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February 14, 1925

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Rev. Eric M. North, Ph.D.
Assistant Treasurer of
Fukien Christian University
150 Fifth Avenue, New York City

My dear Dr. North:

I am sending herewith check for $50,000, received yesterday from the Trustees of the Charles M. Hall Educational Fund, together with the letter which accompanied the check.

The presentation of the needs of Fukien Christian University to these Trustees was made originally by Dr. Hodous and myself at a meeting to which they had invited representatives of the American Board who had various interests to lay before them. This was more than a year ago, and was followed by continued correspondence and renewal of appeals, despite a rather discouraging attitude on the part of the Trustees at first. Recently Dr. Barton was told by them that they planned to do something for Fukien University in the distributions of this year; and since then, Mr. Franklin Warner, who went to see them primarily on Peking University but as a member of the Prudential Committee had in mind other interests the American Board had put before them, got similar word from them. Yesterday afternoon came a letter and check which fulfils these general promises and brings the cash to the University's treasury. It so happened that President Gowdy came to the office this morning, as he was here on a campaigning trip to Boston, so that Mr. Belcher and I were able to show him the check and the letter and to gladden his heart for the day's work. I shall write to the Trustees a personal note of appreciation and gratitude, but I assume that you will send them a receipt for the amount; and I think President Gowdy thought he would telegraph Dr. Chamberlain, since he also had written to them regarding the contribution.

It is fine thus to get a start on an endowment for the University, for it is increasingly evident that we shall soon need some endowment fund from which to meet the increasing current expenses of the institution.

The letter and check were sent here, I suppose, because the Trustees have had their main contact with the University through the representatives of the American Board. In writing them I will call their attention to the fact that the American office of the University is in New York.

ok. for $50,000 [illegible]

Enclosures

Believe me,
Very cordially yours,

W E Strong

FUKIEN

May 6, 1925.

Mr. Henry I. Harriman,
Room 925, 50 Congress Street,
Boston, 9, Mass.

My dear Mr. Harriman:

At the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Trustees of Fukien Christian University on April 23rd, formal notice was taken of your election by the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions as the fourth representative of that Board on the Trustees of the University for the term ending in 1927.

We are all glad that the American Board has taken this action and hope that on some of your trips to New York there will be opportunity for you to meet the other Trustees and share in the fellowship of those who are working for the interest of this University.

I enclose a copy of the Charter and of the By-Laws of the University for your information.

The Executive Committee also took note of your generous contribution to the work of the University.

With hearty good wishes, I am

Cordially yours,

Eric M. North

Assistant Secretary,
Fukien Christian University.

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October 27, 1925.

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

Gentlemen:- Attention Mr. Eric M. North

As we are making ready for the consideration of appropriations and budget for our fiscal year ending August 31, 1926, I want to check up on how we stand as regards the budget of Fukien University.

According to my record here, the Trustees had wished for the American Board to share in the budget for 1924-5 as follows -

Share of C.M.B. budget	1666.66
Share of General budget	4000.00
	$5666.66

In addition to the payments which we made on account of the Residence Fund and for the clearing up of the balance due on the previous year, my record shows that we have made the following remittances on account of the American Board share in the 1924-5 budget -

December 13, 1924	1968.44
December 20, 1924	1500.00
	$ 3468.44

As I understand it, our Prudential Committee had not accepted the full amount of $5666.66, but had made appropriations available only to the extent of $4500. I would be glad therefore if you could let me know how your records look at this matter, and also concerning the responsibility of the American Board for the present year.

Very cordially yours,

Harold B. Belcher

L. Asst. Treasurer.

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Mch. 5, 1926.

Trustees of Fukien Christian University,
150 Fifth Ave.,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:- Attention Mr. Eric M. North.

Your letter of March 3rd has been received calling my attention to our delay in forwarding remittances on account of the Fukien Christian University budget. I am not sure that we are going to be able to meet our full share of this present year budget. We have available in appropriations by the Board $4500. up to the end of the fiscal year ending Aug. 31st. Whether we count that on the budget of this year, or put part of it to settle up the amount due on last year, and apply the balance on what is due this year and carry our deficit forward to next year, is a question of your bookkeeping. However, I am enclosing check to the order of the Trustees of Fukien Christian University for $4500. and will ask you to apply it as you see fit advising me of the way in which you have handled it.

Yours very cordially,

Harold B Belcher

Asst. Treasurer.

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TRANSFER

May 15, 1926.

Mr. Henry I. Harriman,
Room 925 - 50 Congress Street,
Boston, Mass.

My dear Mr. Harriman:-

As you know, we have for some time been trying to complete an analysis of the accounts of the Trustees in order clearly to realize the financial problems before the University. The results of this work, which has practically meant an abbreviated writing of the books from the beginning, are given in the enclosed report to the Trustees.

I am sorry that the report is necessarily so extensive and intricate. I have seen, however, no shorter method of arriving at the facts and setting forth clearly the responsibilities of the Trustees for the various funds which they have received.

An urgent phase of the financial situation relates to the Budget of the University for the current year, but this cannot be clearly understood without taking into account the whole report.

Will you not, therefore, go over the whole report, if possible, before the meeting of the Trustees referred to on the enclosed form? I venture to suggest this as I believe it to be the simplest way of taking up the matter in the meeting itself.

Will you kindly indicate on the enclosed form your preference of the dates suggested for the meeting of the Trustees, as we are anxious to secure the attendance of as large a number of the Trustees as possible?

Faithfully yours,

Eric M. North

Assistant Secretary.

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FUKIEN CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

June 22, 1926.

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

My dear Mr. Belcher:

In the process of disentangling the finances of Fukien Christian University and for the information of Dr. E. G. Warner, I have drafted the enclosed record of the budgets and of the payments of the American Board in relation to Fukien Christian University.

You will notice from this that up to the end of 1923 the whole amount of the budget was furnished by the American Board with the exception of $39.99 which was covered in your second check in 1924.

Dr. Warner is of the distinct impression that when he made his increased pledge for the deficit of the University he raised the question with Dr. Strong whether the American Board would maintain the amount as provided in 1923 by his assistance, namely, $5,666.66 and had the impression that this would be done.

You will note that the shortage up to July 31, 1926, as we figure it upon the budget which we state, is $3,364.88. This is on the assumption that the American Board will maintain and accept the budget for 1924 and thereafter as it did for 1923.

While this point is being arbitrated, it would appear to me that even on the basis of the amount which the American Board has accepted as its commitment, there is a further sum due to us. The annual appropriation to which the American Board believes itself committed is $4,500.00. On the basis of this amount for two years and a half, namely, 1924, one-half of 1925, and our new fiscal year 1925-26, the amount due would be $11,250.00. The total amount of payments made in this same period (omitting the $39.99 adjustment in 1924 for the previous year) is $10,801.77, leaving a balance of $448.23 required to complete your appropriations to July 31, 1926, as you understand them to be.

If you find that I am correct, I know that your interest in Fukien will encourage you to send us this amount at least before our fiscal year ends on July 31, 1926.

Meanwhile, our Special Committee will be struggling with the somewhat larger phases of the matter.

Cordially yours,

Eric M. North

Assistant Treasurer,
Fukien Christian University.

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July 6, 1926.

Mr. Eric M. North, Asst. Treas.,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. North:-

Your letter of June 22nd with its enclosure giving the account of the American Board with Fukien Christian University has been received. I should have answered this before, but I did want to just check up one or two matters in regard to our record of account before answering.

The question as to whether the Prudential Committee accepts responsibility for the full amount of the budget assigned to the American Board is one that of course must be taken up with them. Their appropriations for the year 1924-5 and for 1925-6 were made as you know on the basis of $4500. per year. I feel, however, that the whole matter should be presented to them and will consult with Dr. Strong concerning this. It is true, however, that the Committee is not meeting during the summer months, and the authority that it has delegated to the executive officers during this period would not cover a matter of so large an appropriation as is involved here. I fear, therefore, that it will be fall probably in connection with the appropriations, when this matter can be fully presented to them.

