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Board of Foreign Missions
Of the METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

150 Fifth Avenue
NEW YORK CITY

February 13, 1931

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

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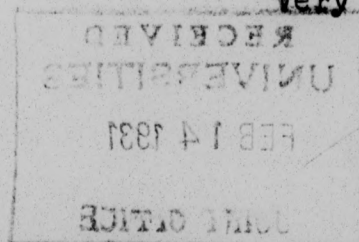
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It is with regret that we recognize the necessity laid upon us and with an expression of personal hope that our financial condition will so improve in the near future that we can once again meet our obligations.

Very sincerely yours,

John R. Edwards
John R. Edwards
Corresponding Secretary

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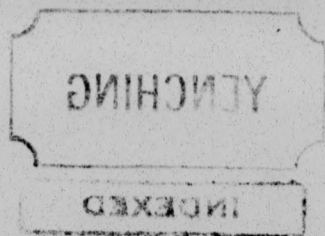
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Board of Foreign Missions
Of the Methodist Episcopal Church

150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

February 13, 1931

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New York City.

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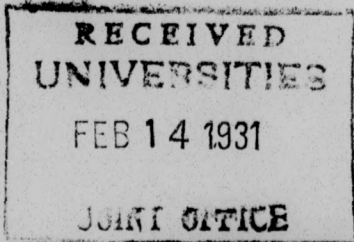
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Very sincerely yours,

John R. Edwards
Corresponding Secretary



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October 2, 1931

Dear Dr. Diffendorfer:

We have just received a cablegram from President Stuart of Yenching University with the request that we convey to the Methodist Board of Foreign Missions the following cabled expression from the faculty of the School of Religion at Yenching University:

"While world rushes China flood relief
Japanese Army occupies country without
cause. Where does Christianity stand?"

Yenching University will be grateful for all manifestations of friendship at this time toward China by the Methodist Board of Foreign Missions. We are, of course, well aware that your organization is just as deeply concerned about the situation in China as is the University. We take the liberty of expressing the institution's special interest only because it is located so close to the very center of the tragic situation on the other side of the world.

Cordially yours,

Assistant to the President

Dr. Ralph Diffendorfer
Methodist Board of Foreign Missions
150 Fifth Avenue, New York City

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BOARD OF REVISIONS
METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
150 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK, N.Y. ✓

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October 5th, 1931.

Mr. Olin D. Wannamaker
Assistant to the President
Yenching University
150 Fifth Avenue, New York City

Dear Mr. Wannamaker:-

Your letter of October 2nd, addressed to Dr. Diffendorfer, has come to my desk for attention in his absence. In this letter you kindly quote a cabled message from President Stuart relative to Japanese occupation of Chinese territory.

In reply, permit me to say that we are greatly disturbed concerning any differences arising between China and Japan through this apparently uncalled for action on the part of certain Japanese. From this morning's paper the indications are that Japan will recall her armies from Manchuria. In this way, we trust the matter will be amicably settled.

If matters are not promptly settled between Japan and China, some treatment of the question may be considered by the Executive Committee of our Board on October 22nd.

Sincerely,

John R. Edwards
John R. Edwards
Corresponding Secretary

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BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS
OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

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December 30th, 1931

To the Representatives of the
Boards cooperating in the
China Union Universities:

Fukien Christian University
University of Nanking
West China Union University
Yenching University

My dear Friends:-

For the past several years, the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, even in the face of severe cuts on every other phase of its work, has held up its appropriations to the China Union Universities. It has been happy to be able to do this. But now, for the year just ahead, with the necessity of levying another heavy cut on its work and missionary budgets, the Board has faced this matter with the knowledge that there must be a reduction in all sections of its budget. I am writing to you, therefore, to inform you of our action, in reducing our appropriation to the universities named above, and to express our sincere sorrow that this step must be taken.

The appropriations of our Board for the past year, and for the coming year are given below:

	<u>1931</u>	<u>1932</u>
Fukien	\$4000	\$3400
Nanking	7000	5950
West China	6000	5100
Yenching	3500	2975

With the greetings of this Holiday Season, I am

Very sincerely yours,

(signed) Frank T. Cartwright

Associate Secretary for Eastern
Asia

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BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS
METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

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YENCHING

July 28, 1932

ack. 8-5-32

Mr. B. A. Garside
China Union Universities
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

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My dear Mr. Garside:

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of this Board held in February an action was taken requesting that one half the gain in exchange in all countries on account of regular Appropriations should be returned to this office. This action was to become effective on April 1st.

