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January 12, 1945

Dr. A. E. Armstrong,
Board of Foreign Missions,
United Church of Canada,
299 Queen Street West,
Toronto 2, Ontario, Canada.

Dear Dr. Armstrong:

We have been going over the list of members of the Associated Boards and find that the term of the Rt. Rev. Jesse H. Armp, appointed by your Board as its representative on the Board of Governors of West China Union University expired in 1944. Will you please let us know whether a re-appointment has been made to the Class of 1947?

Sincerely yours,

Charles H. Corbett

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Mr. Earl H. Ballou,
Associated Boards for Christian
Colleges in China,
150 Fifth Ave.,
New York City, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Ballou:

The letter of which copy
is enclosed came to hand this week
from Dr. Leslie Kilborn and I thought
it of sufficient importance to share
it with you and Mr. Evans. I should
be glad to have your comment.

Sincerely yours,

Jesse H. Arnup
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Attached to Armstrong's letter
January 18
~~March 2~~, 1945

250 Golfdale Road,
Toronto 12, Ontario,
January 16, 1945.

Rev. Jesse H. Arnup, D.D.,
Chairman, Board of Founders,
West China Union University,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Dr. Arnup:

Before I return to China I wish to bring to your attention a matter in regard to the WCUU which I know has received some thought from various members of the faculty. It is the chancellorship.

As far as I know the faculty in Chengtu do not know what the present status of Dr. Beech is. Has he retired and been appointed Chancellor Emeritus, or is he still the Chancellor? When he left China a few years ago it was generally understood that he was retiring. The Chinese Government gave him a decoration, and all the speeches were in the past tense. Apparently no one looked forward to anything that was expected of Dr. Beech in the future. But we heard no word of his retirement. So many questions have been asked in regard to his present position, and in regard to the office of chancellor.

It seems to me, and I think that I voice the opinion of a good many of the faculty, that the question of the continuance or otherwise of the chancellorship should be thoroughly studied, and that in the very near future. If the office is to be continued, then a successor to Dr. Beech should be found, and set to work.

Personally I am of the opinion that the office should be continued. The chancellor should be one responsible for the raising of money and for the dissemination of information in regard to the university abroad. He should make frequent trips to China, but should ordinarily be resident on this continent.

I also feel that the chancellor should preferably be an American, for most of the money available seems to be in the U.S.A. I believe that Dryden Phelps would be ideal for the position. He comes from a very well known and scholarly family. He is an enthusiastic and well-liked speaker. I know that he would be greatly missed from Chengtu, and his own heart is there. But the only kind of chancellor that we want is one who would be missed.

The faculty also feels that nothing must be done that would offend Dr. Beech. So unless this whole question can be considered in such a manner that his feelings would not be hurt it had perhaps better be dropped. However, it is possible that his full cooperation could be secured in the selection of a successor, and in the giving of advice to him.

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Attached to Armstrong's letter, ~~March 1, 1945~~

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These arguments are entirely falacious. Her "guests" have provided very little in the way of material help. It is true that a new Chemistry Building was erected through combined "contributions." Since these came from the United China Relief, the assistance from the guest institutions was in name only. And in any case, even had there been no war, it is probable that a new chemistry building would have been an essential addition to the university. The "guests" have contributed practically nothing to the new hospital. It is true that some have made small contributions. (in Chinese currency), but these would not have amounted to the rent they would have had to pay for buildings off the campus. And the damage done by the same guests has been very considerable. Our apparatus is very nearly worn out, the losses in actual thefts from the library have increased many fold, and a great many of these have been due to our "guests" both students and staff, the rather large stock of chemicals and other supplies that we were accustomed to keep on hand (because of our isolated situation) is largely exhausted.

On the other hand in these eight years of war the university has been compelled to expand. This has been due in great measure to the place she won for herself by her unselfish sharing of all she had with the refugee institutions. Her reputation went up by leaps and bounds. Students came to West China who would formerly have tried to get to some other university. Staff of an unexpectedly high quality became available to us for the first time. Our College of Arts has made tremendous progress, and many of its departments are recognized as outstanding. Because of our unique work in Dentistry, in Pharmacy, and in some other departments, we became still more widely known. Expansion was forced upon us. After the war, are we to go back to a one-horse show, or are we to retain our position as a nationally esteemed university. This depends very largely upon our resources. And unless we have some person abroad continually bringing the needs of the WCUU to the attention of the powers that be, I fear that we shall again be overlooked. Hence, the question of a chancellor at this time becomes important.

Pardon me for writing at such length. But I do feel that this matter needs attention.

Very sincerely yours,

"Leslie G. Kilborn."

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Very sincerely yours,
Leslie S. Wilson

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January 27, 1945

The Right Rev. Jesse H. Arnup, B.A., D.D.
The United Church of Canada
421 Wesley Building
Toronto 2-B, Canada

Honored and Reverend Dr. Arnup:

I am answering your letter of January 18th enclosing copy of letter dated January 16th written by Dr. Kilborn.

Dr. Kilborn discusses in this letter the problem of the Chancellorship at West China Union University. Several questions are raised by Dr. Kilborn which should be answered by the simple statement of facts as they exist and as they are on our records.

First of all regarding the status: Dr. Beech is a retired missionary of the Methodist Foreign Board as well as a retired staff member of the Board of Governors. As such he receives a pension as agreed upon by the Board of Governors. At no time, however, has the status of Chancellorship been changed and he is definitely not Chancellor Emeritus. From my observation he cherishes this title and is acting in the best of his capacity to merit it here in America. If however, any group decided it best to make a change in this status I am presumptuous enough to believe I could bring about such a condition better than any one that I know.

I hope, however, that no such step is taken and for several reasons which are given by Dr. Kilborn as constructive argument for a change.

In the first place while Dr. Beech performed admirably as an able money raiser yet more time was spent in China than in the United States, at least since I have known him over the last fifteen years, and while he was considered the active Chancellor. As we have viewed the Chancellorship here it was more of the effect of a liaison relationship between the Board of Governors and the Board of Managers in China. In that respect Mr. Robertson is acting admirably. I am sure however, that Mr. Robertson cannot act in the same capacity or finesse as did Dr. Beech.