You note that even on the basis of $4500. per year, we are still $448.23 in arrears for the year ending July 31, 1926. This is due to the fact that our appropriations are on the basis of the fiscal year, Sept. 1 - Aug. 31. During the time that the F.C.U. budget was on the basis of the calendar year, the larger part of our appropriation for the year beginning Sept. 1 had to be applied against the budget of the University ending the following December 31st. In other words, our appropriations were nearly three-quarters of the year in arrears of the University budget, but we were able to get the full payment in before your books were closed. You can see, therefore, that when the University was changed to end its year July 31st, it put us in actual arrears, and such is our situation at this present time. I have hoped during the last few years at the time that appropriations were voted that it might be possible to include an additional item in order to bring the year of our appropriation more nearly coincident with the fiscal year of the University. It has been necessary, however, to so closely cut the items in our budget, and in some cases to eliminate items, that were in the preliminary ones, that it has not seemed possible for the Committee to do this. I certainly regret it very much, because of my own interest in the F.C.U. finances. I do not see how this

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situation can be helped either, until we can come to the meetings of the Prudential Committee for the fall. I will, however, take it up with Dr. Strong and the other officers, so that this will not be a reflection of my own personal opinion alone.

I can realize this is not a very satisfactory response to your letter of June 22nd, and I fear will not at all meet Mr. Warner's desires, yet I do not see how at this time any definite answer can be given. I will be glad, of course, to inform you promptly of any further developments in the matter.

Very cordially yours,

Harold B Belcher

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Asst. Treasurer.

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PEKING UNIVERSITY
FUKIEN CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

July 19, 1926.

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

My dear Mr. Belcher:

I am trying to get into the financial affairs of the Universities something in the way of order and regularity with reference to the receipts of income. I notice that in the case of Peking University and Fukien Christian University the income from the American Board is not, apparently, paid at any regular time. Would it not be possible to regularize the dates of the payments of your appropriations so that we could know what we could count on at a given time? It would be greatly to our satisfaction if payments could be made quarterly in the first month of each quarter, or, if not then, in the second month of each quarter. This would mean, for Peking University, a quarterly payment of $875.00, and in the case of Fukien Christian University, a quarterly payment of $1,125.00. It would certainly be a very great help to us if this could be done.

In the case of the amount of $1,142.00 annually provided for the salary of Mr. Bartlett at Peking University, would it be possible for us to receive this also in the same way as your regular appropriation? We have to meet the expenses involved, and as finances are now, we are having hard sledding.

I presume that the amounts you receive for the support of T. T. Lew at Peking University are special gifts, although I hope that they are underwritten by the Board's appropriation. If the latter is the case, it would be a help to us to have them also come forward at regular intervals. If, however, you are dependent upon the actual receipts of these gifts, we shall have to be content with your present practice of early remittance of the special gifts.

In this connection, I venture to ask whether it would be possible for you to let us have payment of $875.00 for the first quarter of the Peking University appropriation within a few days? We are turning a very narrow corner, and it would be a very great help to us if this could be in hand.

Cordially yours,

Eric M. North

Assistant Treasurer

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July 26, 1926.

Mr. EricM. North, Asst. Treas.,
Fukien University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

TRANSFER

Dear Mr. North:-

I would acknowledge receipt of your letter of July 19th which also brought up the case of quarterly payments for Fukien. I fear it will be impossible to make any payment before the end of our present fiscal year.

On September 1st there is available part of the Fukien appropriation, so that I will plan at that time to make payment of the balance of $448.23 due on the old year and the first quarter of the new year, $1125., and thereafter will try and make the further quarterly payments on November, February and May 1st.

I have not yet had opportunity to talk with Dr. Strong since his return about the matter of the Fukien appropriations, but it does seem as though the Prudential Committee would have to take action so that there would be available during the course of our next fiscal year a sufficient amount to cover our obligations on the $4500. a year basis up to June 30th. That is, we must cover our $4500. and also take care of this deficit of $448.23, which you carried over at the closing of your last fiscal year. I do not know what the action of the Committee may be in this regard, but I should hope that they would meet the arrangement as outlined above.

Yours very cordially,

Harold B. Belcher

Asst. Treasurer.

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

Orig. Matter

The postscript to a letter from Dr. Beard
to
Secretary, Wm. E. Strong, D.D.

COPY

Postscript Dated
December 1, 1926.

Foochow, China

November 30, 1926

Dear Dr. Strong:

There was a battle yesterday morning across the river from the Arsenal -- from Dr. Gillettes. Desultory firing continued all the forenoon and spent bullets fell among the houses on the S. side. About 1 p.m. there was a sharp short battle on the short bridge. Mr. Leger stood on the river's edge about 30 rods above the bridge and saw it all. We do not yet know how things are going. Report says there are from 7,000 to 10,000 troops coming up from Hing Hua and the big battle will be when they arrive, thus far all is going on much as usual -- if "as usual" can be applied to anything now when people are so afraid. Schools have been only slightly affected.

(Signed) W. E. Beard.

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TRANSFER

Inghok, December 15, 1926

Dear Dr. Strong:

You surely will want to hear how we are getting along under the Southern Confederacy in China. The Canton troops under General Ho took Ingtai December 5. He had with him Russian advisors and an army of 20,000 men. We found them very interesting visitors and have had through close contact every opportunity to become acquainted! They located army headquarters in our Church and Y.M.C.A., Hospital and New Womans building, kindergarten, Boys Academy, 4 buildings, and the Donaldson residence. We still have undisputed possession of our residence and Miss Waddell's Girls School building.

Their arrogant assumption of autocratic power, and driving students and teachers from their rooms and kitchens and homes at once created a strong reaction, since their words were all of freedom and the liberty brought by "The Revolution." They insisted that we were English and imperialists grasping and ruining China! Their ignorance of what the church stands for and is actually doing in China was so apparent that teachers and students were at once repulsed by such evident unjust attacks. We had long talks with students from Kin Kiang and Shanghai, graduates of Yale in China and one doctor, graduate of Chicago Medical School. Personally they have been very courteous, and gentlemanly. Mr. Rinden has been doing good service playing basket ball with these student officers and our own students and teachers. Mixing thus has been all to the good that they might through personal contact learn the falsity of their position. One argument they can never answer when attacking the Christian Church is that Dr. Sun, the patron saint of their revolution, was all his life a Christian.

I think we can honestly say that their attack on the morale of our Christian group has utterly failed. Whether we have been able to disarm prejudice and animosity during the ten days here remains to be seen. I feel sure we have attacked in the right way. Up to date the results more than justify the attitude. We have been thankful more than once for the amount of devolution already accomplished. Whenever trouble arose we have called the students into council and a committee of the student union waited on the headquarters staff. Their very boast to be the representatives of the common people risen up to accuse them.

The discouragements of the moment arise from the disillusionment for we have hoped that out from the southern movement would arise a force that would lead China toward a stable government. In view of those days we regretfully come to the conclusion of Samuel, "The Lord has not chosen him." Anointed will be found among His Consecrated humble devout Christian disciples. That day and the man will arise. We are all well and find our days exceedingly busy. More later.

Yours, (Signed) Edward H. Smith

December 17,

The atmosphere of subtle opposition of determination to make life hard and impossible for foreigners becomes more and more apparent. The army moves out of the residences and church and school only to be replaced by another. But persecution is perhaps just what we need.

E. H. S.

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December 31, 1926

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File Fukien

Rev. Eric M. North, D.D.
Peking University
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

Dear Dr. North:

I am sending you a copy of the postscript of a letter received to-day from Rev. Willard L. Beard.

The first battle alluded to was apparently at Pagoda Anchorage where the big steamships transfer for Foochow City.

There is nothing especially noteworthy perhaps about this word, but I thought you might like to get information of any sort from any source.

Very cordially yours,

Enc.
S/W

EXTRACTS from letter of Rev. Edward H. Smith to Sec. Strong

Dated March 8, 1927 and written in Foochow, China.

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We are daily glad of the action of the Mission giving full autonomy to the Chinese Church.

We are much pleased at the conservative, helpful and constructive way the Chinese Executive Committee of the Church have been handling this whole big problem thus thrust upon them.

Of course you can believe they would be most courteous and anxious to do and say the right thing regarding the missionaries and their work. They propose that all the foreigners be asked to continue in their usual work.

