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MINUTES OF MEETING
COMMITTEE ON McBRIER FOUNDATION
YENCHING UNIVERSITY

3:00 P M. Friday, January 13, 1939
Room 900, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York, N.Y.

List of Members

*Dr. Eric M. North, Chairman
*Dr. Sidney D. Gamble

*Dr. Wynn C. Fairfield

All the members of the Committee were present, as were Mr. Joseph I. Parker and the Secretary.

Dr. North presided, The meeting was opened with prayer.

BUDGET FOR 1938-39

The Committee reviewed the budget estimates for the work to be conducted by the Yenching School of Religion under the McBrier Foundation for the fiscal year 1938-39 as set forth on page 23 of the revised budget estimates of the University. After discussion, it was

MFC-3620 VOTED to appropriate from the McBrier Foundation income in the hands of the University Treasurer the sum of US\$400 plus LC\$7,500 for the activities of the Foundation as set forth in the budget estimates of the University for 1938-39.

CONSIDERATION OF USE OF ACCUMULATED BALANCES

The Secretary pointed out that on December 31st, 1938, the accrued income in the McBrier Fund in the hands of the Treasurer of the Yenching Board of Trustees amounted to US\$8,115.29. This^{is} about US\$6,000 more than will be required (after income to June 30th, 1939 has been added) to meet the requirements for the fiscal year 1938-39. After discussion of various best uses of this accrued balance, it was

MFC-3621 VOTED that the Secretary be requested to inform the School of Religion that additional funds are available for the work of the McBrier Foundation, and that the Committee is willing to consider increased appropriations for this purpose if the field has definite recommendations to present.

MFC-3622 VOTED to request the Treasurer of the Yenching Board of Trustees to take steps either toward the short term investment, or else the deposit in savings accounts of some or all of the accrued surplus income in the McBrier Foundation.

GENERAL PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE McBRIER FOUNDATION

The Committee discussed various general questions as to the future program of activities to be conducted with the support of the McBrier Foundation. After consideration, it was

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January 13, 1939

MFC-3623 VOTED to request the Secretary to report to the Dean of the School of Religion the views of the Committee with regard to the program to be conducted in the future under the auspices of the McBrier Foundation, and to request the Dean to take the initiative in presenting definite plans and proposals for a long range program of activities.

The Committee adjourned.

B. A. GARSIDE
Secretary

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YENCHING UNIVERSITY
Peking, China.

Office of the President

March 21, 1939

Dr. B. A. Garside
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Dr. Garside:

Dean Chao has asked me to write a letter to you on the same subject as is stated in his. I do this with great satisfaction because it has very attractive possibilities for making use of the McBrier Fund in stimulating and strengthening religious activity here. If the suggestion of selecting some young man to be sent out here for the three-year term meets with the approval of the committee, we should like to request that Dr. Henry Van Dusen of Union Theological Seminary be invited to pass upon any candidates who may be favorably considered. He was recently with us, and we have the impression that, largely because of this, he would be better able to act for us than anyone else of whom we can think. I am suggesting one name to him, and he may have others.

If time permits, we should like to have information about possible choices before the final decision is reached, although we realize the delay involved and will leave it to your discretion as to whether there will be time for communications regarding such people to reach us and for us to send a reply by cable. In the terms of agreement it might be well to specify that either party could terminate this after one year.

We are especially eager to have the very best person who can be found for this position because as it happens several of our faculty who are most active and useful in religious work will be away next year. Rev. S. W. Green is leaving us after having been assigned here for two years by the L.M.S. and this takes away our teacher of the New Testament. We should, therefore, like the man selected to be able to take courses in this subject until we find our permanent teacher. We are looking forward to having one of the three Yenching graduates who are to be at Union Seminary next year to return to us for this purpose, but until then we have a vacancy to be filled. Misses Myfanwy Wood and Lucy Burt and probably Mr. Dapwood will all be away from here next session. Most serious of all Dean Chao himself has his sabbatical year and is planning to spend it in visiting student centers in other parts of the country.

Any teaching that the prospective worker would carry would be charged to the regular budget of the School of Religion on a basis of equitable adjustment to be reported to you in the light of developments.

I hope that the general plan as outlined by Dean Chao and the specific suggestions for next year will be carefully considered by the committee and that we may have your frank comments on the whole matter.

Very sincerely yours,

/s/ J. Leighton Stuart

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May 8, 1939

Members
Committee on McBrier Foundation
Yenching University

Dear Friends:

The enclosed material consists of copies of letters from Dr. Stuart and Mr. Chao, concerning the use of the McBrier Fund.

It will probably be necessary for us to have a meeting of the Committee before the Annual Meeting in June. I will try to check with you within a few days as to the best dates for a meeting.

Sincerely yours,

Assistant Secretary

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Enclosures

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MINUTES OF MEETING
COMMITTEE ON MCBRIER FOUNDATION
YENCHING UNIVERSITY

9:30 A.M. Thursday, June 1, 1939
Room 800, 180 Fifth Avenue, New York, N.Y.

List of Members

Dr. Eric M. North, Chairman
Dr. Wynn C. Fairfield
Dr. Sidney D. Gamble

All members of the Committee were present, as were also Mr. B. A. Garside, Mr. E. H. McBrier, and the Secretary.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Dr. North.

Before discussing the matters coming to the attention of the Committee, Dr. North reviewed the terms under which the McBrier Foundation was established.

LETTERS FROM DEAN CHAO AND DR. STUART

The letter of March 18, 1939 from Dean Chao, in which was given the proposed long-range program, was considered in detail and thoroughly discussed. The following suggestions were made in regard to this program:-

Section I, Item 5. It was felt that the publication of material should arise out of the needs and program of this Department, and not in respect to the Christian movement as a whole. It was also pointed out that literature must not be allowed to take the place of the more important personal work and personal interviews with students.

Section I, Item 6. It was felt that this item was very important, but it was not clear as to just how the depot was to operate. It was also felt that we needed to have a list of the religious books that were available in Peking, with suggestions as to what more or different books were desired and the particular way in which the books were to be used. It was felt that it was important that the books be available to loan to students; but that probably the best way to get the most helpful book into the hands of the particular student who should

read it was for Dean Chao, or the one in charge of the personal work, to keep a variety of books in his office; and, after a personal interview, place the most helpful book into the hands of the student. This manner of using books will be more effective than to establish a special library and permit students to select their own reading matter.

Section I, Item 7. The Committee was disposed to look favorably upon the idea of having a building which would be used distinctly for the purposes of this Department; however, the feeling was very strong that the present time was not the one in which to plan building operations; and that while favoring the idea, the Committee would advise that consideration of this be postponed until the future situation could be determined with more assurance. It was also suggested that it was possible that some arrangement for use of available rooms for temporary use might be made with the funds held in the Wheeler Chapel gift.

It was

MFC-3634 VOTED to express our appreciation of the full and excellent program presented by Dean Chao, and to note especially the excellent manner in which the matter had been presented.

It was also

MFC-3635 VOTED to approve the long-range program, subject to the suggestions given above.

In discussing the suggestions about the possibility of getting persons from America on Sabbatical leave, it was agreed that the Committee and the office should keep thoroughly in touch with this situation and try to discover people who might fulfill this requirement. It was also suggested that some contribution toward their expense either in travel, or particularly by entertainment during their stay on the campus, would be helpful. It might be wise to think of selecting some exceptionally equipped person in two or three years to make a special visit, and stay on the campus for a

period of time, with the idea of giving a more extended assistance. It was also agreed that this whole matter should be referred to the Committee on Instruction of the Yenching Trustees.

APPOINTMENT OF STAFF MEMBER FROM AMERICA

In Dr. Stuart's letter, the question was particularly raised about the securing of some one from America to undertake the promotion of Bible study under the program of this Foundation, and also to do some temporary teaching in the University. The matter of time to be given to teaching was discussed at length, and it was felt that precaution should be taken to see that any one going out to this position should understand fully that his major responsibility was the work of the Foundation, and that such time as might be given to teaching would be of secondary consideration; and that the University should adjust the matter of salary in proportion to the time used in this way.

The Committee interviewed Mr. Robert Brank Fulton in connection with this possible appointment. The members of the Committee were favorably impressed by Mr. Fulton and requested Mr. Carside, in conference with other members of the Committee, to discuss the subject further with Mr. Fulton, and should he be willing to undertake the appointment, to so notify Dr. Stuart.