Our Accountant has calculated that the gain in exchange from April 1st to August 31st inclusive is as follows:

		<u>1/2 est. gain</u>
Fukien University	\$3400	\$207.50
Nanking University	5860	363.75
Yenching University	2378	181.75
West China Union	5040	308.00

\$1061.00

In order to determine the gain in exchange the Board fixed as the normal rate in China 3.25 Mex. for \$1 Gold. Dr. Main, our treasurer in China at Shanghai, tells us the exchange rate is now 4.60 Mex. for \$1. Gold. According to our calculation there should be returned to this Board \$1061.00.

Beginning September 1st, there will be no deduction for exchange since the Appropriations for the last four months of the fiscal year have been cut.

I would be very grateful if you would give this your immediate attention.

Very sincerely yours,

/s/ Morris W. Hines, Treas.

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Yenching

August 5, 1932.

Dr. Morris W. Eames, Treasurer
Board of Foreign Missions Methodist Episcopal Church
180 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Dr. Eames:

Let me acknowledge receipt of your letter of July 28th telling of the action of a meeting of the Methodist Board's Executive Committee in February, requesting that one-half the gain in exchange in all countries on account of regular appropriations should be returned to your office.

You request that our China universities receiving support from the Methodist Board return accordingly gain on exchange accruing from April 1st to August 31st. Your Accountant calculates that one-half the gain in exchange is \$11,061.00. I have gone over our accounts of the various universities to ascertain what amounts we have received from the Methodist Board since April 1, 1932, and I give below what we have received, together with what one-half the gain on exchange would be on the basis you suggest.

University	Local currency		Gold	Gain on Exchange	
	Rec'd 4/1/32-7/31/32	at Basis at 3.25 to 1	Cost 2.40 to 1	Total	One-half
Fukien	6.0 820.00	L.C. 2,762.50	0.8 800.34	0.8 240.48	0.8 124.78
Hankow -General	582.50	1,178.12	200.11	186.30	83.20
Hospital	125.02	604.34	151.26	34.36	27.28
Yenching	743.75	2,417.19	525.49	218.27	109.14
West China	1,220.00	4,065.00	880.71	320.72	160.36
	<u>\$5,492.17</u>	<u>\$11,067.05</u>	<u>\$2,408.70</u>	<u>\$ 986.57</u>	<u>\$ 493.24</u>

The total on this basis, of one-half the gain on exchange would be \$493.24. This could be somewhat increased by any remittances we may receive from the Methodist Board before August 31st, but such increases would certainly not bring the total anywhere near the figure of \$1,061.00.

Moreover, this method of estimating gain on exchange does not give at all a true picture of the situation in our various universities, where varying amounts of the money received from Mission Boards is expended in gold for the purchase of supplies, equipment, and payment of certain classes of salary. Funds thus expended never profit in any way from gain on exchange.

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Dr. Morris W. Elmes,

August 5, 1932.

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In checking up the individual institutions we find the situation to be about as follows:-

Fukien. As far as we can estimate about 50% of this \$350.00 was transmitted to the field, and was presumably converted into local currency.

Hankow. A little less than one-half of the \$362.50 of General funds was transmitted to Hankow for conversion into local currency. However, all of the Hospital appropriation of \$185.92 was expended in gold for hospital equipment and supplies and payment of certain gold salaries.

Yenching. All this money has been transmitted to the University in gold, in accordance with the policy of the Yenching Board of Trustees, and no gain whatever has accrued to the Trustees. Since all matters of gain on exchange on budget appropriations rest in the hands of the Board of Directors on the field, we have no exact information as to what proportion of this amount may have been spent in local currency. I would estimate that about 50% was so spent.

West China. Perhaps two-thirds of this \$1,200.00 was converted into local currency, and derived some gain on exchange. It might be pointed out, however, that our West China Governors have already credited the Methodist Board with \$1,000.00 on your regular appropriation of \$1,000.00 for the 1932 budget, and that a further credit for gain on exchange is now awaiting action at the next meeting of our West China Board.

In the figures contained in your letter of July 28th, you apparently included as a part of your current appropriation to the University of Hankow income on the capital fund of \$100,000, which you are holding in trust for the University. I think you will agree that no organization has any right to treat the income from a capital fund it is holding in trust for an institution in the same way as it does its annual appropriations from current funds. Due to the present situation in the security market, the Methodist Board has this year reduced its income payments on this trust fund from \$5 to \$2.