Meanwhile the present government is temporary - flimsy undirected - unstable - uninstructed. Officials in high position often hold office only a few days or month. Every one lives from day to day, but the brains of China are thinking long thoughts. We all believe that when they do move it will be forward, but you must not expect us to be able to give you for a long long time definite word as to the future of our institutions. Take, for example this University where we are staying with Mr. Beach. How or when any more can be made we do not know. We only know a big big change must be made, i.e. all these institutions must, like the Doshiha in 1892-3-4-5, must be entrusted to Chinese hands and with Christian brotherly cooperation helped to devolop. We expect the trustees to understand and cooperate just as we look to our Board for understanding and support when we take such drastic action as at our last Mission meeting. No doubt you have been following developments of the Canton Christian College. Some such action must follow here. Thank God we have able consecrated Christian men to look to for the posts of responsibility.

Do not think there are no problems or disappointments in our present situation. Already petty jealousies and bickerings begin to appear in the Church life. At Inghok a little group of soreheads, made no little trouble in the station group; eager to seize the authority and dispense the funds for their friends they nearly wrecked the whole years work. Mr. Thelan and I were able to help and advise and save the entire wreck, but the people are very slow to learn the duties of a democracy. The old fatalism, fear to assert ones own ideas, or what ever it is makes them calmly sit by and accept what some strong minded individual demands be done.

However, only through mistakes, and suffering and experience can they ever learn! Now is the time to begin. Their mistakes seem so much worse than ours.

Foreign Department

April 14, 1927

TRANSFER

Mr. Eric M. North, Ph.D.
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. North:

I am minded to send you the enclosed copy of some extracts from a letter just received from one of our missionaries in the Foochow Mission, inasmuch as one of its paragraphs touches upon the situation and outlook for the university at Fukien.

It is simply the opinion of a missionary who is staying temporarily at the university with Mr. Beach, and has, of course, no official or authoritative value; but it does reflect the opinion of an intelligent and interested observer.

It does not give you anything very new in the way of opinion but may substantiate some conclusions to which you have been arriving.

My sympathies go out to you as you are compelled to carry the extra load of the China situation just as you are preparing to close up your present duties and transfer to the Bible Society. We all deeply regret this removal from the stand point of the Mission Boards in China and their united work, but we can rejoice with the Bible Society and be glad you are going there.

Very cordially yours,

W. E. Strong

W. E. Strong

Enc.
S/W

ROCKWELL HARMON POTTER, D.D., PRESIDENT

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EARLE E. WILLARD
DEPARTMENT ASSISTANT

September 9, 1927.

Mr. B. A. Garside, Asst. Treas.,
Trustees of Fukian Christian University,
150 Fifth Ave., New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Garside:-

The American Board appropriations for Fukian University for the year to June 30, 1928 total as before, $4500., and we will plan to forward it in quarterly instalments on the first of September, November, February and May.

I am a bit late in the forwarding of the September payment, but we are in the midst of the closing of our fiscal year, August 31st - hence the delay.

Part of the above appropriation is contingent upon the vote of the Prudential Committee at its October meeting. I am assuming that they will continue the same amount as they have voted in previous years and will not make any change because of the present conditions in China. I do, however, want to make this point clear, should any complications in the matter arise.

Very truly yours,

Harold B. Belcher

Asst. Treasurer.

Enc.-ck.
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ck. for $1,125.00 enc.

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Foreign Department

November 30, 1927

TRANSFER

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

Dear Mr. Garside:

I have pleasure in reporting to you today that at the meeting of the Prudential Committee yesterday afternoon upon recommendation from its sub-committee on Foreign Policy, the following action was taken:

> VOTED: That the American Board approve in principle the proposed plan of reorganization for Fukien Christian University as worked out by the Board of Managers and submitted by the Board of Trustees after its own approval of the same.
>
> In taking this action the American Board would call to the attention of the Board of Trustees the desirability of the insertion into the proposed agreement between the Board of Trustees and the Board of Managers of a provision that the Board of Managers shall submit to the Board of Trustees its annual budget for the consideration of the Board of trustees before that Board makes appropriations to meet the Budget.

Regarding this suggestion of the Prudential Committee as to an item to be added between the Board of Trustees and the Board of Managers, it was felt that this provision was not only wise in itself but was in accord with action that was being taken or was likely to be taken in the organization of other educational institutions in which the Boards of Trustees at the home base and Boards of Managers on the field are to cooperate.

I am,

Very truly yours,

WES:DSW

William E. Strong.

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FUKIEN

February 13, 1928.

Mr. Robert E. Chandler, Acting Secretary
American Board Commission of Foreign Missions
14 Beacon Street
Boston, Mass.

Dear Mr. Chandler:

Enclosed herewith I am sending back through Dr. S. H. Leger of the Foochow Mission your list of categories, and a copy of my annual report of general conditions af the University. I hope that they will reach you in time for your use.

You will notice that we are ~~are~~ requesting for the same amount of appropriation as the A.B.C.F.M. has been granting to us. Our financial needs are much greater than ever before, on account of the demand for expansion of our service and of the general increase in the cost of living here, but realizing the difficulties you have to face in America in regard to the raising of money for China at the present time we are not putting in as large a request as we should like to.

Allow me to call your special attention to the request for an amount of money equivalent to a missionary's salary and expenses. You will recall that the American Board had three missionaries teaching in the University before Mr. Neff left Foochow Since Mr. Neff returned to America on furlough in 1926, we have had only two representatives from the A.B.C.F.M., namely, Dean Scott and Professor Beach. When I was elected to my present position Dr. Gowdy told me that the American Board had some verbal agreement with him that they would send an equivalent amount of money necessary for the salary and expenses of a missionary to this University, but up to date we have received no definite word or appropriation for this purpose. I hope you will do it now, so that we can look forward to engaging a well trained Chinese Christian scholar for our Staff in order to strengthen the Chinese personnel of the University. As you realize, a strong Chinese faculty is most needed in all of the Christian institutions in China in order to be able to stand the present storm. This University is particularly weak in this point. As you will notice, we still have more foreign teachers than Chinese. I hope the A.B.C.F.M. will help us in putting this institution firmly on the basis that will be more Christian in spirit as well as more Chinese in character.

Should you not be able to do this, we request that you send back Mr. Clarence A. Neff to us. You probably know that Mr. Neff was the most popular teacher in the University and that he has done a great work for the church as well as for our institution. His

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services are greatly needed, particularly at this time, for we need a man who can teach Sociology and who can work with the students as a sympathetic friend. His coming back to us will be greatly appreciated by both the Christian community in Foochow and the student world in general.

Hoping that our request will be favorably considered, I am,

Yours very sincerely,

Chairman of the Administrative Commission.

CJL:A

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Fukien Christian University

March 15, 1928.

Dr. William E. Strong,
American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions,
14 Beacon Street,
Boston, Mass.

My dear Dr. Strong:

I find I have not formally written you to report the action of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of Fukien Christian University at its meeting February 10, 1928 on the proposed reorganization of the University.

We presented to the Committee your letter of November 30, 1927, in which you transmit the action taken by your Prudential Committee on November 29th.

The Committee expressed its warmest appreciation of the action of the American Board in approving the proposed reorganization and agreed to the wisdom of the suggestion that the Board of Managers continue to submit to the Board of Trustees the annual University budget.

The action of the Executive Committee on Reorganization was as follows:

"EF-772 VOTED that the Executive Committee approve the plan of reorganization of the University as submitted by the Field Board of Managers, subject to such revisions as may be suggested by special Sub-committee consisting of Dr. Chamberlain, Dr. Warner, and Dr. Gowdy as ex-officio member."

Very sincerely yours,

B. A. Garside

BAG/A

AMERICAN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS

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14 BEACON STREET · BOSTON, MASS.

Foreign Department

April 23, 1928

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

TRANSFER

Dear Mr. Garside:

I can give you information on some of the items you have raised. I will secure the others before long. Our Prudential Committee on April 10 re-elected Dr. E. G. Warner as a Trustee of Fukien Christian University, to be in the Class of 1930. He has not yet been notified as far as I know, but I will see that notice goes.