BUDGET

It was

MFC-3636 VOTED to approve the budget, as presented in Dean Chao's letter, of US\$560 and LC\$9,120.

The Secretary was asked to advise the field that the annual income is not US\$4,000, but at the present time more nearly US\$3,200; and that the income from all invested funds is decreasing yearly.

The meeting adjourned.

JOSEPH I. PARKER
Secretary

McBrier Committee

February 29, 1940

Dr. Wynn C. Fairfield
Dr. Eric M. North
Dr. Sidney Gamble
Mr. Edwin McBrier

Dear Friends,

Enclosed herewith is an excerpt from a letter from Rev. Brank Fulton written on January 1.

You will note that this excerpt describes the work of the Yenta Christian Fellowship and therefore is of special interest to members of the McBrier Foundation Committee.

Cordially yours,

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The Yenta Christian Fellowship

Being, as it is, the equivalent of a University Church and also the central, coordinating body for various small group activities, the Yenta Christian Fellowship is playing an increasingly important role in the life of the community. Its membership, plus a few (43) others who are active in the small groups but not members of the Y. C. F., is 512 - considerably over half the entire student enrollment (982).

The small groups, of which there are now 33, with an average membership of a little over 14, meet once a week in various places around the campus. Called, generally, "small fellowship groups", they are just that - groups that have formed chiefly around the idea of fellowship in the fullest sense, including (in varying proportions) study, discussion, and social activities. Most of the groups have (of their own desire) a faculty member officially known as "advisor", but the students in almost all cases quite definitely "run their own show" -- the faculty member being free of course to participate. The Y. C. F. executive committee (consisting largely of students) is a central planning body, keeping as closely in touch as possible with all the groups by means of monthly meetings of representatives of all the groups as well as through their own membership in various ones.

A full time secretary, Mr. Wei Yung-ching - a very able chap - helps to coordinate activities and follow through on various plans - arranging inter-group meetings from time to time, getting out study materials, and the like. My job is to be of any help I can to Wei Yung-ching and the executive committee and representatives, and to work on English study and discussion materials (others of course handling the Chinese). (In addition I have a seminar in Christian Ethics and a Sophomore English course, and am of course studying Chinese a few hours a week.)

So far there have been three English discussion outlines issued -- "A Guide to Understanding the Bible", "What is Success?", and "An Introduction to the Life and Teachings of Jesus" (the topics being chosen by the student planning committee) -- and two booklets prepared by Dr. Hung and Dr. Stuart (reprints of an article and a sermon respectively). It is planned to bring out four or five study and discussion outlines next semester, together with about an equal number of booklets going more fully and systematically into certain subjects having to do with the relationship of religion to life in its deepest and broadest dimensions. Use of the materials is of course quite voluntary, as are all Fellowship activities, so that experiment, consultation, and cooperation all along the line are absolutely essential.

The rapid increase in the number of groups is a phenomenon of the last two years, and is undoubtedly related to some extent to the whole situation around us (certain other forms of student expression being at present inadvisable, etc.). However, there is no question about there being plenty of vitality and purpose.

A word might be added about another experiment in which I have been especially interested. In my college, the Christian Association had a cottage a few miles outside New Haven known as "The Old Mill". Responsible groups could secure permission to use it for social and discussion meetings on condition that they would take care of it. We did everything for ourselves - chopping firewood, preparing our own meals, washing the dishes, and sweeping the floor - and enjoyed it all the more on that account.

Well, when it became clear that due to great increase in number of students it would be impossible for me to live in one of the dormitories (the original plan) it had to be decided where I would stay, as the wing of the President's house which I occupied the first two months was the headquarters of an absent member of the faculty who was expected to return in the near future. Making inquiries, I discovered that there was a little house in the Lang Jui Yuan (the lovely garden just north of the Yenching campus, leased by the University for residence purposes) which was still unoccupied. Formerly the headquarters of the gate-keeper of the Manchu Prince who owned and occupied the garden, it had been fixed up a bit some years ago for one of the bachelor members of the faculty. When he left last year, it was occupied temporarily by a small family, who moved out, however, as soon as more adequate quarters became available. It has four rooms -- a parlor (10' x 15'), a small kitchen, a bedroom, and a bath; and it occurred to me that, small as it is, it was big enough for most of the groups to use for occasional supper meetings, along "Old Mill" lines. The administration very generously assigned the house to me and loaned some furniture which was not in use, I fitted out the house with what else was necessary (with the help of two of the faculty ladies), and the preparations were complete. Both Wei Yung-ching (whom I had of course previously consulted) and I have keys, and either may give permission for the use of the house -- a use-chart being posted on the Fellowship bulletin board for clearing purposes.

To date the little house has been used 21 times since October 27 -- the twenty-second group having signed for the end of the examination period next week. And they have all fitted into the "do it yourself" plan not only without objection but with enthusiasm. One boy who has been over several times said that all he had talked to agreed that it was a lot more fun than if there were someone else to cook and clean up. Most of the time the chief item on the menu is "chiao tse", small meat pies which are relatively easy to prepare. But one or two of the groups have prepared complete meals with several courses, under the guidance of members majoring in domestic science. The utensils are of course Chinese style, so that any experience gained in the process will not be without some value for the future. I keep the fire going in the stove and the students bring their own ingredients and "fall to" -- usually spending a good part of the afternoon and evening. And I can vouch for their skill, for I have become a sort of official sampler of the products of their cookery -- a most enjoyable function, I assure you. They get themselves and the place in quite a mess in the process, but always they have cleaned up in good fashion before leaving. The gate-keeper's wife next door comes in during the day occasionally to keep the fire going, and every few days to dust a bit, but everything else (except my washing and ironing) we who use the place take care of ourselves.

There is a two-fold purpose as far as the student use is concerned — to add to the healthy fun-life of the small fellowship groups in such a way that they will be drawn together more closely by cooperative activity, and to try to break down the idea which is all too prevalent, in my opinion, both in America and in China that there are certain tasks such as washing dishes, sweeping the floor, and the like which, however necessary, are too "menial" for "people of education and 'good family'" to perform. Whether the second purpose, building for real democracy — I believe it is called a "concomitant learning", is it not? — is accomplished in all cases, I am not sure, but there is no question about the first!

This coming term special emphasis will be put on preparation for the summer service activities, in addition to the regular program. Last summer, as you may recall from reading my earlier letter, a considerable number of students spent their vacation in some form of practical service — in connection with schools, churches, orphan asylums, adult education programs, and the like. And it is expected that this coming summer there will be more than a hundred who will want to engage in similar activities. Wei Yung-ching and I plan to visit a good many possible places of work during the mid-term vacation and make the necessary preliminary arrangements with those in charge. Then next term those interested will be gathered together from time to time to talk over the plans — problems, techniques, resources, etc. — with guidance by various members of the community who are expert in subjects related to the summer projects. This informal preparatory course, as it might be called, will be based on the experience of last summer and the conditions of next summer's activities in so far as they can be foreseen, and will help, we hope, to make the projects of the greatest value both to the students concerned and the organizations served. Group projects, like those undertaken in the past at Ting-hsien or the American summer work-camps, are impossible under the present circumstances, but all seem to agree that the individual type of service is also important. Several of the faculty are genuinely interested, and Wei Yung-ching is admirably fitted, through personal experience in various types of rural and village reconstruction to act as general director.

The effort therefore will be to continue to emphasize both the depth and the breadth of Christianity's meaning for individual and social life — of increasing importance in our distracted world as the eternal "good news".

Mr. McCreary

B. A. GARSIDE
150 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK

May 14, 1940

To Members of the late
Committee for Chinese Social and Economic Information

Dear Friends,

I enclose herewith a copy of a letter I have just received from Dr. Lin Lin.

According to our records the following payments were made to Dr. Lin.

