though I may become affiliated to the Friends' Service Council. There do not, therefore, seem to be any difficulties in the way of such an affiliation so far as we here in Chengtu are concerned.

Thank you so much for all the trouble you have taken in my behalf. I appreciate it greatly, especially because I know how very busy you are with manifold affairs.

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It is much warmer today, and the campus is looking lovelier than ever now that the trees are well covered with new leaves. The roses and wistaria are a constant delight, and so are the sweet peas.

The Sewells managed to get a little holiday in the hills during the Easter vacation, and I had the thrill of running the house and looking after the children. It was great fun seeing how far one could make one's meagre supply of Chinese stretch, and on the whole I think we got on quite well. Anyway I thoroughly enjoyed the experience, and I believe the servants got a deal of amusement out of my attempts at making them understand!

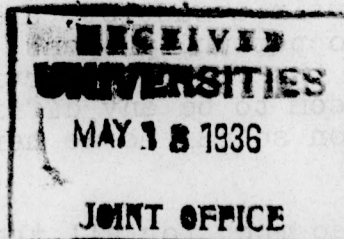
I hope you and your family keep fit.

Kindest regards and best of wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Marjorie Robertson.

MR.



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West China Union University

May 2, 1936

Miss Marjorie Robertson
West China Union University
Changtu, Szechwan, China

Dear Miss Robertson;

We are happy to have your letter of February 21st, telling of your safe arrival on the West China campus. From Dr. Beech and others we have already received very sincere expressions of their gratitude for the fine assistance which your presence on the campus is bringing to them. I am glad to note that you are making a start in your language study, and sincerely hope that you and the men with whom you are working will all have the necessary strength of character to save an adequate amount of your time for pursuit of the mysteries of Chung-kuo hwa.

By the time this reaches you, the academic year will just be ending. I hope you will find opportunity for some real rest and relaxation this summer.

We enclose herewith a draft for the equivalent of U.S.\$67.53. This covers your salary for June - \$75.00 less a deduction of \$7.47 on account of the insurance payments we are sending to London for you.

With all good wishes, I am,

Very cordially yours,

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W. H. R.

Union University
Shanghai, Szechwan, China.



June 10th 1936.
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Dear Dr. Garside,

Your letter of May 2nd arrived today.
In it was enclosed cheque for Mex \$224.16. being
the equivalent of Gold \$67.53. (June salary less
\$7.47. sent to London for my insurances), for which
many thanks.

The last cheque I received from you
came in your letter of February 27th + was for
the period March 7 - April 30th. I am wondering,
therefore, if the May cheque is reposing peacefully
at the bottom of the Yangtze; as a mail boat
went down 3 or 4 weeks ago! - If it should turn
up in due course I will let you know - some-
times mail gets badly sorted + consequently
is held up awhile in Shanghai, or Chungking.

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Thank you for your kind enquiries
regarding holiday arrangements. I am going
to the N.W. hills - Behludung. Sewells leave

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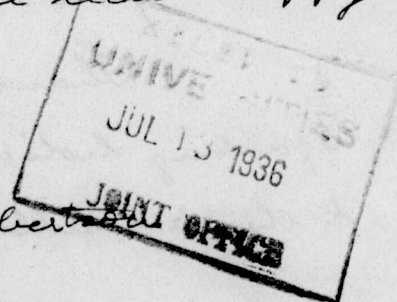
directly after commencement & I join them about July 11th for 5 weeks plus. As I only get 2 hours a day at Blunise now I am planning to take the normal Language School day while at Belukding - except when I go off on excursions! So far the summer has been exceptionally cool (evidently for the benefit of the several newcomers!) but this week it is staying up considerably so that during the afternoon, at any rate, it is not very easy to be as clear in the brain as one could wish - fortunately the nights keep cool.

As the end of the year approaches life seems to get fuller. There is such a lot to be done before the holidays, as you can imagine. Here are the University notes for the June "West Blunice Missionary News" - soon I must be thinking about the July issue. Time passes very quickly here, more rapidly than in England I believe!

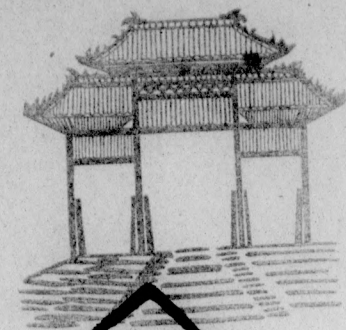
How are you and your family. I hope all goes well and that you will have happy refreshing holidays.

Yours sincerely,

Maïjorie Robertson



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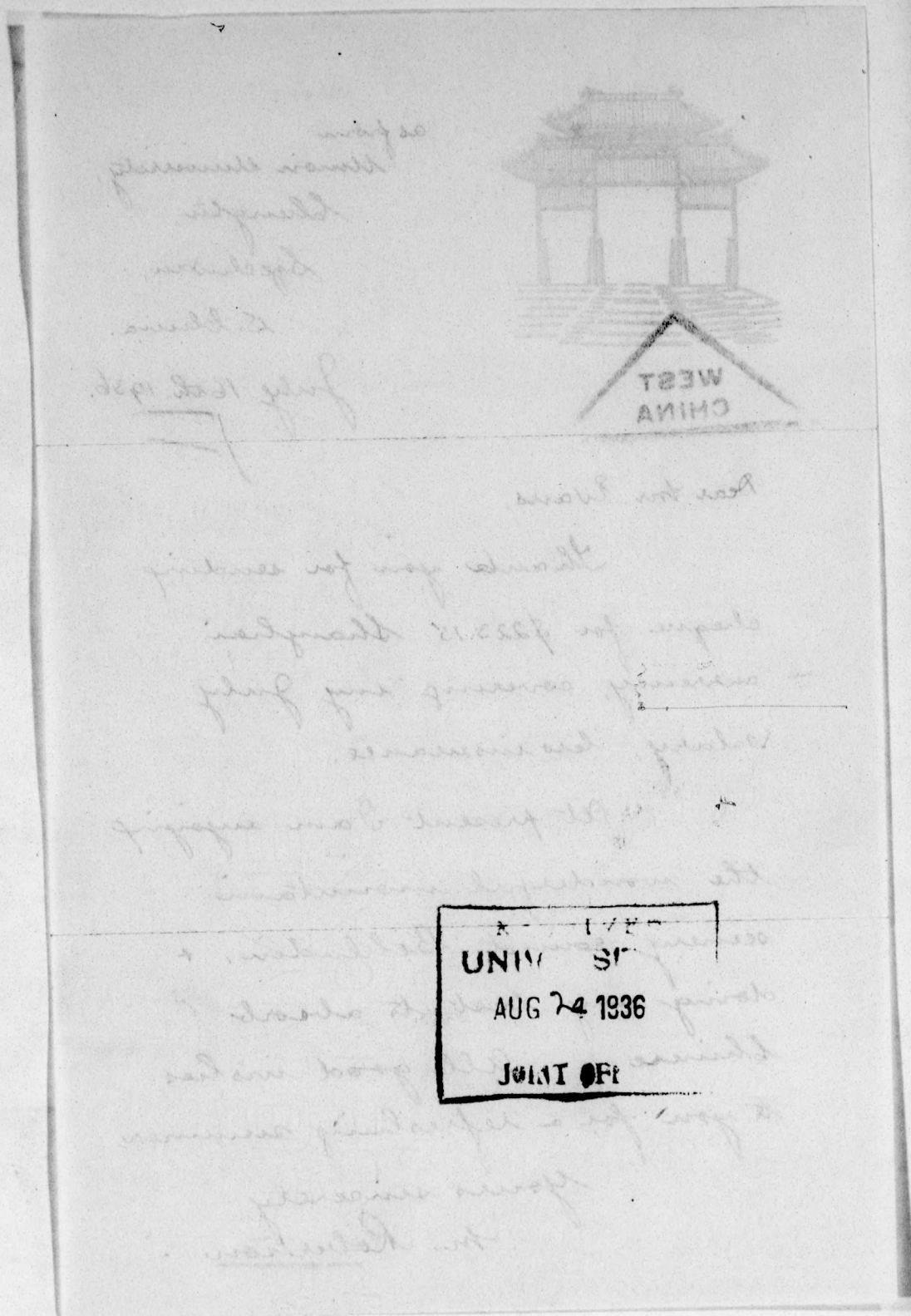
Dear Mr. Evans,

Thank you for sending
cheque for \$223.15 Shanghai
currency, covering my July
salary, less insurance.

At present I am enjoying
the wonderful mountain
scenery round Behludin, &
doing my best to absorb
Chinese. All good wishes
to you for a refreshing summer.

Yours sincerely
M. Robertson.

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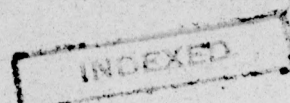


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June 17, 1936



Miss Marjorie Robertson
West China Union University
Chengtú, Szechwan, China

My dear Miss Robertson:

We enclose herewith four sets of the report forms for the University of the State of New York which we have just received from Albany. As you know, the Regents are so slow in sending these out each year that our China Colleges, in making out their reports, have to use the forms issued for the preceding year.