I understand it is true, as you indicate, that Mrs. George M. Clark is still a regular member, with term expiring in 1930. I have asked the Clerk of our Prudential Committee to verify this from the records. You may assume it is correct unless you hear to the contrary.

Mr. E. A. Evans has accepted his re-election on the Board of Trustees of Yenching University, to be in the Class of 1931.

You will receive a formal notice concerning my own election to the Cheeloo Board of Governors in the place of Dr. Strong. I was very glad to be able to attend that meeting in New York. It gave me a vivid impression of the work going forward in Tsinan and also of the spirit and attitude of the Governors on the home side. I was sorry to be non-receptive in the matter of an opportunity of supporting Mr. Wolfe as a Business Manager for the University. I could only represent the situation as it exists from our viewpoint. There were several things that might have been said in response to the "pistol at the head" approach to the American Board.

Rec'd. 4/27 to E. Z. Bell

Very cordially yours,

Robert E. Chandler

Robert E. Chandler

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AMERICAN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS

14 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass.

April 30, 1928

President Ching-Jun Lin
Fukien Christian University
Foochow, China.

My dear Mr. Lin:

I ought to have responded earlier to your letter of February 18. You sent me the answers to questions sent out by us in connection with the use of the Higher Educational Fund of our Board. You sent also your Annual Report prepared as Chairman of the Administration Commission. These all were of greatest interest. More recently I have received through the New York Office of your Trustees the word that you have been regularly elected as President of the University. On the basis of these reports you have sent and a number of other reports in regard to you and the University which have come to us, I certainly wish to congratulate the University and yourself upon your assumption of office. It is not an easy place to hold, I know, in these days in China. We feel sure that you are the right man in the place.

Dr. Leger as Secretary of the Executive Committee of the Mid-Fukien Council of the Church of Christ in China has sent on to us your letter of February 22 addressed to that Committee. You also spoke of the same matter in writing to me. We have to inform you that Mr. Neff has taken on other work; in fact, he is now already engaged in the work in Mexico. It is supported by our Board, but the Southern California Conference has a special interest in it and it is those churches which desired to send Mr. Neff down there. In regard to this place, the American Board does not in any case appropriate "an equivalent amount of money" when a missionary has dropped out. It does not favor that policy, nor can it follow the practice. It does, however, clearly recognize situations like this with serious reduction of personnel, when it considers further appropriations. We can well understand your shortness of staff. The Prudential Committee of the Board is unable to grant your request at this time, but we suggest that you put it up a little later differently.

You may count upon support of the University from our Board equivalent to what has been given in the past. That was, I understand, $3,000 annually from the "Higher Educational Fund" and $1,500 out of our general appropriations. If in addition to this you will suggest a specific sum for a particular place, a professorship to be held by a Chinese, the Board will consider it. The Board made a special grant of money to Foochow College last September, which has provided the support of Mr. Donald Mauch.

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If you have particular men in mind to be invited or carried, please mention them. We ask you to put up the place or places, however.

It is not easy to grant or even consider extra appropriations during the year after the time when our budget is determined. That time is during October. We commence to work upon it from the first of September. We therefore ask our various Missions or corresponding church organizations to have in all their requests for 1929 by the first of September, 1928. We should like any special request from you, if there be one, to be passed upon by the Mid-Fukien Council. They will perhaps have several of this kind, and we must depend upon them to balance the requests in urgency.

There is one more point of order which I ought to speak of. We are glad to have the judgment and the support of the Mid-Fukien Council on requests like this; but the requests should finally come to us, I understand, not through them, but through your own Trustees in America.

Please do not think we are unnecessarily fussy in these matters. You can see the reasons for the various points of procedure. I do wish to thank you again for the material you have sent us, and I express the hope that we and all the other Boards may give you adequate support from this side and that the University will go on strongly as it has this past year.

Faithfully yours

(Signed) Robert E. Chandler.

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TRANSFER

July 2, 1928.

Mr. Robert E. Chandler, Acting Secretary
American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions
14 Beacon Street
Boston, Mass.

My dear Mr. Chandler:

In my letter of June 9 acknowledging your good letter of April 30, I stated that I would give a specific name for a member of our faculty to be considered for support by the American Board, as you suggested. I am now proposing the name of Professor Lin Tien Lan for your consideration. I am also writing to our Board of Trustees in New York asking them to make a formal request to you.

Professor Lin Tien Lan is 41 years of age, and a native of Foochow. He received his High School education in Hinghwa; got his B.A. degree from Southwestern University, 1914; M.A. degree from Princeton University, 1926. Since his return to China, he has been Professor in the Biblical School in Hinghwa, Professor and Head of the English Department in the Amoy University, General Executive Secretary of the Anti-opium Society in Shanghai, Professor in the Government Southeastern University, Nanking, now called the Central University of China. He is the author of several books on English and Politics and Education. He is a member of the Congregationalist Church in Foochow, and is now a member of the Board of Managers of Foochow College.

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In addition to regular salary, we are planning to have an insurance for each professor who is permanently appointed. A sum of about $200.00 per year might be sufficient. For the time being we are not looking forward to pay any allowance for the children of our Chinese teachers, but we believe that a certain amount of insurance is necessary to cover their low salary against emergencies to themselves and their families. Also we plan that Chinese members of the faculty shall have a furlough year with full pay after a period of five years. Of course, the salary and insurance do not include medical and other emergency expenses, which in general may amount to about $100.00 Mex. per year. To sum up, then, his expenses per year will be as follows:

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I hope this will meet the favorable consideration of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions.

Yours faithfully,

President.

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Fukien Christian University

July 27, 1928

To the Members of the Executive Committee

Gentlemen:

On July 17th we received from Foochow the following cablegram:

"FUKIEN MUCH IN NEED OF FINANCIAL CAMPAIGN. ADVISE YOU ENGAGE DR.E.A.WARD. HAVE TELEGRAPHED REQUEST. C.J.LIN."

A few days ago I had an opportunity of talking with Dr.Ward and learned that he also received a cablegram from President Lin making the same proposal. Dr.Ward, as you probably know, has spent most of the last three or four years in or near Foochow and is intimately acquainted with Fukien Christian University and its needs. About a month ago Dr.Ward was elected Secretary of the World Service Commission of the Methodist Church so he would be able at best to give only a small amount of time to any other activity.

Just this week we have received from President Lin copies of correspondence he has been carrying on with the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions in regard to the possibility of their supporting another member of the University staff. I am enclosing herewith copies of most of the essential part of this correspondence. You will note that there seems to be a good prospect that the American Board may be willing to increase the amount of their cooperation in Fukien if such an increase is formally requested by the Board of Trustees.

I believe that these two matters are of sufficient importance to justify our having a meeting of the Executive Committee while Dr.Goudy is in the city on August 6th or 7th. We shall be glad to have your opinion as to the desirability of such a meeting, and also your statement as to whether you would be available on either or both of these dates. The exact hour of Dr.Goudy's arrival is not yet certain, so we would have to wait until this can be ascertained before setting an hour for the meeting. If, however, you agree that such a meeting should be held I will notify you as far in advance of the date as I can of the day and hour such a meeting can be convened.

Very sincerely yours,

B. A. Garside

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July 2, 1928

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American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions
14 Beacon Street
Boston, Mass.

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I hope this will meet the favorable consideration of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions.

Yours faithfully,

President

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FUKIEN CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

August 17, 1928.

Mr. Robert E. Chandler,
American Board of Commissioners
for Foreign Missions,
14 Beacon Street,
Boston, Mass.

My dear Mr. Chandler:

I am at this time writing concerning the representation of the American Board on the Board of Trustees of Fukien Christian University.

In 1925, Mr. Henry I. Harriman was elected the fourth representative of your Board on this Board of Trustees, with a four-year term, in the class of 1929. On April 1, 1927, Mr. Harriman wrote us indicating his feeling that because of his inability to attend meetings, he should resign as a Trustee of Fukien Christian University. This fact was reported to the next meeting of the Board of Trustees of Fukien Christian University, on June 28, 1927, and their action, T-754 was "to defer action upon the resignation of Mr. Harriman and to ask the Secretary to inform Mr. Harriman that the Board hopes Dr. Gwody's return to this country might induce Mr. Harriman to reconsider this decision." This action was duly transmitted to Mr. Harriman, and on August 17, 1927, he wrote us:

> "It is very hard for me to take any action which is distasteful to Dr. Gowdy. I do feel however that my services as Trustee are only nominal because I am living in Boston and can seldom be at the meetings in New York.
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> "Because of this strong feeling I do not want to withdraw my resignation but I will not press it until possibly I have had an opportunity to talk with Dr. Gowdy."