The necessity for having a representative to raise money in the United States is returning to the old days when each college had an individual scouting around America, overlapping each others trails, and in several instances taking away good prospects from other universities. It has been my impression that the Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China was organized to do away with this sort of thing, and to put into the hands of the Associated Boards the problem

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of raising funds. From 1934 to 1937 we were in the process of building up a clientele and were not moving rapidly. Since the start of the war in 1937, however, the Associated Boards has taken over practically the full responsibility of raising additional funds and West China certainly has not suffered. I am quite sure that if West China appoints a Chancellor for the purposes of raising funds in America that there will be strong protests from other Boards of Trustees which have given up individual promotion in order to become a part of the Associated Boards. I also raise the question as to the fitness of the one suggested to occupy the post of Chancellor. I have very grave misgivings in my own mind.

I am also reluctant to accept the thesis that after the war West China will be left a poor sufferer from the visitation of down-river universities. At no time in the Associated Boards discussions or the Planning Committee discussions have we thought other than that West China would be one of the outstanding institutions retained in the realm of higher education in China. I think it is wrong for anyone on the West China staff to take this attitude. Especially so after the amount of money that has been raised and put into West China's hands and which has been used definitely for the development of the University. All told, West China has fared better than any other one of the institutions and there is no thought of laying off after the war.

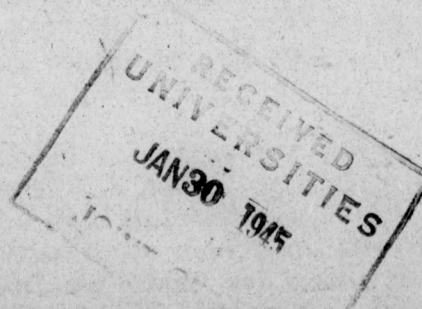
May I call attention to the fact that the Chemistry Building erected on the West China campus was from funds raised by the Associated Boards and not one dollar of United China Relief money went into it. In fact it was erected before United China Relief had begun to pay us any money.

I could go on rather indefinitely but it seems to me that for the time being this matter should be held in abeyance and nothing more be done about it. My own impression is that the question will be best handled in the natural course of events.

Most sincerely yours,

CAE:EW.

C. A. EVANS



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January 29th
1945

Rev. C.A. Evans,
Associated Boards for Christian
Colleges in China,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York 11, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Evans:

This is to offer humble and
heartly thanks for your careful and pains-
taking reply to the letter written by
Dr. Leslie G. Kilborn. I am taking the
liberty of sending a copy on to Dr.
Kilborn.

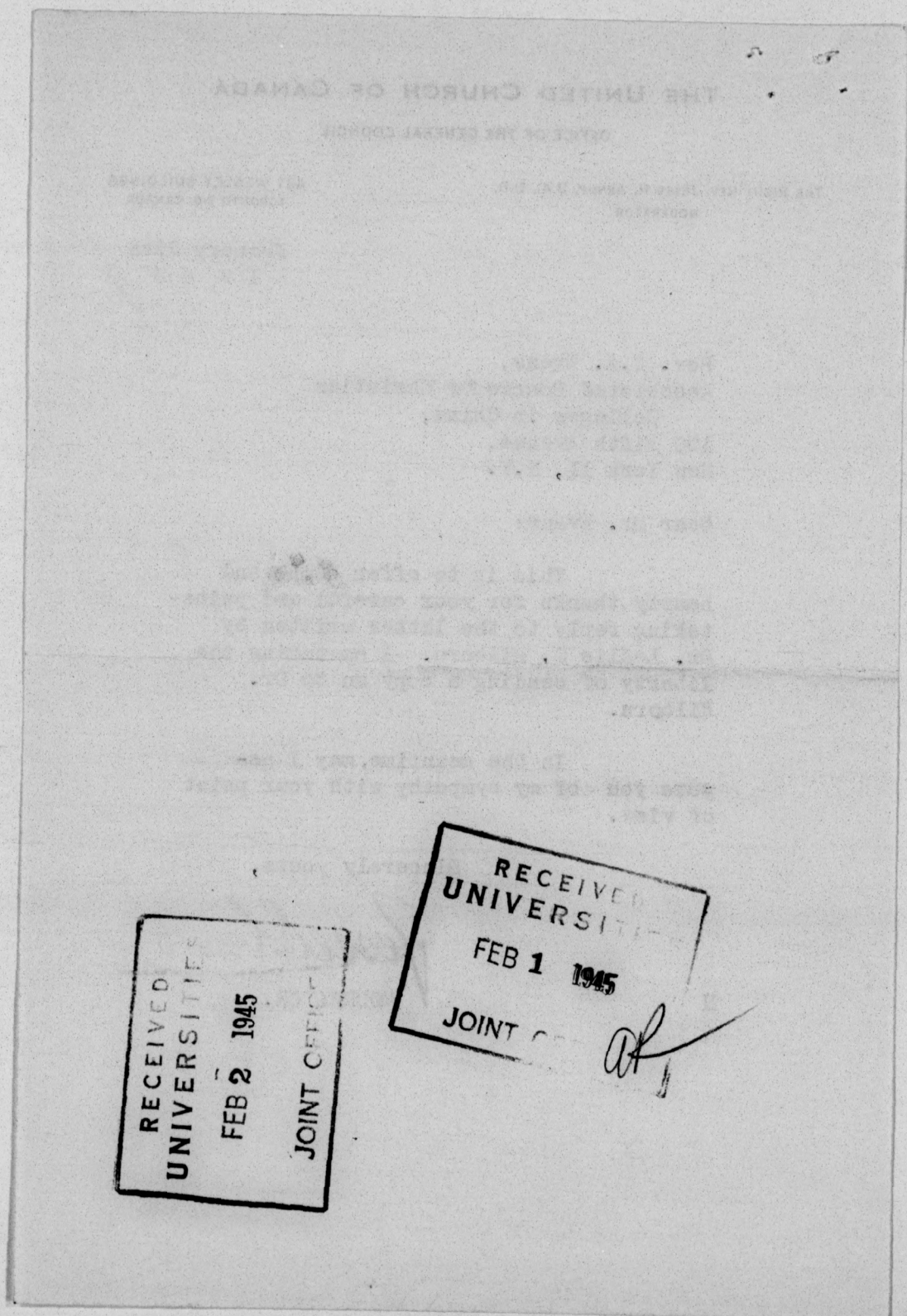
In the meantime, may I as-
sure you of my sympathy with your point
of view.

Sincerely yours,

Jesse H. Arnup
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THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND *

Foreign Mission Committee and Women's Foreign Mission.

