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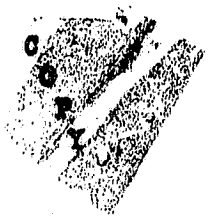

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AMERICAN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS

14 Beacon Street Boston, Mass.

FOREIGN DEPARTMENT

INDEXED

February 23, 1934

Mr. B. A. Garside
Associated Boards for
Christian Colleges
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Garside:

I am planning to stay through Thursday afternoon of next week in order to get in the meetings of the Executive Committee of the A.B.C.C.C., of the Cheeloo Board of Governors and of the Yenching Board of Trustees. For all of these, I notice that a docket is to be mailed in advance of the meeting. May I ask that those dockets be sent to me at the Prince George Hotel where I expect to register on Monday morning and to remain through the meetings.

Your recent letter has called my attention to a delay in reporting recent action of the Prudential Committee. The Prudential Committee on February 13 voted:

> "That from the income of the Higher Educational Work Endowment Fund, the sum of $25 be appropriated toward the creation of a revolving promotional fund for the work of the Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China; and that a further sum of $25 be appropriated from the income of the Higher Educational Work Endowment Fund to the Trustees of Fukien Christian University for promotional Work in behalf of the University in 1933-34, with the clear understanding that the American Board will hereafter have to consider that its obligations for promotional work are met by its regular appropriations to the University budget."

This answers your question concerning the revolving promotional fund and also gives information concerning the

appropriation to Fukien Christian University for this year. While it seems possible to make a small grant on current promotional expense, as a permanent policy it seemed that it would be wiser to make what grants we can in a lump sum and leave it to the Trustees to decide how the fund should best be used.

That leaves me to say that warning should be given that presenttentative plans for reduction of our budget call for the reduction of the American Board's appropriations to Yenching University and Fukien Christian University for the year beginning September 1, 1934, by $500 U.S. currency each. This program has not finally been adopted, but is likely to be. There is also the possibility that the Board may further reduce its quota on the staff of Yenching College, though no decision on that matter will be reached until after further correspondence with the North China Council.

I have also to answer your letter of November 25 concerning our appropriation toward the salary of Mr. and Mrs. Riggs at Nanking University. You forwarded to me a letter from the treasurer of Nanking University in which she proposed that the American Board be approached to make the same provision for Mr. and Mrs. Riggs that the Baptist Board now grants. If you will refer to the correspondence exchanged in connection with the return to China of Mr. and Mrs. Riggs, you will discover that the American Board agreed to contribute toward their salary $500 a year for a period of six years in lieu of applying that same amount toward a year's expenses in this country with a view to their withdrawing from the service of the Board at the end of the year. It was distinely agreed that the balance of expense involved should be borne by the University, which was to receive such contributions as Mr. Riggs and other friends might secure for this purpose. If a medical allowance and rent were to be included in the amount which the American Board paid out on the account of the Hiversity for Mr. and Mrs. Riggs, it would simply mean that the amount would still come back to the University.

I have also your letter of February 15 with the two questions, one concerning Miss Cookingham and the possiblity of a study grant from the American Board's educational fund. I have not yet been able to consult the committee on that fund, but am referring the matter to them.

The second matter concerns a change in the status of Dr. Clara Nutting who is now on the regular

budget of the Women's College. From the intimation of a possible further change in our quota given above, you will see that it is hardly a time to take up the matter of a restoration of her former, relation with the American Board. While the actual amount involved at the present time would be relatively slight, beyond the amount now given in place of a salary, the obligations with regard to the future which the American Board would assume are very considerable and it would be, I believe, unwise to press the matter at the present time. In saying this, it is without the slightest personal reference to Dr. Nutting, whom I have known and appreciated for years. I believe that there would be distinct moral advantage in having her connected with a missi n board again and I believe it not impossible that in two or three years more it might work out so that this change should be made. In the meantime, if the University should agree to designate that appropriation from the Board toward her salary, it might afford an intermediate stage in which the Board would think of her as standing in closer relation to it than the other members on the University budget.

At the present time the Board is providing in full the salaries of Miss Boynton and Miss Wood and in addition is providing $1271 U.S. currency in the place of two salaries. In considering the policy as to possible reduction of that aid, it has been assumed that the University would prefer the continuance of the cash appropriation in lieu of salaries which is at the disposal of the University rather than the reduction in that item and the continuance of both the women members of the staff. If you have clear judgment on this matter, we shall be very glad to receive it before May 8 and there is barely time for you to communicate with the University and get the judgment of the authorities on the spot before that date. I shall be seeing you on Wednesday, if not before.

Cordially yours,

(Signed) WYNN

Wynn C. Fairfield

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March 1, 1934

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

My dear Dr. Fairfield:

You will have noticed the actions of the January 19th meeting of the Fukien Executive Committee relative to the plans of President C.J. Lin and Mrs. Lin to come to America in the autumn of 1934 for a sabbatical year spent in study and promotional work on behalf of the University. This will provide the long desired opportunity for our Fukien trustees and friends to form a close personal friendship with President and Mrs. Lin. It will also provide an opportunity for President Lin to make a beginning in cultivating increased interest here in America in the work that Fukien Christian University is doing.

President and Mrs. Lin are planning their trip on the most economical basis possible. They are trying to reduce to the minimum financial assistance they will receive from the University and will be making heavy inroads on their limited supply of personal funds. We are now in touch with several schools in the vicinity of New York where President and Mrs. Lin could spend the year to good advantage, and hope that at some one of them we will be able to make arrangements that will give them the maximum advantages at a minimum of cost.

But with all these economies the supplemental fund of $500 which the Board of Trustees has undertaken to provide will be very much needed and greatly welcomed by President and Mrs. Lin. The Executive Committee feels that this sum should represent the personal contribution of the members of the Board of Trustees to President and Mrs. Lin, rather than an appropriation of University funds. Regular income is so radically reduced already that any special appropriation of this nature would be a heavy handicap added to the work of the University. Also, such a gift as the Trustees are proposing will do much to strengthen the personal friendship between the President and his Trustees.

