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Dear Garside:

Eureka! And now after these many years the Associated Boards seem to be actually functioning and you are the first Secretary. One cannot but recall that day just before Edmunds started for California when he and you and I sat down around a table to ponder how, amidst a lot of helter-skelter committees, all unrelated, all worse than dead, with no effective leadership at this end such as we could count on --- how we pondered how we could bring order out of the chaos and breathe life into it. And God brought order out of chaos and breathed the breath of life into it( God has had a lot of experience from the beginning brooding over such chaotic, lifeless things), and He has performed his miracle again.

I said those old committees were worse than lifeless. And that was true; for if they had been really dead we could have buried them! But( to change the figure) the omlette was unscrambled and all refashioned till we see "it is good." Thus the hoped for capstone has been put on the initial task of founding the China Union Universities Central Office. And the "secret" of how it all came about is with you and me. For Edmunds has no doubt long since forgotten it; and no one on the present Board could possibly know. It could not have materialized save for your infinite patience, wisdom and tact. Comfort your heart often with this reflection-- even if things do move with