We are sending these along now to be sure they are not overlooked later, and know that you will keep them available so you will be able to get off these reports promptly in June 1937. I am enclosing the financial report forms and also the annual statistical form. Will you please see that the financial forms are gotten into Mr. Albertson's hands and the statistical forms to President Dsang?

Very cordially yours,

B A GARSIDE

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July 15, 1936

Miss Marjorie Robertson,
West China Union University,
Chengtú, Szechwan, China.

My dear Miss Robertson,

Sorry to learn from your letter of June 10th that the draft for your May salary had not arrived. We sent this to you on April 6th. In the covering letter we stated that the draft attached thereto for LC\$198.68 was equivalent to US\$60.10, or \$75.00 less a deduction of \$14.90 for two months insurance premiums - April \$7.45, May \$7.45. I am enclosing herewith the duplicate of the draft mailed you on April 6th. It is Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corp. draft No. 1734, drawn April 3, 1936. If the original of this draft is still missing, you can present the enclosed duplicate for collection.

We enclose also H. & S. draft No. 1754, dated July 14th, in the amount of \$222.32, Shanghai currency. This covers your August salary, \$75, less \$7.61 for insurance.

Since there seems a likelihood of delays and losses in your mail, we will try the plan of sending you by successive mails duplicate copies of our letters and drafts. I am therefore enclosing in this letter, original copy, the duplicate of draft No. 1734 and the original of draft No. 1754. In the carbon copy of the letter, to be sent next week, I will enclose the duplicate of draft no. 1754. On the original of the letter I will try air mail from Shanghai to Chengtu. Your air mail rates in China seem quite high (19¢ per half-ounce, as compared with 6¢ per ounce here) but it would seem from your comments that air mail in the trip up-river may be safer as well as much faster. Please advise us as to the best policy for the future.

Thanks for the W.C.U.U. notes. They are quite interesting. I will pass them along to the publicists among us.

I do hope you have begun by this time what will prove to be a most pleasant vacation. You are obviously quite an earnest language student, and will soon be chatting away in chung kuo hua like a native born Szechwanese.

If I could seal up in this envelope a little of the atmosphere in my office as I write, you would find that I was sending my "warmest" regards. The thermometer on my wall starts the day at 90°, and by five o'clock gets up close to the hundred degree mark.

Cordially,
B A GARSIDE

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Union University,
CHENG TU,
Szechwan,
West China.

6th September, 1936.

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

Dear Mr. Garside,

Very many thanks for your letter of July 15th which came by ordinary mail, and the carbon copy by Air Mail. I have now received the May cheque for \$198.68 and the August cheque for \$222.32 Shanghai currency, and I note that you have deducted appropriate amounts for insurance.

Air Mail rates are quite expensive here, and I really do not think you should send my cheques by Air. If you were to send the duplicate a week later than the original by ordinary mail, it is hardly likely that both would be lost. Or, to save postage, why not send the duplicates, say, once a quarter, or just when you happen to be writing about other matters? I would be perfectly happy over any arrangement which is most convenient for you provided it does not mean any undue expense. I don't mind a little delay every now and then. This time, however, I am delighted to have the Air Mail stamp to pass on to my brother who is quite a keen collector!

Practically everyone is back from the hills now and getting ready for the opening of term on the 10th. Leaving aside the tragic drowning accident which was a great shock to us all, we had a happy time at Behludin. The weather was cool, and we were glad of fires; despite the fact that we had very little sunshine and lots of rain and mist we have returned looking quite brown. The fresh mountain air did us all good. Most of us got through a fair amount of work, and beyond that we had time for tennis, musical evenings, play-readings and various other forms of recreation. On fine days we had marvellous views from our cottage - range upon range of hills rising from the Plain, with deep green valleys in between, swift mountain streams tumbling down over rocky beds to join the wide river which causes all the trouble when it is full. From dawn to sunset as the light varied the colouring of the hills varied - clouds added greatly to the beauty of the scene. Sometimes we were fortunate enough to get glimpses of the snow peaks away to the south. Yes, I

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Union University,
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6th September, 1936.

Dr. B.A. Garfield,
Associated Boards,
130, Fifth Avenue,
NEW YORK CITY, U.S.A.

Dear Mr. Garfield,

Very many thanks for your letter of July 18th which came by ordinary mail, and the carbon copy by Air Mail. I have now received the May cheque for \$198.68 and the August cheque for \$222.33 Shanghai currency, and I note that you have deducted appropriate amounts for insurance.

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I hope you have had a good holiday this summer and you and your family are all feeling thoroughly refreshed.

With kindest regards,
Yours sincerely,

Marjorie Robertson.

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With kindest regards,
Yours sincerely,

Marjorie Robertson

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CHENG TU, WEST CHINA

23rd September, 1936.

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

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Dear Dr. Garside,

With further reference to your letter of May 29th concerning publicity material, I have now received quotations from the publishers of the West China Missionary News for reprints of "University News". In the present state of our finances we do not feel justified in having more than 50 copies each month, so will send forty to you and 10 to England. If later you feel a real need for more copies and will let us know, then we will order a larger number.

Your letter of June 17th enclosing four sets of the report forms for the University of the State of New York for the year 1937 arrived safely. We will file these until the appropriate time for filling in the documents in June 1937.

May I take this opportunity of acknowledging the safe receipt of your letter of August 5th, enclosing check for \$221.15 Shanghai local currency, to cover my salary for the month of September, less the usual deduction to cover insurance payments.

Despite very wet weather at the hills, I thoroughly enjoyed the six weeks or so at Behludin, meeting folk from other stations and getting to know Chengtu friends better. I greatly appreciated the opportunity for more concentrated study of the language. I am still hoping for two hours a day this term, but already there have been one or two interruptions through pressure of office work. Still I shall keep to this plan as rigidly as possible. I hope you have had a thoroughly refreshing vacation, and that all your efforts this autumn and winter will meet with success. Best of wishes for the Board meeting next month.

Very sincerely yours,

Marjorie Robertson.

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CHANGSHU, WEST CHINA

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

Dear Mr. Garside,

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Your letter of June 19th enclosing four sets of the report forms for the University of the State of New York for the year 1935 arrived safely. We will file these until the appropriate time for filing in the documents in June 1937.

May I take this opportunity of acknowledging the receipt of your letter of August 25th, enclosing check for \$11.15 Shanghai local currency, to cover my salary for the month of September, less the usual deduction to cover insurance payments.

Despite your well-wishes at the end of the year, I am still hoping for two hours a day this year, but appreciate the opportunity for more concentrated study of the language. I am still hoping for two hours a day this year, but already there have been two or three interruptions through pressure of office work. Still I shall try to do as much as possible. I have you have had a thorough examination, and that all your efforts this autumn and winter meet with success. Best of wishes for the Board's work.

Very sincerely,

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15th October, 1936.

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Dear Dr. Garside,

In sending out Medical Catalogues to the various Medical Schools in Canada and the States we have enclosed a slip asking them to favour us with copies of their Catalogues. This has been done before by Dr. Morse, but never seems to evoke much response. If you have any influence with any of the Medical Schools in your part of the world, Dr. Morse would be most grateful if you could back up his request in any way. Thank you for your help.

Yours sincerely,

M. Robertson.

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Yours sincerely,
Dr. Robert

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Dear Dr. Gerstle,

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CHENGTOU, WEST CHINA

15th October, 1936.

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Union University,
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30th October, 1936.

Dear Dr. Garside,

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Very many thanks for your letter of September 11th enclosing draft No. 1765 for \$221.31 Shanghai currency, being my salary for October less the usual deductions for insurance. I should also acknowledge duplicate of the draft for September which arrived a fortnight after the original.

It is good that you have Dr. Beech's help this autumn and winter, and we all hope you will have a very successful year ahead of you. As you may imagine we are now awaiting eagerly news of the Annual Meeting held ten days ago.

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The 25th Anniversary celebrations were very successful, and we had lovely weather most of the time. This event has been written up pretty fully for the "West China Missionary News" so we will send you about 50 reprints for use in America. They should be ready about November 10th, I think.

Dr. Francis Wei was a tremendous help, not only in connection with the Anniversary celebrations, and the Hodgkin Memorial Lectures, but also in guiding the Policy Committee in its discussions and recommendations; he met with members of the Religious Life Committee and attended a Faculty Retreat, and had a great number of personal interviews with one and another member of the staff. I think he also enjoyed his visit here, his first to this part of the country.

Best of wishes,

Yours very sincerely,

Marjorie Robertson.

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November 12th, 1936

Miss Marjorie Robertson
West China Union University
Chongtu, Szechuan, China

Dear Miss Robertson:

Thank you for your letters of September 6th and September 23rd. We are glad to know your salary checks have been reaching you with a fair degree of regularity and promptness. We are also pleased to note that your first summer in China seems to have been, on the whole, a pleasant one. By the time this letter reaches you the summer will be far behind, and you will be in or near the holiday season.

It is good of you to make plans for sending us 40 copies of each reprint of "University News." If later we find we have a real need for more copies than this, we will discuss the matter with you further.