121 George St.,
Edinburgh,
3rd February 1945.

The Rt. Rev. Jesse H. Arnup,
421 Wesley Bldgs.,
Toronto 2B, Canada.

Dear Dr. Arnup:

Many thanks for your letter of December 14th addressed to Dr. Kydd. He unfortunately has had to go off work for a few months's rest and I am looking after some of his affairs in the meantime as I cannot get back to Manchuria.

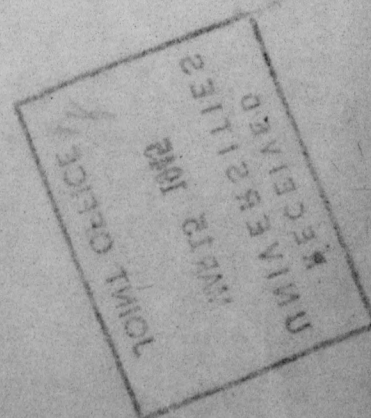
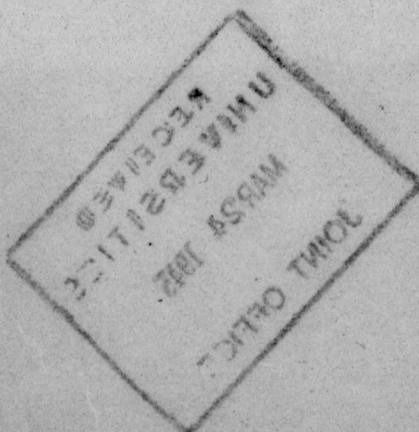
You raise the question of our becoming Charter members of the West China Union University. It is very good of you to make this suggestion, but I am afraid it is not feasible for us to accept it. Chengtu is quite out of reach of our two China mission fields, which are in Ichang and Manchuria. Students from the former place make down-river and the Manchurian ones make for either Peking or Shantung. We shall probably have to join in in helping one of the Christian Colleges in North China, but our finances are in such bad condition that we cannot undertake the provision of funds for anything that is not our own immediate concern. We know something of the very good work being done in the Chengtu University and if circumstances were easier for us, we might be able to consider some financial help, but with things as they are, it is not possible. Perhaps you would be good enough to convey to the Board of Governors our regret at not being able to accept their invitation.

Now that most of them are back in this country again, I should like to assure you of the very deep gratitude we feel for the great kindness and courtesy shown by yourself and your Church to the Manchuria and Ichang missionaries who have been living for the last few years in Canada. They all speak with much appreciation of the help you gave them and both they and we are most grateful for it.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

"JOHN STEWART". *



*Mr Evans
Mr Ballou*

*Dr. Arnup
sent me a copy
of this letter to!
E.H.B.*

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THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Foreign Mission Committee and Women's Foreign Mission

121 George St.,
Edinburgh,
Oct. 1944

The Rt. Rev. James M. Arndt,
121 Wesley Bldg.,
Toronto 28, Canada.

Dear Mr. Arndt:

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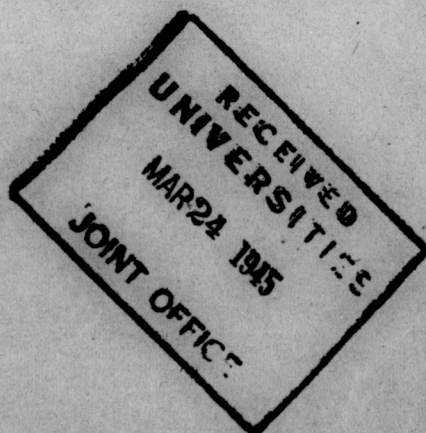
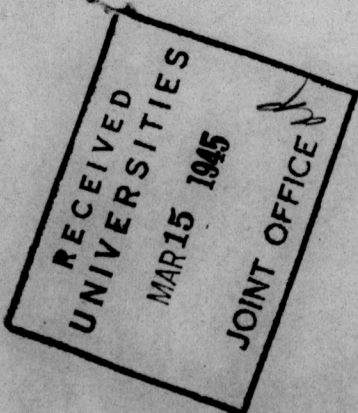
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With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

JOHN STEWART



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RT. REV. JESSE H. ARNUP, B.A., D.D.

Mr. Charles H. Corbett,
Associated Boards for
Christian Colleges in China,
150 Fifth Ave.,
New York 11.

Dear Mr. Corbett:-

Replying to your letter of January 12th

I write to report that the Executive Committee of our
Board has reappointed Dr. Arnup to represent us on the
Board of Governors of the West China Union University
for the term expiring 1947.

Sincerely yours,

A. E. Armstrong

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Please return to Mr. Day

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WALTER T. GIBSON, M.A., D.D.
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REV. A. E. ARMSTRONG, M.A., D.D.
BY REV. ROBERT A. ARMSTRONG, D.D.

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BOARD OF OVERSEAS MISSIONS

36 QUEEN ST. WEST
TORONTO 2, CANADA

SEPTEMBER 8, 1945



Mr. Charles H. Gifford,
Associated Presses Inc.,
Christian Science in Canada,
150 W. 4th Ave.,
New York 11, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Gifford:

Reference is made to your letter of January 1945
in which you request that the Executive Committee of our
Board be appointed to study as requested by the
Board of Directors of the United Church of Canada
for the year ending 1945.

Sincerely yours,

A. E. Armstrong

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Friends House
Euston Road
London, N.W.1.
February, 15, 1945

Mr. C. A. Evans
Associated Boards for Christian Colleges
in China
One Hundred-fifty Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y., U.S.A.

Dear Mr. Evans:

Miss Marjorie Robertson

Miss Marjorie Robertson has been talking to me about her plans. In the ordinary course she is due to leave this country for West China in August or early September. I understand from her, however, that she has written to you asking whether you would feel a visit to the United States and Canada desirable. She feels that in view of her responsibility for publicity and other things, personal contact with the supporting Boards would be of the very greatest value to her and might be advantageous to them. I can see the truth of this, and in normal times it would look to be a very useful thing. One has to realise, however, that it would, in fact, mean a special voyage across the Atlantic, as her route on to China would, in all probability be by the Mediterranean and India, and she realizes that this means additional time and expense, which would have to be taken into account. I also do not know how easy it is to get permits and passages from the States to China. The situation is not at all easy here. I am putting her down on the Edinburgh House list for priority in August or September, but it is quite uncertain whether she can, in fact, get off then, though I hope it may be possible. If it were more certain that she could get a passage from the States that might be an argument for her coming over. If she should come over, she feels that it would be best to come in the early summer, so as to have a couple of months available for visiting, enabling her to get away in September to China. I suppose the summer months are not the best time for visiting, either in Canada or the States.

