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W. W. Carmen, Treas.,  
99 John Street,  
New York, N.Y.

Dear Sir:-

I would much appreciate it if you could send me a statement of the dates and amounts of remittances from the American Board for the running expenses of Fukien Christian University. I find that in our Prudential Committee votes of authorization there is a little confusion as to what periods the various votes cover, and if you could indicate also the fiscal period covered by the remittances which we have made, it would help me to clear this matter in my own mind. I believe that Dr. Strong has informed you that the Committee has voted that \$8,000. of our share of the amount necessary for land and buildings in order to secure the China Medical Board gift, has been voted, and I will plan to forward this to you at the end of this month.

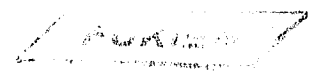
After my six years at Foochow, I have become very keenly interested in the work of the University, especially through my personal friendship with Mr. Scott. The work of the arts course under his direction as Dean is certainly fine, and I feel that the School, even in its small beginning is measuring up finely to the hopes that we all have of the use that this University will be in the work of Christian education in our province. You may be interested to know that Mr. Lin, one of the first class of graduates who studied in Oberlin last year, receiving his Master's degree there, is now studying for his Ph.D. at Harvard, and I have occasional opportunity of seeing him. His record here certainly shows credit to the School.

Yours very truly,

*Harold B. Belcher*

Asst. Treasurer.

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December 13th, 1920

Mr. Harold B. Belcher, Assistant Treasurer,  
American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions,  
14 Beacon Street,  
Boston, Massachusetts.

My dear Mr. Belcher:

Complying with your request of the 10th instant, desire to state that the following are the only remittances I have a record of, as coming from the American Board:

Feb. 27/18 - Grant from the D. Willis James Foundation for Higher Educa- tion	\$5,000.00
Feb. 27/18 - Grant toward New York Incident- al Expenses	100.00
Sept. 30/19 - Pro rata share on Science De- partment Expense, to meet China Medical Board Grant	1,666.66
Apr. 23/20 - Pro rata share on Science De- partment Expense, to meet China Medical Board Grant	1,666.66

In regard to these two last items, there can be no doubt as to which year they applied on, as the first payment from the China Medical Board was received in May, 1919, - the second in April of this year.

As Treasurer, I deeply regret that it will be impossible for the American Board to pay more than one half of its share toward meeting the China Medical Board Grant for the Science Building. With the expected remittance of \$8,000. from the American Board this month, and \$5,000. from the Reformed Board, there will have been

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provided in cash toward meeting the conditions, \$39,000., or \$9,000. short of the required sum, and I am fearful that the China Medical Board will lose patience and refuse to grant a third extension.

Another matter which is worrying us is where we are to get the funds to meet the 1921 budget adopted by the Board of Managers in Foochow. As you know, the co-operating Boards are each furnishing missionaries for carrying on the work of the University, and in addition making a pro rata payment toward the expenses of the Science Department, but in addition to all this, it would appear from the budget sent us, that they will require between \$16,000. and \$20,000. additional for the coming year, and I do not know of any Board in a position to meet this situation. Perhaps from your intimate knowledge of the field, you can enlighten me if I am unduly worried.

Yours truly,

*(Carman)*

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Mr. W. W. Carman, Treas.,  
99 John Street,  
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Carman:-

I thank you very much for your letter of December 13th on the matter of our American Board payments for the Fukien Christian University. I am now able to clear up the question of the years in which our various Committee votes are applicable. We have been getting a little ahead of ourselves and have already passed votes enough to pay the grants through 1922. According to the information which you send, our next payment should be for the calendar year 1921, and I will endeavor to send this amount to you sometime in the first part of the year.

I was somewhat surprised to hear that the Board of Managers' budget for 1921 would carry such a sum as you indicated. As I do not know what items of this cover work already under way, or absolutely necessary expenses, it is rather difficult to give you any enlightenment on it. I do feel that there is a lack of understanding on the part of those on the field as to the financial situation and resources of the Board of Trustees. It is possible that with Mr. Jones on the field now, that matter may have been considerably improved, but during the time when he was at home, the Board of Managers had to proceed very much in the dark as to what financial resources were available. It seems as though a better co-ordination between the Trustees and the Board of Managers, especially on matters of finance, would be very desirable. I am not saying this in any spirit of criticism, because very much the same applies to the case of the relations

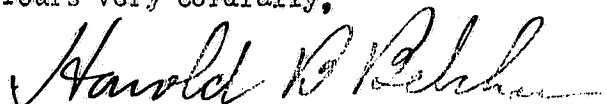
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between our Board here and the Mission organizations on the field. We need to know more and understand more about the situations at the other end.

I am afraid this comment has not contained anything of help or of information to you in your question concerning the 1921 budget, but I have just spoken of this to Dr. Strong and I want to get this word to as many of the Board of Trustees as I can.

Yours very cordially,



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Asst. Treasurer.

December 15th, 1920

Mr. Harold B. Belcher, Assistant Treasurer,  
American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions,  
14 Beacon Street,  
Boston, Massachusetts.

Dear Mr. Belcher:

Thank you for your letter of the 14th. I think it will be necessary to advise even President Jones of the necessity for going very slowly on his budget. I do not believe anyone on the field realizes the serious financial situation on this side. When President Jones left, the Inter-Church World Movement had not been pronounced an impossibility, and I think that he, with all others, believed the various Boards would have sufficient funds to make the necessary increased appropriations on the budget account, whereas quite the contrary is now the case.