I am glad that the sets of report forms for the University of the State of New York for the year ending June 30th, 1937 have reached you safely. Mr. Albertson was quite badly behind this year in forwarding both the reports of the University of the State of New York and also to the Harvard-Yenching Institute. I am sure that by next spring you will have everything running so smoothly at the University that these reports will be gotten off on time! Delayed reports are apt to mean the loss of good will which may in turn cost us more in support than the entire salary of the members of staff who have a share in preparing them.

I am wondering just what has become of the suggestions made last spring with regard to the various possible relationships which you might establish with the missionary groups cooperating in West China Union University. About the last suggestion along this line was that you might establish some kind of affiliated relationship with the group of Friends there at the University. I understood that at least informal correspondence concerning this proposal were being exchanged between London and Chongtu, and that we would be receiving some word from Mr. Silcock before this.

Of course our office is quite willing to continue sending out your salary remittances from month to month as we have been doing. This is a procedure we are

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Miss Marjorie Robertson

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November 12th, 1956

using in a number of our other China Colleges anyway, but we do not wish to have you, or any of our British Friends feel that satisfactory permanent arrangements for your position in the University have not been made. For one thing, we should have some definite arrangement for your retirement allowance. If you are to remain under the direct support of the West China Board of Governors, we should, in fairness to you, set up some arrangement which would provide for your retirement in the future on a basis similar to that which each of the cooperating Mission Boards provides for their personnel. If you are to establish some affiliated or regular relationship to any one of the missionary groups there at the University, the normal procedure would be for that mission to make provision through their retirement plan, the West China Governors reimbursing the mission for the cost involved.

I would be grateful for any information you can give me as to how these matters stand, and welcome also your own comments and recommendations. We are anxious to follow out whatever procedure will be equitable and satisfactory all around.

With all good wishes for the Holiday Season and the New Year, I am

Very sincerely yours,

B A GARSIDE

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Miss Marjorie Robertson
West China Union University
Chengtu, Szechuan, China

My dear Miss Robertson:

We have your note of October 15th.

If there is anything we can do to help persuade the medical schools in America to exchange their catalogs with West China, we will be glad to assist. I am afraid, however, that we do not have any great amount of influence in that sphere.

I am a bit mystified by your postscript stating that the page order in the printed report of the Associated Boards was amiss. I am wondering if in some way you received an imperfect copy. Frequently one picks up a volume bound in China with the various signatures arranged in some bewildering order, but in western publishing houses where nearly all the work in binding is done by machinery such mistakes rarely occur. I have not discovered any other imperfect copies of our last Associated Boards annual report. Apparently the only other possible explanation of your bewilderment would be that our order of presenting the material is a confusing one. In any event, we will try to do better next year.

I enclose a copy of a letter I have just written to friend Albertson, stressing the importance of getting annual reports to Albany and Cambridge started to us on time. We can visualize all the interruptions and delays in his office which make these reports late in getting away - but we are anxious that he will always have clearly in mind a very vivid picture of just what happens to our friendly relations at this end when these reports are late in arriving.

Very cordially yours,

B A. GASSIDE

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Union University

CHENGDU, WEST CHINA

November 28th, 1936.

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

Feb 3/1/37

Dear Dr. Garside,

Under separate cover I am sending you six copies of the panoramic photograph taken at the time of the 25th Anniversary celebrations. One is for your office, and I would be glad if you would have the others sent to those named below, enclosing Miss Foster's card to those starred.

Rev. James Endicott (or Publicity Secretary)
The United Church of Canada, 299, Queen Street,
Toronto West.

Miss Frances Burr,
152, Madison Avenue, New York City.

- * Mrs. G.E. Forbes,
Wesley Buildings, Toronto.
- * Mrs. James Hales, 165, Rose Park Drive, Toronto.
- * Mrs. C.A. Wickens,
4,992, Angus Drive, Vancouver, B.C.

Reprints of articles concerning the Anniversary, which appeared in "West China Missionary News" will be following in a few days, and also photographs of the Hodgkin Memorial Fund Committee with Dr. Francis Wei, the first Hodgkin Memorial Lecturer. We hope this material will prove useful from the point of view of publicity.

We are looking forward to receiving the Minutes of the Board Meeting and your covering letter. It is good to have your cablegram re increased grant, and to learn from Dr. Sparling what a fine gathering you had.

All best wishes,
Yours sincerely,

M. Robertson

MR.

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West China Mission Ministry



CHENGDU, WEST CHINA

November 28th, 1937

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Dr. H.A. Gerside,
Associated Board for Christian Colleges in China,
100, Fifth Avenue,
New York City, U.S.A.

Dear Dr. Gerside,

Under separate cover we have sent you six copies of the
panoramic photograph taken at the West China Mission
celebrations. It is for you to use as you see fit. We
would have the photograph sent to you by air mail, enclosing
Miss Foster's card to those who are interested.

Rev. James Ambrose (R. Ambrose, Secretary),
The United Church of Canada, 290, Queen Street,
Toronto, Ontario.

Miss Frances Burr,
152, Madison Avenue, New York City.

Mrs. J.A. Forbes,
Westex Building, Toronto.
Mrs. James Miller, 153, Rose Park Drive, Toronto.
Mrs. J.A. Wilson,
153, Maple Drive, Vancouver, B.C.

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also photographs of the Hobbs Memorial Fund Committee with
Dr. Francis Wolf, the first Hobbs Memorial Lecturer. We hope
this material will prove useful from the point of view of publicity.

We are looking forward to receiving the minutes of the
Board Meeting and your covering letter. It is good to have your
earliest response to the invitation, and to learn from Dr. Spaulding what
a fine gathering you had.

All best wishes,
Yours sincerely,
The Secretary

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Union University,
CHENG TU, Sze.,
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January 12th, 1937.

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Dear Dr. Garside,

Thank you so much for your kind letter of November 12th. I hope in five weeks' time to be able to let you know that negotiations are completed with the Friends' Service Council for my affiliation. The F.S.C. in London has already agreed to endorse any minute of the Szechwan Yearly Meeting welcoming me into the fold as an associate. Yearly Meeting will be held in Chengtu round about February 15th; their minute will go to the F.S.C. in London, and I imagine this will be accepted by the China Committee, and then arrangements will be made for me to be treated as an associate. You will surely hear from London the official news in due course so that they and you may know what arrangements to make about salary payments etc. Probably any new plan concerning these matters will not come into operation before March or April, I imagine. In any case I will send you a copy of any minute passed here during February, so that you may be duly kept informed. In the meantime thank you for arranging for cheques to come direct each month.

I note what you say about reports from the University to the Board of Regents and to the Harvard-Yenching

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Institute, and I very much hope it will be possible for you to receive them at the proper time in future. We had quite hoped it would have been possible last summer, but Mr. Albertson was so overburdened with current work, and of course I could not help him a great deal out of part-time, and as yet he has not had time to explain accounts to me - I can only do odd jobs for him which are more or less straight-forward. You will be relieved to hear that arising out of the Policy Committee's report we are making efforts to secure a full-time trained assistant for the Bursar's office. That appointment should make a great deal of difference to the speed with which financial matters can receive attention.

Best of wishes for 1937,
Yours sincerely,

Marjorie Robertson.

P.S. Thank you for the pretty
Christmas card from
Mrs. Garside & yourself.
I hope you are all well.

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West China



Union University

CHENG TU, WEST CHINA

January 25th, 1937.

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Dear Dr. Garside,

Thank you for your letter of November 24th, enclosing copy of letter to Mr. Albertson. I understand exactly the difficult situation created through the late arrival of reports from Chengtu, and will certainly do all in my power to ensure that reports arrive in good time. When we get more help in the Bursar's office the situation will be easier, and of course while I am studying Chinese it is rather difficult to fit in all I should like to do! My main work of course is for the President, Vice-Chancellor and Bursar, but there are seven other administrative officers who seek my assistance every now and again!

Under separate cover I am returning one of the Associated Boards reports in which the pages are jumbled. There were several like this, and I hope we were the only folk to get the faulty copies.

This spring there is to be a regular exodus, as you will note from Mr. Robertson's letter. There will be a big gap here, and it will be no small problem arranging for all the work to be carried on in their absence. It will be good to have others coming back in the autumn, of course.

I hope all goes well with you. Best of wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Marjorie Robertson.

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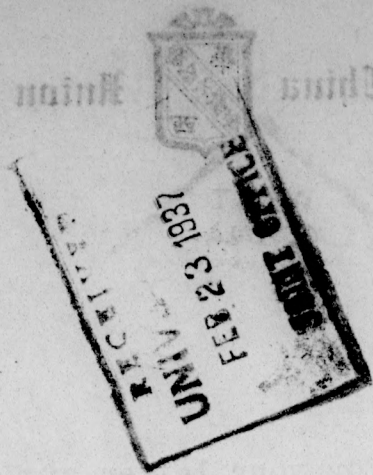
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Great China

CHENGDU, WEST CHINA



Dear Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 17th inst. regarding the matter of the Chinese Nationalist Government. I am sorry that I am unable to provide you with a more detailed response at this time, but I will be sure to forward you a copy of the report as soon as it is available.

Very truly yours,

John A. ...