Two of the Trustees present on January 19th agreed to give $100 each, and a third promised to give $50. This leaves only $250 to be provided by the remaining members of the Board. We are writing to each of you who were not present and are inviting you to participate in this undertaking to the extent that your other obligations will permit. Actual payment need not be made until some time after September 1, 1934.

Very cordially yours,

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CURRENT OPERATION

Table 11 shows the college income for the year from all sources to be $217,063.70 and the expenses $231,378.51, leaving a deficit of $14,314.81.

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The college wishes to express publicly its appreciation for gifts received during the school year, as follows:

American Board Mission towards Rural Service Extension	M$16,354.51
China Foundation towards Chemistry, Biology, Physics, Pottery Research, and Bacteriological Research	12,000.00
The United Committee for Christian Universities of China's gift for general £5.0.0	78.37
Mr. Neil H. Lewis gift for Pre-medical Scholarship Endowment	1,022.33
Miss Maude Norling's gift for Scholarship Endowment for Women Students	50.00
Rev. R. W. McClure gift for Swimming Pool	100.00
Pres. C. J. Lin " " " "	10.00
Prof. R. Scott " " " "	10.00
Miss Eva M. Asher " " " "	5.00
F. C. U. Students " " " "	94.73

Other gifts are listed under New Building Funds and Scholarship.

NEW BUILDING FUNDS

	Dr.	Cr.
By last year's Cr. Balance		$1,348.33
" Mr. and Mrs. Y. Lewis Mason		50.00
" Mr. Jen Shih Da		50.00
" Mr. Wu Hsi Chi		50.00
" Sale of Coupon of the Republic of France Gold Bonds G$22.50 @ 34¾		64.75
" Fukien Construction Bureau Refund		52.00
" Balance of Women Dormitory Furniture a/c		430.39
To Fence account	$ 304.84	
" Land Investment (Fish Pond)	1,175.98	
" Gas Plant	801.19	
" Hill-Warner House	223.04	
" Kuan Kuo Hall	16.96	
" Women's Dormitory	1,081.35	
" Land and Graves Purchased	3,125.95	
	$6,729.31	$2,045.47
By Budget		4,683.84
	$6,729.31	$6,729.31

BALANCE SHEET (Cont'd)

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Permanent Funds:		
Endowments	$727,604.96	$727,604.96
Plant and Current Funds:		
Invested in Plant.	$949,224.01	$949,224.01
Swimming Pool.	$ 710.53	
Physics Special.	1,200.00	
Furlough Fund Reserve.	46,355.28	
Plant Maintenance Reserve.	3,009.03	
Sabbatical Reserve Funds for Chinese Professors	7,112.84	
Chinese Library Fund	2,407.00	
Botany Fund.	2,000.00	
Scholarship Funds Special.	5,424.91	
Invested Funds General	10,147.23	
Staff Living Quarters.	5,056.44	
Amy Cheng Memorial Fund.	132.95	
Mrs. Ruth Ward Beach Memorial Fund .	627.51	
Alumni 15th Anniversary Fund	618.00	
Rural Service Extension Fund	15,151.15	
China Foundation	922.26	
1919 Class Loan Fund	50.00	
Sundry Creditors Accounts (Current Special).	2,214.74	
Surplus 1932-33	8,802.70	$111,942.57
TOTAL CAPITAL, LIABILITIES, AND SURPLUS		$1,788,771.54

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AMERICAN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS

INCORPORATED 1812

14 BEACON STREET · BOSTON, MASS.

Foreign Department

July 25, 1934.

Mr. C. J. Lin
C/o Miss Sara M. Bosworth
143 E. Washington Street
Pasadena, California

Dear Mr. Lin:

Welcome to the United States. It is good to know that you and Mrs. Lin are to be in the States this year and I am looking forward to seeing you here in Boston some time during your stay.

Ever since receiving the University calendar I have been meaning to write to you and thank you. I am delighted to have it and even after the calendar is of no more use I shall be glad to keep the pictures.

I hope that it is not too hot in California and that you will have a nice restful summer.

Dr. Fairfield is away on his vacation now and I expect to go in August.

Yours most sincerely,

Eleanor Wilson

Eleanor Wilson.

FW:dsk

August 20, 1934

318-A Mission Rd.
Glendale, Calif.

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

Dear Dr. Fairfield:

During your absence Miss Wilson wrote to us to welcome us. We appreciate very much her thoughtfulness. I understand that she will be on vacation at this time. Please convey our thanks to her when you write her.

We landed in Los Angeles on August 10, quite a few days later than we expected. We have been busily engaged in speaking appointments in the various Methodist churches in Southern California. We are now also getting in touch with some of the Congregational people. We hope that we may have some opportunity of meeting our Congregational friends while we are staying in Southern California. If you have any suggestions as to some of the people whom we should meet here kindly let us know in detail. I shall be glad to call on them either in person or to correspond with them directly so that we can make other arrangements for imparting the work of Fukien to them.

We do not know definitely when we can leave for the East. Mr. Garside wrote me that he is planning to hold a meeting of the Board of our trustees on September 28, in New York. My last appointment with the Methodist churches here is on the evening of September 16. Mrs. D. E. Allen is trying to see whether the District Woman's Foreign Missionary Conference can be held in time so as to have us take a part in the program. We are quite anxious to meet our friends in the Congregational church. If we have to leave here around the 20th of September we would have to go straight to New York. We hope that we may see you there.

Hui-ching and the two children are with me. They are enjoying themselves quite well in Southern California. We are now staying in a small cottage in Glendale. We feel that we are among friends.