A. From the general funds of the Committee:		
November 9, 1938 (Salary for the second half of October)	\$70.00	
December 6, 1938 (Salary for November)	140.00	
January 23, 1939 (Salary for December)	140.00	
February 6, 1939 (Salary for January)	<u>140.00</u>	\$490.00
B. From special sources:		
March 25, 1939 (From Mr. Garside on account of February salary)	25.00	
April 8, 1939 (From Mr. Gamble, \$75.00, and Mr. Garside, \$25.00, on account of February salary)	<u>100.00</u>	125.00
September 29, 1939 (From Mr. Garside to International House in part payment of Dr. Lin's overdue bill there)		<u>40.00</u>
TOTAL		<u>\$655.00</u>

Thus Mr. Gamble has contributed \$75 personally, Mr. Garside \$90.00 personally, and the "general funds" of the Committee \$490.00 on Dr. Lin's salary account. As a matter of fact, most of the time Dr. Lin was receiving his salary there were no funds in the Committee account. Payments to him represented actually an advance of Yenching University funds. The deficit created by this advance was later covered by the payment of a substantial amount by one member of the Committee personally.

Since the Committee is no longer in existence, I would be grateful if each of you individually would give me your personal opinion as to what reply I should make to this letter from Dr. Lin.

Very sincerely yours,

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May 10, 1940

Dr. B. A. Garside
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Garside:

Confirming my conversation with you of Wednesday, May 8, I am writing this letter to say that I should greatly appreciate an early payment of the back salary owed me by the Committee for Chinese Social and Economic Information (American Office), Yenching University.

I want to make it clear to you that when I accepted the appointment of research associate of the Committee I understood from Dr. Leonard Hsu, through Mr. Z. T. Ing, that the Committee was under the auspices of the Board of Trustees of Yenching University and that my salary was definitely assured for the first six months. I started work on October 21, 1938, and continued to work for the Committee until the end of April, 1940.

Dr. Hsu reassured me that my back salary amounting to \$295.00 (that is, \$15.00 for February and \$140.00 each month for March and April) would be paid in full. Since then I have from time to time taken up the matter with Dr. Hsu and you also. You were kind enough to send \$40.00 to the International House, September 30, 1939, to apply against my overdue account of eighty-four dollars and forty-nine cents in response to my request. If this amount is applied to the part payment of my back salary, then the Committee still owes me \$255.00.

I will greatly appreciate it if you will kindly take up the matter with Dr. Hsu and his Committee. I want you to know that I am most grateful to you for your many courtesies to me.

Sincerely yours,

Lin Lin

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MINUTES
COMMITTEE ON McBRIER FOUNDATION
YENCHING UNIVERSITY

May 16, 1940

List of Members

Dr. Eric M. North, Chairman
Dr. Fairfield
Dr. Gamble

The members of the Committee conferred in regard to a proposal of the field committee as follows:

"VOTED: to recommend to the members of the McBrier Foundation by the Trustees of the University, that they invite Mr. R. B. Fulton to extend his services at Yenching University from June 30 to January 31; the details regarding this item to be sent in a covering letter by the secretary of this committee."

The suggestion made in the covering letter was that Mr. Fulton be re-appointed for the first semester ending January 31 and for as many months in the second as he can arrange to remain on the campus.

The Committee on McBrier Foundation, after considering the recommendation,

MF-3674 VOTED to approve the recommendation that Mr. R. B. Fulton extend his service through the first semester of the year 1940-41, and continue for as much of the second semester as possible.

JOSEPH I. PARKER
Secretary

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STATUS OF McBRIER INCOME ACCOUNT

	<u>LC\$</u>	<u>US\$</u>
Spent to June 8, 1940.....	8,024.77	833.30
Balance required to June 30, 1940.....	<u>752.63</u>	<u>25.63</u>
Total Expenditures Ant. to June 30, 1940..	8,777.40	858.93
Balance carried fwd. from 1938-39.....	<u>5,926.43</u>	<u>25.80</u>
Required from 1939-40 Budget.....	2,850.97	833.13
1939-40 Budget.....	9,120.00	560.00**
Balance of L.C. funds available.....	6,269.03*	313.45
Balance needed.....		<u>293.13</u>
Total amount to balance current budget...		1,146.58
Balance of Cash on Hand McBrier Income a/c		6,209.26

* At 20 to 1
 ** US\$ not paid

Field asks that we deposit \$1,000. to cover all expenses for the balance of the year. We shall therefore gain \$146.58.

Income - McBrier Income Account.....	12,152.26
Invested.....	<u>5,943.00</u>
Balance of Cash on Hand June 30, 1940.....	6,209.26

November 23, 1940

McBRIER FUND INCOME ACCOUNT

Balance June 30, 1940	\$12,152.26
Paid for 1939-40 Appropriation	<u>1,000.00</u>
	11,152.26
Income received since July 1, 1940	<u>1,149.66</u>
	12,301.92
Less funds invested	<u>5,943.00</u>
	6,358.92
Anticipated income to June 30, 1941	<u>2,500.00</u>
Anticipated balance available for 1940-41	8,858.92

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McBRIER FOUNDATION
EXPENDITURE BUDGET
1939-1940

	<u>US\$</u>	<u>LC\$</u>
I. <u>Salaries</u>		
1. Mr. Y. C. Wei-----		1,260.
2. Promoter of Bible Study-----	210.	1,260.
Travel from abroad-----	350.	
3. Part-time Chinese for Liter. --		600.
II. <u>Central Office</u>		
1. Equipment-----		300.
2. Religious Survey-----		200.
III. <u>Grants for evangelistic workers from within China</u> -----		1,500.
IV. <u>Grants for religious gatherings for students in Yenching</u> -----		500.
V. <u>Grants for conferences</u> -----		500.
VI. <u>Production of Religious Tracts, and booklets, with special emphasis on Bible Study</u> -----		1,000.
VII. <u>Scholarships</u> -----		2,000.
Total	<u>US\$560</u>	<u>LC\$9,120.</u>

Income	US\$4,000.	
Expenditure	US\$ 560.	
"	\$3,440 at 3:1	= LC\$10,320.
		9,120.
Balance		<u>LC\$ 1,200.</u>

McBRIER FOUNDATION

BUDGET

1940-1941

	<u>US\$</u>	<u>LC\$</u>
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>		
<u>Salaries</u>		
Y. C. Wei (July-Aug. 1940)-----		210.
R. B. Fulton(part time)-----	308.	1,245.
(or substitute for 12 months)		
Travel for Substitute-----	375.	
Wang Chung Han $\frac{1}{2}$ time-----		630.
*4 Assistants at 21 per month without bonus (ten months)-----		840.
Clerk (full time 25.00) (12 months) Wei Chun Yen-----		300.
Library - Full time Assistant (25.00) Chen Tseng Hui-----		300.
Exchange Compensation-----		1,388.
<u>Central Office</u>		
Equipment-----		300.
Religious Survey-----		200.
Incidentals for Religious Workers-----		500.
<u>Evangelistic</u>		
Workers from outside-----		3,000.
Religious Gatherings -----		1,000.
Conference -----		500.
Publications -----		2,000.
Scholarships -----		2,000.
Contingent (Including Medical, Dental & Rent)		2,000.
	US\$ 683.	LC\$16,413.
<u>INCOME</u>		
From New York-----US\$	3,000.	
Less amount to be exchanged at 8:1-----	2,317.	LC\$18,536.
	683.	18,536.
Less Expected Surplus-----		2,123.
	US\$ 683.	LC\$16,413.

November 25, 1940

McBRIER FUND PRINCIPAL ACCOUNT

Total investments (principal)*	100,000.00	
Investments in Income account	<u>5,943.00</u>	105,943.00

*It is suggested that the principal fund be increased to \$110,000., and for this purpose the following amount be transferred from income

	<u>4,057.00</u>	
		110,000.00

INCOME ACCOUNT

Balance on hand June 30, 1940	12,152.26	
Income received since July 1, 1940	1,149.66	
Anticipated income Nov. 25 to June 30, 1941	<u>2,500.00</u>	15,801.92
<u>Less:</u> paid for 1939-40 appropriations	1,000.00	
Funds invested	5,943.00	
*Funds recommended above to raise principal to \$110,000.	<u>4,057.00</u>	<u>11,000.00</u>
Balance available for 1940-41		4,801.92

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November 22, 1940

McRAIR FUND PRINCIPAL ACCOUNT

Investments in income account	102,943.00
Total investments (principal)	102,943.00

*It is suggested that the principal fund be increased to \$110,000. and for this purpose the following amount be transferred from income:

110,000.00
<u>4,057.00</u>

INCOME ACCOUNT

Balance available for 1940-41	4,801.92
Principal to \$110,000.	<u>4,057.00</u>
Funds recommended above to raise	11,000.00
Funds invested	2,943.00
Less: aid for 1939-40 expenditures	1,000.00
1941	<u>2,943.00</u>
Anticipated income July 1 to June 30, 1941	12,801.92
Income received since July 1, 1940	1,149.66
Balance on hand June 30, 1940	12,152.26

Copy for Mr. Parker:

December 14, 1940

Dr. Eric North
Dr. Sidney D. Gamble
Dr. Wynn C. Fairfield
Mr. E. M. McBrier

Dear Friends,

We enclose herewith a copy of a letter just received from Dr. Stuart in which he discusses a number of important matters of general policy in connection with the McBrier Foundation.