Enclosed for you are two copies of the report mentioned above. I hope you will find them of interest.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
John A. ...

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

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Union University

CHENGDU, WEST CHINA

February 13th, 1937.

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

ack 3/19/37

Dear Dr. Garside,

I enclose herewith two copies of a recent photograph of Professor T.H. Chen of the Department of Chinese, before he left us to retire to a Buddhist monastery. One of these is for the Board of Governors and the other for Dr. Beech. Will you kindly pass them on for us.

Best of wishes for all your various activities,
Yours sincerely,

M. Robertson

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March 1, 1937



Miss Marjorie Robertson
West China Union University
Chengt'u, Szechwan, China

My dear Miss Robertsons

Mr. Garside has asked me to acknowledge receipt
of your letter of November 28th.

The six copies of the panoramic photograph
have arrived as has also the photograph of the Hodgkin
Memorial Fund Committee. We have sent out the copies of
the panoramic photograph to the individuals indicated in
your letter.

We have not yet received the reprints concern-
ing the anniversary which appeared in "West China Missionary
News" but will expect them within the next few days. Thank
you for sending us all this material.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to Mr. Garside

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Union University,

CHENG TU, Sze.,

March 21st, 1937.

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

ack 6/7/37

Dear Dr. Garside,

11 Ten days or so ago I received from Dr. Davidson, secretary of the Committee of Missionaries of the Friends' Service Council, a copy of the minute passed in regard to my appointment as an Associate member of that Committee, and I now have pleasure in forwarding a copy to you.

I discussed with Dr. Davidson just what this association would mean, and he said that its effect was merely to give me a status in their Mission. I presume, however, you will be communicating with the Friends' Service Council in London on the matter and will let me know in due course if there is to be any change of plan in remitting salary, that is if such is considered necessary. The present arrangement suits me, but of course it is for you to decide what is the best plan to follow.

Has Dr. Beech discussed with you the matter of my Language School fees? I rather fancy that he intended doing so, though in view of the multitude of other more important matters with which he is always occupied it is quite possible he has not done so. At present the University is paying them, and I understand that Mr. Albertson will be charging them through to the Governors in due course. Is that quite all right? At present I am continuing study for two hours daily, and hope to put in a fair amount of study at Omei this summer, but after that I am not at all sure what will be possible - certainly it is unlikely I will be able to go to Language School in the afternoons. I shall have to see what can be fitted in during the evenings.

You may be interested to know that from September next for a year I am to have Mrs. Salquist's little house, while she is home on furlough. It will be lost of fun housekeeping, and I shall be glad of the opportunity for using my Chinese in this way. (Mrs. Salquist of course is the secretary of the A.B.F.M.S.)

We have had many weeks of glorious spring weather -

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Just now a large party of Canadians and Americans is finding its way to Chungking to await boats down river, and as the river is lower than ever, they may have to wait around some days and possibly weeks before they all get away. We shall greatly miss those who are leaving us now, and feel the gap right on until the autumn when others will, fortunately, be returning.

You have busy months ahead, and I send best of wishes. I hope you keep well, and that your wife and daughter do too.

Kindest regards and best of wishes,

Yours very sincerely,

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presume the China Committee are agreeable and we therefore
give her a very cordial welcome and hope she will feel free
to take such part in our deliberations as she feels right.

Note: A recent letter received from the Secretary of the
China Committee in London signifies agreement with
the action.

(signed) W. HENRY DAVIDSON,
Secretary.

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April 7th, 1937.

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

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Dear Dr. Garside,

I am enclosing herewith the promised all-inclusive statement of accounts for the year 1935-36. I should point out that the Hospital figures are for the calendar year 1936, and the salaries are as for this current year 1936-37, but I think the general total will be accurate enough for comparison purposes. We will endeavour to send you fairly accurate estimates of property and equipment in time to include in the annual report to the Board of Regents.

I am sending this statement by Air Mail, and a duplicate copy in two or three days' time, hoping to reach you just in time for the Governors' meeting on May 10th. We are very sorry not to have been able to get this material to you sooner, but this was the best we could do.

All best wishes for a thoroughly successful meeting,

Yours sincerely,

M. Robertson

Office Secretary.

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May 5th, 1937.

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

Dear Dr. Garside,

Dr. Lindsay has no time to write today, so has asked me to enclose a note by Air Mail to say that our budget does not permit of our inviting either Dr. Rockwood Quock Ping Chin of Professor A. Stewart Woodburne to join our staff. Probably by now you will have had a request from some other university for the services of Professor Woodburne, for his is an offer many would like to accept.

Yours sincerely,

M. Robertson

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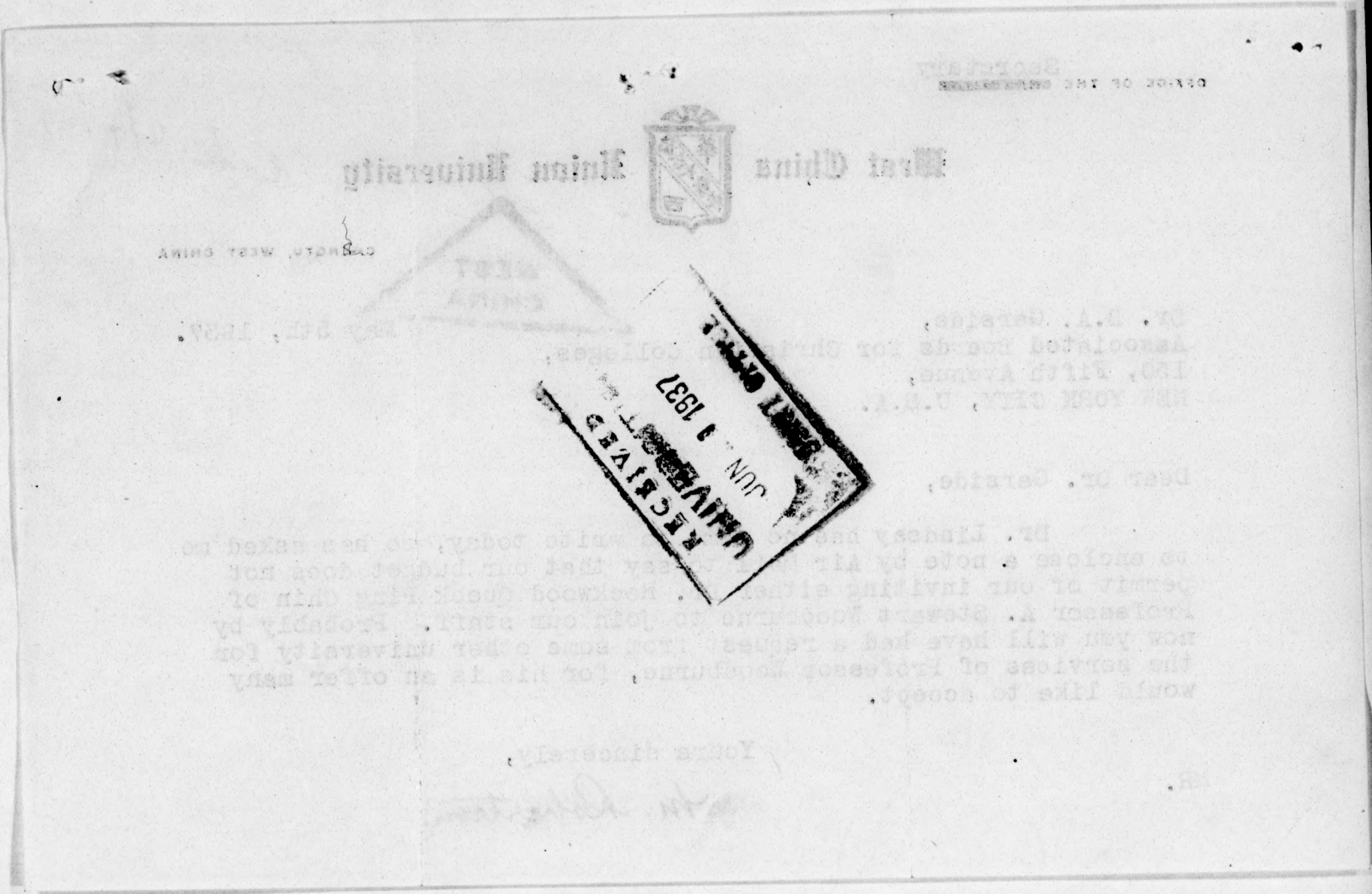
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OFFICE OF THE Secretary

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Dr. B.A. Garside,
150, Fifth Avenue,
New York City, U.S.A.

Rev. A.G. Castleton,
2, Eaton Gate,
London, S.W. 1., England.

May 27th, 1937.

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Dear Dr. Garside and Mr. Castleton,

Herewith I enclose some photographs which I hope you will find suitable for publicity purposes.

1. Collection of Snuff Boxes in the Museum.
2. Collection of Pottery in the Museum.
3. Library - General Reading Room.
4. Library - Stack Room.
5. ~~Students in the Pharmacy Department.~~
6. Class in Biology.
7. Class in Physiology.
8. Dental Clinic - general.
9. Dental Clinic - Dr. Chang Shu-lin at work (clinician)
10. Dental Clinic - Dr. Hsia Liang-tsai at work (interne)

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I hope you received a former set of four sent off about five or six weeks ago. Other photographs will be following in due course.