With kindest regards, I am

Yours very sincerely,

C. J. Lin

President, Fukien Christian University

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AMERICAN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS

14 Beacon Street Boston, Mass.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

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Sept. 8, 1934

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

Dear Mr. Garside:-

I am enclosing checks as follows -

Trustees of Yenching University, for quarter Sept. 1, to Nov. 30, 1934		$745.50
Toward support T.T.Lew	370.50	
Toward general budget	375.00	
Trustees of Yenching University, for quarter Sept. 1, to Nov. 30, 1934 for Board contribution to Women's College, including former grant from General Work appropriation, 333.33 and unassigned salary in appropriation schedule 317.75.		$776.08
Shantung Christian University, for quarter Sept. 1, Nov. 30, 1934		$200.00
Trustees of Fukien University, for quarter Sept. 1, Nov. 30, 1934		$875.00

The amount voted for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1935 toward the regular budget of the University was reduced from $2000. to $1500., so my quarterly payments are $375. on that account instead of $500. as last year. I assume that Dr. Fairfield has corresponded with you concerning this. Similarly there has been a change in the amount of the grant for Fukien, from $4000. to $3500., making the quarterly payments $875. instead of $1000. If there is any question about these let me know and I will try and give any further information that may be necessary.

We are right in the middle of trying to close our fiscal year, and are wondering whether we come thru clean for this year, or with a little surplus to pare off of our accumulated deficit of $161,000., or with an additional deficit. I am hoping for the second, but will be satisfied with the first!

Very cordially yours,

(signed) HAROLD B. BELCHER
Treasurer

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AMERICAN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS

INCORPORATED 1812

14 BEACON STREET BOSTON, MASS.

Sept. 18, 1934

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

Dear Mr. Garside:

I do not know whether President Lin has written you regarding the contract which he has made with Dr. W. F. Pierce of Los Angeles, in regard to taking over the cost of the Women's Dormitory Building at Fukien, so I will try to cover the main points in this letter.

Dr. Pierce some years ago furnished us with a copy of his will, in which he had made provision of a gift to the Board for a building for a girls school, and in the provision of the will he stipulated quite specifically that the buildings should be a memorial for his wife and that the name be suitably displayed on the building.

Recently Dr. Pierce has been in touch with our Congregational representative in Los Angeles and indicated that he would like to make this gift during his life time. President Lin is in Los Angeles and in some way the contact was made and he suggested to Dr. Pierce that the building be given to F. C. U., being considered of course as a contribution from American Board sources. We were very glad to fall in with this plan and have exchanged a number of telegrams and air mail letters. As a result we have today received from our representative there a night letter as follows: "This morning Dr. Pierce dictated following. The Young Womens Dormitory at Fukien Christian University Foochow China having been completed is purchased by Dr. W. F. Pierce for the sum of twenty thousand and donated to the Fukien Christian University to use as a dormitory for young women only in memory of his wife Orlinda Childs Pierce. In consideration of the above the American Board agrees to place in raised letters following inscription on the front of the building. The Orlinda Childs Pierce Memorial. If Prudential Committee accepts above and returns properly signed to him he agrees to make payment promptly."

We also have received from President Lin the following telegram. "Pierces gift Fukien Womens Dormitory settled. Payment waiting American Boards formal acceptance. Appreciate prompt action."

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Mr. B. A. Garside #2

I have consulted with Dr. Fairfield and Dr. Ward, and as today is the meeting of the Prudential Committee, we have presented and the Committee has passed the following vote.

"To accept from Dr. W. F. Pierce of Los Angeles, California the sum of $20,000, the same to be given to the Trustees of Fukien Christian University as a contribution from American Board sources for building purposes after receiving from the Trustees their acceptance of the following conditions.

1. That this sum is accepted as a full paymentof the cost of the Women's Dormitory Building recently erected at said University.

2. That said building be used as a dormitory for young women only.

3. That the name "Orlinda Childs Pierce Memorial" be inscribed in raised letters on the front of said building."

This does not meet exactly Dr. Pierce's conditions, as the American Board does not by the vote themselves agree to place the name on the building. That is of course impossible under the circumstances. We did feel that the situation would be covered if our vote accepting the gift and agreeing to turn it over to the Trustees was conditioned on the Trustees agreeing to meet Dr. Pierces conditions.

I assume that President Lin has agreed on his part to the transaction and in talking with Dr. Fairfield I gather that there probably would not be any disposition of the Trustees to object. At the same time we would of course not be able to definitely turn the money over until the Trustees should have passed a vote accepting it on these conditions. I will advise you when the money is actually in hand and I will be glad if you will see that the matter comes up for action by the Trustees at their next meeting. On receipt of a copy of their vote accepting these conditions we could turn the money over to you.

I am glad that this arrangement has been carried thru, because I know it will be considerable help to the University to have the funds that were originally put into the Women's Dormitory made available for other building purposes. I might say frankly that there was no pressing building need among the women's institutions directly under the Board. Otherwise we might have asked Dr. Pierce to soncider such a possibility as well as the Fukien possibility. I am glad, however, that this was not the case and that it has been possible to plan for this gift to go directly to F. C. U.

Yours sincerely,

Harold B. Belcher

Treasurer

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September 20, 1934

Mr. Harold B. Belcher
American Board of Commissioners
14 Beacon Street
Boston, Massachusetts

My dear Mr. Belcher:

We have been very much pleased at the news we have been receiving of President Lin's activities in southern California, particularly his success in interesting Dr. W. F. Pierce in Fukien Christian University.

We are having a meeting of our Fukien Trustees on September 28th and I am sure that at that time they will be happy to take the action necessary to complete the acceptance of the conditions under which Dr. Pierce is giving this $20,000.

We appreciate most sincerely the friendly interest and cordial support shown by all the representatives of the American Board who have shared in these negotiations.

Very cordially yours,

B. A. Garside

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September 28, 1934

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

My dear Mr. Belcher,

At the meeting of our Fukien Board of Trustees held today we presented a report of Dr. W. F. Pierce's generous gift to cover the cost of the Women's Dormitory Building at Fukien Christian University.