As soon as we can secure meetings of the governing Boards of these four universities, we will bring your request to their attention. In each case the Methodist Board has representatives on our Boards of Trustees, and no doubt they will be able to give full information as to just what is involved in this action of the Methodist Board. I can assure you that all our universities appreciate the seriousness of the financial situation that confronts all our cooperating Mission Boards, and are not only willing to assume their full share of the out which may be made, but also to cooperate in any other way.

From the details I have given above I think you will see therefore, that the amount of actual gain on exchange on these funds is extremely small. In every case our university boards have already made some disposition of such gain on exchange as may be available for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1932, and any remission to cooperating boards would require a reversal of appropriations which have already been made and for the most part have already been spent.

Very cordially yours,

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BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS
METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

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YENCHING

September 12, 1932

ack. 9-14-32

China Union Universities
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

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Attention: Mr. B. A. Garside

Dear Mr. Garside:

Your letter of August 5 relating to the action of the Board's Executive Committee retaining one-half of the Gain in Exchange from April 1 to August 31 was duly received.

Our accountant informs me that the amounts you have indicated as received April 1 to July 31, a period of four months, are the quarterly payments received in your office during that period. However, the months from April to August inclusive referred to by us are the field months and not the dates you receive payments in New York. We are paying the Appropriation for the Union Institutions quarterly in the middle of each quarter and the amounts estimated by us to be the Gain in Exchange included the amounts which would be forwarded to the fields to cover the five months mentioned.

We do not anticipate that the amount of exchange we have estimated will be absolutely correct. In our opinion it will be somewhat higher inasmuch as exchange in China is now nearer 4.90 than 4.80.

We note what you say regarding the amounts that are actually transmitted to the field. We should have a statement from your office showing the amounts actually remitted to the field to be used on the field during the period of April 1 to August 31.

We note what you say regarding the retaining of the Gain on Permanent Fund Income. However, the Committee action covers one-half of the Gain in Exchange on our regular Appropriation. The income from all Permanent Funds is a part of the Board's regular Appropriation.

Due to the seriousness of our financial situation it is necessary that we make savings in our Disbursements wherever possible and it is felt by the Board Officers that with exchange being so favorable the China Appropriation will not suffer from the cuts as other fields.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Morris W. Rhoads
Treasurer.

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Yenching University
Staff Members Supported by Mission Boards
October 15, 1932

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	1932-33	1931-32	1930-31	1929-30	1928-29	1927-28	1925-26
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Presbyterian Board	W. H. Adolph L. E. Wolfers R. H. Ritter R. C. Sailer	W. H. Adolph L. E. Wolfers R. H. Ritter R. C. Sailer	W. H. Adolph L. E. Wolfers R. H. Ritter R. C. Sailer	W. H. Adolph L. E. Wolfers R. H. Ritter R. C. Sailer	L. E. Wolfers R. H. Ritter R. C. Sailer L. Mead Vacancy pnt.	L. E. Wolfers R. C. Sailer E. W. Lucas C. H. Corbett Vacancy pnt.	L. E. Wolfers R. C. Sailer E. W. Lucas C. H. Corbett Vacancy pnt. G. B. Barbour Vacancy pnt.
London Missionary Society	M. Wood	G. B. Barbour J. B. Taylor	G. B. Barbour	G. B. Barbour	G. B. Barbour J. B. Taylor Vacancy pnt.	G. B. Barbour J. B. Taylor	G. B. Barbour Vacancy pnt.

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Memorandum to Mr. McBrier

Re Mission Boards Contributions to
Yenching University

(a) Cash Payments for Current Budget. In November 1921 the Yenching Board of Trustees requested the Presbyterian, Methodist, and American Boards to increase their appropriations to \$44,000 per year, and in December of that year the Presbyterian Board agreed to furnish \$13,500 per year, provided the other two Boards did the same. The American Board accepted \$13,500 as their share, but the Methodist Board never definitely committed itself, making its appropriations from year to year.

The Presbyterian Board paid the full amount (\$13,500) from year to year up to March 31, 1932. At that time it voted a 10% cut for six months, and recently it was decided to continue the cut for another six months up to and including March 31, 1933.

For a number of years the American Board contributed \$13,500 toward the current budget. However for 1930-31 and 1931-32 the appropriation was cut down to \$2,500, and for the year 1932-33 it stands at \$2,000.

