The ever constant interest of Pittsburgh in Wei Hsien Station ran true to form when, immediately on hearing of the burning of Wei Hsien Station, they rose up and raised the money to rebuild this great Christian center. Then, Yuan Shih-kai (wiser than any official of his generation and perhaps of his century) decided he would arrange the indemnity with the missionaries rather than let a moderate sum roll up like a snow ball on its passage up to Peking and return. In any event the final settlement would come to him. This, with a contribution from the Foreign Board, made it possible to "enlarge" the Station Compound so as to include the college; and what seemed an impossibility in 1898 was an accomplished fact in 1904.

Some few months before the Boxer Movement broke out, as chairman or secretary of a small committee appointed to investigate the question of removal, I wrote to Mr. Jones of Tsing-chou-fu asking him as to the probable attitude of the English Baptist Mission in case Teng-Chou College moved to Wei Hsien. In the stress and pre-occupation of the days of 1900 he did not reply for some months, but he carried a dim memory of the matter in his mind and wrote me many months later from the United States that he was interested and felt the matter of their relationship should be fully considered. This led, eventually, to our union with our English Baptist friends, which union has, I believe, been fruitful and helpful to both missions and to China in its larger aspects.