The Board adopted the following resolutions- action being taken in due form, and with a quorum present and voting in the affirmative:-

"Voted, that the Board of Trustees of Fukien Christian University record its profound appreciation of the gift of $20,000 offered by Dr. W. F. Pierce through the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions to cover the cost of the Women's Dormitory Building at Fukien Christian University, and that the Trustees accept this gift as a contribution from American Board sources for building purposes on the following conditions:-

1. That this sum is accepted as a full payment of the cost of the Women's Dormitory Building recently erected at said University;

2. That said building be used as a dormitory for young women only;

3. That the the name 'Orlinda Childs Pierce Memorial' be inscribed in raised letters on the front of said building.

"Voted that the Board of Trustees express its hearty thanks not only to the donor but also to President C. J. Lin and to the representatives of the American Board who have given their cordial cooperation in arranging for the receipt of this gift."

I trust that the above resolutions will meet the requirements of the situation. I am enclosing an extra copy in case you wish to forward it to Dr. Pierce, though of course we also will be writing to thank him for this most generous and most timely gift.

Very sincerely yours,

AMERICAN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS

INCORPORATED 1812

14 BEACON STREET BOSTON, MASS.

Foreign Department

October 2, 1934

President C. J. Lin
85 Sherman Street
Hartford, Conn.

Dear Ching Jun:

I am sorry not to have got word off to you before this, but I have been trying to get light on the matter of your travel and am only today in a situation to report. I find that Dr. Goodsell is to be away Thursday and Friday, but will be glad to arrange for a chat with you some time on Saturday morning. Under these circumstances, I believe it will be best for you to plan to leave Hartford Friday morning. The Berkshire Coach Lines have busses which run to Boston in three hours. They leave the New England Transportation Company Terminal at 142 Asylum Street, Hartford, at 8 and 9:30 a.m. If you will decide which of these busses you will come on, I will try to meet it at the Boston Terminal on Tremont Street and we shall have lunch together. As I told you, I shall be engaged from 2 o'clock that afternoon, so it will give you an opportunity to visit your friends in Cambridge, but if you can plan to be back at the office by 5 o'clock, we will then go out together to Newtonville for the night at my home.

I hope that it will be possible for you to plan to spend Saturday morning through lunch time with us. I have not yet found a motor coach connection that will leave here after noon on Saturday and reach Northampton that afternoon at a convenient time. There is a train over the Boston & Albany which leaves Boston at 3:15 and reaches Springfield at 5:38, but there is no connecting train from Springfield to Northampton until 9 p.m., which you could just as well catch by leaving Boston at 6:30. On the Boston & Maine it would be possible to leave Boston at 4 o'clock and reach Greenfield at 6:21, but again there is no train from Greenfield to Northampton until 9:27. However, I think that Mr. Kellogg would be glad to meet

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President Lin --2

you at either Springfield or Greenfield, if you will tell him just when you expect to arrive.

Looking forward to seeing you Friday noon,

Cordially yours,

Wynn C. Fairfield

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ROCKWELL HARMON POTTER, D.D., PRESIDENT
FRED FIELD GOODSELL, D.D., EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT
HAROLD B. BELCHER, TREASURER

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FUKIEN

Oct. 8, 1934

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

Dear Mr. Garside:

It gives me a lot of pleasure and quite a bit of a thrill to enclose check to the order of Trustees of Fukien Christian University for $20,000. This is the gift of Dr. W. F. Pierce of Los Angeles for the Women's Dormitory at F. C. U., this gift being in accordance with the agreement covered by Prudential Committee vote of September 18 and vote of the Trustees of F. C. U. of September 28. I am certainly glad that President Lin was able to interest Dr. Pierce in this project. I know it will help considerable in the problem of plant financing. This should of course be credited in whatever way you do give credit to the American Board.

I had an opportunity for a few minutes talk with President Lin on Friday and hope to see more of him when he comes to the semi-annual meeting of the full Prudential Committee on the 29th and 30th of October.

Yours sincerely,

Harold B. Belcher

Treasurer

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$20,000.—

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W. F. Pierce Dormitory Fund

FUKIEN

October 11, 1934

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

My dear Mr. Belcher:

Let me acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 8th with its enclosed check for $20,000 covering the gift of Dr. W. F. Pierce of Los Angeles for the Women's Dormitory at F. C. U.

We enclose herewith a formal receipt for this amount made out in the name of the American Board. I am also writing a letter to Dr. Pierce expressing our profound appreciation for his generosity. I enclose a copy of that letter herewith.

Again thanking you, and the other executives of the American Board, for the friendliness and cooperation you have shown in connection with this gift, I am

Very cordially yours,

T. A. Gardner

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10/16/34

WYNN C FAIRFIELD
14 BEACON STREET
BOSTON MASSACHUSETTS

HUNAN TRUSTEES DESIRE CONFERENCE WITH REPRESENTATIVES FUKIEN TRUSTEES IN WASHINGTON EIGHT THIRTY MORNING OCTOBER NINETEENTH CONCERNING POSSIBILITY FULLER COOPERATION STOP PROBABLY QUITE IMPORTANT STOP CAN YOU ATTEND AS PRESIDENT FUKIEN TRUSTEES

GARSIDE

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4. Domestic messages and incoming cable messages will be delivered free within one-half mile of the company's office in towns of 5,000 population or less; and within one mile of such office in other cities or towns. Beyond these limits the company does not undertake to make delivery, but will, without liability, at the sender's request, as his agent and at his expense, endeavor to contract for him for such delivery at a reasonable price.

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6. The company will not be liable for damages or statutory penalties in any case where the claim is not presented in writing within sixty days after the message is filed with the company for transmission.

7. It is agreed that in any action by the company to recover the tolls for any message or messages the prompt and correct transmission and delivery thereof shall be presumed, subject to rebuttal by competent evidence.

8. Special terms governing the transmission of messages according to their classes, as enumerated below, shall apply to messages in each of such respective classes in addition to all the foregoing terms.