As we have to ensure that her application is considered early if she is to travel from here, we ought to know as soon as possible whether she is to go direct or via America, and of course it is of some practical importance to her to know whether she is to leave this country in June or August. I would be grateful, therefore, if you would let me know as soon as possible what your decision would be. I assume that she would not come to the States except by your definite invitation and instructions.

Very sincerely yours,

/s/ PAUL D. STURGE.

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February 5, 1945

The Right Rev. Jesse H. Arnup
421 Wesley Buildings
Toronto 2-B, Canada

Dear Dr. Arnup:

Thank you for sending us copies of Dr. Kilborn's very interesting letter of January 16. We talked over the questions raised by it in staff meeting, and it was agreed that Mr. Evans should write what may be considered a report of our reaction. He has been familiar with the whole situation for so long that several elements in it can best be discussed by him.

However, I hope that the next time our paths cross there may be a chance for a little further conversation on this matter. I am sure we do not wish to discourage Dr. Kilborn in any of his zealous planning for West China's future. The questions which came to our minds were regarding methods rather than goals. I do not believe West China is going to be overlooked in any way when we come to implementing the details of our postwar plans. At the same time I think it will be surprising if Chengtu and any institutions located there are able to maintain quite the same position in Chinese education that they have enjoyed during these war years. There would seem to be inevitably some degree of recession to be expected, but on the other hand permanent benefits from the concentration of interest on that part of the country. Whether the officer of the University permanently assigned for promotional work should be given the title of Chancellor, as Dr. Kilborn suggests, or whether Dryden Phelps is the one for the position if it is needed, are questions on which opinions at present are not unanimous.

If Dr. Kilborn's return to China is delayed, as we understand it is for the time being, I hope there may be a chance to talk with both of you, together, about the whole project.

Trusting you will excuse this inadequate and tentative reply to the very interesting questions he raises, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

Eric H. North

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February 21, 1945

Rt. Rev. Jesse H. Aramp
The United Church of Canada
299 Queen Street, West
Toronto 2, Ontario, Canada

Dear and honored Chairman:

I have received a communication from Dr. H. R. Williamson stating that he is urging the Methodist Missionary Society to interest themselves in West China Union University. I quote further:-
"I am passing this on to them, through the Secretary of our Christian Universities Association, so that he may know what is afoot.
I shall do my best in a personal capacity, and as Chairman of our Association in this country, to enlist the practical interest of our Methodist brethren in that project."

Possibly this also will be productive of some good results.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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Mr. C.A. Evans,
China Colleges,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Evans:

Pursuant to instructions
from the West China Board I wrote
to Rev. A.S. Kydd of the Church of
Scotland Missionary Society inviting
their participation in our enterprise
in West China. Enclosed is a copy of
their reply.

Sincerely yours,

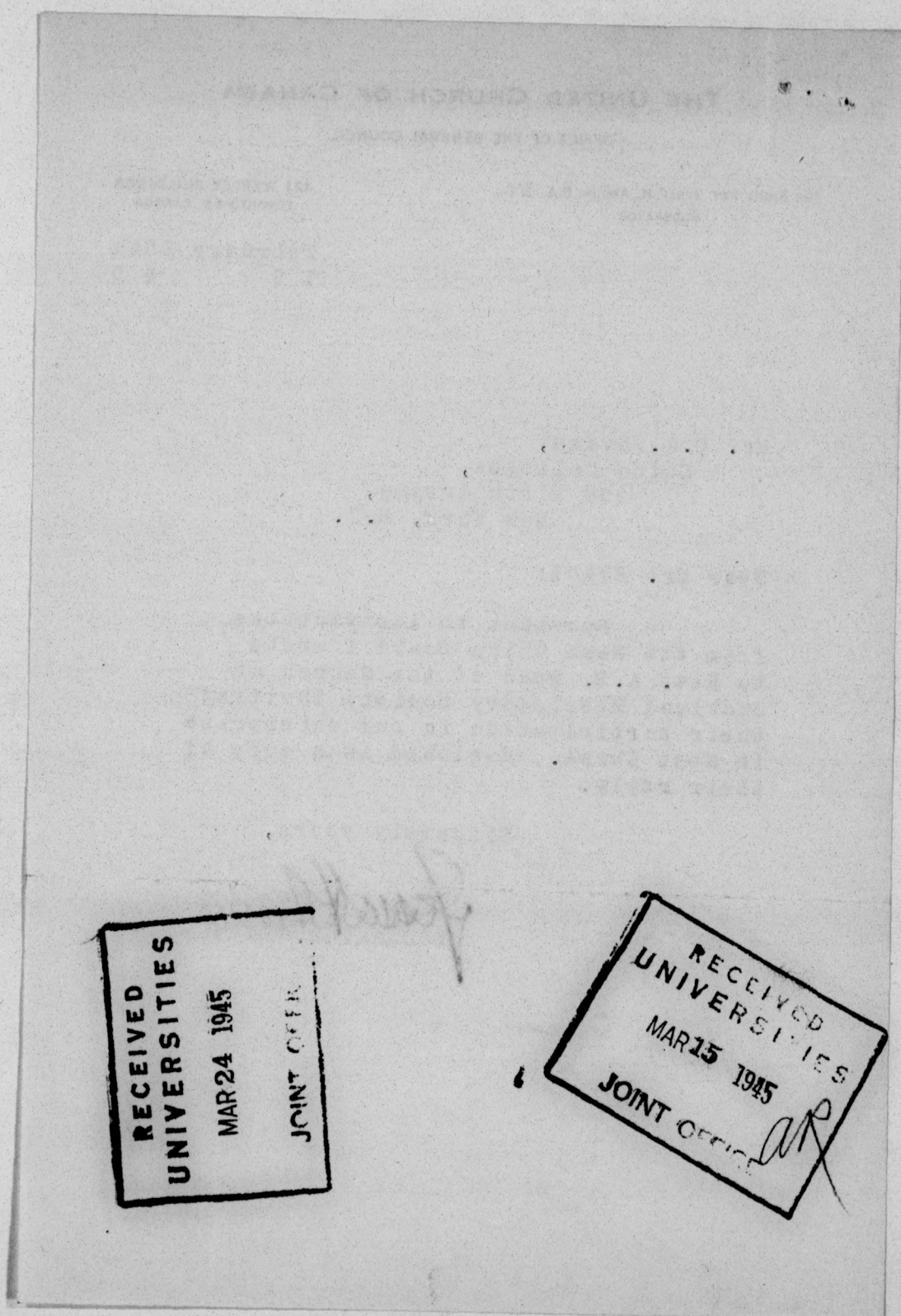
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RT. REV. JESSE H. ARNUP, B.A., D.D.