The payments of the Methodist Board have varied slightly from year to year. For the calendar years 1929, 1930, and 1931 the full amount of \$3,500 was received. They appropriated \$2,975 for 1932, but later they decided to reduce their appropriation by an additional 50% from September to December 1932 inclusive. Thus the total to be received for 1932 is \$2,479.17. In addition to this cut they have asked the University to return \$181.75 on account of gain on exchange from April 1 to August 31, 1932; but no definite decision has been reached as to the exact amount due them.

The London Missionary Society has been making a yearly contribution of \$1,000, which is the amount they promised when they accepted participation in the University in 1916. They were asked several times by the Trustees to increase their appropriation, but their reply was that they were unable to do so.

The following is a tabulation of payments received from the Mission Boards in each fiscal year:-

	<u>1932-33</u>	<u>1931-32</u>	<u>1930-31</u>	<u>1929-30</u>	<u>1928-29</u>	<u>1927-28</u>	<u>1926-27</u>	<u>1925-26</u>
Pres.Bd.	3,150.00	3,412.50	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00
Am.Bd.	2,000.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00
Meth.Bd.	2,479.17	3,237.50	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,250.00	2,750.00	3,000.00	3,500.00
L.M.S.	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Totals	8,629.17	10,150.00	10,500.00	11,500.00	11,250.00	10,750.00	11,500.00	11,500.00

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(b) Quotas of Staff. By 1922 the Presbyterian, American, and Methodist Boards had agreed that their quotas on the staff of Yenching University would be six. There are letters in the files from the Presbyterian Board and the American Board in which they promise definitely to furnish six teachers to the University. We have no definite commitment of the Methodist Board on file, but in several of their letters it is implied that they are responsible for a quota of six.

On January 5, 1928 Dr. Scott informed us that the Presbyterian Board had reduced its quota to 4, and the number of teachers supported by them has been 4 beginning with the fiscal year 1929-30.

While the American Board recognized its quota to be 6 in 1922, it did not always have its quota filled. Thus it took action in April 1928 increasing its staff members from 4½ to 5. During recent years it has had 5 representatives on the University staff.

Dr. Edwards wrote us on February 13, 1931 that the Methodist Board had changed its commitment from 6 to 5 missionaries. However, since 1925-26 the Methodist Board has never had more than four representatives.

When the London Missionary Society joined the University, it promised to furnish two teachers in addition to its cash grant. It has fulfilled its promise up to and including the year 1931-32. On June 21, 1932 Mr. Hawkins informed Dr. Stuart that the Society would be unable to continue their vacancy payments which they had been making for a number of years, and that the only representative of the Society on the Yenching staff would be Miss Myfawny Wood.

The following is a tabulation of the number of staff members supported by the cooperating Mission Boards during the last seven years:-

	<u>1932-33</u>	<u>1931-32</u>	<u>1930-31</u>	<u>1929-30</u>	<u>1928-29</u>	<u>1927-28</u>	<u>1926-27</u>	<u>1925-26</u>
Pres.Bd.	4	4	4	4	5	4	Figures	5
Am.Bd.	5	5	5	5	5	4	not	6
Meth.Bd.	4	4	4	4	4	4	avail-	4
L.M.S.	1	2	2	2	3	2	able	2

In computing the above figures vacancy payments made by the various Boards were counted as actual staff members. These payments are made at the rate of LC\$5,000.00 per year.

Marianne Sakmann

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Board of Foreign Missions
Methodist Episcopal Church
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

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YENCHING

October 28, 1932.

Mr. B. A. Garside,
China Union Universities,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

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Dear Mr. Garside:

In conference with Dr. Edwards and the Treasurers, it has been decided to withdraw the request preferred in a letter from our treasurer, of July 28th, for the return of one half of the estimated Gain on Exchange, from April 1st to August 31st.

In view of the serious shortage in Board receipts which necessitated a cutting of all remittances to the fields from September 1st to the end of the fiscal year, and in view of the difficulties in which the doubling of our cuts would involve the universities, this action was taken.

Assuring you of the deep interest of our Board in the work of the union institutions, even in spite of the forced cutting down of our appropriations of personnel and money, I am

Sincerely yours,

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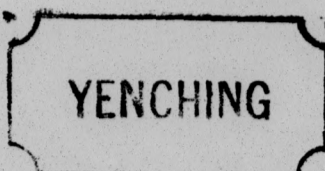
(Signed) Frank T. Cartwright

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BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS
METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City



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December 12, 1932

Mr. B. A. Garside, Secretary
China Union Universities
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

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Dear Brother Garside:

I am writing to report the Appropriations of our Board of Foreign Missions, toward the China Union Universities, for 1933, as follows:-

Fukien Christian University	\$31885.
University of Nanking	5288.
West China Union University	2717.
Yenching University	1608.