9. No employee of the company is authorized to vary the foregoing.

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October 17, 1934

FUKIEN

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

Dear Garside:

Your telegram did not give the place of meeting at 8:30 Friday morning. My train (the Federal Express) is due in Washington at 7:45 a.m. and unless I hear from you to the contrary, I shall expect you to get in touch with me at the gate and we can go together to the place of meeting, wherever it is. I take it that forty-five minutes will be sufficient. I will try to get my breakfast before getting off the train.

We have no further light on the budgetary situation as yet, but Belcher thinks it will be clearer by tomorrow morning instead of tomorrow afternoon. I shall plan to go to Washington unless it is clearly contra-indicated by the way the budget works out.

Cordially yours,

Wynn

Wynn C. Fairfield

It has been agreed that I can go to Washington. I shall not telegraph.
W.C.F.

WCF:b

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President C. J. Lin
85 Sherman Street
Hartford, Conn.

Dear Ching Jun:

I talked with Mrs. Shepherd this morning concerning entertainment and she will be very glad to have you and the children come on Saturday, the 27th and be here through Monday. We are sharing in the entertainment, but felt that it would be easier to plan for the children if Mrs. Shepherd and her children could be in the picture. She said that she would write and invite you.

We shall be taking up the question of the request which you made to Dr. Goodsell on behalf of the Board of Trustees. He has not talked the matter over with me, but I shall take it up with him so that we will have a clear understanding as to who is responsible for following it through.

Looking forward to seeing you, possibly, in Washington on Friday and at any rate in Boston on October 29,

Sincerely yours,

Wynn

Wynn C. Fairfield

WCF:b

October 26, 1934

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

Dear Doctor Fairfield:

Mrs. Lin just forwarded your letter to me of October 17th, the substance of which you already told me while we were in Washington, D. C., together. Apparently Mrs. Lin has not heard from Mrs. Shepherd direct. Pending further word that may come from Mrs. Shepherd, we shall plan to leave Hartford for Boston tomorrow, Saturday morning, October 27th, on the 9:15 train, and arriving at the South Station, Boston, at 12:15. If we do not see any person meeting us, we shall work our way to Auburndale direct. Of course, I may try to telephone you, or your office, after my arrival in Boston asking for further details about our trip. In case I do not get any information from you or your office, we will go to Mrs. Shepherd's place at Auburndale direct.

Looking forward to a good visit with you,

Yours very sincerely,

C. J. Lin

CJL:HV

FUKIEN

October 31, 1934

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

My dear Dr. Fairfield:

Mrs. McConnell tells me that the Hwa Nan Trustees appointed as their representatives on the joint Committee to consider cooperation between F.C.U. and Hwa Nan, the following:- Mrs. Nicholson, Mrs. Peel and Mrs. Diefendorf.

Have you, as yet, exercised your authority as President of the Fukien Board to appoint our three representatives? I know that the Trustees will support any nominations you make, though if you wish to have the formal approval of the Board so as to give the Committee a more regular status, we might send a letter to our Fukien Trustees asking their ratification by circular vote.

We ought to get a meeting of this Committee at the earliest possible date. Since C. J. will be starting out on our China Colleges Conferences in another twelve days, it may be impossible to have a meeting where he could be present until a little later on. Mrs. McConnell suggested that we might get the Committee together early in January, in connection with the Foreign Missions Conference. I would regret postponing the matter so long particularly since we hope you will be off to China before the end of the year. What would you recommend?

Very cordially yours,

B A Garside

BAG:MP

November 7, 1934
(Dictated November 5)

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

Dear Doctor Fairfield:

I wish to thank you again for your arrangement for my last visit to Boston and the fine reception dinner last Monday night. I was greatly delighted to have the opportunity to attend the session of the Prudential Committee and the meeting of the Sub-Committee on China. Hui-Ching and I also appreciate the visit of Mrs. Fairfield and yourself to Mrs. Shepherd's home before we left Boston. You have done so much kindness that we hardly know how we can repay you. It is our hope that you may not leave China next year before we get home so that we may entertain you in our home on our University campus.

I had a good visit with Miss Amy Welcher last Wednesday evening, October 31st, upon her request. She asked me about the organization of our Board of Trustees and its functions. She is yet to decide whether or not she will accept our election. When it is convenient I hope you will write her a letter urging her to cooperate with us in our work for Christian higher education in Fukien. She showed very keen interest in the work we are doing. I was not able to discover what are the things that hinder her from accepting. Probably one of the reasons is that she has already undertaken so many activities of the Church, but I told her that our work is quite challenging, and that she would probably like to have a part in that important work of training Christianleaders for China.

I hope that Dr. Ward has saved the list of persons who came to the dinner reception on the evening of October 29th. If he has not a complete list we would like to have as many as he has there. We want to send to those persons who were interested enough to attend the meeting some of our literature.

The cold of our children got worse after our return to Hartford. The girl had a high fever with a temperature of 103, so Mrs. Lin had to stay home while I went to visit Prof. and Mrs. Hill at Vassar College the next day alone, although we promised to have our whole family go there by their car. I had a very delightful time with the Hills and at Vassar College. I left Poughkeepsie on Saturday morning and went to Meadville, Pa., to speak to the students at Allegheny College, from where I returned to New York this morning. I am hoping that Hui-Ching and the children will be able to accept the invitation of Dr. and Mrs. Warner, of our Board of Trustees to spend a few days with them this week. I have not yet heard from Hui-Ching as to whether

I am sending you a copy of a statement which I made before the ladies at Washington, D. C. Mrs. MacMillan and Mr. Garside suggested that we mimeograph this for the confidential use of those people concerned with this problem. We have not yet sent it to anybody else. I would like to get your suggestions as to whater or not we should send this to the more responsible leaders of the W.F.M.S., the Foreign Missions Boards, and the members of our Board of Trustees. Would you also think it advisable for us to send enough copies to China to be distributed among our Board of Managers, as well as our faculty members in both Fukien and Hwa Nan? I am sure both Mrs. Macmillan and Mr. Garside will be glad to have your opinion about the use of this statement.

I hope that I may have a chance to see you again before you leave for China.