Just before Dr. Gowdy let New York this month, however, I had an opportunity to discuss this matter with him, and he informed me that he was not able to persuade Mr. Harriman to alter his decision of last year. Will you, therefore, present to the proper committee of your Board the matter of this vacancy in your representation on the Board of Trustees of Fukien Christian University? The trustee now elected should be elected in the class of 1929.

Cordially yours,

Assistant Secretary,
Fukien Christian University.

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See letter p. Strong 9/25/28

Fukien Christian University

August 21, 1928

Mr. Robert E. Chandler,
14 Beacon Street,
Boston, Mass.

My dear Mr.Chandler:

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Fukien Board of Trustees on August 3rd we presented copies of the correspondence between President Lin and yourself dealing with the matter of asking the American Board to assume the support of Professor Lin Tien Lan, Dean of the College of Arts and Science, and Professor of History and Government, in lieu of Mr.Clarence A.Neff who was formerly one of the American Board representatives on the Fukien staff. The action taken by the Executive Committee was as follows:

> "E-797 VOTED that the Committee earnestly requests the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions to assume the support of Professor Lin Tien Lan as a member of the Fukien Christian University staff in lieu of Mr.Clarence A.Neff, who has not been returned by the American Board to his work in the University."

We most earnestly hope that it will be possible for the American Board to approve this request which comes with the hearty endorsement of both the field authorities and the Board of Trustees of the University. Fukien has been carrying on this year in a remarkably fine manner but if it is to continue its work without serious loss it will be necessary for all the cooperating Boards to continue their support undiminished and to increase their support wherever possible. Perhaps there is no more urgent need at the University than that of securing adequate support for the well trained members of the Chinese staff of the University who are now required to assume positions of large and increasing importance.

Very sincerely yours,
B.A. Garside

BAG-H

CC: Dr.E.G.Warner

ROCKWELL HARMON POTTER, D.D., PRESIDENT

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Foreign Department

September 25, 1928

FUKIEN

TRANSFER

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

My dear Mr. Garside:

I take pleasure in reporting to you that the Prudential Committee at its meeting held this afternoon, accepted the resignation of Mr. Henry I. Harriman as its representative on the Board of Trustees of Fukien Christian University and appointed:

Mr. Arthur J. Crockett
58 Kenneth Street
West Roxbury, Mass.

as his successor. Mr. Crockett is a leading member of the West Roxbury Congregational Church which is one of the Churches supporting Mr. and Mrs. Scott of the Fukien faculty. Mr. Crockett is a prominent layman in our Congregational fellowship in this region; has recently been President of the Congregational Club of this city; has been Treasurer of the Congregational Educational Society and of the Congregational Publishing Society. He has, therefore, gained knowledge and experience in our denominational missionary affairs and being a personal friend of Professor Scott's and a leader in the church which counts the Scotts as its missionaries, seems particularly well qualified for the post. It was a great pleasure to the Prudential Committee to get his consent to serve in this capacity.

I have written him, notifying him of his appointment and saying that I will report the same to you, asking you to send him notices of meetings and such informing material as may be of help to him.

While I am writing may I acknowledge your note regarding the letter from Foochow to Mr. Chandler containing the information as to what is required for the salary of the Dean. Mr. Chandler has already brought to me the letter, having learned of my talk with you, so that I knew he had the information at hand. I thought, however, you might have already sent the cable and that it was too late to stop it. The question of the Board's ability to carry part or whole of the Dean's salary will be considered very soon now in connection with estimates and appropriations for 1929.

I am as always,

Very cordially yours,

William E. Strong.

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AMERICAN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS

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Foreign Department

November 22, 1928

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

Dear Mr. Garside:

Replying to your letter of November 19, there is no specific vote of declination which I can quote you in regard to the support of Professor T. L. Lin in Fukien Christian University. This position was one in a considerable list of Chinese workers whose support was requested in Foochow. The list came from the Mid-Fukien Divisional Council of the Church of Christ in China. They did not fail to emphasize the importance of supporting the University in this way. The matter was considered here in our committees and reconsidered. We were able to grant two or three items. We simply were not able to include this one.

I wrote to President Lin in full about this matter some two weeks ago. It was a very sincere regret that I expressed to him.

Very sincerely yours,

Robert E. Chandler

Robert E. Chandler

REC:B

TRANSFER

FUKIEN

Ans pd

December 12, 1928

Dr. J. L. Barton,
14 Beacon Street,
Boston, Mass.

My dear Dr.Barton:

You are already quite familiar with the actions taken by our various University Boards of Trustees in regard to the proposals for the coordination of Christian Higher education in China. In order, however, to bring this matter formally before the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions we quote below the actions of the three University Boards in which the American Board cooperates. We request that you take whatever steps you feel will bring this program before the American Board in the way that will cause it to receive the most thoughtful and sympathetic attention.

Action of Fukien Trustees on Nov.8th

"T-903 VOTED that the Board of Trustees of Fukien Christian University records its hearty approval of the principle of the correlated program as submitted to it with the understanding, however, that the principle of the correlated program will be referred to the Mission Boards cooperating in the University for their approval, and that the Board of Managers be requested to advise the Board of Trustees as to the participation of Fukien Christian University in the correlated program and the details of such participation."

Action of Shantung Governors on Nov.21st

"NAS-109 VOTED that the North American Section expresses its hearty approval of the general principles underlying the program for the correlation of Christian higher education in China, and records also its warm approval of the general proposal that within this program Shantung Christian University shall continue and develop still further its purpose of emphasizing the training of leaders in the fields of teaching, evangelism, medicine, nursing, and other social and religious service in the towns and smaller cities and the rural districts of China;
that the Section requests the Field Board of Managers to make recommendations as to the place of the University in the Correlated Program and the details of its participation

therein; and
that the Section refers the Correlated Program to the various mission boards cooperating in the University for their information and for their recommendations."

Action of Yenching Trustees on Nov.16th

"T-2382 VOTED that the Board of Trustees of Yenching University record their approval in principle of the general plan for the correlation of Christian higher education in China and
that the Secretary ascertain from the Board of Managers their reactions to the plan and to the details as they affect Yenching University."

You have already received copies of the illustrated booklet printed by the Committee for Christian Colleges in China and also the pamphlet giving the details of the Correlated Program as prepared by the Council of Higher Education in Shanghai last July. If you need any additional copies of either or both of these booklets for distribution among members of the American Board preparatory to their discussion of this matter, our office will be glad to supply you. We have a rather large supply of the illustrated booklet and a much smaller quantity of the Correlated Program.

As you know, Dr. Wallace will be in America during the month of January. If it is convenient for the American Board to discuss the Program while he is here I know he will be happy to meet with you.

Very sincerely yours,

B.H. Garside

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FUKIEN

Foreign Department

December 26, 1928

TRANSFER

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

My dear Mr. Garside:

Dr. Barton has shown me a statement which has come to him from the Hall Estate Trustees regarding their distribution of the funds pertaining to the educational trust which was committed to their hands. The list of this apportionment as given looks good, at least from the China standpoint. Yenching University gets the lion's share to be sure, but a part of its amount will be held in trust for other universities. It appeared that Fukien University is to have $50,000 outright toward its endowment, with $200,000 put into the hands of the Harvard-Yenching Institute, the interest of which is to be paid to Fukien as long as it continues to function. It appears the Institute has no option in the matter and is compelled to pay over this income to the University without question so long as the University continues its work. Thus it would seem that an income of $12,000 or more should be available from now on for the University. This is certainly a timely shower, and abundant enough we will hope to prevent famine. It will not put the University beyond the need of other funds, but it may save its life and bring fresh courage to President Lin. I certainly hope so for he deserves encouragement and support.