He has also been counting upon the Boards making good their pledges to meet the China Medical Board grant on the Science Building, which seemed an assured fact when he left. Since that time, however, the American Board has felt the necessity for cutting its pledge in half, and I doubt very much if the Methodist Board can do more than pay its full pro-rata share, which has already been done. This of course means that we not only face a deficit on the subscriptions of at least \$9,000., but a like amount from the China Medical Board, - a total deficit on the Science Building of \$18,000. This he must be apprized of at once. *discrepancy*

If you can make it possible to send me the \$8,000. voted by your Board in the very near future, I will be able to report to the China Medical Board in good season before the end of the month, so that they may meet the cash in hand by their pro rata share, and I may then have a good basis for asking an extension on the balance.

Yours sincerely,

( *Enclosure?* )

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Mr. W. W. Carman, Treas.,  
99 John Street,  
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Carman:-

Your letter of December 15th is received, and under the circumstances I think that it will be possible to forward to you immediately the \$8,000. voted by our Board for the Building account of Fukien Christian University. I therefore enclose check to your order on the Old Colony Trust Co., Boston for \$8,000. I hope that with this evidence of our acceptance of the obligation and with our tentative promise to provide the rest in 1921 you will be able to induce the China Medical Board to grant an extension on the balance of their appropriation. The Prudential Committee of the Board felt very keenly that it could not meet its obligation after two years' extension had been granted, and with the deficit of our last year to take into account and the uncertainty of our new financial year, they felt that this was the best that they could possibly do. I am glad that the check from the Reformed Board has already reached you.

I think you are wise in advising President Jones and the Board of Managers on the field of the necessity of planning conservatively. The Interchurch Movement so raised our hopes of a real adequate backing of the work on the field that it is extremely difficult to get the Missions to realize that all we can do is to keep the work going without making any definite advance.

I have just received a letter last night from Dean Scott in which he comments on the activities of the School. They have



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85 students this term and he finds that it means very intensive work to keep up the work of deanship and carry the courses which he is teaching.

Yours very sincerely,

*Arnold B. Belcher*

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Asst. Treasurer.

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Mr. William W. Carman,  
Acting Treasurer, Fukien Christian University,  
99 John Street, New York City.

My dear Mr. Carman:

Dr. Barton has brought to me your letter of May 13, inasmuch as he was not conversant with the matter of which you wrote and I am supposed to be so.

I am sorry indeed for the delay on the part of this Board regarding the meeting of its share of the obligation to provide \$48,000 to meet the China Medical Board's conditional grant of \$50,000. As I wrote you November 26, 1920, the Prudential Committee at its meeting on that week voted to appropriate the sum of \$8,000 in part fulfilment of its obligation of \$16,000 toward the sum of \$48,000. I expressed at that time the Committee's regret that it could not at present meet the full obligations, in view of the Board's financial difficulties.

I recognized that this might involve the necessity for the China Medical Board to prolong into another year its conditional offer. At a meeting of the Trustees of the University, commenting on this action of the American Board I indicated the Board's desire and purpose to provide the other \$8,000, completing its share of the obligation, during the year 1921.

On January 5, 1921 I wrote to Mr. Embree directly regarding the matter, expressing this Board's regret at its tardiness in meeting its full obligation, setting forth the the financial struggle that the Board was having and saying that it was earnestly hoped that during the year 1921 it would be possible to pay over the other \$8,000, thus completing this Board's obligation. A reply from Mr. Embree, written January 7th acknowledged this letter of mine, stating that in reply to your request the extension had been granted through the year 1921 and expressing the hope that all payments might be in hand during that year, so that the question of extending the offer for a further period might not come again before the Board. Inasmuch as this Board's fiscal year closes August 31st, and inasmuch as the financial distress is still heavy upon us, it has been our purpose to bring up the matter

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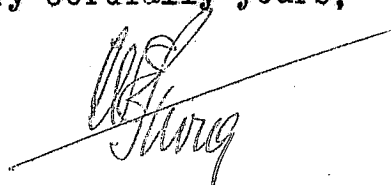
between the 31st of August and the 31st of December, when a new fiscal year would be on, in confident expectation that the Board would provide then the other \$8,000, enabling the completion of the matter within the calendar year 1921.

I am sorry indeed over your embarrassment in the matter, and I assure you we are much embarrassed in this Board at the unintended and deeply regretted delay; but we are in such a plight that we have to do many things that are not agreeable or desirable, and this is one of them.

I trust that you will believe that we do not mean to repudiate our obligations or postpone them a day longer than seems to be necessary.

I note that you are sailing for Europe early in June. May you have a good voyage and a restful and rewarding visit across the water.

As always,  
Very cordially yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "W. F. Murray", is written over a horizontal line.

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## FUKIEN CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

June 13, 1921

The Rev. Lewis Hodous, D.D.  
Hartford, Connecticut

MY dear Dr. Hodous:

I have received this morning cablegram from Foochow, sent in the Missions Code; the original and translation are as follows:

"SYNODICAL NY UKYEDJYXID YALE TAFEREXOVT STOKES  
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"WILL YOU KINDLY ACT AS MY (OUR) REPRESENTATIVE  
INSTALLATION YALE PRESIDENT JUNE 22, 1921  
STOKES MUST BE NOTIFIED MR. E. C. JONES  
BLACK AWAIT LETTERS BEFORE BUYING (MORE)  
UNIVERSITY/SUPPLIES".

s ?  
Will it be possible for you to attend President Angell's installation at Yale on June 22nd as the representative of Fukien Christian University? I hope you can, since you are near at hand and it would be difficult for me to arrange it. I presume President Jones addressed the request to me with a view to someone's being appointed from among our Trustees to represent the University at Yale at the forthcoming presidential installation. I am not quite certain of the meaning of the concluding sentence but I assume that Mr. Black, of the Construction Bureau, is awaiting letters from us relative to our action upon the budget before buying more material for the erection of the buildings for the University; or does it possibly refer to the purchase of more land? The word used for "supplies" does not seem to admit of the interpretation of "land", as other words are used for that meaning.