Yours very sincerely,

C. J. Lin

CJL:HV
Enc.

November 9, 1934

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

Dear Doctor Fairfield:

Herewith I am sending you a copy of my statement with regard to the problem of cooperation between Hwa Nan College and Fukien Christian University in Foochow, made before an informal joint committee at Washington, D. C., on October 19th. In view of the coming joint meeting of the representatives of the Board of Trustees of Hwa Nan and Fukien, you may like to have a copy of this statement for your reference. We are sending this statement only to those who participated in the discussion at Washington, and to those who will be in the coming joint meeting.

Yours very sincerely,

C. J. Lin

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December 18, 1934

President C. J. Lin
Fukien Christian University
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear C. J.:

Where do you get this "uncle" business? Do you think that I belong to the generation of your ancestors! I had been thinking of myself as young enough for fellowship with you without being placed in a special class of uncles.

I am glad that you are in touch with Dr. Stevens of the Rockefeller Foundation. It would seem that Mr. Hummel was not fully conversant with what had happened in your previous interview with Dr. Stevens. I am sorry that nothing developed from the Harvard-Yenching Institute Trustees meeting on November 12. I sh uld be glad to have a copy of your statement to Dean Chase for reference, as well as a copy of the statement which you are presenting to Mr. Gunn. You will realize from the enclosed itinerary that I am leaving Boston on December 22 and so that the copies would need to reach me by the morning of December 21 or else be forwarded to me at the steamer.

I am very sorry that the delay in getting together a conference of the Joint Committee of the Hunan-Fukien Christian University Board representatives makes it impossible for either Cartwright or myself to attend. Under the circumstances, I think that it will be best to ask Dr. Edwards to substitute for Mr. Cartwright and Dr. Warner or Miss Welcher to substitute for me on the Joint Committee, so that you can have your meetings here and then send word out to us on the field before we reach Foochow. I shall not reach there before March at the earliest and Cartwright will not be getting there until about the middle of May.

I was sorry that there were no particular friends on whom I thought I should ask you to call in Washington.

DEC 18
1934

President Lin --2

Washington is a rather weak city Congregationally and there are very few people in it who would be of value from the point of view of support.

I am sorry that you felt that in some of the cities which you have visited, plans could have been better made. We are trying to do our best to prepare for you all in Boston and hope that you will have best possible cooperation here. Certainly the Committee is getting together in fine shape. I am sorry that I have to leave in the middle of preparations, but Mr. Clarence C. Beasley who is to follow me as Executive Secretary is a man of much experience in arranging for such meetings and we have worked very closely together.

I am delighted that Miss Welcher has accepted the election as a Co-opted member of our Board. I know that she will add strength to it and learn much from it.

Did you ever send a statement of travel expense for the attendance of Mrs. Lin and yourself at the meeting of the enlarged Prudential Committee, October 29-30? It has never passed through my hands and I am afraid that you omitted to send it because I did not ask you for it. The understanding was that you were to come at the expense of the American Board. If you have not already collected, please write directly to Mr. Harold B. Belcher, saying that I asked you to do so and give him a statement of your expense in connection with the trip.

I am afraid that this may be the last letter I shall write you before starting. It will seem queer at Fukien Christian University without you, but it will give a chance to see how well you have built an organization that can carry on without you!

With best wishes for the remainder of your stay in America,

Cordially yours,

Wynn

Wynn C. Fairfield

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December 20, 1934

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

Dear Uncle Wynn:

I still believe that I better call you "uncle" in spite of your protest. I have no better alternative - Dr. Fairfield is too cold a salutation, and I do not think I shall place myself on the same generation as yours, although yours is still a young one. If you can suggest a better way of my addressing you, I will adjust this matter accordingly later.

I have sent you a copy each of my letter to Dean Chase and to Mr. Gunn of the Rockefeller Foundation. I hope to have this letter reach you tomorrow morning before you leave Boston, and to wish you a very pleasant trip to the Orient. I should like to have an opportunity to see you, but as the time is so limited I shall try to write you later.

I also wish to thank you for the list of persons who attended the dinner party on October 29th. We hope that some of them may become interested in our University work in Foochow. We shall send each one of them literature of the University. I am also preparing to send them Christmas Greetings.

I went to see Dr. Hummel of the Library of Congress on December 15th. I showed him the photographic facsimiles of our rare Chinese collection. He took quite a few notes on some of the books which he was particularly interested in. He also made some pertinent suggestions with regard to persons who might be interested in our project of a library building.

I went to see Dr. Stevens of the Rockefeller Foundation again yesterday. He suggested that I send in the application for a fellowship for our librarian as soon as the blank is received. I sent the blank to China in the middle part of October and I am expecting the document almost at any time. Dr. Stevens seemed to be quited interested in the fellowship and it is my hope that we may be able to secure the same for our library.

I had an interview of more than one hour with Mr. Gunn of the Rockefeller Foundation yesterday morning. He has never been to Foochow and my whole time was spent in convincing him to make a trip to Foochow to see our work at the University and Union High School, before he makes up his final decision as to how to distribute the Rockefeller money for rural reconstruction work in China. The Rockefeller trustees have recently approved

his general program. He is leaving for China next Sunday, and will then go almost immediately to North China, where he said he has already committed himself to the rural work at Yenching, Nankai and Jimmy Yen's work. He is also going down to Canton in March or April. He also has some kind of commitment with the National Government University at Shekiang. Although he did not specifically commit himself to any of our program he seemed to be inclined to accept our invitation. I am writing home to get our people busy to urge him to come to Foochow as soon as Mr. Gunn arrives in Shanghai.