We regret exceedingly that our grants can be no larger and are glad to state that we are hoping to maintain the present missionary cooperation in each of the universities mentioned.

We had hoped to get through without cutting more than 25% to union universities, in addition to the cut at the beginning of 1932, but as we came into the closing days of our Annual Meeting, it was found necessary, in spite of our desires, to cut an additional sum. Even so, we are holding our appropriations to these institutions far above what we are able to do for the rest of the world.

These funds will be remitted to you, in the manner which has been followed during the past years, through our Accounting Department here.

In addition, we were able to make an appropriation of \$708. for 1933, for the Central Office of the China Union Universities. This grant, too, will be remitted to you under the usual conditions, by understanding with our Accounting Department.

Very sincerely yours,

/s/ FRANK T. CARTWRIGHT

P. S. I have sent letters direct to the Presidents of the four China universities, informing them of this next year's Appropriation by our Board.

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BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS
METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
150 Fifth Ave.
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January 3, 1933

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

Dear Mr. Garside:

I take pleasure in informing you that the Executive Committee of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, at its meeting on December 15, 1932, took the following actions:

1. The election of Edwin W. Fielder as a representative of this Board on the Board of Trustees of the Nanking University, for a term of 3 years, expiring December 31, 1935.

Mr. Fielder's address is:

Residence - 22 Roosevelt Road, Maplewood, N.J.
Business - 381 Fourth Avenue, City

2. The re-election of Mrs. William Boyd as a representative of this Board on the Board of Trustees of the Yenching University for a term of 4 years, expiring December 31, 1936.
3. The re-election of Rev. J. R. Edwards, D.D., as a representative of this Board on the Board of Trustees of the Fukien Christian University, for a term of 3 years, expiring December 31, 1935.

Cordially yours,

/S/ WILLIAM B. TOWER
Recording Secretary

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(Meth. Bd.)

BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS
METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
150 FIFTH AVENUE NEW YORK, N.Y.

YENCHING

April 17th, 1933

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Mr. B. A. Garside, Secretary
Associated Boards for Christian
Colleges in China.
150 Fifth Ave., New York, N. Y.

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// Dear Mr. Garside:-

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As you know, an arrangement was entered into between Yenching University and the Methodist Episcopal group in North China, at the time of the removal of the university to its new site; by which the Methodists took over what is known as the East City Property, and a debt of G.\$97,389.15 as owed to the university.

During the intervening years the Interest has been paid in Gold according to the agreement, altho for most of that time, because of unfavorable exchange, this payment has been at a very serious loss to the Methodist work in North China. For a part of the time the entire appropriation of this Board to North China work was used in paying the Interest, and in addition, the field group had to go into debt in order to bring up the full amount.

This arrangement has been carried out faithfully during these difficult years, in the hope that exchange conditions would improve; but the precarious situation of our entire foreign missionary work makes it necessary to ask the Trustees of Yenching University to reconsider the agreement.

May we ask that at the Annual Meeting of the Board of Governors, a Committee be set up, with authority to restudy the facts and in the light of them, to make a new agreement?

Sincerely yours,

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John R. Edwards
Corresponding Secretary.

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Yenching University

May 9, 1935.

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Dr. John R. Edwards
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

My dear Dr. Edwards:

At the Annual Meeting of our Yenching Trustees on April 20th we presented your letter of April 18th asking that a Committee be set up to restudy the agreement between the Methodist Board and the Yenching Trustees regarding the old city site of Yenching University.

At this meeting the Yenching Trustees voted to refer this matter with power to its Executive and Finance Committees, and appointed a special Sub-committee consisting of:- Mr. Barber, Mr. McBrier, Dr. Eric M. North, Dr. Scott, Mrs. Williamson, and Dr. Stuart to conduct any desirable preliminary conferences with the representatives of the Methodist Board. We will be glad to try to arrange for a meeting between your representatives and this special Sub-committee at any time that may be found mutually satisfactory.

Very sincerely yours,

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BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS
METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
150 FIFTH AVENUE NEW YORK, N.Y.

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MAY 29, 1933

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Yenching University
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

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Attention: Mr. Garside

My dear Mr. Garside:

After our conference last Friday it occurred to me that I should like to know the exact amount of money which has been paid through this Board to Yenching University since 1924.