March 2, 1945.

Mr. Charles H. Corbett,
Associated Board for
Christian Colleges in China,
156 Fifth Ave.,
New York 10.

Dear Mr. Corbett:-

Replying to a communication from Dr. Eric North of February 15th, I report that our Executive Committee yesterday agreed to the suggestion made and appointed to the United Board for Christian Colleges in China the following as part of the quota for the West China Union University:

- ✓ The Right Rev. Jesse H. Arnup, D.D.,
- ✓ Professor A. E. Johns,
- Rev. A. E. Armstrong, D.D.

Sincerely yours,

A. E. Armstrong

AEA/S.

Noted - F.W.D.

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March 2, 1945

Mr. Charles H. Corbett,
Associated Board for
Christian Colleges in China,
120 Fifth Ave.,
New York 10, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Corbett:-

Replying to a communication from Dr. Eric North
of February 18th, I report that our Executive Committee
yesterday agreed to the suggestion made and appointed
to the United Board for Christian Colleges in China the
following as part of the group for the West China Union
University:

Rev. Jesse H. Armstrong, D.D.,
Prof. Aaron A. E. Johnson,
Rev. A. E. Armstrong, D.D.

Sincerely yours,

Walter T. Brown

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March 5, 1945

Dr. Jesse H. Arnup
299 Queen Street, West
Toronto 2, Ontario, Canada

Dear Dr. Arnup:

* I am enclosing copy herewith of letter received from Paul B. Sturge of the Friends Service Council in reference to the return of Miss Marjorie Robertson to China.

We all would most heartily welcome the opportunity of meeting with Miss Robertson and discuss with her some of the problems as related to the administrative program. I am not so sure that it is of sufficient value for West China to undertake paying her travel to America and back by way of England. Were it possible for her to stop off in the United States on her return I certainly would advise it. Also there may be difficulties involved in getting Miss Robertson to America and back again.

I shall welcome your judgment and cable accordingly.

Most obediently yours,

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C. A. EVANS

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March 8th
1945

File

Mr. C.A. Evans,
c/o China College,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Evans:

This acknowledges your letter
with enclosure of the letter from Mr.
Sturge. I agree with your judgment that
in the circumstances we could scarcely
justify the visit from Miss Robertson.

Yours sincerely,

Jesse H. Arnup
MODERATOR.

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Paul Sturge

*~~Any~~ Extra trip America
Mayone Robertson welcomed
but funds unavailable here x*

Carl Evans

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MODERATOR



421 WESLEY BUILDINGS
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March 12th
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3/27/45

Mr. C.A. Evans,
China Colleges,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Evans:

I am in distress. My daughter and her husband - they are twenty-two and twenty-four respectively - want to go to China. He is an honour graduate in chemistry at the University of Toronto and for a time was a demonstrator at the University, but for the last year or two has held a position with the Imperial Oil which is the Canadian end of the Standard Oil. He made a start on his master's degree in chemistry, but did not finish before taking his present position. Now I am not in distress because he and Ruth want to go to China, but on account of my difficulty in finding a suitable place for them. I have written to say that his only opening would be in educational work but he would have to finish his master's degree before he could be considered. What do you know that I don't know about the chemistry staff of the West China Union University? Is there an opening on it for another foreigner? I suppose there will be a temporary shortage at least as Spooner is on the way home. If he comes up for appointment under our Board will he fall under the recommendation of our mission about cooperative support. For the answer to these and all other questions I am looking to you and Mr. Balleu. I might add that Paul Kwei was at Sarnia where they live and brought the matter of their decision to a head, although it had been brewing for some time.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

Jesse H. Arnup
MODERATOR.

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Mrs. Leslie Kilborn had another seizure last week

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Mr. Earl H. Ballou,
Associated Boards for
Christian Colleges in China,
150 Fifth Avenue,
NEW YORK 11, N.Y.

BALLOU
REC'D 3/15 incl.
ANS'D 3/18

My dear Mr. Ballou:

I enclose a letter from Rev. Noel B. Slater which I think you and Corbett and Evans should have in view of the meeting next week. Do you think that the million dollars given by B.A.T. is U.S. or Chinese currency? It would appear to be U.S. dollars since it is coupled in the same sentence with the gift of £1250 by two other concerns.

Dr. Leslie G. Kilborn will not be able to go to New York next week, but his place will be taken by Dr. Ashley W. Lindsay whom you know is Dean of Dentistry in the West China Union University, and he has been active in the affairs of the whole University. While he is going, as was Dr. Kilborn - primarily for the China Medical Planning Conference called by Cartwright - yet I suggest he sit in with us on the 20th in the Cheeloo meeting since he knows the situation at Chengtu so well. Dr. Struthers will be there, as you know, and so will George King.

Sincerely yours,

A.E. Armstrong

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Later: Dr. Lindsay will not be there until the 21st.

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

Dear Mr. Evans:-

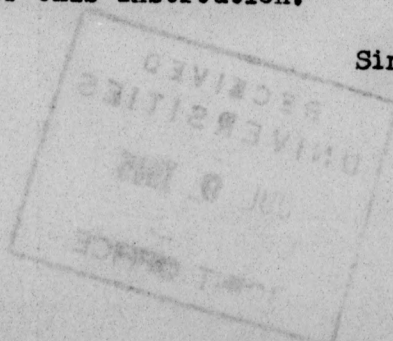
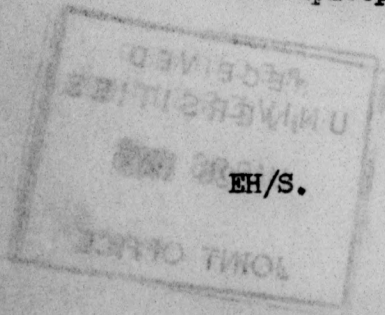
Some weeks ago we received a letter from our Secretary-Treasurer in West China to the effect that a call had been made on our Mission, and I believe on other missions too, for a grant to the repairs and renovation of the Union Middle School at Chengtu. As you know this is more or less associated with the West China Union University and we were requested to make a grant of \$100,000. N.C. and I believe other missions were asked to make a similar grant. I am sending you a copy of our Board's Executive resolution and we understand that this money has been paid over to the Middle School Committee in Chengtu. The minute is as follows:

"Use of Proceeds of sale of Jenshow Boarding School Property.-
On motion, it was agreed to concur in the request of the Mission that a grant of N.C. \$100,000.00 be made from the proceeds of the sale of the Jenshow Boarding School Property to the Union Middle School, Chengtu, to repair and renovate classrooms, dormitories and to provide additional furniture for the school. It was further agreed to bring this matter to the attention of the other co-operating partners in the West China Union University, with which the school is associated, in the hope that they will make similar grants."