I had a conference with Dr. John R. Edwards yesterday afternoon. The Methodist Board definitely sent word to Professor Kellogg for his return to Foochow, and Kellogg has arranged to leave Amherst on February 2nd. He will go with his son Stanley, probably leaving San Francisco on February 20th. Dr. Edwards also mentioned the possibility of our joint meeting with the Hwa Nan Trustees on January 7th, when the Woman's Board will have a joint meeting with the Men's Board on Long Island, to discuss general policies of the foreign mission service. It is probably quite logical that Dr. Edwards will take Mr. Cartwright's place. Would you suggest that Dr. Warner take your place? Miss Lucy Wang has shown a very fine spirit during her last trip with our team. It is our hope that we will come to some kind of understanding with the Woman's Board about the cooperation of our two institutions.

My visit in Washington was quite pleasant although it was shorter than I planned on account of the illness of our children at Hartford. I spoke to two Methodist Churches on Sunday and made some good preliminary contacts with people there.

Wishing you again a most pleasant trip to the West coast, and to China,

Yours very cordially,

C. J. Lin

CJL:HV
Enc.

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14 BEACON STREET BOSTON, MASS.

Foreign Department

December 21, 1934

President C. J. Lin
Fukien Christian University
150 Fifth Avenue, N. Y. C.

Dear "C. J.":

If you insist on putting me in the class of antiques, I suppose there is nothing to do with a naughty boy, but to allow him to continue. However, I still register protest!

Thank you for the copies of the letters to Dean Chase and to Mr. Gunn. I am passing the former on to the Editorial Department as there seems to me to be some very good publicity material in it. The latter I am taking with me on my trip, as I may run across Mr. Gunn somewhere en route. Since he is leaving Sunday I wonder whether he also is planning to sail on the President Hoover, from San Francisco on December 28. If you are still in New York will you call up his office and find out and let me know at the steamer. He will probably be first class and I special class, but I think I could have a chance to talk with him in any case and shall be very glad to press the claims of Fukien for a visit. He would make a serious mistake not to be there.

In my letter I think I suggested either Dr. Warner or Miss Welcher to take my place on the Committee for conference with the Hwa Nan Turstees. Dr. Warner has the advantage of long years of association and interest in the project and of a splendidly irenic spirit which would commandattention as well as being the vice-president of the Board of Trustees. I think, therefore, that probably he would be best for my substitute on the Committee. I had thought that possibly a little more urgency in the presentation of the need for union might be secured by asking Miss Welcher to serve as the substitute, as she is thoroughly in sympathy with that idea and is also a woman, but I realize that she has had very little intimate touch with the workings of the University through the years so that she could not as well speak for the Board of Trustees as Dr. Warner.

Thank you for your letter of greeting and farewell. I enclose a copy of the revised schedule of my trip with indication as to where mail may catch me. I am sorry not to be here when the China Colleges Conferences comes, but I think the

Committee is rounding into fine shape and making wise plans. Our present concern is over the American speaker for the Sunday evening program with you.

Cordially yours,

Wynn C. Fairfield

WCF:b
Enc.

Tentative Outline of Dr. Fairfield's Trip

December 22	Leave Boston
December 28	Sail from San Francisco on SS "President Hoover."
January 2	Meet Dr. Eddy and Mr. George Shepherd in Honolulu.
January 11	Arrive Yokohama
January 11 - 19	In Tokyo and vicinity, probably including a visit to Sendai (Address mail c/o Kobe College, Nishinomiya, Japan)
January 20 - 25	In Kobe and vicinity
January 26	Sail for Shanghai on SS "Shanghai-Maru"
January 28	Arrive Shanghai (Address mail c/o Dr. Frank Rawlinson, 169 Yuen Ming Yuen Road, Shanghai)
January 29 - Feb. 1	In attendance at Council of Higher Education
February 2 - 28	North of Shanghai with Dr. Scott
March 1 - 5 ?	In Shanghai in conference with Cartwright (Methodist), Scott (Presbyterian), Decker (Baptist) and possibly others.
March 6?- 29	Probably a trip to Foochow and later a trip to Japan for a special meeting of the National Christian Council.
March 30 - April 10	Trip to Shansi)
April 11	Meet Cartwright at Shihkiachwang) Mail address:
April 12	Visit Tinghsien)c/o Rev. E.H.Ballou
April 13	Arrive Paotingfu)29 Fengshihkou
April 15 - 26 ?	Cartwright and Fairfield together in Hopei)Peiping
April 27 - May 5 ??	North China Council
May 7 - 10 ???	National Christian Council
May 11 - June 5 ?	Trip with Cartwright to Fukien via Nanchang and Lichwan.
June 5 ?	To Japan via Formosa (Address mail c/o Kobe College as above)
June 10 - 29	Japan delegated mission meeting and other visits in Japan.
June 29	Sail for Seattle on SS "President Jackson."

January 3, 1935

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

Dear Mr. Belcher:

Before Dr. Fairfield left Boston, he wrote me inquiring about our expenses in connection with our trip to Boston between October 27th and 30th, as guests of the American Board. He said it was understood that the Board would undertake to pay those expenses, so herewith enclosed I am sending you a statement.

I appreciate very much the courtesies of the Board in giving us that reception that evening. We were particularly pleased to have seen you and Mrs. Belcher again. It is my hope that I shall have more time with you through the middle part of this month, when we shall hold our China Colleges Conferences in and around Boston. We can then have a longer visit together discussing some of our common interests in Foochow.

I went to Glencoe on December 2nd, and had a rather long visit with Dr. Cornell, the minister, that afternoon, and spoke to his young people's meeting in the evening. Dr. Cornell asked me to arrange for some later time to visit Glencoe again. It appeared that the people of the Church have been quite badly hit by the last depression. I hope that I may make a visit there again some time next Spring.

Yours very sincerely,

C. J. Lin

CJL:HV

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14 BEACON STREET BOSTON, MASS.

Treasury Department

Jan. 4, 1935.

Dr. C. J. Lin
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City, N. Y.

Dear C.J.:-

Your letter of January 3rd has been received and I am enclosing check to your order on the First National Bank of Boston for $26.50 covering the expenses of Mrs. Lin and yourself in attending the Prudential Committee meeting. I am sorry that I did not follow this up before and hope that you will not have been in any particular inconvenience by our not having sent the payment earlier.