The Rev. Lewis Hodous, D.D. -2

June 13, 1921

May I inquire whether you have a copy of the Missions Code Book available in Hartford?

I understand from Mr. Fard that he and Mr. Warner, Secretary protem of the May Meeting have agreed upon the phraseology of the Minutes relating to the appointment of a Treasurer and Assifant Treasurer. Possibly Mr. Warner has already forwarded it to you. If not, I will send you a copy when one reaches me.

Yours very sincerely,



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November 12, 1921.

Rev. Ray L. Torrey,  
Fukien Christian University,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

Dear Mr. Torrey:

The matter of the Board's obligations to the extent of \$8000 to the Fukien University to meet its share of the amount due in accordance with the grant of the China Medical Board is now under the consideration of the Prudential Committee.

The appropriations for the year 1922 are under review and are being prepared for decisive action which will probably be taken at the next meeting of the Committee, a week from Tuesday, November 22nd. It was hoped that decision might be reached at the last meeting, November 8th. If action is reached at the next meeting, and I am confident that it will be, I think the remittance can be quickly sent you by our Treasurer so that it may be possible to get it to you before the 6th of December: I shall work to that end.

Very truly yours,

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December 12, 1921.

Rev. R. L. Torrey,  
Fukien Christian University,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

Dear Mr. Torrey:

Our Assistant Treasurer, Mr. Belcher informs me that he has just sent to you the Board's check for \$8000 to meet balance due from it on the grant promised to meet the conditional pledge of \$50,000 from the China Medical Board.

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He is also sending \$773, or thereabouts ( I have not the exact sum at my hand at this moment of writing) to complete this Board's payment toward the current expense grant of the University for the current year.

I trust these matters will reach you all right and that they will check up accordingly so far as the American Board's obligations are concerned and give you time to make adjustments before the year 1921 is over.

Believe me

Most cordially yours,

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*W. Strong* See books file # 732

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March 9th, 1922.

The Rev. W. E. Streng, D.D.,  
c/o The A.B.C.F.M.,  
14 Beacon Street,  
Boston, Mass.

My dear Dr. Streng:-

We are sending you herewith, figures showing the comparison in amounts provided by the co-operating Boards for the budget of the Fukien Christian University for the years 1921 and 1922. The figures for 1922 have been arrived at according to the item in the Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Trustees, December 6th, 1921, whereby authorization was voted to a 50% increase on the part of the four co-operating Boards, in the General Budget only.

<u>1921 General Budget</u>		<u>1922 General Budget</u>	
A.B.C.F.M.	\$1,773.33	A.B.C.F.M.	\$2,660.00 +
M.E.C.	1,773.33	M.E.C.	2,660.00
C.M.S.	1,182.22	C.M.S.	1,773.33
R.C.A.	591.12	R.C.A.	886.68 †
Total	<u>\$5,320.00</u>	Total	<u>\$7,980.01</u>

The 1922 Budget in co-operation with the China Medical Board.

C.M.B.	\$10,000.00	
R.C.A.	555.56	
C.M.S.	1,111.11	
M.E.C.	1,666.66	
A.B.C.F.M.	1,666.67	†
Total	<u>\$15,000.00</u>	

Cordially yours,

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Assistant Treasurer.



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Rev. Lewis Hodous  
9 Sumner Street  
Hartford, Connecticut

My dear Mr. Hodous:

I think you may be interested to know that at the meeting of the Prudential Committee yesterday it was voted to appropriate from the Higher Educational Endowment Fund the sum of \$680, as this Board's share of the annual expense of providing a joint University office in New York. The request in response to which this appropriation was made covered the four Christian Universities of Peking, Nanking, Shantung and Fukien. I do not know just what this joint University office is doing, or is qualified to do, but I hope it may be able to serve as somewhat of a clearing house for the financial needs of all these institutions.

Very cordially yours,

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Rev. Lewis Hodous, D.D.  
9 Sumner Street  
Hartford, Connecticut

My dear Dr. Hodous:

Thank you for your note of September 5th with its acknowledgment of mine announcing a recent appropriation to the Fukien University, and with statement concerning the sending out of two new men for the University staff.

In announcing the appropriation toward the joint University office, I neglected to add another item - that the Prudential Committee also appropriated, upon recommendation of its Higher Educational Endowment Committee, the sum of \$833.33 as this Board's share for one-half the year of the \$5,000 to meet the China Medical Board's conditioned appropriation of \$10,000, the understanding being that this year's appropriations will complete the payments upon that conditioned gift, which was to run for five years; also an appropriation of \$500 was made for the University budget for the first six months of the current year, this also repeating the action of last year only for a shorter period of half the year; the grounds for this action being indicated in the following vote:

"In view of the limited income from the Higher Educational Endowment Fund and of the necessity of revising the list of institutions, and in accordance with the vote of the Prudential Committee taken January 10, 1911, that 'appropriations for individual institutions be made upon the basis of need, opportunity, available resources and efficiency of administration,' it was voted that the appropriations for the institutions cover six months only of the ensuing school year, namely, from July to December, inclusive, 1922; that a report be requested to be in hand by January 1st, 1923, from each institution aided by the Fund, stating the uses to which the appropriation has been put, its available resources, curriculum and general educational standards, and efficiency of administration; that in the following years such reports be in hand from each institution no later than February; that this year, and also in subsequent years, the institution failing to report shall of necessity be dropped from the consideration of the Committee."