With all best wishes,
Yours sincerely,

Marjorie Robertson

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May 27th, 1937

Dr. B.A. Garstide,
150, Fifth Avenue,
New York City, U.S.A.

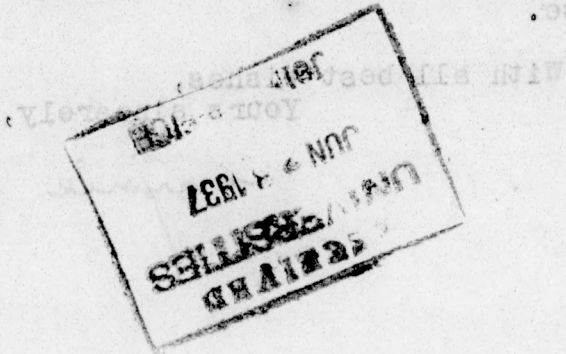
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June 7, 1937

Miss Marjorie Robertson
West China Union University
Chengt'u, Szechwan, China

Dear Miss Robertson:

Thanks for your letters of March 21st, April 26th, and May 5th.

March 21st. This tells of the action of the Committee of Missionaries of the Friends Service Council agreeing to your appointment as an associate member of the Committee. We are delighted that this affiliation has been worked out, for we believe that it will give you a somewhat more definite and regular status in the University community - though, no doubt, you have had that already without the necessity for any such affiliation.

You raise the question as to whether this affiliation will make any difference in our method of handling your salary remittances. The usual custom of our office, not only in our West China accounts but also those of the other Colleges, has been to have Mission Boards pay the salary and other allowances of affiliated missionaries in just the same way as they do their regular personnel - with our New York office reimbursing the Societies at periodic intervals. For instance, we send the Methodist Board quarterly remittances to cover their payments to Dr. Beech, and settle with the United Church of Canada each year for the expenditures on account of Mr. Albertson and Mr. Small. If agreeable to you and to the Friends Service Council, the normal procedure would be for the Council to provide your salary and allowances and settle all questions concerning such points as language study, furlough, and medical expenses in just the same way as they do with their regular missionary personnel in the University. Our office would then send remittances to the Treasurer of the Friends Service Council in London in whatever way would be most convenient for him. I will write to the Friends Service Council and will ask them whether such an arrangement would be satisfactory to them.

Of course, our office would be quite willing to continue sending your salary checks from month to month as we have been doing in the past, though we fear that this may be a somewhat unsatisfactory arrangement for it is not easy for us here in New York to deal intelligently with any special questions which may come up from time to time in a single case of this sort where we are not in sufficiently close touch with the rest of the University personnel to know just what is customary and equitable.

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Miss Robertson

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June 7, 1937

Dr. Beech has not discussed with us specifically the matter of your Language School fees and since he is not in New York City just now it may be sometime before I get a chance to talk with him. But so far as I can see, it will be quite in order for us to reimburse Mr. Albertson's accounts for the expenditures he has been making on your behalf for this purpose, whenever he sends us a statement of what is involved. We can appreciate that you are finding difficulty keeping any time for your language study, and we admire your patience and persistence. I am sure that your experience in housekeeping during the coming year will give you an opportunity to exercise and improve your mastery of chung-huo hwa.

Your note of May 22. I find I have not officially acknowledged

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Miss Robertson

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Your note of May 5th. This encloses a brief article about the University's extension course in dyeing. It seems that this should be a very interesting and valuable course either with or without the e.

We have another note from you under date of May 5th, telling us that it will not be possible to invited Dr. Woodburne or Dr. Chin to join the staff at the University.

Your note of April 26th. Thank you for sending us these four pictures.

I find I have not officially acknowledged two letters written me by Mr. Robertson. Since he will have sailed for home before this letter gets to Chengtu, let me now acknowledge them briefly as a matter of record.

Mr. Robertson's letter of January 26th. This touches on various matters which have been dealt with in other correspondence, and which do not require any special comment at this time.

Mr. Robertson's letter of March 19th. This also reports on various items which have, for the most part, been cleared or are discussed elsewhere. There is, however, one item on which we should comment here. Mr. Robertson very wisely suggests that we should have arrangements with the Associated Missions Treasurers for forwarding letters by airmail from Shanghai to Chengtu. I must discuss this matter with Dr. Beech at the first opportunity and get his suggestions as to the best details for such an arrangement. Certainly all letters of special importance should go by airmail from Shanghai to Chengtu leaving for forwarding by regular mail only those dealing with routine matters and very bulky communications which are not important enough to justify additional postage.

By the time this reaches Chengtu you will have finished up the spring semester and should be getting a little rest and recreation. We trust that you have a very pleasant summer on Mount Omei. Don't work too hard at the Chinese language.

Very cordially yours,

B A GARSIDE

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Union University,
Chengtu, Szech.
June 21st 1937.

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Dear Mr. Evans.

I write to acknowledge receipt of your letter of May 10th enclosing cheque \$224.00. covering my salary for June, also that April 19th with duplicates of cheque for May.

It was very kind of you to write a personal letter about the Report 1935/6 for the Governors. I was only so glad to be able to help Mr. Albertson complete this - for he is more overworked than most folk here & is very upset that he can't accomplish all that is expected of him - fortunately a new assistant will be arriving next month, who should be able to give just the help Mr. Albertson needs - my own work increases at such a pace I can now give practically no time in the Bursar's office. Doubtless a letter has already gone to Mr. Albertson expressing appreciation for that report, which was a real effort for him - if not, may I suggest it would be a very good move!

I hope you will have a happy vacation.

Yours sincerely,
Majorie Robertson

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Dear Mr. Brown,
 I write to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of May 10th enclosing check for \$10.00 for fine, also that this will duplicate of charge for May.
 It was very kind of you to write a personal letter about the report of the Governor. I was very glad to be able to help Mr. Abbott in carrying this - for he is more overwhelmed than most folks here & is very sure that he can't accomplish all that is expected of him. Fortunately a new assistant will be coming next month, who should be able to give just the help Mr. Abbott needs - upon which measure at once & save I can not give practically nothing in the Bureau office. However, as letter has already gone to Mr. Abbott expressing appreciation of that report, which was a real effort for him - if, may I suggest it would be a very good one! I hope you will have a happy vacation.
 Yours sincerely,
 Virginia Robertson

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

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Union University

CHENGDU, WEST CHINA

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

July 6th, 1937,

Recd 8/23/37

Dear Dr. Garside,

I am enclosing herewith part of the Statistical Report for the Board of Regents, for the year 1936-37. Mr. Albertson will do his best to get the financial part off to you with as little delay as possible, but just at present he is snowed under with reports for the Nanking Government, showing how their grant has been expended - and these reports are pretty voluminous!

In two days' time I hope to leave for Mt. Omei, and shall be away a month. I hope you will have a good holiday this year. Best of wishes to you and Mrs. Garside,

Yours sincerely,
Mayorie Robertson

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West China

July 27, 1937

Miss Marjorie Robertson
West China Union University
Chengtu, Szechwan, China

Dear Miss Robertson:

I greatly appreciate your letter of June 21st which alluded to the report for 1935-36 recently received. I am especially glad that you called our attention to the amount of time and energy given to the task by Mr. Albertson, and I am writing him under separate cover. May I thank you most heartily for this suggestion as it is quite possible it would have gone unthanked for some time? There is to be a meeting of the Executives of the West China Board on September 10th. At that time I am hoping something will be said in regard to the report.

So many of these things pass by without due recognition of the labor and thought involved that one in the Field might think that we were not appreciative. Having gone through these same toils myself, however, I can appreciate all that there is back of it, and quite naturally have a deeper sense of appreciation.

We repeatedly give thanks that you are on the Field and have this splendid opportunity of contributing to the work of the Kingdom this very important place. It is our hope that your strength will continue unabated and that you will find much joy and satisfaction in what you are accomplishing.

Very truly yours,

C. A. Evans

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Union University,
CHENG TU, Sze.,
W. China.

August 20th, 1937.

Dear Mr. Evans,

Thank you for draft on
Shanghai for LC\$227.46 safely
received, to cover August salary,
less the usual deduction for
insurance premium.

Events are moving fast
these days and we always wonder
what the next piece of news will
be. So far it looks as though
Chengtu were likely to remain the
safe spot in China, but time alone
will show whether we shall have to
join in the evacuation sometime in
the future. We are expecting numbers
of students from the north and east to
come up here to continue their studies,
and so we are preparing to face the
new problems that will arise in
consequence. Just now, of course,
we are wondering what are the prospects
of anyone getting back from furlough,
for we have many gaps which we can ill
afford to have left unfilled this term.
Still, we shall not get pessimistic,
but rather live in hopes that this awful
war will cease before long, so that
once more we can deal with the normal
rather than the abnormal.

With kind regards,

Yours very sincerely,

Mayorie Robertson.