We hope that within the next few weeks it may be possible to secure a meeting of this Committee at which these proposals can be taken up.

Very sincerely yours,

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Enclosure

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C O P Y

YENCHING UNIVERSITY
Peking, China

November 7, 1940

Dr. B. A. Garside
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

My dear Dr. Garside:

I am writing this letter to you for transmission to the McBrier Fund Committee and am especially anxious to have Mr. McBrier himself consulted on the contents of it. I had thought of writing to him direct because of our earnest desire to carry out the spirit of his intentions in all that concerns the use of this fund.

Mr. Brank Fulton is probably leaving here at the end of the present semester although he has indicated his willingness to stay on through the year if desired. He has further offered either to continue here for a longer period or to return to the States and do advanced study with a view to returning here permanently. His case, therefore, gives the opportunity for a consideration of guiding principles regarding the employment of Western people primarily for religious work among our students. The treatment of his case as a sort of case study is the more satisfactory because we have been so entirely satisfied with him. He has a rarely winsome personality, is humble, is amenable to suggestions or criticisms, has a readiness to undertake any form of association with the students that brings them into more intimate relationships, has a wholesome, fervent, religious earnestness, and, in short, is the combination of qualities which we had wanted.

It is just because of the effectiveness with which he has carried on that we are brought sharply up against the problem of permanent policy, for it would not be fair to him to utilize his present fitness for friendly and informal mingling with students into a future when these advantages would gradually and almost inevitably fade out. If, on the other hand, he returned home for further study and probable marriage, he ought to rejoin our staff, if at all, as a teacher in some department, in which case he would not be primarily under the McBrier Fund. He would undoubtedly continue to be active in religious work and a proportion of his salary could quite properly be charged against that fund. His home would take the place of the present friendly camaraderie but he would naturally be largely absorbed by his scholastic duties.

His presence here has, however, demonstrated the usefulness of a young man or woman close enough to the students in years and in freshness of undergraduate memories to associate with them more as a companion than a teacher. We are inclined, therefore, to recommend that this be adopted as a policy at least until we find some individual who would seem to justify a somewhat permanent appointment here primarily with religious activities in mind.

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Dr. Stuart to
Mr. Garside

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November 7, 1940

A succession of these would keep up the fruitful service which Fulton has accomplished with, of course, a variety deriving from differing personalities. If the Committee approves, we are ready to make a formal request that search be made for such a young man or woman to come to us after next summer. We were very much impressed with Paul Moritz who spent a number of months in China during the last academic year. He was representing Christian student associations of America on a mission to the students of China. He could doubtless be reached through Mr. E. E. Barnett or other connected with the Y. M. C. A. International Headquarters. If he himself could not consider such an invitation he represents the type we had in mind and might even be of help in finding some other person.

With the present thorough-going acceptance of co-education in Chinese institutions of collegiate grade and the unrestrained relationships obtaining on this campus, the right sort of young woman would be very little, if at all, hampered in working with men students and would have corresponding advantages with the women. It should be realized, however, that we have a much larger proportion of the former and also that the Women's College, for this reason as well as because of the whole-hearted devotion of single women, provides more satisfactorily for the non-academic interests of the girls than has been true of the boys. There ought, therefore, to be very strong reasons for choosing a young woman.

It is to be expected and also to be desired that the leadership in Christian work for students should more and more shift to Chinese. Without exception we are all agreed that Mr. Y. C. Wei, who is now at Union Seminary, has been the most satisfactory worker we have had. In fact we look upon him as a most fortunate discovery; and whatever his formal status will be on his return, we have him in mind for permanent leadership. His present studies and a titular position on the School of Religion faculty will give him prestige, academic ranking, and a broader as well as a deeper cultural preparedness. Fulton and he have made a well-nigh ideal team, the former fitting in as assisting or supplementing his Chinese colleague. With Mr. Wei or someone of his type we should like to have a young American who would render a service for which for some time yet Chinese will not be so qualified, both in a reserve of religious knowledge and in the intimacy of social contact.

Western people of a very different type will also have a function, probably much enhanced by post-war trends. I have in mind just such individuals as are now being considered for visiting China next session under the A.B.C.C.C. for giving addresses. Anyone of the general qualifications of those mentioned in my last letter on this subject will be much welcomed here even apart from any general mission to our group of colleges.

As to Fulton himself, our present suggestion to him is that on his return he determine on some field of study congenial to him without reference to a position here. The only one we would be apt to have available is in the Department of English, and it is not at all certain that he would be sufficiently interested to justify the Department's choosing him in preference to others who have a greater technical fitness.

Very sincerely yours,

/s/ J. Leighton Stuart

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Copies also to: Mr. Garside Miss Van Sciver
Mr. Evans
Mrs. Macmillan
Mr. Parker

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Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China

One Hundred-fifty Fifth Avenue . . . New York, N. Y.

January 21, 1941

Members of
The Executive Committee
Board of Trustees
Yenching University

Dear Friends:

Enclosed herewith are the minutes of the meeting of the Committee on McBrier Foundation which was held on December 16, 1940. The preparation of these minutes were held up until some of the items could be re-checked by the committee members, particularly the action regarding the recommendation noted under vote MF-3700-A.

Sincerely yours,

Assistant Secretary

JIP:VW
Enc.

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MINUTES OF MEETING
COMMITTEE ON McBRIER FOUNDATION
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
YENCHING UNIVERSITY

10:00 A.M. Monday, December 16, 1940
Room 900, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y.

List of Members

*Dr. Eric M. North, Chairman
Dr. Wynn C. Fairfield
*Dr. Sidney D. Gamble

Those whose names are starred were present, as were also Mr. Garside and the Secretary.

FINANCIAL REPORT AND BUDGET FOR 1940-41

Financial report of the Foundation was presented, and also a budget for the year 1940-41 as received from the field. After discussion, it was

MF-3700 VOTED to approve the budget for 1940-41, copy of which is attached to the minutes.

A recommendation had been made that \$10,000 from accrued income be added to the principal of the Foundation, increasing the principle to the amount of \$110,000. After consideration of the recommendation, it was

MF-3700-A VOTED to instruct the Treasurers to invest \$10,000 from accrued income and that the Committee should give further study to the question of adding the amount so invested to the principal fund of the Foundation.

LETTER FROM DR. STUART

A letter from Dr. Stuart, outlining suggested plans for the staff carrying on the work for the McBrier Foundation, was reviewed and discussed at length, after which it was

MF-3701 VOTED to request the Secretaries to inform Dr. Stuart that the Committee is in agreement with the plan outlined in his letter of November 7.

The meeting adjourned.

JOSEPH I. PARKER
Secretary

McBRIER FOUNDATION

BUDGET

1940-1941

	<u>US\$</u>	<u>LC\$</u>
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>		
<u>Salaries</u>		
Y. C. Wei (July-Aug. 1940)-----		210.
R. B. Fulton (part-time)-----	308.	1,245.
(or substitute for 12 months)		
Travel for Substitute-----	375.	
Wang Chung Han $\frac{1}{2}$ time-----		630.
*4 Assistants at 21 per month without bonus (ten months)-----		840.
Clerk (full time 25.00) (12 months)		
Wei Chun Yen-----		300.
Library - Full time Assistant (25.00)		
Chen Tseng Hui-----		300.
Exchange Compensation-----		1,388.
<u>Central Office</u>		
Equipment-----		300.
Religious Survey-----		200.
Incidentals for Religious Workers-----		500.
<u>Evangelistic</u>		
Workers from outside-----		3,000.
Religious Gatherings-----		1,000.
Conference-----		500.
Publications-----		2,000.
Scholarships-----		2,000.
Contingent (Including Medical, Dental & Rent)		2,000.
	US\$ 683.	LC\$16,413.
<u>INCOME</u>		
From New York-----	US\$3,000.	
Less amount to be exchanged at 8:1-----	2,317.	LC\$18,536.
	683.	18,536.
Less Expected Surplus-----		2,123.
	US\$ 683.	LC\$16,413.