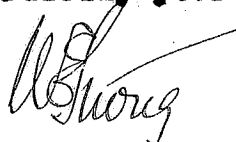
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I need not say perhaps that this limited action was not due to any suspicion or hesitancy concerning Fukien University; it was action taken concerning all the grants made from the Higher Educational Endowment Fund this year, and for the reasons stated.

A further appropriation of \$270 was made for the first six months, in accordance with the action of preceding years, for the Union Theological College. My understanding is that this Theological College is now merged with the University, or at least conducted as a department of the University, so that this appropriation should be sent to the University as a part of the Board's contribution thereto. May I ask you to let me know at once if this is not right? We propose to remit all these appropriations through the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees in this country, and if this Theological appropriation does not go to the University our Treasurer ought to know it at once so that he may make proper remittance. I am sorry to bother you about the matter, but I do wish to have my understanding verified.

Very cordially yours,



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Nov. 20, 1922.

Rev. R. L. Torrey,  
150 Fifth Ave.,  
New York, N.Y.

Dear Sir:-

Dr. Strong has handed to the Treasury Department your letter of November 16th concerning the share of the American Board in the budget of Fukien Christian University.

I would much appreciate it if you could furnish me with a statement of your record of the American Board share in the budget for previous years and the payments which have been made thereon. There is some confusion in the whole matter due to the fact that up until this fall we have been making payments for the general budget of the University through grants to our Mission at Foochow, and I want to be sure that there has been the proper credit given on the accounts of the Trustees.

I am able to send at this time certain payments on account of what may be due from the American Board, and therefore enclose check to the order of Fukien Christian University for \$1,333.33 of which \$833.33 is on account of cooperation with the China Medical Board and \$500. on account of the general budget.

I understand from Dr. Strong that Mr. Edwin Warner, one of the Trustees, makes a personal gift credited on the American Board share. This amounts to I believe \$500. I would be glad to have


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this noted in connection with the statement which I have  
requested above.

Yours very truly,



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Asst. Treasurer.

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November 22nd, 1922

Mr. Harold B. Belcher, Assistant Treasurer,  
American Board of Commissioners for  
Foreign Missions,  
14 Beacon Street,  
Boston, Massachusetts.

My dear Mr. Belcher:-

I write in acknowledgment  
of your letter of November 20th together with check in the  
amount of \$1,333.33 for Fukien University.

This remittance represents  
payment of half the American Board's obligation in connection  
with the 1922 Budget of co-operation with the China Medical  
Board: and the sum of \$500. to apply on the 1922 General  
Budget of the University.

Mr. Edwin G. Warner has made  
payment this year of \$500. personally, which is credited as  
part of the American Board's pledge for 1922. The Treasurer  
in Foochow has also received from your Treasurer there, the  
sum of \$335.11 this year, to apply on the current expenses  
of the University. There is due us, therefore, on the pledges  
of your Board for the 1922 Budgets, \$833.34 for co-operation  
with the China Medical Board, and \$1324.89 for the General  
Budget, making a total of \$2158.23 still to be received from  
you for this year.

In compliance with your request,  
we enclose herewith, statement of the various remittances which  
have been received from the American Board to date. With the  
exception of the two "starred" amounts, all other remittances  
have been paid in this country. We hope that this statement will  
enable you to check up satisfactorily on your accounts, and will  
be glad to give any further data which you might need, if we are  
in possession of such facts.

Thanking you for your prompt and  
cordial response to our recent request, we are

Very sincerely yours,

RLP-W  
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February 2, 1923.

Mr. W. E. Strong,  
14 Beacon Street,  
Boston, Mass.

My dear Mr. Strong:

At the meeting of the Board of Trustees of Fukien University held November 28, the following action was taken in regard to changing the charter to allow for additional members on the Board of Trustees:

T-539: VOTED to request and authorize the President and the two Secretaries to take the necessary steps to secure the following changes in the charter, namely:

- (a) enabling each co-operating mission board to appoint one additional member on the Board of Trustees;
- (b) that the board thus enlarged be empowered to elect additional members not to exceed one-half of its board-elected members in number.

In going over this matter with the legal adviser of the Methodist Board, Mr. W. O. Gantz, he says it will be necessary for us to secure the consent of all the co-operating boards before taking the steps necessary with the State Department of Education. May I request that you will take this matter up with the Congregational Board, and let us know as soon as possible whether they will approve of such a change in the charter for Fukien University.

Sincerely yours,



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Mr. Leslie B. Moss  
China Union Universities  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York City

My dear Mr. Moss:

Replying to your letter of February 2d, reporting the action of the Board of Trustees of Fukien University in regard to changing the Charter to allow for additional members on the Board of Trustees, I am happy to report that the Prudential Committee of the American Board at its meeting yesterday voted to approve this action, as reported to it, and the change in the Charter contemplated.

I am,

Very truly yours,

*W. E. Strong*

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March 8, 1923.

Trustees of Fukien Christian Univ.,  
Leslie B. Moss, Sec'y,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:-

Your letter of March 7th has been received and I am sorry there has been any lack of clear understanding in connection with our appropriation for the residence at F.C.U. Last November at the time our appropriations were made I wrote to Mr. Torrey, Asst. Treasurer, stating that the appropriation was made and we were holding it here available for use when it was needed. I asked him to take particular care that full information was given to the field concerning this, so that if immediate steps toward building such a residence could be taken, there would be no delay, and that I would be ready to hand the amount over as soon as it was called for. I would be glad if you would take this up with him and let me know what the situation is; and also advise me if possible how soon there will be a demand for the appropriation. I am particularly interested of course in this and hope that we can have our American Board residence there as soon as possible.