At the same time I should like to know the amount of money paid through other boards to Yenching University during the same period.

In regard to the payments made through this Board I should like to have an itemized statement showing the amount for each project. In the case of other boards I simply want to have the total.

I am not sure that I know the exact amount which the Board of Foreign Missions contributed to the East City property. I know it was somewhere around \$90,000 and that the Presbyterian Board contributed \$60,000 and the other two boards \$50,000 each.

I shall be grateful if you will supply this information at an early date.

Very sincerely yours

M W Ehnes
Morris W. Ehnes,

Treasurer

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Yenching University

May 31, 1935.

TRANSFER

Dr. John R. Edwards
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

My dear Dr. Edwards:

While President J. Leighton Stuart was in this country recently, he gave us information we had not previously received as to his conversations with you concerning the appointment of Mr. Ralph B. Lloyd, 5410 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, as a Yenching Trustee.

Last fall, several months after Dr. Stuart returned to China, we learned that he had approached Mr. Lloyd with a suggestion that he become a member of our Yenching Trustees, and that Mr. Lloyd had signified his willingness to do so. The Yenching Board therefore, elected Mr. Lloyd as a coopted Trustee in the Class of 1935. Dr. Stuart now informs us that he had an understanding with you that the Methodist Board would probably be willing to elect Mr. Lloyd as one of your representatives, and that he talked this over with Mr. Lloyd and found him agreeable to that arrangement.

Your Methodist Board has one vacancy in your Yenching representation in the Class of 1935. When this vacancy is filled, you would probably wish to elect your representative for a new four-year term expiring in 1937. If it is agreeable to the Methodist Board to elect Mr. Lloyd to this vacancy, that arrangement would seem to be very satisfactory from every angle. At the present time our coopted membership on the Yenching Board is overcrowded, and we are anxious to add at least one more Trustee in that group. So the transfer of Mr. Lloyd's membership to the Methodist representation would serve the double purpose of bringing him into closer relationship with the Methodist Board, and also leaving a little more room in our crowded coopted group.

Very sincerely yours,

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**BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS
METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
150 FIFTH AVENUE NEW YORK, N.Y.**

YENCHING

June 1st, 1933.

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

TRANSFER

Yenching University

My dear Mr. Garside:-

We have yours of May 31st. We shall be very glad to present the name of Mr. Ralph B. Lloyd, on recommendation of President Stuart, to our Executive Committee on June 22nd, as a representative of the Methodist Episcopal Board on the Yenching Board of Trustees.

Sincerely,

John R. Edwards
John R. Edwards
Corresponding Secretary

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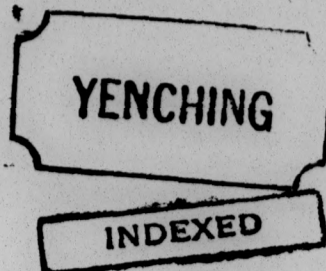
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Yenching University

June 2, 1933

Dr. John B. Edwards
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

TRANSFER

My dear Doctor Edwards:

At a meeting of the Executive and Finance Committees of Yenching University held on May 26th, consideration was given to the application of the Methodist Board for an adjustment of interest on the note held by Yenching University for the balance due on the Old City Site.

The Committees recognized the exceedingly valuable contribution in all phases of work at Yenching and gave very sympathetic thought to the request and to the recommendations of the joint meeting held on the morning of the same day. After due deliberation, it was

"VOTED to agree to waive one-half of the interest due from 1933 and 1934 on indebtedness of the Methodist Board for the Old City Site."

Very truly yours,

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**BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS
METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
150 FIFTH AVENUE NEW YORK, N.Y.**

June 5th, 1933.

YENCHING

TRANSFER

Mr. C. A. Evans
Associate Secretary and Associate Treasurer
Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Yenching University

Dear Mr. Evans:-

Thank you for your communication of June 2nd, notifying us that a meeting of the Executive and Finance Committees of Yenching University, held May 26th, voted to agree to waive one-half of the interest due from 1933 and 1934 on the indebtedness of the Methodist Board for the Old City Site.

We shall take pleasure in giving this information to the Executive Committee of our Board at the next session, June 22nd. I am very sure the announcement will be gratefully received.

Sincerely,

John R. Edwards
John R. Edwards
Corresponding Secretary

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Yenching University

June 8, 1933

TRANSFER

Dr. Morris W. Eames
Methodist Board
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

Dear Doctor Eames:

I am replying to your letter of May 29th addressed to Mr. Garbide.