June 11, 1941

To The Members of the McBrier Foundation Committee
Yenching University

Gentlemen:

Mr. Yang-sh'ing Wei has been studying at Union Theological Seminary for the past year under a subsidy of \$1,000 provided by Yenching University for travel to and from America, and personal expenses. The Seminary provided a scholarship for the first year of \$450.00, but it was with the understanding that it would be granted for only one year.

Mr. Wei has proven that he is worthy of this scholarship and has been doing excellent work and certainly should be continued another year. The Seminary has been so well pleased with Mr. Wei's accomplishment this year that they are willing to continue a \$300.00 scholarship for next year. This, however, leaves him with a shortage of \$150.00, but a careful survey of his expenditures over the last year would indicate that this amount should be \$200.00. This is for the academic year 1941-42. However, during this vacation it is quite possible that approximately \$30.00 will be required for living expenses. Mr. Wei is endeavoring to secure work to cover this amount, but this is not assured. This means that a total of \$230.00 will be the outside requirements up to the time when he is to return to China. Of the \$1,000 we have a balance of \$200.00 reserved for travel and \$121.00 for expenses.

Concretely your committee might properly be asked to consider the appropriation of \$230.00 for Mr. Wei for the coming year. Just recently you voted \$75.00 for his visitation to a number of universities in America for the purpose of studying religious work on those campuses. The reports indicate that he has done a very fine piece of work. He is going back to Yenching to take up a professorship in the School of Religion, with religious work among the students as a major activity.

The purpose for which Mr. Wei is in America and the dedication of his life to religious activity at Yenching are fundamental factors in putting this request before your committee.

As this fund is to be used for the purpose for which it was given, surely we can find no more proper and deserving channel at Yenching. I most heartily recommend it for consideration of the Committee.

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

CARE/3 Mr. McBrier

Dr. Eric M. North, Chairman

Dr. Sidney D. Gamble

Dr. Wynn C. Fairfield

P. S. Mr. McBrier approves, but would be more generous in the amount to avoid living on a starvation basis.

C. A. E.

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Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China

One Hundred-fifty Fifth Avenue

New York, N. Y.

July 16, 1942

To the Members of the
McBrier Foundation Committee
Yenching University

Dear Friends:

A year ago the McBrier Foundation Committee was approached regarding an appropriation for Mr. Yung Ch'ing Wei. This was for use in visiting various summer conferences and was money well spent.

During the past year, Mr. Wei has continued his work at Union Theological Seminary under a scholarship and has completed his work at Columbia and Union Theological Seminary. In the beginning, there was no intention of his continuing studies to secure a Ph. D. degree, but in view of the existing conditions he is now in the United States and cannot return to China. Therefore, serious consideration has been given to this phase of graduate work. We have had considerable consultation by telephone and personal, as well as some correspondence with the Dean of Union Theological Seminary and the conclusion is that Mr. Wei is of the caliber to secure a doctorate in education instead of a Ph. D. It is felt that this will be more useful to him and that it can be more easily secured, especially as it is desired to put a single year more in his work.

Up to the present time, Mr. Wei has been financed by Swiss Committee funds totalling \$1,000.00 for his two year's work. This has been augmented by scholarships from Union Theological Seminary. He has been granted a scholarship for this year but is destitute of funds at the present time.

It is hoped that the McBrier Foundation Committee will feel inclined to approve the expenditure as outlined in the attached memorandum.

Mr. Wei was in the School of Religion at Yenching before coming to America and had the endorsement of the University, and at the present time our office, as well as Union Theological Seminary likewise endorse him for this application.

Kindly indicate on the enclosed postal card your feeling regarding the following proposed motion:

VOTED that the McBrier Foundation Committee approves the expenditure for Yung Ch'ing Wei as attached herewith -- the total amount not to exceed \$1,011.50.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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Dr. Eric M. North
Dr. Sidney D. Gamble
Dr. Wynn C. Fairfield

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CIRCULATION VOTE
MCBRIER FOUNDATION COMMITTEE
YENCHING UNIVERSITY

July 24, 1942

List of Members

Dr. W. C. Fairfield
Dr. S. D. Gamble
Dr. E. M. North

The above listed members have approved the action regarding Yang Ch'ing Wei as set forth in Mr. Evans' letter of July 16, 1942.

EXPENDITURE FOR MR. YANG CH'ING WEI

Mr. Yung Ch'ing Wei arrived in the United States from Yenching University in September, 1940, and took up his work at Union Theological Seminary at once. He was supported by the Swiss Committee Funds to the amount of \$1,000 spread over a period of two years while studying for his Bachelor of Divinity degree. He has been exceedingly economical in his expenditures and has secured his degree, being granted a diploma by Union Theological Seminary in May, 1942.

During the summer of 1941, the McBrier Foundation made a nominal grant of \$240 whereby Mr. Wei could visit religious departments of various universities in the east and attend several conferences. It was money well spent. As Mr. Wei would have returned to China during the summer of 1942 to continue his religious work at Yenching, no added provision was made for his continued stay in America. Conditions, however, do not permit his leaving this country, and the opportunity is presented now for continued study here. He has been granted a scholarship at Union Theological Seminary for 1942-43 and has presented a budget for the coming year, a copy of which is attached hereto. This schedule was circulated among the members of the McBrier Foundation Committee as of July 16, 1942, and a majority of the members have voted in the affirmative. It is, therefore,

MF-3760 VOTED that the McBrier Foundation Committee approve the expenditure for Yang Ch'ing Wei as shown in the attached schedule, the total amount not to exceed \$1,011.50, and it being further understood that he is to continue his religious work at Yenching University as soon as opportunity permits.

Respectfully submitted,

C. A. EVANS

BUDGET OF Y. C. WEI
FOR PERIOD FROM JUNE 1, 1942 TO MAY 31, 1943

Total expenditure for June 1, 1942 - May 31, 1943	\$1,311.50
(Details on attached sheet)	
Less - Union Scholarship	<u>300.00</u>
Amount needed for school year.....	<u><u>\$1,011.50</u></u>

Needed amount by months:

June 1st (1942)	\$122.00	
July 1st	175.00	
August 1st	122.00	
September 1st	237.50	
October 1st		(Scholarship \$150 due from Union Theological Seminary)
November 1st	35.00	
December 1st	40.00	
January 1st (1943)	40.00	
February 1st	120.00	(Scholarship \$150 due from Union Theological Seminary)
March 1st	40.00	
April 1st	40.00	
May 1st	<u>40.00</u>	
	<u><u>\$1,011.50</u></u>	

BUDGET OF Y. C. WEI
FOR THE PERIOD FROM MAY 1942 TO MAY 1943

June 1st	\$122.00	
Room	20.00	
Living expenses	45.00	
Tuition for 4 pts. (June 13-Jul. 3)	50.00	
Columbia University Fee	7.00	
July 1st	\$175.00	
Room	20.00	
Living expenses	45.00	
Tuition for 8 pts. (Jul. 3-Aug. 15)	100.00	
Columbia University Fee	10.00	
August 1st	\$122.00	
Room and living expenses	65.00	
Tuition for 4 pts. (Aug. 16-Sept. 11)	50.00	
Columbia University Fee	7.00	
September 1st	\$237.50	
Room and living expenses	65.00	
Tuition for 13 pts. 1st semester	162.50	
Columbia University Fee	10.00	
October 1st	\$145.00	(\$150 Scholarship due from Union Theological Sem.)
Room for the first semester	50.00	
Living expenses	40.00	
Money for one suit	35.00	
For some shirts	10.00	
For Union Community Chest	10.00	
November 1st - Living expenses	\$ 40.00	
December 1st - Living expenses	\$ 40.00	
Year 1943 - January 1st - Living expenses	\$ 40.00	
February 1st	\$270.00	(\$150 Scholarship due from Union Theological Sem.)
Room for the second semester	50.00	
Living expenses	40.00	
Tuition for 12 pts. second semester	150.00	
University Fee	10.00	
Doctorate degree fee	20.00	
March 1st	\$ 40.00	
April 1st	\$ 40.00	
May 1st	\$ 40.00	
TOTAL	1,311.50	
Less Scholarship from Union Theol. Sem.	300.00	
	<u>\$1,011.50</u>	

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YENCHING UNIVERSITY IN CHENG TU
Chengtu, China

YFM/YC/101

April 10, 1943

Dear Mr. E. M. McBrier:

The New York office must have kept you informed on the reopening of Yenching in Free China. It is not an easy task under wartime circumstances, but the support from the Trustees in America and alumni in China has been excellent and inspiring. In undertaking such an enterprise, I have been counting heavily on the guidance and support especially from people like yourself.