Union University

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Dear Mr. Evans,

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August 23, 1937

Miss Marjorie Robertson
West China Union University
Chungtu, Szechwan, China

Dear Miss Robertson:

Thank you for your letter of July 6th, with the copy of the statistical report for the New York Board of Regents. We are making a copy of this report for our New York office files, and are forwarding the original copy to Albany.

We do hope that Mr. Albertson will be sending along the financial section of the report very promptly. While the New York Regents are further away than the Nanking Government, the Regents can get just as impatient over delays in reports as can our friends in Nanking.

Mr. Evans has already acknowledged the receipt of parts two and six of the report to the Harvard-Yenching Institute. I believe that as yet we have not received part one of this report - the financial statement. Here, also, we hope that the financial statement will be coming forward promptly for our friends in Cambridge get quite upset if these reports do not arrive on schedule.

We trust that you have had a very pleasant vacation on Mount Omei, and that within a few weeks you will be back on the West China campus getting off to a good start on another successful year. We are all greatly distressed over the events which have been taking place in China during recent weeks. We hope that Szechwan will not be directly affected, though we know that you will be handicapped by the cutting off of travel, mail and freight because of the disturbances in the lower Yangtze.

Very sincerely yours,

B A GARSIDE

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Union University,
CHENG TU, Sze.,
W. China.

August 26th, 1937.

Dear Mr. Evans,

Thank you for duplicate cheque
for LC\$227.46 to cover August salary,
less insurance, which arrived a day or
so ago.

Nanking seems to be in for
trouble now to an unlimited extent, for
we hear that women and children are
already being evacuated. Poor China!

Yours sincerely,

Margaret Robertson.

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Mr. L. A. Evans.

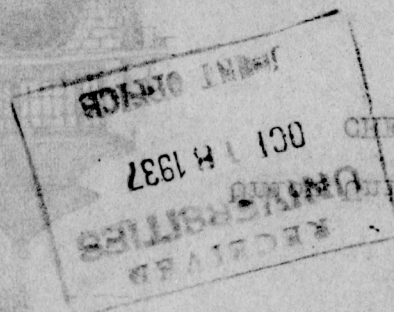
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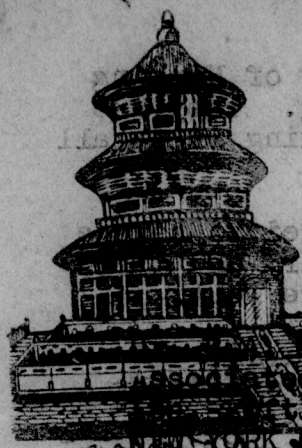
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Best regards,
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Yours truly,
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Dear Dr. Garside,

Mail these days comes in very irregularly, and so your letter of August 16th enclosing duplicate draft for L\$ \$227.54 come come ahead of the earlier letter enclosing the original. Thank you for remitting insurance charges direct to London for me.

I hope you got our Air mail Letter of several days' ago in good time. It is very difficult to telegraph because we are so uncertain about numbers. Students pour into the city on every bus, and even though we've given a second entrance examination I guess we'll be asked to take folk in almost continuously. It won't be easy to carry through the work of the year very satisfactorily in view of this sort of thing, but in the present circumstances there have to be endless compromises! Central National Medical and Dental Colleges are coming to our campus as soon as they can arrive; we still have no word

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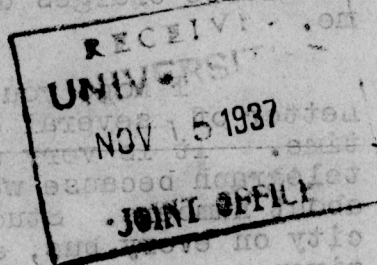
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and Ginling are coming. They are
trying to open in Nanking if at all
possible.

I hope you managed to have a
good vacation this year, and that
you and your family are well.

With kindest regards,
Yours very sincerely,

Marjorie Robertson

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Union University,

CHENG TU, Szechwan,

West China.

4th November, 1937.

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Dear Dr. Garside,

I ought to have acknowledged your letter of June 7th long ere this, but you will have realised from the few letters we have managed from the office just how full life has been here ever since the summer! Today we had a staff meeting to welcome the staffs of Cheeloo Medical School, National Central Medical and Dental Colleges, in all about twenty folk. Cheeloo folk are to work alongside our staff, of course, their students being taken into our classes; but the other two schools will work separately, as their curriculum is different, but use our classrooms, and some of our apparatus. Dormitories have been stretched to their utmost limit and beyond and we've hired a temple, houses and rooms in other mission buildings. The Government, as you know, is helping somewhat towards all the extra cost involved. It is grand that at this time of crisis we are able to do something to help those who are turned out of their own universities.

To return to your letter, I have now learned that a minute has come through from the Friends' Service Council agreeing to have my financial arrangements cared for through their treasurer in Chengtu if the Szechwan Committee of Missionaries approves. So now a minute is being circulated seeking such approval, and that will go home to England in due course; and after that I presume you will be notified, and then I will hear that plans are completed for me to draw my salary out here as do the other Friends' missionaries. Thank you so much for all the trouble you have taken in my behalf.

Today Mr. Evans' letter of September 7th has come to hand. In it he enclosed cheque for Chinese currency \$224.25. covering my salary for October, less the usual amount for insurance. Will you kindly thank him for me, also for the original of the September cheque which followed the duplicate by a fortnight or so. Posts get properly muddled at times!

With kind regards and best of wishes for Christmas and the New Year,

Yours very sincerely,

Marjorie Robertson

MR.

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WEST CHINA UNION UNIVERSITY

ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

Ack.
Hand to Mr. Young CHENGDU, SICHUAN

November 29th, 1937.

Ack 1/5/38

Dear Dr. Garside and Mr. Castleton,

The enclosed information about the Chemistry Department, the Dyeing and Tanning Extension Courses is the first instalment of a series of "Notes" which we hope you will be able to use for publicity purposes.

We are sending them in the form of notes rather than of written-up articles as you will know the best form in which this information can be made public in your own countries.

In view of the slowness of mail these days we are indulging in the extravagance of air-mail, as it is important that publicity material should get to you as rapidly as possible.

Yours sincerely,

M. Robertson.

Office Secretary.

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WEST CHINA UNION UNIVERSITY.
Jottings from the Chemistry Department.

October 1937.

Owing to the number of guest students (three from Nanking) and the large first year class, enrolment in Chemistry Department has jumped to a new record of 119 students. In addition to this, we have five full-time teachers employed (Sewell, Spooner, Kao, Hsiao, Hsu) and five part-time teachers or assistants (Lan, Shih, Wang, Yang, Djang)

The number of students taking classes in Chemistry is as follows:

Chemistry 1 - 2 Inorganic	100 students
3 - 4 Organic	55
Qualitative Analysis	7
Quantitative	7
Technical Analysis	2
Research	3
Elem. Physical Chemistry	7
Adv. Organic Chemistry	4
Electrochemistry	3
Org. Qual. Analysis	10
History of Chemistry	2
Chem. English	2
Chem. Maths.	2
Tanning	4
Extension Course Dyeing	18
Organic Chemistry for National Central University 45.	261 students.

As may be expected our equipment has proved itself woefully inadequate to meet this need, but we are doing our best to maintain high standards of teaching. Laboratories have been put to almost full-time service by putting some laboratory classes in the morning, others in the afternoon. Unfortunately the bulk of our orders for this year were caught the wrong side of Shanghai and so have not been able to arrive. However, when they do come, they will be all the more welcome.

Last year a very fine research was done by Fu Chieh-chieh, under Professor Kao's directions, on "The Refining of Kiating Salt". This is now being written up and we hope to see it published this winter.

In addition the Department has had two publications accepted by the Journal of Chemical Engineering (China). One is a "Report on Analysis of Szechwan Fats and Oils" by Spooner and Wang; the second is "Chemical Analysis of Common Vegetable Tanning Materials found in Szechwan" by Kao and Hsiao.

Both of these were publications resulting from research work done by students during 1935-36. Miss Hsiao Ni Chu has been taken on to our staff, half-time in Dyeing and half-time in Organic Chemistry. She is continuing to do research.

This year we are planning work on local dyeing materials as reported by Sewell and also work on the cracking of local fats and oils.

The Department is in a very healthy condition, but if we continue to expand, we shall soon be uncomfortably crowded. We are already utilising the major part of the basement and soon hope to use the entire wing now occupied by the University Dispensary.

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The grant from Nanking Government this year of about \$3,000 will be used almost entirely in buying absolutely essential equipment for doing senior laboratory work. In the past we have had to spend almost all of our grant on the work of the first and second years. We now hope to build up the department to a more adequate standard, so that we can better serve the university and utilise the opportunity and the need that Chemistry is going to have to serve China. Once this war is settled, and peace reigns again in the East, we shall see a terrible period of industrial advance in China. Chemists and chemical engineers may then be more in demand than doctors are at present. We badly need, however, additional help in buying other equipment and especially to furnish scholarships to enable graduate students to stay here a year longer doing research. It might be a very wise thing for our university to select a Research Committee which could coordinate the research now being done in W.C.U.U. and be empowered to devise ways and means of doing more.