Yours very truly,  
*Harold*

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Asst. Treasurer.

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Trustees of Fukien Christian Univ.,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:-      Attention Leslie B. Moss, Sec'y.

During November 1922 Mr. Torrey, Assistant Treasurer of F.C.U., and myself worked out through correspondence a statement of the accounts between the university and the American Board. In my letter of November 24th to Mr. Torrey I summed up the understanding which showed that we had a balance due the university on account of the 1922 budget of \$1,158.22. This was after the remittance enclosed in that letter of \$1,000.

I am enclosing herewith check to the order of the Trustees of Fukien Christian University for \$1,666.66. This will clear up our 1922 account, and leave a credit on our 1923 account of \$508.44..

I wonder if you have any definite statement as to our commitments on the 1923 budget. If so I could make plans for some further payments at this time, and later payments before the end of our fiscal year on this account.

Yours very cordially,

*Harold B. Belcher*

Asst. Treasurer.

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May 11, 1923.

Trustees of Fukien Christian Univ.,  
Mr. Leslie B. Moss, Sec'y,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:-

I thank you for your letter of May 9th giving the information concerning the American Board share in the budget of Fukien Christian University for 1923. I spoke with Dr. Strong concerning the record of our commitments and find that he had written Ralph Ward, Treasurer of the Trustees, concerning our plan for meeting the full amount of the 1923 budget, that is \$4,000. plus \$1,666.66, and that Mr. Ward acknowledged receipt of this letter in his letter of January 9th. I trust this will make clear the record of our intention of meeting the proper share of the budget.

I am enclosing check to the order of Trustees of Fukien Christian University for \$2,833.33 on account of share of the general budget for 1923. This payment, together with the credit of \$508.44 and the personal gift of Mr. Warner, of the Trustees, pledge of which Mr. Warner has already made, make a total of \$3,841.77 on the \$4,000. budget. After the opening of our fiscal year September 1st we will be in a position to make the payment of the \$1,666.66 on the China Medical Board budget and the balance due on the general budget.

Yours very truly,

*Harold B. Belcher*  
Asst. Treasurer.  
*by H.B.*

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(Dictated by Mr. Belcher and signed in his absence.)

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October 19, 1923.

Rev. W. E. Strong,  
14 Beacon Street,  
Boston, Mass.

My dear Dr. Strong:

I write to convey to you the action of the Trustees of Fukien Christian University in their annual meeting October 10, with regard to the proposals for a joint financial campaign on the part of the various colleges and universities of China in this country. The action taken by the trustees is as follows:

PROPOSALS FOR JOINT FINANCIAL CAMPAIGN

"The Assistant Secretary presented the proposals looking toward a co-ordinated effort by the China Colleges and Universities for the raising of funds in this country. These call for the establishment of a committee composed of one representative from the governing board in America of each of the institutions participating and five additional members at large to be co-opted, which committee shall be charged with working out the plans for such an effort and also for setting up an advisory body of educational experts who can give advice on the problems involved in college and university management in China. It was

"T-569 VOTED that this board approves the above plan in general, with the understanding that this does not commit them to any specific program of procedure for campaign;

"T-570 VOTED to appoint the President of the Board, Wm. I. Chamberlain, as our representative on the committee;

"T-571 VOTED to appropriate \$100.00 toward the initial expenses of setting up the plan, with the understanding that further expense will be borne by the campaign."

The committee which is responsible for preparing the general proposals for this campaign stipulated that the campaign should only be organized in case at least two-thirds of the universities and colleges agreed, and two-thirds of the mission boards co-operating in these various institutions should agree

Rev. W. E. Strong

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October 19, 1923.

I am therefore writing to you to ask that the Congregational Board shall give its approval for the general proposals as outlined. I think that it would be perfectly in order for the Congregational Board, if they are so inclined, to approve the proposal for all of the institutions in which they are concerned in China at one time, although the other institutions have not yet been able to take the action required.

It may be of interest to you to know that the Presbyterian Board has already taken an action of this sort covering the institutions in which it has a share in China.

Very cordially yours,

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Oct. 29, 1923.

Mr. Leslie B. Moss,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Moss:-

We are taking up Tuesday afternoon in the Sub-Committee on Appropriations, the first working out of the Board's appropriations for our current fiscal year. In talking over some of the matters with Dr. Strong this afternoon the fact was brought out that we do not seem to have here note of the amount that is being asked from the American Board for Fukien Christian University for the current year. I do not find either that we have information here concerning the amount that is being asked from the American board toward the maintenance of the joint office for the China Universities. I would be glad therefore if you could send me by telegram on Tuesday, so that I would receive it before the Committee meeting at 2 o'clock, this information. You would need simply to say "Fukien - amount, and Joint Office - amount." I am sorry that this absence of information did not come to my attention before so we would not have to rush the matter quite so much. I will appreciate any help you can give on it.

Yours very cordially,

Asst. Treasurer.

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*Answered*

October 31, 1923.

Mr. Harold B. Belcher,  
14 Beacon Street,  
Boston,  
Mass.

