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HANKOW, June 21, 1934

Rev. Harry W. Luce, D.D.
55 Elizabeth Street
Hartford, Conn.,
U. S. A.

My dear Dr. Luce:

I appreciate very much your great interest in our work in Central China, and if I could have been informed five years ago of the position which we would have been in now in reference to the government people in China, I should have come out whole-heartedly in support of your proposal. But when the American Consulate, Bishop Roots and many others were sure that the Communists were going to get us before this date, I did not like to be a complete fool of an optimist.

I am glad that someone else has got the money.

Both schemes of a junior college and a hostel in a government university are quite impossible. You and I are of one thought in supporting the need of the genuine Christian college for Central China. I have written a strong letter to our Church authorities, asking them to continue their support to make possible the work which ought to be done here by us.

Faithfully yours,

(signed) Alfred A. Gilman

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