R.C. Spooner.

Jottings on Tanning.

Service to the community has long been a slogan popular at the W.C.U.U. For the Chemistry Department this slogan has become realised in a very real manner during the past three years, in the development of our work in Dyeing and Tanning. Dr. Stubbs, the inspiration of our Department, had plans laid for the development of work in industrial chemistry, believing that such could be an unique contribution of our Department to Szechwan society. However, pressure of teaching duties, and lack of finances, prevented this from being realised before his death. With the coming of the National Government into Szechwan, it has been possible for the Chemistry Department to secure some support from outside the budget. With this help we are trying to make this dream come true.

Re Tanning, during 1936-37 we were granted \$6,000 to be used in equipment and apparatus by the Nanking Government. This was to be used to furnish the absolute necessities for a small model tannery to be built here on the campus and to be used by students in their work. Due to the distance from Shanghai, and the outbreak of war, our equipment has not been able to be delivered to Chengtu.

However, we have gone ahead with local equipment and have managed to start our tanning class with four senior students.

To undertake this work and be specially responsible for the tannery we have, with the financial help of the local Government, been able to engage Mr. Hsu Yung-kwang, a graduate of Nanching University, who specialised in Tanning. Mr. Hsu took one year at W.C.U.U. so that he also reckons as one of our old students. He will work under the direction of Professor Kao Yoh-lin.

The local war situation, because of the difficulties of transport in times of war, has thrown us back upon the local supplies. The Shanghai tanned leather is impossible to buy and the price has risen greatly. It reveals the market that there is in Szechwan for properly tanned leather. Because of

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this, the Chemistry Department has been asked to make plans for extensive research on the local hides, using local materials. We are glad to do this, and hope that the money will be forthcoming. This will give us additional experience in meeting local conditions. At the conclusion of the war, we shall be ready to introduce modern methods of leather tanning into the province.

We badly need endowment to pay the cost of a chair of Industrial Chemistry, and providing the holder with sufficient money to do the fundamental work that is necessary to be done on local industries.

Notes on Extension Course in Dyeing 1937-38.

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Staff: Head - W.G. Sewell,
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The Course will cover in the main the same outline as before, but will only last one year. Teaching 2½ days a week will soon be increased to three days.

Practical work will be the main factor in the course. Dyeing will be undertaken for the community, beginning about Christmas time.

War conditions have caused a shortage of dyes in Szechwan. The course, through the kindness of Imperial Chemical Industries, has been able to secure sufficient quantities of fast dyes for its requirements.

It was hoped to add to the equipment this year by the purchase of a calico printing machine. War conditions have postponed this.

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Yours sincerely,

M. Robertson

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RENAISSANCE IN WEST CHINA

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When welcomes were over one of the men described how the university where he had been studying had been bombarded by Japanese warships, another how his Alma Mater had been razed to the ground by aircraft. One of the women told how the train on which several of them had travelled south to the Yangtse valley had been chased by bombers. All had exciting adventures to relate of their flight from the war stricken areas, and the long trek westward by small steamer up through the Yangtse Gorges and into Szechwan.

These students, like the others who have come to us, were from a number of different colleges which have either been destroyed, or where work has been made impossible. Nearly a dozen institutions are represented on our campus, though most of the refugees are from sister Christian Universities or from medical colleges, both government and private. The greatest numbers come from Cheeloo University in Shantung, and from the Medical Schools of the National Central University at Nanking, though it is more than likely that before long even more may come from the Christian University at Nanking.

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There are many adjustments that have to be made. Some of our guests from North China who are used to steamed bread find they cannot eat rice; while all find our Szechwan red pepper too strong. So our hostels are having to provide special food. Other down river students find our bare buildings and rooms are too Spartan; they long for running water, central heating and other luxuries of life near the coast. A good spirit, however, is manifested everywhere, and forbearance is being shown, both by our own students as well as our guests. Some of the refugees come from fine Christian homes and we trust that their influence on our local young people may be deep and lasting.

It is not only students who have arrived. Among the refugees there are a number of teachers. They are men with fine minds, whose steadfast character and thought inspire our own staff and students. In spite of their sufferings these men are not bitter; there are no violent agitations or stirring of hatreds. These mature Chinese thinkers may influence us greatly.

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Only vaguely can we imagine what our work may mean for China; but there is no doubt that for Szechwan, somewhat isolated and provincial in the past, this influx of modern thinkers and students will have far reaching results. It may well mark the renaissance of West China, just as wars in other places and at other times have started great intellectual movements. Although we can see so much more that we in this Christian institution might be doing if we were not so limited in personnel and finance, yet, in humility, we here in China and you in the West, who through your support are sharing in this work, can rejoice with thanksgiving for what we are able to achieve.

Nov. 30th, 1937.

Wm. G. Sewell.

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Notes by Dr. T.H. Williams, M.D., C.M., D.T.M. & H., (Eng)
Department of Pathology,
West China Union University,
CHENG TU, Szechwan, West China.

It is extremely difficult to get material here for autopsy demonstrations to students, or for the study of the results of disease processes, so necessary in the teaching of pathology.

Some years ago when I began teaching pathology, the first time permission was granted me to perform an autopsy, it has to be done on a door laid across two stools on the street. An inner ring of my students was surrounded by a dense throng of open-mouthed spectators determined to see this "foreign devil take out the heart for medicine." However, I did not do so.

Since that time it has been possible to arrange only a few autopsies each year. We feel keenly the need for more. Those who give their consent are almost exclusively educated people, and often Christians. (Another product of Christianity!)

Lately it occurred to me that we might be able to get permission to perform autopsies on the bodies of beggars found dead on the streets. Accordingly, with a Chinese doctor from our staff, I went to the Chief of Police and suggested to him that we might derive benefit both for the students and for his department by ascertaining sure knowledge of the cause of death in these not-infrequent cases of beggars or transients found dead on the road. He was quite sympathetic towards the proposal, seeing benefits to both parties, and from his point of view he saw no reason why we might not do this. However, he said we would have to submit the proposition to the Court who, with the police, had joint jurisdiction in such cases. This we did, and we received the stereotyped reply that the law requires that before an autopsy can be performed written consent must be obtained from the nearest relative, or failing that, the dead person must himself have consented to the procedure before his death. Otherwise, we would be laying ourselves open to victimization in the law courts through prosecution for damages brought against us by some malicious person.

In other large cities there exist charity hospitals where it is a condition of admission that patients sign a form allowing study-of autopsy study of fatal cases.

There is in this country a great deal of natural and superstitious prejudice against autopsies, and yet the science of pathology stands chiefly on this basis; preserved specimens alone are not sufficient. As regards the latter, we have made another large addition to our museum, which is becoming one of the best in China.

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There is in this country a great deal of natural and super-
 stitious prejudice against autopsies, and yet the science of
 pathology stands chiefly on this basis. Preserved specimens alone
 are not sufficient. As regards the latter, we have made another
 large addition to our museum, which is becoming one of the best in
 China.

In other large cities there exist charity hospitals where it
 is a condition of admission that patients sign a form allowing
 steady-study autopsy study of fatal cases.

malicious person.
 would be laying ourselves open to victimization in the law courts
 have consented to the procedure before his death. Otherwise, we
 nearest relative, or failing that, the dead person must himself
 autopsy can be performed written consent must be obtained from the
 the stereotyped reply that the law requires that before an
 joint jurisdiction in such cases. This we did, and we received
 to submit the proposition to the Court who, with the policy, had
 reason why we might not do this. However, he said we would have
 benefits to both parties, and from his point of view he saw no
 road. He was quite sympathetic towards the proposal, seeing
 not-infrequent cases of beggars or transients found dead on the
 ment by ascertaining sure knowledge of the cause of death in these
 we might derive benefit both for the students and for his depart-
 our staff. I went to the Chief of Police and suggested to him that
 dead on the streets. Accordingly, with a Chinese doctor from
 permission to perform autopsies on the bodies of beggars found

and often Christians. (Another product of Christianity!)
 who give their consent are almost exclusively educated people,
 autopsies each year. We feel keenly the need for more. Those
 Since that time it has been possible to arrange only a few

take out the heart for medicine." However, I did not do so.
 open-mouthed spectators determined to see this "foreign devil"
 inner ring of my students was surrounded by a dense throng of
 be done on a door laid across two stools on the street. An
 time permission was granted me to perform an autopsy, it has to
 Some years ago when I began teaching pathology, the first

disease processes, so necessary in the teaching of pathology.
 demonstrations to students, or for the study of the results of
 It is extremely difficult to get material here for autopsy

CHONGTU, Szechwan, West China.
 West China Union University,
 Department of Pathology,
 Notes by Dr. T.H. Williams, M.D., C.M., D.T.M. & H. (Eng)

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Union University,
Blenheim, Nze.,
West Africa.

December 19th 1937.

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Dear Mr. Evans,

Thank you for your letter
of October 11th just received,
enclosing cheque L.b. \$ 227.68,
covering November salary, less
insurance.

I should also acknowledge
letter of September 13th enclosing
duplicate of October salary cheque.