We now have a student body of over three hundred, and more than half of them come from the original student body in Peking. The spirit of both faculty and students is fine. The Yenta Christian Fellowship has been especially active, an indication of the fact that the years of experience in Peking has developed a deep-rooted spirit and life in this religious group of faculty and students. The activities have been still along the lines of religious devotion and evangelism, friendship among members, and social service. The new feature of the Fellowship in Chengtu is its close cooperation with the church which is just across the street from the university compound. The Fellowship helps the church in its music life, religious program and community service. On the other hand, the church offers opportunity to relate the religious experiences of the university group to the church community, and therefore gives it a more normal orientation. The Christmas pageant put on by the Yenching students under the direction of Miss Boynton both in the church in our neighborhood and on the campus of the joint Christian universities was something really beautiful and inspiring.

Although the Fellowship out here has spared me from membership on the executive committee, I have been watching the group work at a short range. I am fully satisfied that they are on very sound lines in their program and activity. As to finances, the Fellowship in the North used to try to be self-supporting to a large measure. That is practically impossible now; costs are almost a hundred times of prewar standard, and ability to give has been reduced almost to nil. The Fellowship officers have been consulting me about support for their work. My thought naturally turn to your generosity in the past in promoting religious life and activities in the university. For the current year they need something like US\$400 to balance their budget, and for 1943-44 the deficit will probably be US\$600-800. If you can see your way to making a contribution to meet these deficits of the Fellowship as you have so often done in the years past, both the Fellowship officers and myself shall be most grateful.

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Apr. 10, 1943

There is also a strong desire for securing a religious work secretary, since we are so understaffed and everybody is so busy that we cannot depend on people taking up responsibility for religious work on the side. Mr. Tsai Yung-chun, M.A. and B.D. of Yenching, is available. The arrangement will be an appointment on the faculty with a very light teaching load. The support necessary for adding such a person is estimated at US\$1,800 for 1943-44. I wonder if you are also willing to make a donation of this additional sum to enable us to secure Mr. Tsai and take care of the religious life of the University.

Word from the North indicates that Dr. Stuart is well but not free. The only hope for him seems to lie in repatriation, but unfortunately that seems very distant just now.

Sincerely yours,

Y. P. Mei,
Acting President.

Mr. E. M. McBrier
c/o Yenching University Office
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City
U. S. A.

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July 14, 1943

Evans
Dr. Y. P. Mei, Acting President,
Yenching University in Chengtu,
Chengtu, China.

Dear Dr. Mei:

Your letter of April 10 was duly received, and I have read with great care your request for funds to carry on the religious program in connection with the Yenta Fellowship. It is apparent that you are thinking that I have control of certain funds which might be used for this purpose. However, I would like to explain that in 1930 there was established with the Trustees of Yenching University the "McBrier Foundation for Biblical Instruction and Christian Work." That you may better understand the reasons for the establishment of this fund, may I quote from the provisions governing the use of the INCOME from this fund, the following:-

"The purpose of the donors in creating this Fund is to provide an annual income which is to be used outside of the regular budget items of the University to promote and carry on such types of Christian work and Bible study among the students as will be instrumental in leading them into a personal experience of faith in and obedience to Jesus Christ as their Saviour and Lord; that the object to be attained by the use of the income from this Fund is to make the University more decidedly a Christian Institution by increasing the distinctly Christian work among the students; that no part of said income is to be used for salaries or expenses of the regular teaching staff or the regular curriculum work in any department, but is to be used exclusively for supplementary and special types of distinctly Christian work which the regular teaching staff may not find it possible to undertake; all this in order to enlarge and emphasize the distinctly Christian character of the University.

"In accepting this gift the Trustees do hereby obligate themselves to insure that the income accruing therefrom be continuously and entirely devoted to the purposes designated by the donors and that definite Christian work be carried on among the student body in the form of evangelistic or other public meetings, lectures, personal evangelism, personal interviews, Bible study and other activities, all of which shall have as their object the relating of individual students to the Lord Jesus Christ and leading them to adopt His program of life; this work to be done by men and women selected because of their special fitness and equipment for this type of service; and that this work shall be conducted in conformity with those beliefs which in the history of the Christian Church have always been recognized as Evangelical, and with the express intention of leading to or strengthening faith in our Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God and Saviour of the world."

The income from the foundation available for the purposes indicated is, at present, about US\$3,000 per year. From the income of this fund, appropriations for religious work have been made in the past. I have not personally made contributions toward extra-curricular religious activities, nor am I in a position to do so now.

I am quite conversant with the work and activities of the Yenta Fellowship. It has been a splendid voluntary organization of Christians - members of the faculty and students - and it has performed a useful function in maintaining and promoting active Christian work on the campus among the students.

I am delighted to know that the Fellowship is continuing its existence and activities in your temporary location. I am particularly glad to know that it is cooperating with the Church. Both the Fellowship and the Church will be strengthened by this connection.

One of the main reasons for the vitality and virility of the Fellowship when on the campus near Peking was the fact that membership was voluntary. The members supported it by their gifts of service and money, and unless I am incorrectly informed, no financial support has, in the past, been sought or received from outside sources. This in itself was a source of spiritual strength to the Fellowship.

My reaction to your appeal in support of the Fellowship is that I fear the spirit that has dominated and actuated the self-imposed tasks of the Fellowship will soon be lost

if now the financing of such tasks is cared for by some outside agency, or by appealing to outside friends. Up to the present the limitations of their undertakings have been only what the members have contributed by their faith, prayer, activities, money, service. Their contributions are what made the members strong - what bound them together into an effective spiritual force in the accomplishment of the work undertaken.

Nothing will more quickly impoverish their spiritual effort and their individual interest than to feel that a "gift of dollars" will do the work. I have seen such deterioration of purpose and interest result again and again in such movements. Yenta has done too fine and worthwhile a work to have its real power lost by any changed method that would rob the Fellowship of its real source of strength, - which has derived from their personal sacrifice and devotion.

Is it not better to let the Fellowship continue as it has, to be the expression of its members in such service as they can undertake with the financial strength they can give, plus their contributions of personal effort? They may, on account of the present financial situation, be obliged to curtail their gifts of money; but their gifts of prayer, service, brotherhood, help in all sorts of ways that carry the message of the spirit of Christ, will not be lessened in the least; and in a real service such rich contributions cannot be compared with the mere gift of dollars.

Having said this for the Fellowship - which I trust may go on from strength to strength in its valuable service, and which I trust may not be rendered spiritually impotent by a change of method - let me further say that there is available, for use on the campus, and within the limits of the deed of gift, funds for supplementary Bible study and evangelical work among the student body. As I interpret the "Deed of Gift", appropriations for the support of a Secretary for Yenta Fellowship, or appropriations for deficits in their work, are definitely barred.

What sort of work, if any, should be undertaken? This is a matter for thought and much divine guidance, if it is to be effective, and if it is to accomplish the purpose and intent of the object set forth in the "Deed of Gift." The subject cannot be approached from the viewpoint of - "Here we have about \$3,000 a year to spend for Christian work; how shall we spend it?" Rather, it should be, - "Here are these hundreds of students, a few of them real Christians who know their Lord, others with a smattering of the teachings of Christianity but knowing nothing of the power of Christ's spirit in their lives - HOW can we bring them to a real knowledge of the truth as it is in Christ Jesus?"