My dear Mr. Belcher,

In reply to your letter of Monday,  
I telegraphed you yesterday morning as follows:

"FUKIEN BUDGET NOT YET ADOPTED PROBABLY AT LEAST  
FOUR THOUSAND OFFICE SIX EIGHTY FIVE"

We had just received from China two days ago the budget for Fukien University for next year so that there has been no opportunity for the Trustees to act upon it. The budget calls for a larger expenditure than last year. I do not know what action the Trustees will take, but am inclined to feel that they will quite possibly ask for a repetition of last year's appropriations and request the Managers on the field to reduce their budget to meet the amount provided. Your Board provided \$4,000. for this year on general appropriation. In the heat of the moment in getting off a telegram to you I overlooked the fact that each of the Boards also make a supplementary appropriation for the science budget under the terms of the C.M.B. grant to the University. For your Board this amounted to \$1,666.66 gold during this year. This amount would probably need to be added to the \$4,000. mentioned above in your figuring for the University. I am very sorry for my shortcoming at this point and hope it has not caused too much inconvenience.

With regard to the Central Office, I had mailed the papers to Dr. Barton the night before, stating that the share of your Board would be \$685.00 during the coming year. I trust that this information is what you desired.

Very cordially yours,

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Board of Trustees of Fukien University,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen: Attention of Mr. Leslie B. Moss, Secretary

Mr. Edwin G. Warner, of the Board of Trustees, has written Dr. Strong in regard to the budget for the coming year, stating that they are requesting the Boards to accept the same apportionments as were made last year, \$4,000. plus \$1,666.66. He also states that word from you notes that our Board has so far sent \$3,841.77, on the 1923 budget, to which should be added Mr. Warner's personal contribution of \$500. My figures here seem to indicate that our gifts to date have totalled \$3,850.21. I had thought that these items were all checked up with you in previous correspondence. I note below the items entering my figures:

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Due from American Board for 1922		\$1,158.22 ✓
General Budget		4,000.00 ✓
C.M.B. grant		1,666.66 ✓
Total due from Board		<u>\$6,824.88</u>
Remittances May 7/23	\$1,666.66 ✓	
Remittances May 11/23	2,833.33 ✓	
" " "	<u>508.44</u>	
Total Remittances		<u>5,008.43</u>

BALANCE DUE-----\$ 1,816.45

I would like to clear up the account for 1923, and want

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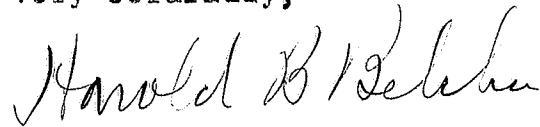
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to make sure of the figures before cleaning it up. I would be glad if you could check this up, and let me know.

I expect to go over to the Medford field tomorrow, and see the old traditional Thanksgiving game. There seems to be quite a bit of interest since Medford is at the top of the Suburban League, and if Malden beats this game it will be tied with Medford for first place.

I trust you and the family are well, and are enjoying a pleasant Thanksgiving time.

Yours very cordially,



Asst. Treasurer.

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December 5, 1923.

Mr. Harold B. Belcher,  
14 Beacon Street,  
Boston, Mass.

My dear Mr. Belcher:

In reply to your letter of November 28th regarding the appropriations for the current year to Fukien Christian University may I call your attention to some points which appear to have been overlooked in our correspondence:

On May 9th last I wrote you acknowledging the receipt of \$1,666.66, of which \$1,158.22 was the balance due for 1922. This appears on the statement which your recent letter conveys. The balance of the amount; namely \$508.44, was to apply on account of the 1923 budget. On May 14th I wrote acknowledging the receipt of \$2,833.33 on this year's budget. Therefore the total received up to November 25th on this year's budget was \$3,341.77. We have just received from Mr. Edwin G. Warner to apply on this amount \$500.00; so that the total received to date is \$3,841.77. As against this, the board is due to pay us \$4,000.00 on General Budget and \$1,666.66 toward the China Medical Board Grant. This means that there is still due for this year \$1,824.90.

In your statement just received you have an item, "Remittance May 11, 1923, \$508.44". This amount is included in the \$1,666.66 which you indicate as being remitted on May 7th. On your statement therefore this amount has been added in twice and throws off your figures to this extent.

I hope that this will clear the situation, and we will be glad to have your check in settlement at an early date.

I hope you saw Malden lick the Medford team on Thanksgiving Day. I have not heard the result, so do not know what kind of a game you did see. Thanking you for your good wishes and reciprocating them heartily, I am,

Cordially yours,

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Dec. 11, 1923.

Trustees of Fukien University,  
Mr. Leslie B. Moss, Sec'y,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:-

I thank you for your letter of December 5th calling my attention to the error in the item of \$508.44. I think that that clears up the whole matter and I note that the balance due on 1923 from the American Board is \$1,824.90. I am therefore enclosing check to the order of Trustees of Fukien Christian University on the Old Colony Trust Co., Boston for this amount. Is there any particular time when it would be most convenient to have me forward payments on account of our share of the budget for 1924? We have available the appropriations up to the end of our fiscal year August 31st, which I believe are sufficient to cover that 8 months' share of the 1924 budget of the University.

Unfortunately it was Medford which came out on the long end of the Thanksgiving Day game. It was an interesting game, though, and I had a chance to say "hullo" to a few of the old high school friends that I had not seen for sometime.

Yours very cordially,

*Harold B. Belcher*

Asst. Treasurer.

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January 30, 1924

Mr. Leslie B. Moss  
China Union Universities  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York City

My dear Mr. Moss:

Replying to your letter of January 14th, regarding the expiration of Professor Hodous's term on the Board of Trustees of Fukien University, I have to report that at the meeting of the Prudential Committee yesterday it was voted to appoint Professor Hodous to succeed himself as such representative.