We sincerely hope our
letters from the office have been
getting through safely to New York.
Here we have long spells of
waiting for letters - it is four
or five weeks since any

Miss University,
Chambers, 202,
West Street.

December 19th 1937.

Dear Mr. Brown,

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enclosing cheque £1.8 2s 6d,
covering November salary, has

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The university life our
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Now we have long spells of
waiting for letters - it is five
or six weeks since any

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American English mail came through - now perhaps we will be receiving quite a batch spread over three or four days - then a wait again!

There is no sense writing of the political situation for it changes daily, if not more frequently! The radio on the campus are well patronized these days!

We sincerely hope appeals on behalf of the China Universities are proving fruitful.

Kind regards, Christmas and New Year Greetings.

Yours sincerely
Marjorie Robertson.

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American Geographic Society
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our friends, friends
 and their dear friends.

Yours sincerely
 Maxine Johnston

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GRAPHIC ADDRESS: "HUATA"

WEST CHINA UNION UNIVERSITY

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ISTRATION OFFICE

CHENGDU, SICHUAN

December 20th, 1937.

Dear Dr. Garside and Mr. Castleton,

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Herewith an article written by Bishop Ward, the new M.E.M. Resident Bishop in Chengtu, setting forth the new situation as he sees it. Perhaps you will be able to make good use of his article. I know it may overlap in some respects other articles of a general nature sent you recently, or sent by individuals to their denominational papers, but I rather fancy you would prefer to have too much publicity material rather than too little.

We sincerely hope our Clipper Mail letters are getting through, but so far we have had no letters from either the New York or London offices dated later than September 15th!

Yours sincerely,

M. Robertson

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NEW SETTINGS FOR WEST CHINA UNION UNIVERSITY

By Bishop Ralph A. Ward

Chengtu, China

Forty years ago "Changing China" was the timely title of books and newspaper articles. While that title has been somewhat outworn yet the fact of change in China is equally or more significant today than ever before. And "West China", the province of Szechwan, is a region in which these changes now are very evident.

West China Union University was a solitary pioneer in the field of higher education, well in advance of present developments. For a number of years one could describe a circle on the map with Chengtu as a center, and the circle would include a hundred million people among whom there was no other university under any auspices.

In the last five years the Nationalist Government has established a National University in Chengtu, and the Provincial Government has established at Chungking, two-hundred seventy miles away, a university to specialize in mining and engineering. It seems trite to say that neither of these institutions in any sense trespasses on the field of service of West China Union University. Rather are they extending privileges of higher education to just a few more of the vast potential student population and are increasing academic and cultural fellowship for the faculty and students and alumni of West China Union University. A lone university in so populous a region with great resources, itself having relatively meager equipment and endowment, profits much by the coming of others into the same field to help in the creation of social standards and a social atmosphere in which men and women of modern education and outlook may function and grow.

Relatively, the man of modern education has had a hard time of it in China during the last century. Often he had a preparation which was saleable in political, commercial and professional markets. But the inner demands of his education and his restless new spirit brought him violent and depressing opposition. He needed company. Illiteracy and the deadweight of rigid old customs and attitudes and social habits have seemed immovable. The hundreds of thousands of Chinese of some measure of modern education still are so few that the "saturation point" academically has not yet even been sighted. So it is that this creative pioneer of education and social regeneration in West China, the Union University, has begun to receive much needed reenforcement through the recent establishment of the National University in Chengtu and the Provincial University in Chungking.

West China Union University is a unique product of the academic genius and missionary spirit of Canada, England and the United States. A newcomer is struck by the elements which have come from each of these national backgrounds. One is impressed with the fortunate blending of these elements which makes a contribution to modern culture less closely identified with some particular foreign nation. The architecture of different buildings, the cultural overtones of three different countries and the varying religious richness of several denominations have grown a unique institution.

The outside world has heard quite a bit about the great central plain of the province with its two-thousand year old system of irrigation, perhaps the most densely populated agricultural region in the world. It has heard also that this province has one of the most varied flora to be found anywhere. Mineral resources have been but superficially explored. Yet vast quantities of coal seem easily accessible. Great salt-wells are adequate to supply the whole western region of China, and have their own mineralogical significance. Archaeologists and anthropologists, to say nothing of other students, make an ever larger trek to Szechwan and out to the more distant West and Northwest and Southwest.

But an academic study of the past of this region and its natural resources is, for the moment, eclipsed by the changes brought from the present Sino-Japanese war. Tens of Chinese universities in the war-zones have either been closed or destroyed or passed under the military and cultural domination of a foreign country. Naturally, there is a great academic work to be done in those regions. Yet not only for people previously in West China, but for tens of thousands of others coming now from other provinces there are the peculiar tasks and demands by Chinese who wish to continue to think and live and grow under a government of their own making.

During these months there have come to the campus of West China Union University hundreds of these young men and women from other provinces. They have come at great expense. Many of them have experienced serious difficulties and inconveniences to get here. In part, they have come because of their patriotism and their desire to complete their preparation without interruption. Already they are receiving a new vision of their country and a larger sense of fellowship with people of their own race. In turn, they are bringing broader outlook, new spirit and more stalwart purposes to the campus of West China Union University.

West China Union University has made a place on its campus for the Medical and Dental Colleges of the National Central University at Nanking, and also for a considerable part of the Medical College of Cheeloo University at Tsinan, Shantung province. Four-hundred students and teachers of the University of Nanking, another Union Christian institution, are being moved from Nanking to Chengtu.

The main part of the National Central University of Nanking has already moved to Chungking. The famous Nankai University of Tientsin, recently destroyed by Japanese bombs, has erected new buildings for its middle-school in Chungking. There is a great demand for more middle schools in Chungking and other parts of the province both for boys and girls. The provincial and national governments, despite the heavy drafts on them for war purposes, are straining their budgets to encourage both Government and private institutions to accept all students possible from other parts of the country.

For centuries West China has been a sort of a nation by itself, walled by high mountains toward Tibet on the West, and other parts of China on the North and South. Only a trickle of trade and ideas came through the swirling gorges of the Yangtse or by caravan and pack through the mountain passes. Steam navigation, motor highways, telegraph and especially radios, with high-power sending stations at Chengtu and Chungking, have been lifting this region out of its isolation. Missionary schools, of which West China Union University is at the academic top, have done more than all of these agencies in the bringing of new spirit and ideas. And now these tens of thousands of people of modern education and spirit, both natives returning to Szechwan and those born in other provinces, are bringing themselves and some of their money and experiences and idealism.

The other night a group of over thirty students of the Union University spent the early evening in our home, since we live on the edge of the campus and our daughter is a member of the faculty. After a couple of hours of evident good fun it occurred to somebody to have each person rise and introduce himself. The impression was startling. It revealed an epitome of what has been going on in China during the days of the Republic and must develop vastly further. Here these students were in the University in Chengtu, capital of China's largest western province, less than five-hundred miles as the crow flies from Lhasa. One boy said, "I am a native of the capital of Yunnan province (bordering French Indo-China). I graduated from a middle-school there. I am a Christian." The

next boy said, "I also came from the same city and school". Another said, "I am a Cantonese. My parents have one home in Canton and another in Wuhu (Anhui province, above Nanking). Both homes are now destroyed by the war." Another said, "My ancestry is Cantonese and my clan has lived so long in Peiping that I am now a Pekinese. But I am a student in West China Union University." Others said, "Our home is in Shantung (along the northern coast)". Others said that they have been students in Shanghai or Nanking or Cheeloo or in various cities of Szechwan province itself. Yet they all were deeply stirred by the new national spirit and the meanings of the war, and a determination to "see it through". One of their teachers said, "These students respond to more exacting standards in their class-work, when they see that such standards will give them the preparation they seek. They are serious about getting education of real content."

No one knows how long will remain in Szechwan the National Government which has just largely moved from Nanking to Chungking. But its coming adds another large impetus. Shanghai was the chief center of China's modern industries, with Tientsin as a poor second. Tientsin has passed under Japanese control. Practically all of the Chinese factories in Shanghai have either been destroyed or are passing under Japanese domination. There had been such a concentration of Chinese capital in Shanghai as a place of safety that Shanghai banks often sought in vain for an outlet. During the last decade of increasing political stability under the Nationalist Government, Shanghai capital was being moved to other nearby parts of the country, but did not venture far afield. In these recent war weeks, however, it has had to leave Shanghai and there has been a good deal of visionful planning for rehabilitation in Szechwan.

So it is that academically, politically, socially, industrially and commercially, there is an immeasurable new outlook for West China. West China Union University was a pioneer in education and modern spirit in this region. Today it has reenforcements in the field, though its own immediate resources are dangerously inadequate to take again a place of Christian pioneering in the new modern life and development which are beginning so largely because of the war.

The whole situation rapidly increases the student population prepared for university work, as well as the student bodies of the universities. The demand upon West China Union University is immeasurable. Its faculty is adjusting itself with vision and the finest spirit of cooperation. Its students patriotically adjust themselves to crowded conditions. But whether the newcomers remain long or stay only for a short period, the province of Szechwan and the campus life of West China Union University will be vastly different because of the events and influences of this year.