I presume either you or Mr. Thorne has received a copy of the same document which came to Dr. Barton and that the $50,000 will be paid over to Mr. Thorne or whoever is the Trustee designated for the purpose, this week. I rejoice with you and with my fellow trustees over the good news.

With hearty good wishes both personal and official for the New Year, I am,

Very cordially yours,

regret he can't attend meeting

W E Strong

William E. Strong.

WES:DSW

FUKIEN

TRANSFER

Fukien Christian University

January 4, 1929

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

My dear Dr.Strong:

We thank you for your good letter ofDecember 26th in which you tell of your gratification ~~of~~ the distribution which has been made by the Hall Estate Trustees to all of our Universities, and particularly to Fukien.

On December 28th Dr.Chamberlain and I received the $50,000. in securities and cash which were turned over to us as outright endowment. The meeting of the Fukien Board next week will take formal action regarding this part of the gift.

While the Harvard-Yenching Institute has not as yet officially announced to us the conditions under which they are holding $200,000. for Fukien Christian University as a part of the trust funds committed to them for a number of our Universities, yet we have learned in general what the conditions will probably be. I understand that, in addition to the requirement of the Trustees that this income shall be paid only so long as the various institutions are in actual operation, there is a further provision that the Harvard-Yenching Institute may make such conditions as they may from time to time desire. Thus, while it can hardly be said that "the Institute has no option and is compelled to pay over this income to the University without question so long as the University continues its work", yet, knowing the personnel of the Institute Board of Trustees, I think we can be quite sure that no unnecessarily burdensome restrictions will be imposed.

The income from this endowment should total a little better than $12,500.00 a year. Just what financial condition the University will be in after this year depends in large measure upon the question of whether the Rockefeller Foundation will continue for a while longer the appropriation they have been giving for the last five years. If this appropriation is continued, even on a reduced basis, Fukien should be able to get along fairly well until our coordinated program can begin to produce ~~any~~ large support for all our Universities. If, however, as now seems quite likely, the Rockefeller Foundation discontinues their contribution to Fukien after this year, the University is going to find itself still in a pretty serious financial condition.

These are matters that will come up at the Board meeting next week. We are extremely sorry that you will find it impossible to be with us.

Very cordially yours,

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Extract from letter to Dr. E. W. Wallace from Mr. R. E. Chandler, dated March 13, 1929.

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"I am glad to report to you that we secured yesterday a vote of the Prudential Committee in support of the correlated program in China, in terms similar to the vote taken by the Methodist Board. The re was no hesitation at all about this. I think the American Board will be strong for the general program all through. The vote taken was as follows:

> "That the American Board express general approval of the proposal to coordinate more closely the Christian Colleges in China; formal consideration of the particulars of the Correlated Program - especially as they relate to Yenching University, Cheeloo University, and Fukien Christian University, in which the Board is participating - to be given after they have been considered further by the College Boards in China and in the home lands. When the proper time has arrived for financing the forward movement for a Correlated Program for Christian Higher Education in China, the Board would favor a united financial appeal.

"Will you please report this to Mr. Garside or any one else of the Committee in New York who should know.

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ack. 5/10/29

May 9, 1929.

Dr. W. E. Strong,
American Board of Commissioners
for Foreign Missions,
14 Beacon Street,
Boston, Mass.

My dear Dr. Strong:

You will remember that the Fukien Board of Trustees on April 17, 1929 took the following action:

"VOTED that the Board of Trustees transmit to the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions the request of President Lin that Mr. Clarence A. Neff be returned to his former position at Fukien Christian University if the necessary arrangements can be made."

You have already seen a copy of President Lin's request regarding Mr. Neff and are entirely familiar with this situation so it is not necessary for me to rehearse the matter at any length. I know that the University will warmly welcome Mr. Neff's return and could use him to very good advantage if it is possible for the American Board to make the necessary arrangements for his return.

Very sincerely yours,

B A Garside

BAG:A

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May 17, 1929.

Dr. Wynn Fairfield
14 Beacon Street
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Fairfield:

Your cable - "Neff Declines" - reached me last Friday, May 10. I hope there will be a letter following. I would like, however, to write you now, and to request that you take on Prof. Novil Beeman of our Department of Chemistry for support in the place of Rev. Clarence A. Neff. I have sent you a cable this afternoon as follows:

> "For Neff can you substitute Beeman? Letter with full information follows. Union University."

Prof. Beeman was born in June, 1890, Temple, Texas. He had his B.A. degree from Oberlin College, 1915; M.A., 1919; and has finished his Ph.D. work in the University of Chicago, except for the examination of his thesis, which will be done when he goes on furlough next time. He has been Professor of Chemistry at this University since 1919, and has had in different times been acting dean of the College of Arts and Science. The American Board Mission in Foochow has taken him in as one of their unofficially affiliated members since he came to Foochow.

Prof. Beeman has a family of three - Mrs. Beeman, and two daughters, one seven and another two years old. Since Mr. Neff declined to come back, it will be a great help to us for the Board to take over the support of Prof. Beeman and his family at this University, beginning at any time between now and next fall. I hope the request will receive your favorable consideration, as we are in urgent need of an extra man for our staff. When Prof. Beeman's salary and allowances are released from our budget, we can use the money to engage an additional competent Chinese teacher. I am also sure that it will mean a good addition to your missionary forces in Foochow.

As to the financial adjustment, I would suggest that you take him on at your regular rate of payment in salary and allowances. His furlough will be due in June, 1930. Should the Board not in a position to pay all of his furlough travelling expenses that time, we

would be glad to pay a proportional share of the same. The following is our 1929-1930 budget for Prof. Beeman:

Salary	Mex.$2,800.00
Children (2)	400.00
Insurance	400.00
Medical	50.00
Travel	2,750.00
	Mex.$6,400.00

It would not be necessary for me to tell you what a fine family the Beemans are. They have the true Christian spirit in missionary service. Their home and their personal lives are influencing many a young student in character building. Outside people also receive their services in one form or another. The whole family is in good health.

I am asking our Board of Trustees in New York to make an official request to your Board in Boston. I am also writing to the Executive Committee of the Mid-Fukien Council of the Church of Christ in China, Foochow, asking them to make such a request for us.

Thanking you in anticipation,

Very sincerely yours,

C. J. Lin

C. J. LIN, President.

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cc. Mr. B.A.Garside

ROCKWELL HARMON POTTER, D. D., PRESIDENT

FREDERICK A. GASKINS, TREASURER

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June 20, 1929.

Mr. C. A. Evans, Asst. Treas.,
Fukien Christian University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Evans:-

Your letter of June 17th asking for information concerning our insurance policy in China has been received. It has been our policy to insure in our own fund the buildings for our mission work in China. We have used a rate of $25. per thousand and over a period of years have accumulated a considerable reserve. The last few years we have had several losses at Foochow, for which, however, our reserve has been fully ample.

We have been considering, however, the question as to whether in the case of large institutions or large groups of buildings we had better not place the insurance with commercial companies and so save ourselves the possibility of a heavy drain on the reserve, in case there should be a fire loss in one of these risks.

My own personal feeling would be that the best plan for Fukien Christian University is to insure with a commercial company, and from information which we have gained in the past, I should think that you might find those who would do it at a rate between $25. and $50. per $1000. I know that I would hesitate very much to recommend our Board initiating a plan for insuring its own buildings in China without the benefit of any reserve accumulated during previous years.

I trust that this information may be of some help to you in the problem which you are facing.

Very truly yours,

Harold B Belcher

Asst. Treasurer.

HBB/L

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August 26, 1929.

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See to McClure 8/30/29

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

Dear Mr. Garside:

I have just received a letter from Mr. R.W. McClure of Foochow, formerly a missionary in our Shaowu Mission, but now acting treasurer of the Foochow Mission, and I have had copied from the letter two paragraphs which bear upon the Fukien Christian University accounts and the handling of exchange on remittances to it from the Board of Trustees in this country.

I think it would be better for you to take up with him, if you see fit to do so, discussion about the question which he raises and which I am therefore passing on to you. Mr. Belcher informs me that the exchange at present with China is somewhere about 2.30 and has been a little higher than that, perhaps 2.40. This I presume you know already and you may have made such adjustments as you felt were necessary and right. Apparently there is no unwillingness at that end of the line to accept the rate of 2.10, but I assume the Trustees will wish to take advantage of whatever favorable exchange may permit in remittances to the field.