Regarding the action of the Board of Trustees, taken January 4 and numbered T-595, authorizing the election of an additional trustee from each of the Boards supporting the University and the suggestion of names of possible co-opted members of the Board, I have to say that we shall hope to make report on that matter later, after more consideration has been given as to the appointment of an added trustee and the suggestion of names for co-opted members.

With regard to the question as to whether the American Board would contribute a portion, to correspond with contributions from other Boards, that might provide the cost of a residence at the University compound, requiring \$4,000, gold; on this matter also I shall have to ask for a little delay, as we are in correspondence now regarding the possibility of a gift of such a residence, or toward the cost of such an one. I shall hope to report on both of these matters later.

Very truly yours,

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March 13, 1924

Mr. Leslie B. Moss  
Assistant Secretary  
Fukien Christian University  
150 Fifth Avenue, New York City

Dear Mr. Moss:

Replying to your letter of March 11, received yesterday, inquiring as to the possibility of the American Board's securing a gift that will provide a residence for one of its representatives on the staff of the University at Foochow, I can only say that the possible source that we have had in mind for this gift is at Los Angeles, California. I wrote to the Minister of the Church there on January 28 of this year, and not having heard from him wrote again on March 3. I have not had an answer either to the second letter, but there is hardly time for that, since he would need to have written almost immediately on receipt of it if his letter should have reached here by this time. I fully expect to hear from him, and that before long, and will keep in mind the letting you know as to the nature of the reply when it is received. I cannot give you any assurance until I do hear from him other than to say that the Church has sent one or two contributions, meeting at least part of the expense of such a residence. I shall hope to be able to give you fuller and more exact information before very long.

Most cordially yours,

*W. E. Strong*

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May 1, 1924

Mr. Leslie B. Moss  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York City

Dear Mr. Moss:

In connection with laying before the Trustees of the Hall Estate one of our institutions in India, concerning which they have been making inquiry, it is possible I may have chance to follow up with them a suggestion I made concerning a gift from that Estate to Fukien University. I am not sure just how things will turn, but have prospect of an interview within a week or so.

On looking over my files of documents I find I have not at hand all the data I would like to have, if I get the chance to set Fukien University's case before them. I wonder if you have any maps, drawings or pictures that would visualize the location and plant; or any recent report of the University's working, numbers, growth, etc. I have a set of those little leaflets which Dean Scott got out, and I have some statements of President Jones made from time to time during his incumbency of office. But of more recent and up-to-date information I do not find that I have facts such as I would like to have to present. I suppose I ought to have some financial statement, at least the budget for the year, showing the total estimated expenditure for current purposes, the amount of value in buildings and land, and amount of present endowment which I understand to be nothing, and any other facts which would give them an idea of what the University now is and has.

I confess I am a little disturbed at the thought of laying before them just the financial situation with its obvious applying of funds given by the China Medical Board to other purposes which necessitate virtual repayment of that amount, but I think short of going into that matter in detail I may be able to put together figures which will show both the achievement and the need of the University and may incline them to feel that they are asked to help a going and a growing concern. They will not want to send one good dollar after a bad one, or to turn their trust funds to the support of something which is in unstable or critical condition. I do not

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regard the University as being in that condition since it has behind it these Mission Boards and since, I think, the Board of Trustees are determined to press for funds that may lift it out of its present distress. But I apprehend that the best argument to present to the Trustees of the Hall Estate would not be the present distress but the present achievement and the future prospect.

Can you help me by sending me some material as promptly as possible that I may have it for use if, as I say, the way opens?

As always,

Very cordially yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "W. S. Murray", is written over a diagonal line that extends from the top right towards the center of the page.

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May 14, 1924

Mr. Leslie B. Moss, Secretary  
China Union Universities  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York City

Dear Mr. Moss:

I am returning to you under other cover the photographs of Fukien University which you kindly loaned me.

We had our meeting yesterday with the Trustees of the Hall Estate. It was an informal meeting, at which we talked over various matters that have been put up to them by this Board, in addition to some general discussion as to the needs of the different lands and the comparative responsibility of America therefor. They have not got around yet to the point where they are ready to make decisive appropriation of any considerable amounts to educational institutions, though they are forming their opinions on general lines and gradually picking out institutions that they may put into their tentative list.

I may say to you that they are very favorably disposed toward Peking University and the Canton Christian University. As I understand, they have already done something for Canton, and I think they contemplate substantial aid to Peking. They did not commit themselves yesterday towards any of the matters that were put before them, but they gave close and interested attention and asked many questions. I had the help of Professor Hodous, the Secretary of our Board, and he was of great value in giving definite and accurate information both regarding the institution and its situation in the Fukien Province educational work. I am hopeful that something may be forthcoming from this interview, but cannot speak with any assurance, much less with any definiteness, as to what or when. The Trustees have five years more in which to make up their minds before the time for disbursing the bequest is reached. I think, however, they hope to have their plans pretty well blocked out by that time and are beginning to think more seriously and particularly of the lands and the institutions they will consider.

The pictures and the statements you sent were of great value to us in laying the case before them, and I thank you for your effort in the matter.

Very cordially yours,

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June 4, 1924.

Trustees of Fukien University,  
Mr. Leslie B. Moss, Sec'y,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Moss:-

Dr. Strong has shared with me your letters of May 27th concerning the financial budget of Fukien. Previously we have been checking up and settling up on the basis of the calendar year, and I assume that the fact that the China Medical Board appropriation year ends June 30, 1924 has made necessary the arrangement of which you write, by which there should be paid over by this Board \$2,833.33.