Inasmuch as this involves more than our own Mission our Board Executive ordered that a copy of this resolution should be sent to the Board of Governors of the West China Union University with the expectation that other Missions would make a similar grant for the upkeep of this institution.

Sincerely yours,

Ernest Hilbard



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MARCH 23, 1945



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

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Sincerely yours,

Walter T. Brown



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March 19, 1945

Dr. A. E. Armstrong
299 Queen Street, West
Toronto 2, Ontario, Canada

Dear Dr. Armstrong:

Thank you very much indeed for letting me see your recent letter from Mr. Slater. I wonder if we dare believe the gift from the B.A.T. is in U.S. currency. Why should they be giving such a large sum, and why should they be referring to it in terms of American currency when the gift is being made on the other side of the Atlantic? Yet why should Mr. Slater not make it a bit clearer that Chinese currency is referred to when writing to Canada, where the dollar means so much more than it does in China? I guess we will have to wait for more light and I hope you get it soon!

Inclosed is a letter for Dr. Jolliffe which has just come in one from Ronald Rees. May I ask you to see that he gets it? As you know, the Lit-Lit Conference has been called off, but there was some further relevant information in Ronald's letter, which I have turned over to Miss Ure. The reassurance of a better relationship between the Editor of "The Christian Farmer" and others is welcome. There has been at least one veiled reference in other letters from China which was quite disturbing.

I wish the report of the British Planning Committee might be here for the meeting of our Committee in mid-April. At the close of a letter from Mr. Slater which recently came to me, he refers to one of their proposals as being for some kind of federation which will bring Moukden and Cheeloo into close relations with Yenching.

We were glad to see in a note from Dr. Struthers that Mrs. Kilborn has shown some improvement, and we shall welcome Dr. Lindsay at the conference.

Very sincerely yours,

Earle H. Ballou

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March 27, 1945

Dr. Jesse H. Arnup
The United Church of Canada
421 Wesley Buildings
Toronto 2-B, Canada

Dear Moderator:

I could have told you that you would be in distress from the moment that you took on the Moderatorship of anything; not to mention the United Church of Canada. I am interested, however, that your present distress is of another making and have been wondering how best I could relieve your troubled feeling.

I have taken sufficient time - too long a time - to confer with other staff members and to investigate other situations which might be helpful.

The West China Union University Chemistry staff should not be wanting, but right at the present presumably is in difficulty. This is especially true if Spooner is on his way home. John Kao, who is now in Peabody, Massachusetts, was educated by West China to go back and relieve Mr. Spooner for his furlough. John does not like this part of the program and would much prefer to stay in America. He refuses to answer my letters and apparently will go back when he feels like it. I have asked the field to give me some instructions about taking steps to recover some of the money advanced for his education but have had no instructions. If your good son-in-law could be gotten out to China immediately and were properly equipped he would do yeoman service. Is it too long to wait until Spooner arrives in the United States or Canada and secure his reaction?

In regard to other institutions, Dr. Wu Mao-I is on her way back to take up the Chemistry load at Ginling and there are two good men now working at the University of Nanking. Dr. Edgar Tang of Cheeloo is apparently on his way back to the United States and may be able to give us some information regarding Cheeloo if Spooner can't. Let me know more about the urgency of the situation.

Most sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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April 20, 1945

Dr. Ernest Hibbard
The United Church of Canada
299 Queen Street, West
Toronto 2B, Canada

Dear Dr. Hibbard:

I should have written you in response to your letter of
of March 23rd informing you that the letter which you wrote will be
submitted to the Executive Committee of West China Union University
which meets the second week in May.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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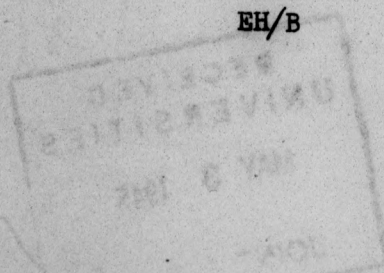
Dear Mr. Evans:

Yours of April 27th, enclosing a cheque for
U.S. \$2,181.82, received with thanks. We are advising the
Mission Treasurer in Chengtu of the receipt of this money.
We do not know how much should be sent in National Currency
nor the terms of the lease but we are assuming that it is
correct and they will check on this at their end.

Sincerely yours,

Ernest Hilbard

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The United Church of Canada

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300 BAYVIEW AVE.
TORONTO 2, CANADA
May 1, 1945



Dear Sirs:

I am pleased to hear from you regarding the proposed mission to China. The Board of Overseas Missions is interested in the work you are doing and would like to know more about it. Please send me a copy of your report and any other material you can provide. I will be glad to discuss it with the Board.

Very truly yours,

W. T. Brown

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Mr. Earl H. Ballou,
Associated Boards for
Christian Colleges in China,
150 Fifth Avenue,
NEW YORK 11, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Ballou:

I am sending you two copies of a letter that has reached me from Mr. J. B. Allen, solicitor in this City, with reference to the Canadian Charter of Shantung Christian University which, on behalf of the North American Section of the Shantung Board, I had requested Mr. Allen to investigate with a view to ultimate cancellation thereof.

One copy you may wish to pass on to Dr. North as he is so active in connection with the combining of the Colleges that are going into the United Board, and the ultimate securing of a Charter for the United Board.

You will know what should be done with reference to informing the British Section and securing their approval for joint action.

Any comment that you or Dr. North or Mr. Thorne may care to make on this letter from Mr. Allen, or any questions you may care to ask, will be gladly attended to.