Your request covers receipts from the various Boards since 1924. I feel confident that you intended to include receipts carried on our books as having been paid through the various Boards, and have compiled the following figures accordingly:

Methodist Board

General funds for capital expenditures	\$94,504.76
Hinde Memorial	28,568.64
Bachford Memorial	129,287.50
Wiant Memorial Residence	7,740.00
Total - - - - -	\$259,900.90

American Board \$59,500.00

Presbyterian Board \$128,080.00

London Missionary Society \$54,894.89

Trusting this is the information you desire, I remain

Very truly yours,

Assistant Treasurer

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BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS
METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
150 FIFTH AVENUE NEW YORK, N.Y.

YENCHING

June 20, 1933

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Associated Boards for
Christian Colleges in China,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

TRANSFER

Attention Mr. C. A. Evans

My dear Mr. Evans:-

I have your letter of June 8th containing
the report of the general building funds which this Board
has contributed to Yenching University. It was gratifying
to know that we have contributed twice as much as the
other largest contributor.

I greatly appreciate your prompt response
to my inquiry.

Very sincerely yours,

M W Ehnes
Morris W. Ehnes
Treasurer

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Associated Presses for
Contractors in China
100 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Association of U. S. Banks

Mr. Robert H. Evans

I have your letter of June 15th containing
the report of the General Delivery Bureau which was
sent to me by the Bureau of the General Delivery
Bureau. I am sorry to hear that you have
to know that we have not yet received any word
from the Bureau of the General Delivery Bureau.

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to know that we have not yet received any word
from the Bureau of the General Delivery Bureau.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
W. H. Evans

W. H. Evans
100 Fifth Avenue
New York City

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BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS
METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
150 FIFTH AVENUE NEW YORK, N.Y.

YENCHING

September 28, 1933

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Mr. B. A. Garside
China Union Universities
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

TRANSMITTED

Dear Brother Garside:

Sometime ago we conferred concerning the term of office for Mr. Ralph B. Lloyd as a representative of this Board on the Board of Founders of Yenching University. At the recent meeting of our Executive Committee, the matter was straightened out and Mr. Lloyd was elected for a term of four years expiring December 31, 1937.

Cordially yours,

William B. Tower

WILLIAM B. TOWER
Recording Secretary

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS
 METROPOLITAN BOARD OF DIRECTORS
 150 Fifth Avenue, New York City

September 28, 1933

Mr. E. A. Carls
 China Union University
 150 Fifth Avenue
 New York City

Dear Mr. Carls:

Sometimes ago we conferred regarding the term of office for Mr. Ralph B. Lloyd as a representative of this Board on the Board of Directors of the University. At the recent meeting of our Executive Committee, the matter was brought up and Mr. Lloyd was elected for a term of one year, ending December 31, 1937.

Sincerely yours,

WILLIAM B. TOWN
 Recording Secretary

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March 5, 1935

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Dr. John R. Edwards
Board of Foreign Missions
Methodist Episcopal Church
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

My dear Dr. Edwards:

I attach hereto an excerpt from the minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Trustees of Yenching University held on January 31st, together with the following additional documents: -

President Stuart's letter of June 25th, 1934
President Stuart's letter of December 17th, 1934
Proposed amendment of sections 1 and 2 of Article VII of the Constitution of Yenching University defining the composition of the Board of Managers

You will see from a study of the attached material that the Board of Managers in conformity with a recent ruling of the Ministry of Education of the Chinese Government have taken initial steps toward the reorganization of the Board of Managers reducing the total membership from twenty-one to fifteen. The Board of Managers heretofore has been made up of eight representatives of the cooperating missionary bodies, five representatives from the University and eight coopted members. It is proposed that the new Board shall be composed of four representatives of the cooperating mission bodies and eleven coopted members. You will note that in the provisions for the cooption of the new board as well as of the old, we find the following requirement: - "An essential and the sole religious qualification for membership shall be profession of evangelical faith and loyalty to Jesus Christ."

The reasons for this proposed change are set forth in detail in the two communications from Dr. Stuart.

The Constitution of Yenching University requires that any amendment to Sections 1 and 2 of Article VII, defining the composition of the Board of Managers, shall become effective only with the approval of a majority of the four missionary bodies cooperating in the University. We request, therefore, that you bring this proposed amendment to the attention of the Methodist Board or to whatever group within your Board has jurisdiction in the matter, for its consideration and action thereon.