As you know from past experience we have usually planned our finances so as to have a grand settling up at the end of the calendar year. It will, however, be possible to send at this time \$1,833.33, which I am enclosing in a check to the order of the Trustees of Fukien University. This will leave a balance due of \$1,000. which I hope it may be possible for us to settle up at the end of June.

The sheet which you appended showing annual financial needs of the Science Department July 1, 1924 to June 30, 1929 brought a considerable amount of consternation to us, as we saw the figures written down against the Congregational Board. I understand, however, that this is simply a preliminary statement showing the situation that the Trustees must meet and on the basis of which they must reach some decision concerning the Science Department, and the plans which they will make for the financing of it at the expiration of the C.M.B. appropriation. Is it definitely determined that the C.M.B. will not make a new appropriation toward the budget of the Science

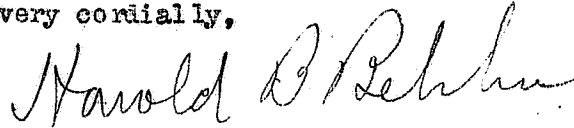
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Department? It certainly makes things look rather gloomy if they don't.

I trust that you and the family are all well and enjoying life as well as it can be enjoyed outside of the Hub of the universe.

Yours very cordially,



Asst. Treasurer.

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Enc. - ck.

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Dec. 4, 1924.

Mr. Eric M. North, Sec'y,  
Trustees of Peking University,  
150 Fifth Ave., New York, N.Y.

*ansd 12/8/24*

Dear Mr. North:-

I am enclosing check to the order of Trustees of Peking University for \$10,000., being the second payment on the pledge of Mrs. Fannie E. Forbes, of Westboro, Mass. for building at the University. I think your office has record of this and the statement that the payments are being made in quarterly instalments.

Dr. Barton has brought in your letter of November 28th concerning the appropriation for the central office of the China Union Universities. This appropriation has been approved by the Sub-Committee but will not come up for P. C. action until next Tuesday, at which time I shall be able to forward to you the amount as voted.

I understand that our American Board obligations for both Peking University and Fukien Christian University have been met through June 30, 1924. I would be glad to receive your confirmation of the understanding which we received from Mr. Moss and also statement as to the American Board share on the budgets of both Institutions for this current school year.

Yours very cordially,

*Ch. for \$10,000.00*

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*Harold B. Belcher*

Asst. Treasurer.

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PEKING UNIVERSITY.  
FUKIEN CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY. ✓

December 17, 1924.

Mr. Harold B. Belcher,  
Assistant Treasurer,  
American Board of Commissioners  
for Foreign Missions,  
14 Beacon Street,  
Boston, Mass.

My dear Mr. Belcher:

Supplementing my letter of December 16th, and answering your letter of December 13th, let me say that payments in full were made by the American Board upon the budget of Peking University for the year 1923-1924, as follows:

February 7, 1924 - \$2,000.

March 1, 1924 1,500.

These completed the payments due up to June 30, 1924.

Your check for \$1,575. to the Trustees of Peking University has just been received. I have credited the account for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1925. The fiscal year of Peking University is from July 1st to June 30th. If it is the policy of the American Board to remit in quarterly installments, this will be entirely satisfactory to us, if the amounts can be made available to us within the first month of each quarter.

I have also to acknowledge your check for \$7,508.43. The \$1,039.99 included in this check completes payment on the American Board's share of the budget of Fukien Christian University to June 30, 1924. I note that the other items included are \$1,968.44 on the Current Budget and \$4,500. the recent appropriation for a residence for Reverend and Mrs. F. P. Beach.

The dates of the Fukien budget have been somewhat confusing, because the field has been accustomed to operating upon a calendar year basis, and then upon a year ending in the China New Year holidays. We shall endeavor to establish a basis on which I think the new field treasurer will agree with us, making the new fiscal year end with either June 30th or July 31st. Our own books here are at the present time being kept on the June 30th basis.

Cordially yours,

*Eric M. Nath*

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Dec. 20, 1924.

Mr. Eric M. North, Sec'y,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York, N.Y.

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Dear Mr. North:

I thank you for your letters of December 16th and 17th in connection with the budgets of Peking and Fukien Universities.

I will plan to make remittance shortly after January 1st covering the third quarter of the current school year, and on April 1st the amount covering the fourth quarter.

I note that at the present time you are keeping the records in regard to Fukien on the school year basis and I have therefore adjusted my record to so correspond. According to this our account on July 1st would stand as follows -

Balance due from June 30th	\$ 1,039.99 ✓
Share in general budget	4,000.00 ✓
Share in C.M.B. budget	1,666.66 ✓
	<u>6,706.65</u>

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On this account I made the remittance in my letter of December 13th totalling \$3,008.43, leaving a balance still due on the Fukien budget of \$3,698.22. On this account I am making further remittance at this time of \$1,500., and therefore enclose check to the order of Trustees of Fukien Christian University for this amount.

The change on to the school year basis is making a rather difficult situation for us in regard to our appropriation provision, and I fear it will not be possible for us to clear up the full balance on the Fukien account at the end of this current school year. Our American Board fiscal year closes on August 31st, and our budget adopted for that is very rigid.

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I had hoped while in New York a few days ago to have called in on your office, but there seemed to be no good opportunity, and as we had come to a clear understanding through correspondence, I put the call over on to my lost for a later New York visit.

Yours very cordially,

*Harold B. Pelcher*

Enc. - ck.

Asst. Treasurer.

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