Sincerely yours,

A. E. Armstrong

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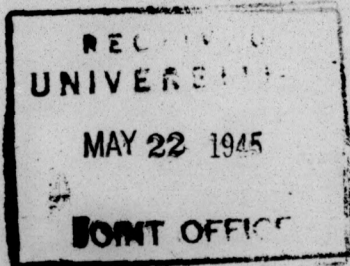
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The Board of Overseas Missions of the United Church of Canada has the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the proposed visit of the Rev. J. H. Brown, M.A., Ph.D., LL.D., to the United Church of Canada, and to inform you that the Board has approved the proposed visit.

The Board has also approved the proposed visit of the Rev. J. H. Brown, M.A., Ph.D., LL.D., to the United Church of Canada, and to inform you that the Board has approved the proposed visit.

You will find that the Board has approved the proposed visit of the Rev. J. H. Brown, M.A., Ph.D., LL.D., to the United Church of Canada, and to inform you that the Board has approved the proposed visit.

Very truly yours,
Walter T. Brown, Secretary



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May 15, 1945.

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Mr. Earle H. Ballou,
Associated Boards for
Christian Colleges in China,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York 11.

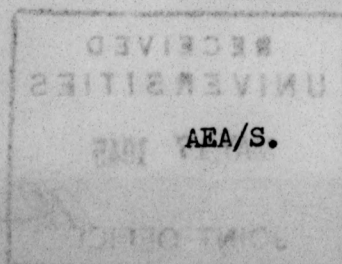
Dear Mr. Ballou:-

I send you the sad news that Dr. Janet Kilborn, wife of Dr. Leslie G. Kilborn, died this morning. As you know, Leslie was unable to attend the China College meetings because of his wife's illness. She has been slowly weakening for more than two months, having had several attacks of coronary thrombosis. Though in middle life yet we cannot but think it is for the best since there was no hope of her recovering so as to enjoy health again. She leaves four children - one boy, 21, training in the air force, and three girls at home. Their home address is 47 Warren Road, in case you wish to send a message to Dr. Kilborn on behalf of the West China Union University Board of Governors.

Dr. Arnup thinks I should raise with you the question of the needs for medical personnel in West China as discussed at the Shantung Board meeting when I was there and I suppose also at the West China Board meeting next day. Dr. Struthers, you will remember, agreed to compile a list of the medical needs as he knew them. We hope he has done this for we think that no time should be lost in trying to get doctors, and also nurses, out to West China, from both North America and Britain. As I said at the Shantung meeting it might be possible to borrow doctors who would ordinarily be on the field in what is at present occupied China. Some of them are doubtless in other work on this continent and in Britain and cannot be released soon but others might secure release, especially when it is in the interests of our gallant ally, China. Perhaps the end of the war in Europe will also make it possible to secure release for more than one. You will, I am sure, do what you can in the matter with the aid of Dr. Hume and other medical people around 150 and 156.

Sincerely yours,

A. E. Armstrong



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May 18, 1945.

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Mr. Earle H. Ballo,
Associated Boards for
Christian Colleges in China,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York 11.

Dear Mr. Ballo:

I send you the sad news that Dr. James Kibben, wife of
Dr. Leslie G. Kibben, died this morning. As you know, Leslie
was unable to attend the China College meeting because of his
wife's illness. She has been slowly weakening for more than two
months, having had several attacks of coronary thrombosis.
Though in middle life yet we cannot but think it is for the best
since there was no hope of her recovering so as to enjoy health
again. She leaves four children - one boy, 21, residing in the
air force, and three girls at home. Their home address is
47 Warren Road, in case you wish to send a message to Dr. Kibben.
We regret that we were unable to meet him at the meeting.

Dr. Armistead thinks I should raise with you the question of the
needs for medical personnel in West China as discussed at the
Shantung Board meeting when I was there and I am sure also at the
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Sincerely yours,

W. T. Brown

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May 21, 1945.

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

Dear Mr. Evans:-

Many thanks for yours of the 18th enclosing
cheque for \$115.60 covering expenses of Dr. Arnup and Prof.
Johns in attending the annual meeting of the Board of Governors.

We have recently received the financial statement
from West China for the year 1944, which gives the amounts paid
out on behalf of Rev. Walter Small and Mr. W.W. Small. They give
the total of \$4,634.46 Can. to be collected from the West China
Union University, and it is made up as follows:

Salary, Walter Small.....	\$1900.00
Cash bonus, " "	1126.05
Salary, W.W. Small	1000.00
Cash bonus, " "	563.03
Personal teacher, W.W. Small.....	45.38

Total.....\$ 4634.46 ✓

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From this total we will deduct the \$3,000. grant of our Board
to the University, leaving a balance in our favour of \$1,634.46
in Canadian funds, or \$1,485.87 in U.S. funds. We shall be glad
to receive this in settlement of this matter.

So that you may not think all the money is coming this
way, this will let you know that our Board at its annual meeting
last month voted \$65.00 towards the Associated Boards for Christian
Colleges in China, for the year 1945. This will be forwarded in
due course.

Sincerely yours,

Hellie Swarbrick

Secretary to Dr. Arnup

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May 31, 1945.

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

Dear Mr. Evans:-

Many thanks for yours of the 13th inst. enclosing
cheques for \$115.80 covering expenses of Dr. Arnup and Prof.
Johns in attending the annual meeting of the Board of Governors.

We have recently received the financial statement
from West China for the year 1944, which gives the amounts paid
out on behalf of Rev. Wilson Smith and Mr. W. W. Smith. They give
the total of \$4,834.46 and it is made up as follows:

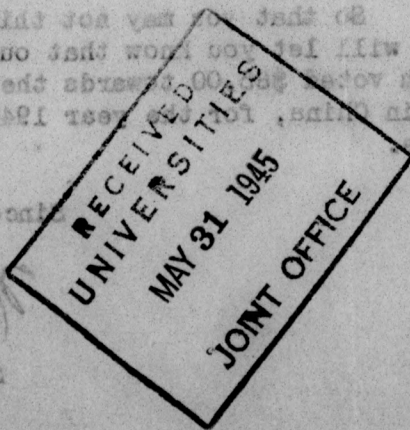
Personal Teacher, W. W. Smith	45.38
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Cash balance, "	1138.03
Total	\$4834.46

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to the University, leaving a balance in our favour of \$2,834.46
in Canadian funds, or \$1,433.87 in U.S. funds. We shall be glad
to receive this in settlement of this matter.