I may add what I am sure you will be glad to hear, that Mr. McClure speaks of his close association of late with President Lin and of the impression which the fine spirit and administrative ability of the President has made upon him. "I admire the man very much," is the way he sums it up.

I do not know whether you are still in New York or whether you have gone off for vacation which I am sure you deserve and need at some time. I hope you may get it without too long delay. Believe me,

Very cordially yours,

W E Strong

William E. Strong.

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EXTRACT FROM A LETTER TO DR. STRONG FROM ROBERT W. MCCLURE.

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Fukien Christian University
Foochow, China.
July 24, 1929.

.....Besides being treasurer of our two missions, Foochow College, Miss Hartwell's project, The Foochow Christian Womens Industrial Institute, I have lately acquired access to the checking accounts of the F.C. University. In this latter capacity I am now writing to you. We note in the appropriation for 1929 - 1930 that the trustees are reckoning at the rate of $2.10 to $1. I have puzzled over this item not a little and wonder just what the intention is. If the intention was to simply find a gold figure that would approximate your expected income for the year and at the same time match the Mex figure that you wished to meet I wonder why you - the trustees - did not use the gold figure representing your expected income and then add in another figure which you could reasonably expect to save by exchange; these two figures then would be sufficient to make up the desired Mex figured at .50.

On the other hand did the trustees mean that they would expect us to give them credit for the gold they send out at $2.10 and anything above that saved by favorable exchange to stand to our credit in Mex? It will add very much to the burdan of our bookkeeping if we must run all our accounts at $2.10 instead of at .50. Of course it is the hope of the administration here that your intention is that we should account to you for $2.10 Mex for each dollar Gold you send out and that the balance gained by exchange stand to our credit out here.....

(Signed) R. W. McClure.

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THE AMERICAN BOARD
BOSTON

April 18th 1930

Dear Mr. Garside:

As I told you on our chance encounter I have an engagement to be away from the office work on the first week of May. I cannot therefore promise much availability on the dates you offer.

I have indicated on the card what is open both as to day and time when I could arrive. I hope you will not make special effort to accommodate the meeting to my particular convenience, though I should like to be present.

As I told you I am retiring from my post here on August 1st and am anticipating a substitution in this Board's representation on the Board of Trustees.

Very cordially C E Strong

Fukien Christian University

May 15, 1930

Dr. W. E. Strong,
American Board of Commissioners
for Foreign Missions,
Boston, Mass.

My dear Dr.Strong:

We were very sorry that you did not find it possible to be present at the meeting of the Fukien Trustees on May 1. We have already mailed you a copy of the minutes of that meeting.

You will note on page two of the minutes a summary of the report I made as to the proposal made by the University that the American Board add Professor Beeman to its quota to the University. Have I correctly represented the facts? I believe we have not had any direct statement from the American Board as to the action you may have taken on the University's request, though I have a general impression, gathered, I believe, from a conversation I had with Dr.Fairfield that the American Board was not able to take favorable action on this proposal. The University is still urgently in need of the assistance of the cooperating boards along the line of this proposal, so if there is any hope, either now or a little later, that the American Board might assume Professor Beeman's support, I trust you will continue to keep the proposal in mind.

Very cordially yours,

B A Garside

BAG-H

Foreign Department

May 14, 1930

Mr. B. A. Garside, Secretary
Board of Trustees of Fukien
Christian University
150 Fifth Avenue, New York City

Dear Mr. Garside:

I have your letter of May 13th this morning in which you call attention to one of the items in the minutes of the recent meeting of the Trustees. I have noted that item and meant to speak of it to Dr. Fairfield. He, however, is at present laid up at home with a heavy case of hay fever which makes it hard for him to breathe and still more difficult to talk. I am therefore venturing to make reply to your inquiry so far as I can. I am sorry if you have not had any direct word from the American Board as to the University's request although I had the impression that Dr. Fairfield had written you in the light of the talk you had had together about the matter.

The simple fact of the case is that the Board has not felt it could take on the support of another member of the staff, having two members of it already on its list, Mr. Scott and Mr. Beach. I feel sure that the Board would be very glad to add Mr. Beeman if it were not for the financial problem of his support. There has been a question, as you probably know, as to whether Professor Scott would be able to go back after furlough which is now coming. There was a similar question when he came home on his first furlough which was happily solved by his return being made possible. We are hoping it will so work out this time with the understanding that all connected with the University would desire his return and would count it a heavy loss to have him withdraw. If, however, he should not be able to return we are having it in mind that the Beemans might very happily be taken over as representatives of the American Board. This probably will not relieve the University very much if it is necessary for some one else to be secured to take Professor Scott's place and be provided for otherwise than by the American Board. In the Board's present financial situation, I feel it cannot consider favorably the assuming of the support of three members on the faculty. This is in short the understanding that I have had of the situation

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as Dr. Fairfield and I have talked it over. I wish I might send you a more favorable reply.

Very cordially yours,

William E. Strong.

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Fukien Christian University

May 17, 1950

Dr. Wm. E. Strong,
14 Beacon St.
Boston, Mass.

My dear Dr.Strong:

Thank you for your letter of May 14 relative to the proposed appointment of Professor Beeman as a representative of the American Board. This letter confirms the understanding I already had of the matter. It is quite possible that after my conversation with Dr.Fairfield he wrote a statement of the Board's attitude toward Mr.Beeman which he sent either to the field or to our New York office, but which I did not have at hand when I reported on the matter at the Fukien meeting on May 1.

We sincerely appreciate the sympathetic interest of the Board, even though we profoundly regret the Board's financial condition makes it impossible to add Professor Beeman to your present quota at the University. The financial problem at Fukien has been so acute for a number of years that many of our friends there are becoming quite discouraged. I have heard informally that President Lin has shown a great deal of discouragement during recent months even though he has continued to carry on his difficult task in a wonderfully patient and courageous spirit. It is easy to see how President Lin feels that he is forced to carry the whole burden alone without much sympathetic assistance from the Fukien Board of Trustees, or from the cooperating Mission Boards. We must in some way take such concrete actions as will convince him both of our interest and of our willingness and ability to assist. It would be a real tragedy if we should allow President Lin to become discouraged and to give up the leadership of the University.

We certainly hope that there will be no obstacle to the return of Professor Scott after his approaching furlough. The loss of Professor Scott would be another very serious blow to the institution.

Very sincerely yours,

BAG-H

B A Garside

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Foreign Department

June 18, 1930

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Mr. B. A. Garside,
Secretary of Fukien University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, New York.

Dear Mr. Garside:

Thank you for the report of the meeting of the special committee on University staff which you were good enough to send me a few days ago. I was interested to see the direction which the discussions took at this meeting and the revision of status that was proposed. As I have written you before, I am sure the American Board would be happy to have the Beemans on their list of A.B. missionaries as representatives of Fukien if it were possible to accomplish without increasing the Board appropriations at present. We note this possible complication in the matter if the Beemans were so to be appointed missionaries of the Board and their support to be provided from the University funds and then later the University did not find it possible to maintain that support and so decided they could not keep them longer on the staff. This Board would then be put in the position of being responsible for them as its missionaries and under obligation to place them somewhere else or to find some other opening for them. It seems a little cold and calculating perhaps to raise this question which presents a possible difficulty that is not so unlikely to befall and which would present a complication which the present financial condition would feel it must guard against.

I note that the proposal which the special committee makes has not been acted upon and so there is nothing definite calling for action by this Board at present. I thought it right, however, to call your attention to the possible difficulty which we foresee, that it may be considered when the matter does come up before the Board for action.

Believe me,

Very cordially yours,

W E Strong

William E. Strong

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Fukien Christian University

June 25, 1930

Dr. William E.Strong,
14 Beacon Street,
Boston, Mass.

My dear Dr.Strong:

Just before leaving for Europe Mr.Garside turned over to me some of his correspondence. I find in your letter of June 18 you have raised the question that if the Beemans were appointed missionaries of the Board and their support from the University for some reason or other would later on cease, your Board would then be put in the embarrassing position of being responsible for them.