Very sincerely yours,

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PROPOSED REORGANIZATION OF BOARD OF MANAGERS

The Committee gave consideration to the minutes of the meetings of the Board of Managers held June 23rd and December 10th, 1934, and to letters from President Stuart under date of June 25th and December 17th, 1934. At the June meeting, the Board of Managers agreed to the necessity of constituting the Managers in harmony with the regulations of the Chinese Ministry of Education in such a way as to reduce the membership from twenty-one members to fifteen members. Heretofore the composition of the Board of Managers has consisted of eight representatives of the constituent mission boards (two from the field groups of each of the four constituent boards), five representatives from the University faculty and administration, and eight coopted members. It has now been proposed that the Board of Managers consist of four representatives from the constituent mission boards (one from the field group of each constituent mission board) and eleven coopted members. It was noted by the Executive Committee that this reorganization of the Board of Managers calls for the amendment of Article VII of the Constitution of Yenching University and that such amendment would require the approval both of the Yenching Board of Trustees and also of a majority of the four mission boards cooperating in the University. After full discussion, it was

- E-3368 VOTED that the Executive Committee notify the Yenching Board of Trustees of the Proposed amendment of Article VII of the Constitution of Yenching University, as attached to these minutes as Appendix A.
- E-3369 VOTED that the Executive Committee request the Secretary to inform the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, the London Missionary Society, the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. of the proposed amendment of Article VII of the Constitution of Yenching University, supplying them with copies of the communications received from President Stuart with reference to these proposed changes, and that each of these mission boards be requested to express their approval or disapproval of this proposed amendment.
- E-3370 VOTED that the Chairman of the Executive Committee be requested to convey to President Stuart the substance of the Committee's discussion with reference to the proposed amendment of Article VII of the Constitution of the University and that copies of his communication be sent to Dr. George T. Scott and Dr. Wynn C. Fairfield with a request that they discuss these matters with the field authorities of the University.

The Committee also reviewed the proposed new Constitution of the Board of Managers of Yenching University, the By-laws of the Board of Managers of Yenching University, and a document drafted on the field under the title of "Tentative Revised Constitution" for submission to the Ministry of Education. It was noted that these documents had not yet been officially adopted by the Board of Managers and that, therefore, they are not yet ready for formal approval or disapproval by the Board of Trustees.

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METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
150 FIFTH AVENUE NEW YORK, N.Y.

YENCHING

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Mr. B. A. Garside,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City

Dear Mr. Garside:

Referring to your letter of March 5 addressed to Dr. Edwards enclosing "proposed ammendment of sections 1 and 2 of Article VII of the Constitution of Yenching University defining composition of Board of Managers," will say that the Executive Committee of the Board of Foreign Missions at its regular April meeting last Thursday gave approval to (B) proposed form.

Sincerely yours,

J. F. Peat

J. F. Peat *per e*
Acting Associate Secretary

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METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
150 FIFTH AVENUE NEW YORK, N.Y.

December 5, 1935.

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Yenching University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

Attention of Mr. B. A. Garside:-

You will find enclosed our check #6619 for
\$1000.00 covering the gift of Mrs. J. F. Shoemaker,
Clayton, Mo. for the support of William Hung.

Please make this amount available for the
purpose for which the gift is remitted.

Sincerely yours,

K. MacKenzie
K. MacKenzie
Asst. Accountant.

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BOARD OF REVISIONS
METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
150 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK, N.Y.

December 6, 1935

YENCHING

Mr. B. A. Garside
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City

Dear B.A.:

Let me acknowledge receipt of the letters from your office under dates of November 20 and 22. The former, which is the correspondence concerning the Yenching Trustees and the Associated Boards reached me too late to be read before going to the meeting of the Trustees but a later reading illuminated some of the discussions and decisions at that meeting. Personally, I am far from being in entire sympathy with the point of view expressed by the faculty committee. Recognizing as I do that there are weaknesses and omissions in the correlated program, I still feel that it has made considerable progress as was pointed out in your communication of November 22nd. Farther than this, I am strongly of the opinion that the only hope for continuing American interest in these enterprises lies in our pressing forward through the Associated Boards instead of through individual financial campaigns. It is recognizable that for Yenching and Lingnan Universities, an individual campaign would be more profitable. These institutions have their own promotional organizations. At the same time I am committing myself to the united approach as being the best for Christian higher education, in general.

Sincerely yours,

Cartwright

Frank T. Cartwright
Associate Secretary

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