So that you may not think all the money is coming this
way, this will let you know that our Board at its annual meeting
last month voted \$2,000 towards the Associated Boards for Christian
Colleges in China, for the year 1945. This will be forwarded in
due course.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to Dr. Arnup



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May 21, 1945
(Dictated May 18)

Dr. A. E. Armstrong
299 Queen Street, West
Toronto 2, Ontario, Canada

Dear Dr. Armstrong:

Thank you very much for the two copies of the letter received from Mr. J. P. Allen. I turned one of these over at once to Dr. North but have not had a chance yet to discuss with him what steps should be taken next. At the moment we are rejoicing in the favorable interview yesterday with the New York Regents. Mr. Evans reports their cordial attitude and that there is every assurance that their action will be favorable and announced immediately. This would seem to assure the inauguration of the United Board on July 1st. I am sending a copy of Mr. Allen's letter to Mr. Slater at once, though the next steps will have to be outlined later.

In regard to the West China medical situation, we went ahead at once on the basis of the material furnished us by Dr. Struthers in consultation with Dr. Forkner. I cleared with Dr. Kilborn on the telephone and he approved of the draft letter prepared by Mr. Rowland Cross of the C.E.A. for circulation among mission boards maintaining medical work in China. This you will recall was the action suggested at the Cheeloo meeting and supported by the West China meeting. A copy of Mr. Cross's letter will probably reach you within another day or two. We are throwing the net fairly wide in the expectation that if there are numerous replies we can to greater advantage make selection among the volunteers.

It so happened that my telephone conversation with Dr. Kilborn was on the very evening after the death of his wife. I of course extended the profound sympathy of the group here, and others have written since. He himself suggested that now that Mrs. Kilborn has gone it will probably be possible for him to return himself to West China after the numerous and difficult family adjustments are made. He also spoke of Mr. Norman Knight as one who may be available for hospital management. I have known Mr. Knight since the days when he was in the Customs service in Tientsin and certainly he should be qualified to fill the position admirably. We sent a cable, by the way, to President Dsang last week assuring him that we were working on the problem. In all the rush of Dr. Decker's first days back in the office, complicated by the presence of our illustrious visitors from England and the Continent, we shall not have the chance for the sort of personal conference with him we want until the fifth of June. He has, however, turned over to us further

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correspondence dealing with the medical situation at Chengtu.

May I close this letter with a word of congratulation on the good news about your son Don. The thought that many others are sharing in such word of the release of loved ones is only tempered by the knowledge that to some the word they have been waiting for can never come. But it is indeed a reason for unceasing thankfulness that the slaughter in Europe is over. I suppose your son will be repatriated almost at once. May you not be too busy when he arrives to prevent leisurely as well as joyful reunion!

Very sincerely yours,

Earle H. Ballou

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Dr. J. H. Armitage

May 29, 1945

Miss Nellie Swarbrick
The United Church of Canada
299 Queen Street, West
Toronto 2 B, Canada

Dear Miss Swarbrick:

Agreeable to your letter of May 21st we are enclosing
check for \$1,485.87 representing the amount the Board of Governors
of West China Union University owes the United Church of Canada.

Thanks for the information that the United Church has voted
an appropriation for the current year of the Associated Boards.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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Mr. Earle H. Ballou,
Associated Boards for
Christian Colleges in China,
150 Fifth Ave.,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Ballou:-

Dr. Arnup has handed me your letter of May 25th in which there is a resolution advising that William Small postpone his furlough for a year. (I am taking care of most of Dr. Arnup's work while he is Moderator). We are to-day sending the following cablegram to West China: "Associated Boards suggest William Small postpone furlough one year matter referred to Mission Executive Prospects travel India Canada better." I shall bring the matter up before our Executive at its meeting on June 5th. We may not, however, have a reply from the field by that date. I cannot forecast what will be the response to the request.

On the general subject of medical personnel you should know that Dr. Leslie Kilborn plans to leave in August or early September for the West China Union University. This is made possible because, as you know, his wife died.

I have just learned today, what you perhaps already know, that Miss Margaret Burkwall, formerly in South China, and I think an American Presbyterian missionary, are now in Cheeloo University Hospital, Chengtu. Rev. H.O.T. Burkwall, retired missionary of the Bible Society, living in Edmonton, so informs me.

Sincerely yours,

A.E. Armstrong

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P.S. Dr. E.B. Huthers is here, having finished at Washington. He hopes to leave in July for China.

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Mr. Carl H. Ballo,
Associated Boards for
Christian Colleges in China,
150 Fifth Ave.,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Ballo:

Dr. Arup has handed me your letter of May 20th in which there is a resolution advising that William Small postpone his furlough for a year. (I am taking care of most of Dr. Arup's work while he is in London.) We are to-day sending the following resolution to West Union: "Associated Boards suggest William Small postpone his one year matter referred to Mission Executive Committee travel this Canada better." I shall bring the matter up before the Executive at its meeting on June 1st. We may not, however, have a reply from the field by that time. I cannot forget what will be the response to this letter.

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Sincerely yours,

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May 31, 1945

Dr. A. E. Armstrong
299 Queen Street, West
Toronto 2, Ontario, Canada

Dear Dr. Armstrong:

I was particularly glad to get the information in the postscript penned at the end of your letter of May 29. I had not realized that Dr. Struthers would be ready to start for China quite as soon as July and had written him only day before yesterday to inquire. He cannot get there too soon under the circumstances. Dr. Kilborn has written us as to possibilities for flying when he is ready to go. We are making inquiries but have nothing to report yet.

I had not heard previously of Miss Margaret Burkwall. The Presbyterian Office tells that she is a nurse and is probably going to leave Chengtu soon for one of their stations in Kweichow, Pichieh, where she will relieve Dr. Edith Milliken, who is due for a better opportunity at language study, at Chengtu, than she has so far had. Hence I fear there will not be much relief brought to the situation on the Chengtu campus by either Miss Burkwall or Dr. Milliken.

A cable just in this morning from Dr. Fenn to Mr. Evans refers in a manner not altogether clear to an "estimated 300 students, 50 teachers, expected evacuate Christian universities St. Johns area." Relief funds are being sought for these people, but whether it means the escape of that many from the vicinity of Shanghai, where they are to be cared for, or what "Christian universities St. Johns area" means are matters of conjecture.

Very sincerely yours,

Earle H. Ballou

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