Our understanding of the situation is that the University would make full reimbursement to the Board. In case there was a discontinuance of the relationship between the teacher and the University, six months salary would be allowed and paid to the Board. The teacher would have a very definite understanding of the relationship between the Board and the University and himself, and the Board would feel perfectly free to either continue the missionary, if it was felt he could be continued in some other field, or to terminate the relationship because of the agreement with the University.

As far as the relationship between the Board and the individual is concerned, it appears to us to be quite clear cut. No additional responsibility need to be accepted by the cooperating Board beyond the agreement with the University, unless they feel that the individual would be a valuable acquisition as a permanent appointee to be used in some other capacity on another field.

We are very glad indeed that you have raised this question and do not consider it at all out of the way to present it at this time. As a matter of fact, any question of this nature should be clearly defined before entering into the agreement so as to avoid misunderstandings later on.

Very truly yours,

C. A. Evans

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Foreign Department

June 27, 1930

Mr. B. A. Garside
Secretary, Fukien Christian University
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Garside:

I am reporting to you this morning that at the last meeting of the Prudential Committee, June 24, the following vote was passed:

> "That Secretary Wynn C. Fairfield be appointed to the Board of Trustees of Fukien University, to fill the vacancy caused by the retirement of Secretary Strong."

This is one of the several votes taken at that time to provide for vacancies that should come through my retirement as a Secretary of the Board, which takes place on August 31. It really takes place on July 31, for I shall not be in the office in August as I have that month for vacation.

I think I have indicated to you before that I was approaching the time of retirement and that I should therefore not be expected to continue as one of the representatives of this Board on the Fukien Board of Trustees. Dr. Fairfield, as you know, is not only qualified by his experience in China but by his personal abilities to render good service.

As you may report this matter later at some meeting of the Board of Trustees, I wish you would give my greetings to that body and express to them the pleasure and profit I have had from association with them as a member of the Board and my sincere sense of personal loss in dropping out from such a congenial fellowship. My interest and good wishes for the University will not cease with the closing of my term of office.

Very cordially yours,

W E Strong

William E. Strong

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Shantung Christian University
Fukien Christian University

October 7, 1930

Dr. Wynn C. Fairfield,
14 Beacon Street,
Boston, Mass.

My dear Dr. Fairfield:

Let me acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 3.

We are extremely sorry that it will not be possible for you to attend our fukien meeting on November 18. But as I indicated in my note to you, this seems to be the most practicable date for the largest number of our Fukien Trustees. I long ago discovered the sad fact that one can never find a date between January 1 and December 31 when a board or a committee meeting can be called without conflicting with other meetings involving some of the members.

I am sure that any one of the three men you suggest as possible members of our Shantung Board of Governors would make an extremely valuable addition to the Board. I agree with you and Mr. Franklin Warner that Mr. Frank Barrows appears to be the best prospect, because of the fact that he and his immediate family are not already directly interested in some one of the other Christian colleges in China. In case, however, it is found impossible to secure Mr. Barrows, I believe that either Dr. Lucien H. Warner or Mr. Albert Warner would make fine members of our Cheeloo Board without detracting from their own interest or the interest of their families in Yenching and in Fukien.

At the present time we are all very much interested in bringing the various China colleges into a closer relationship, and with a more thoroughly unified program of work on the field and of financial solicitation here at home. This movement can be greatly aided by having men who are members of the governing boards of more than one institution. At the present time quite a number of the Board secretaries belong to the boards of two or three colleges; but practically all of our lay members are interested in only one institution. As a result most of the urge for greater unity of effort has come from the Mission Boards rather than from the laymen.

As yet we have had no word from President C. J. Lin or the Fukien Board of Managers in response to the suggestion that the cooperating Mission Boards adopt the Western members of staff now supported directly by the University. As I believe I have already told you,

Mr.Lin wrote some time ago acknowledging receipt of our correspondence and explaining this

Dr.Fairfield-2 10-7-30

Mr.Lin wrote some time ago acknowledging receipt of our correspondence explaining this proposal, and stating that within a short time he would write to us more fully.

Neither have we had any direct word from Mr.and Mrs.Norvil Beeman concerning this suggestion. I wrote them a number of months ago asking both for their opinion and also for further details as to their personal history and their denominational affiliations, explaining that the fullest possible explanation would be necessary in presenting their name to any of the cooperating Mission Boards. I hope that when Mr.Beeman writes he will give the information we need to answer the question you ask as to whether he is a member of the Christian Church as distinct from the Disciples Church.

As soon as we have more detailed information from Fukien I will correspond with you further.

Very cordially yours,

BAC-H

B A Garside

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December 5, 1930

Mr. B. A. Garside, Secretary
Fukien Union University
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Mr. Garside:

I should have reported to you last week that Mr. Edwin G. Warner has been re-elected by the American Board as Trustee of Fukien University, his term to expire in 1933. Needless to say, we are very happy in the thought that the Board can be represented by a man of his capacity and character.

Very truly yours,

Enoch F. Bell

Enoch F. Bell, Clerk
Prudential Committee

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December 15, 1930.

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

Dear Mr. Garside:-

Your letter of December 13th is received and I am sorry to find that we have overlooked the payments to Yenching and Fukien for this current year to date. The American Board appropriations for these for 1930-1931 are as follows -

Yenching University	$ 2,500.
Support of Dr. T. T. Lew	1,800.
Fukien University	5,000.
	$ 9,300.

We have now made note to pay these grants quarterly, as in other years, on the first of September, November, February and May. Since the September and November payments are past due, I am enclosing herewith checks as follows -

To Trustees of Yenching University $2150.
(of which $900. for 1st two quarters for Dr. Lew; and $1250. for 1st two quarters for Yenching.)

To Trustees of Fukien University 2500.
(for 1st two quarters)

I trust this matter is all clear now and that the future payments will be made without any delay.

Very cordially yours,

Harold B Belcher

Asst. Treasurer.

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$ 2,150.- check encl. (Yenching)
$ 2,500.- " " (Fukien)

$2,500 - deposited 12/16/30 - Fukien
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December 16, 1930

Mr. Harold B.Belcher,
American Board of Commissioners for
Foreign Missions,
Boston, Mass.

My dear Mr.Belcher:

Let me acknowledge with thanks receipt of your letter of December 15 with which you enclose a check for $2,500 covering the first two quarters of the American Board's appropriation to Fukien Christian University on the basis of $5,000 for the entire year.

Let me assure you of the profound appreciation ofFukien Christian University for the generosity of the American Board in increasing this year its appropriation to the work of the University from $4,500 to $5,000. The University has been passing through a period of extreme financial difficulties; and it has been due largely to the courage and the sacrificial spirit of President C.J.Lin and his colleagues on the University staff that the institution has remained open and has continued to make substantial progress.

I know from personal conversations I have had with members of the Fukien staff that on some occasions President Lin has felt profoundly discouraged and has considered that the cooperating Mission Boards here in the home land have been lacking in interest in and support of the work of the University. On several occasions he has stated that he contemplated resigning from the presidency in the hope that the University might obtain someone who could more effectively enlist the support of the Mission Boards here in the West. Nothing could more surely encourage this splendid young Chinese Christian educational leader, and assure his continuation in the presidency of the University, than such a material evidence as this that the cooperating Mission Boards are profoundly interested in the work at Fukien and are desirous of supporting it to the limit of their own ability.

Very sincerely yours,

B.A. Garside

BAG-H

Fukien
Dep. 12/16/30 - 2,500.00

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December 29, 1930

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

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Dear Mr. Garside:

In a recent letter, I spoke of the funds which Mr. McClure is raising for the residence at the University, and on consultation with Mr. McClure this morning, it seems best to remit the amount which we now have on hand. I find that there has already been sent to the field treasurer of the Board $1500 which came in earlier this year. I am enclosing check to your order on the Old Colony Trust Company of Boston for five hundred dollars ($500) which has just come in.

I assume that Mr. McCann will see that proper report is made to you of the $1500 which was sent out there. In the meantime, I will note that any further amounts should be sent directly to you and should not be reported to the Mission Treasurer.

Yours very cordially,

Harold B. Belcher

Assistant Treasurer

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$500.- check incl.
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