One way you suggest may be helpful in attaining the object desired. If Dr. Tsai Yung-chun is a man led by the Spirit, who has a passion for winning the students to a personal knowledge of "the Lord Jesus Christ and leading them to adopt His program of life," then perhaps to employ him as a spiritual leader outside the Fellowship, though cooperating with the Fellowship, is one of the ways to fulfil the wishes of the donors; not to employ him as a "religious work secretary" for the Yenta Fellowship, not as a pastor or assistant pastor, not as an "appointee on the faculty with a very light teaching load" - (unless there is some good reason for this relationship which is not explained in your letter) - but as one set apart for personal religious work; one who in his heart desires above all things to do this very thing indicated in the "Deed of Gift."

If Dr. Tsai Yung-chun has not the desire for such work, if he has not such a passion as Paul had (I Cor. 9:22), then he is scarcely the man to undertake the work indicated in the "Deed of Gift." Doubtless such a man might be found - one who would quietly exert such a loving and Christ-like influence on the campus that the students would resort to him with their life-problems, and receive real spiritual help and direction.

The typical "Secretary" or "promoter" type is good enough in his place, and may be necessary in certain positions; but you can gather from the wording of the "Deed" that a man of rather rare spirit would be the one that should be sought to fulfil the requirements.

July 14, 1943

The work such a man would do might be entirely personal; or might be best done by conducting small group meetings, or larger and more popular evangelical meetings and group Bible Classes. He would find a way if he had the passion inspired by the Spirit of our Lord.

For such a man to be released for service on your campus would mean new life for individual men and women. It might result in a new spirit on the campus. I would not presume to suggest the type or pattern of his activities.

The salary of a man of this type would definitely come within the provisions of this "Deed of Gift."

How to secure an appropriation.

A special committee appointed by the Trustees of Yenching University considers applications, and makes appropriations of income. To secure appropriations, application should be made in advance of the college year. Application should be received here about April 1. Very definite information should be given as to the person or persons to be employed, qualifications - especially spiritual qualifications for the type of service to be rendered - scholastic qualifications - ability as a leader - resumé of activities in which candidate has engaged, and results of such activities.

A complete year's budget covering not only salary of candidate but also any other expenses involved for program planned should accompany application.

It is, of course, very late to make your application in proper form to begin such a work at the commencement of your next college year, but perhaps you might, if you have any formulated plans for undertaking the sort of work herein indicated, and have the right person available, make application as suggested at once, and plan to begin as early as possible after receiving cabled approval of project and budget.

Wishing you every blessing in your work, I am,

Most sincerely yours,

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Dr. Y. P. Mei

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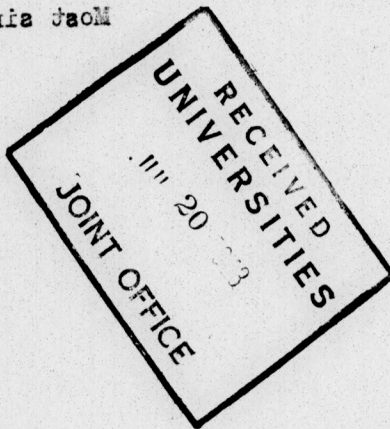
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It is, of course, very late to make your application in proper form to begin such a work at the commencement of your next college year, but perhaps you might, if you have any formulated plans for undertaking the sort of work herein indicated, and have the right person available, make application as suggested at once, and plan to begin as early as possible after receiving approval of project and budget.

Wishing you every blessing in your work, I am,

Most sincerely yours,



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YENCHING UNIVERSITY

January 21, 1944

Dr. Y. P. Mei, Acting President
Yenching University in Chengtu
Chengtu, Szechuan, West China

Dear Dr. Mei:

I replied to your letter of April 10, 1943 soon after its receipt in New York, under date of July 14, 1943.

On Page 3, under heading- "How to secure an appropriation", I indicated that -

"Application should be received here about April 1. Very definite information should be given as to the person or persons to be employed, qualifications - especially spiritual qualifications for the type of service to be rendered - scholastic qualifications - ability as a leader - resumé of activities in which candidate has engaged, and results of such activities."

We have not as yet received any request for an appropriation with the supporting budget which you wish to cover.

There are sufficient funds in the "McBrier Foundation for Biblical Instruction" to carry on a reasonable program of work providing the proper personnel can be obtained and such work falls within the limitations of the Deed of Trust, as described to you in my above quoted letter.

Therefore if you contemplate any undertaking for which these funds may be requested, will you kindly send your budget at once so that we may have same presented to the Committee in proper form and in due time?

Sincerely yours,

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cc: C. A. Evans

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April 5, 1944

Dr. Y. P. Mei, Acting President
Yenching University in Chengtu
Chengtu, Szechuan, West China

Dear Dr. Mei:

It is now early April; and I again refer to my letter of July 14, 1943, which was a lengthy explanation of the use that could be made of the income from the McBrier Foundation for Biblical Instruction and Christian Work.

I never received a reply to my letter of July 14th, nor have I received a reply to my letter of January 21, 1944 regarding this fund.

We cannot understand why we have not heard from you. Is it because there is no place in your Christian program for the utilization of funds for the purpose designated?

Inasmuch as we are under the impression that we are conducting a "Christian" university - that is the intent of the Founders and Trustees - it would seem as though there should be some place for definite Christian work and for the employment of income from such a fund.

As there is available some \$5,000 for use during the current year, providing it is used in the manner designated by the Deed of Gift, we await your explanation as to why no application has been made for the employment of this fund.

Sincerely yours,

Young Chung-wei

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Miss Riddell: This replaces other letter of same date 1944. Noted

McBrier Foundation

June 30, 1944

Dr. Y. P. Mei, Acting President
Yenching University in Chengtu
Chengtu, Szechuan, Free China

Dear Dr. Mei:

Referring to your letter of April 10, 1943 in regard to funds available for Christian work at Yenching from the McBrier Foundation, I replied fully on July 14, 1943.

Not having a reply from you, I wrote you again on Jan. 21, 1944. Still not having any reply, I wrote again on April 5, 1944. I am sorry to say that through a filing error in this office, neither copy of the duplicate letters which I wrote on Apr. 5, 1944 was mailed. All copies went into the file, and I discovered the error today.

I am herewith enclosing one of the two original copies of said letter of Apr. 5, 1944, and inasmuch as duplicate letters are sent you at different times to ensure arrival of at least one copy, you will probably receive said duplicate of enclosed letter of April 5th in due time.

We are somewhat concerned regarding the religious work being done on the campus of Yenching. There has been no budget for such work ever received from you. There are limited funds in the income from the McBrier Fund to supplement an active Christian program in accordance with the provisions of the trust - as explained in my letter of July 14, 1943.

I also very definitely explained page 3 of said letter under heading - "How to Secure Appropriation" - the measures you should take to secure an appropriation for such work.

Since I wrote you, Dr. Yung-Ch'ing Wei has returned and has no doubt made plans for aggressive Christian work on the campus. We are anxious to know if a plan of work has been outlined, and if a budget has been made for carrying on the type of Christian work indicated in the Deed of Trust of the McBrier Foundation. If so, we would like to receive full information and copy of the budget, providing you wish an appropriation for such work.

Dr. Yung-Ch'ing Wei is, I believe, conversant with the limitations of the Deed of Trust of the McBrier Foundation.

Not having received a reply to my letter of July 14, 1943, and inasmuch as said letter sets forth in detail the purposes and limitations of the conditions of the Deed of Trust, I am herewith enclosing you a copy..

Sincerely yours,

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Put copy on Mr. Mc Brier's desk. Ed

October 10, 1944

To the Members of the McBrier Foundation Committee

Gentlemen:

Enclosed find a letter from Dr. Yung-Ch'ing Wei recently returned to China to take up religious work on the campus at Yenching University.

Before coming to America in 1940 he carried on similar work at Peking and secured funds from the McBrier Foundation income.

There is one serious omission in that Dr. Wei's salary, such as may be applied to his religious activity on the campus, should be included in this program. Dr. Y. P. Mei was told that Dr. Wei's travel to China would be paid by the Foundation and such portions of his salary as would apply to religious activity.

At Peking, individuals on the university staff doing this sort of work were permitted to have a similar arrangement. At the present, however, we do not know what Dr. Wei's salary is or just how his hours should be allocated to the McBrier Foundation budget.

A meeting of this Committee is being called for Friday, the 13th, at 5:30 P. M. at the Parkside Hotel. A full attendance is requested.

Very truly yours,

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C. A. EVANS

Copies to: Mr. McBrier
Dr. Eric M. North ✓
Dr. Wynn C. Fairfield ✓
Mr. Sidney Gamble ✓

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YENCHING UNIVERSITY IN CHENG TU
CHENG TU, CHINA

August 22, 1944

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Mr. E. M. McBrier
Office of Yenching Board of Trustees
150 Fifth Ave.
New York City, 11.

Dear Mr. McBrier:

I have been in receipt of your letter of July 14, 1943, April 5 and June 30, 1944, but not the one dated Jan. 21, 1944. I am sorry for our seeming negligence in replying to your letters and for the annoyance it must have caused you. Since writing my initial letter of April 10, 1943 requesting a subsidy from the McBrier Foundation for religious work at Yenching, the University staff has grown in size and has been able to differentiate somewhat more in function. Mr. H.W. Robinson of the American Board Mission joined our staff that spring with a special interest in the Yenching Christian Fellowship, and he was assisted by Miss Grace M. Boynton. I referred your letters to them for study and presumably for reply. I have neglected to follow up the matter and now it seems there is some delinquency by inadvertence.

Dr. Wei Yung-ching arrived at Chengtu early in June and has taken a hand in University administration with regard to student life in general and the religious program in particular. He has already proven himself a very conscientious worker and he will no doubt make a very valuable contribution to University life in due time. In checking up the matter concerning your letters, I find that Dr. Wei already wrote to Dr. Evans under date of July 14 on the matter of Yenching Christian Fellowship program and finance. He also attached a budget thereto to the total of US\$1800. I have full confidence in Dr. Wei's wise and careful manner of doing things and I should like to give my endorsement, if needed, to what he submitted. And I hope with Dr. Wei looking after the work and interest of the Yenching Christian Fellowship, the funds from the McBrier Foundation for this purpose will be wisely and properly spent and handled.

Again apologizing for our apparent negligence in correspondence and thanking you for your constant support to the University especially during these most difficult years,

Sincerely yours,

Y. P. Mei
Acting President

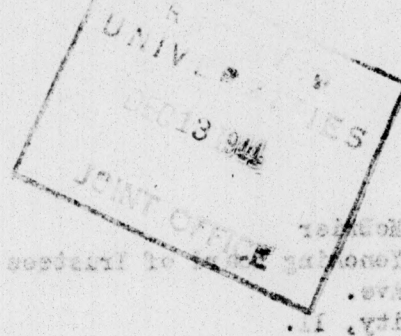
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YENCHING UNIVERSITY IN CHINA

CHENGDU, CHINA

August 22, 1944



Mr. E. B. Robinson
Office of Yenching University
150 Fifth Ave.
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Robinson:

I have been in receipt of your letter of July 14, 1944, April 5 and June 30, 1944, but not the one dated Jan. 21, 1944. I am sorry for our seeming negligence in replying to your letters and for the annoyance it must have caused you. Since writing my last letter of April 10, 1944 regarding a subsidy from the Robison Foundation for religious work at Yenching, the University staff has grown in size and has been able to allocate somewhat more in funds. Mr. E. B. Robinson of the American Board Mission joined our staff that spring with a special interest in the Yenching Christian Fellowship, and he was assisted by Miss Grace E. Boynton. I referred your letter to them for study and presumably for reply. I have neglected to follow up the matter and now it seems there is some delinquency by inaction.

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Sincerely yours,

I. F. Wei
Acting President

January 5, 1945

To the Members of the
McBrier Foundation Committee
Yenching University

Gentlemen:

A letter from Dr. Yung-Ch'ing Wei has been received.

You will recall that the Committee approved the budget of \$1,300 which was submitted last fall and suggested that it would be given sympathetic consideration for any broadening of the Religious Program, but that it would be responsible for only that part of salary which could be assigned to the religious budget.

Dr. Wei states that it is impossible from the limited budget to pay the ricksha fare between the various places where his work takes him. This means between Yenching University, West China campus, Y.M.C.A. in the city, as well as several churches in the city. The situation was submitted to the Federated Committee which has charge of the religious activities of the various institutions and they approved the expenditure of ~~IF~~ \$51,450 which, at the present rate of exchange, is equivalent to \$150.

Dr. Wei further states that the \$1,300 is totally inadequate under present conditions--the budget having been set up early in July--and requests \$600.00 additional to make up the difference and at the same time buy some text books for the use of the religious discussion group. This also includes some mimeographing for some of the religious classes.

As this seems to be a modest request and perfectly within the spirit of the McBrier Foundation Trust, it is recommended that approval be given to the following motion:

VOTED that the equivalent of \$51,450 local currency be appropriated to pay for a bicycle for Dr. Yung-Ch'ing Wei and that \$600.00 be added to the original budget of \$1,300.

A postal card is enclosed herewith to record your vote.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China

One Hundred-fifty Fifth Avenue

New York, N. Y.

April 3, 1945

McBrier Foundation Committee
Yenching University

Gentlemen:

The following paragraph is taken from a letter received from Mr. A. C. Hausske, Acting Comptroller of Yenching University. It refers to the support of Dr. Yung Ch'ing Wei:

"May I say here that Mr. Wei is an energetic and indefatigable worker, and is doing a mighty fine piece of work. Regarding the funds for his support, I believe it was stipulated that only that part of his work which might be interpreted as "religious" would receive such financial support from the Fund. I can well understand that point of view, but I want to say that his work as prester is of such nature and the results are so gratifying that I would consider his whole time as "religious" work, and if I may be so bold as to suggest - I should like to see his entire support carried by Mr. McBrier. In another letter to you from Mr. Wei, he asks for funds to purchase the much needed bicycle which request I also hope will be granted. I do not believe there is another staff member who devotes so much time to the welfare of the students, his interest in all their problems and activities being very deep and sincere. And let me add that the problems during the past month alone have been tremendous ones for these students, torn as they have been with the "Join-the-Army Movement," the possibility of evacuating again in the face of the recent threat to this area not yet over, and several other serious factors in their feeling of great uncertainty. Mr. Wei needs every bit of support from the home and he can get, in the way of encouragement and the prayers of his many friends there."

In addition to the foregoing, we have received word through individuals who have seen Dr. Wei in action that he is doing a magnificent piece of work.

You will recall that there was some consideration of a plan to have Dr. Wei collaborate with the Y.M.C.A. in the selection and guidance of students preparing for Y.M.C.A. work. The Y.M.C.A. however, in the beginning did not claim any of Dr. Wei's time but recently requested his release for work in Chungking. The University felt that his work was of such great value that it was decided not to leave same for an indefinite stay at Chungking.

This problem is of sufficient importance to call for a committee meeting at sometime convenient to the members of the Committee. I am also sending a copy of this letter to Mr. McBrier.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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cc: Mr. McBrier

To: Dr. North
Dr. Fairfield
Dr. Gamble

Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China

New York, N. Y.

One Hundred and Fifth Avenue

April 3, 1945



The following paragraph is taken from a letter received from Mr. A. C. Morrison, Acting Director of Yenching University. It refers to the report of Dr. Yang Ch'ing

"I am sure that Dr. Wei is an energetic and indefatigable worker, and is doing a mighty fine piece of work. Regarding the funds for his support, I believe it was stipulated that only that part of his work which might be interpreted as 'religious' would receive such financial support from the Board. I can well understand that point of view, but I want to say that his work as professor is of such nature and the results are so gratifying that I would consider his whole time as 'religious' work, and I may be so bold as to suggest - I should like to see his entire support carried by Mr. Morrison. In another letter to you from Mr. Wei, he asks for funds to purchase the much needed books which request I also hope will be granted. I do not believe there is another staff member who devotes so much time to the welfare of the students, his interest in all their problems and activities being very deep and sincere. And let me add that the problems during the past month alone have been tremendous ones for these students, for as they have been with the 'Join-the-Army Movement', the possibility of returning again in the face of the recent threat to this area has not yet over, and several other serious factors in their feeling of great uncertainty. Dr. Wei needs every bit of support from the home and he can get it in the way of encouragement and the prayers of his many friends there."

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Very sincerely yours,

C. A. Evans

cc: Mr. Morrison
Mr. North
Mr. Fairfield
Mr. Leslie