I hope that you will not be booked up so full at the time of your visit here next weekend that we will not have a little time to talk together.

On Wednesday Mrs. Belcher and I had lunch with Helen and Margaret Smith and Thursday in New York I had a few minutes chat with Miss Thomas. We do enjoy keeping in touch with the Foochow friends.

I hope that when you are here you and Mr. Outerbridge and I will have an opportunity to talk a little bit on that Glencoe Church proposition. Outerbridge and I will be in Chicago the 21st to the 24th of January and I am planning to try and see the treasurer of benevolences of the church, with whom I have had correspondence previously, and Outerbridge may possibly have an opportunity to preach in the church. If we can get together and work out some definite approach to them I think something can be accomplished, particularly in view of your being there again in the spring.

Very cordially yours,

Harold Belcher

Treasurer.

Enc.-ck.
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January 5, 1935

President and Mrs. C.J. Lin
85 Sherman Street
Hartford, Conn.

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Lin:

Thank you so much for that lovely colored photograph of Fukien Christian University. I am delighted to have this and it will be an ever present reminder of my day spent there. I shall be glad to have it also to show to friends of mine. There is such a good variety of things in the picture in that it shows not only the University buildings, but the rice fields, the torii, etc.

I hope the children are all over their colds and are enjoying sledding. The youngsters around here are having a grand time with the snow and ice.

It was good to see President Lin in New York last week. He gave a very fine suggestion to Dr. Weigle, I believe, and one which I hope Dr. Weigle will follow, namely of staying in one place long enough for the people to forget that he is a guest and long enough for him to discover some of the needs which the Chinese people themselves are beginning to sense without full realization that they are needs, and then discuss with them the best way of meeting those needs. Also I sincerely hope that Dr. Weigle will note President Lin's caution of not trying to meet all the needs, but concentrate on the two or three nearest the surface. I sometimes wonder if the specialists who go to foreign countries to help the people would not do more for the people in those countries if there was less publicity about their going and if they would confine their efforts to a case of give and take with the nationals. Is it not true that many times if a person can talk through a problem with a sympathetic listener, the solution will come as a natural result?

Looking forward to seeing Mr. Lin when he is in Boston on the China Colleges campaign, I am

Yours most sincerely,

Eleanor Wilson

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Eleanor Wilson

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Foreign Department

January 16, 1935

President C. J. Lin
85 Sherman Street
Hartford, Conn.

Dear President Lin:

After talking with you regarding the possibility of Miss Thomas' return to China, I brought the matter before our Foreign Department Council and am writing to say that the feeling of the Council was that we would be glad if arrangements could be made to insure Miss Thomas' return to China. However, the Council members felt that perhaps the best way to handle such a case would be for the Fukien Christian University to extend the invitation directly to Miss Thomas and that funds for her support should be paid to the University and the University be responsible for her salary. If such an arrangement were made of course the Board would be glad to transmit the funds from the donors to the University. Should the above procedure be followed, there would be no question as to Miss Thomas' location, whereas if the funds came through the Board and she were sent out by us, there might be a feeling on the part of some that she should be returned to Wenshan.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Miss Thomas so that she will know the attitude of the secretaries here.

With all good wishes for the campaign in which you are taking such an active part, I am

Most sincerely yours,

Eleanor Wilson

Eleanor Wilson

EW:b

February 8, 1935

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

Dear Mr. Belcher:

I got back from Rochester last week-end. I wonder what success you have had with the Glencoe Church people. Dr. Cornell has written me about possible dates for my visit to his Church. The possible dates are; the last Sunday of April, and the second Sunday in May. As yet I have not heard from the friends who called me up for the missionary congress in Chicago, so I really do not know whether or not I can go over that far. After hearing from you I may make a definite decision and a reply to Dr. Cornell with regard to a date.

We had good meetings in both Syracuse and Rochester, but as usual, we did not see that there is an immediate possibility of securing funds for our Colleges, but the seeds have been sown and some time we shall reap the harvest.

I shall be in Hartford most of the time, so kindly address me in the future at 85 Sherman Street.

Yours very sincerely,

C. J. Lin

CJL:HV

February 4, 1935

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

Dear Mr. Belcher:

To confirm our conversation in Boston, on January 14th, I am writing you to request you to consider our further need for a building to accommodate the women students and our Home Economics Department from the Pierce conditional fund.

The women student body that we have at the present time is taking practically all of the space available in our "Orlinda Childs Pierce Memorial Dormitory for Women," and this is the third year of our co-educational work. There is a possibility of a greater increase in our student body in the women's department when the co-operation between Hwa Nan College for Women and Fukien is effected. We are also in need of facilities for the training of women for their special services, and there will be need of laboratories for Home Economics courses. A combined building of Dormitory and Home Economics laboratories would cost about U.S.$20,000.00, and we hope that when the time comes that amount of money may be appropriated from the conditional gift from Dr. Pierce. We shall be glad to submit more details about our building plan whenever you think it is advisable for us to do so.

Appreciating your cooperation,

Yours very sincerely,

C. J. Lin

CJL:HV

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February 5, 1935.

Dr. C. J. Lin
Hartford Theological Seminary
Hartford, Connecticut.

Dear C.J.:-

I meant to have reported to you earlier on my visit with Mr. Scott, of the Glencoe Church, but I have been home with a grippe cold for several days since my return from Chicago.

Mr. Outerbridge and I had a very pleasant chat with Mr. Scott, who has just retired from the job of Treasurer of Benevolences and member of the Prudential Committee. He spoke of the fact that the Church, when it had to reduce expenditures, did not immediately cut off its benevolences, but finally felt that their own expenses were more urgent than the possible gifts for building needs at the University. I told him that our desire was to have the Church take a definite responsibility in current expense, which would be of deeper interest to them as well as meet a more urgent need of the University. He felt that Dr. Cornell was the key man to reach on this, but said that he would be glad to say what he could for it.

The following Sunday Dr. Enoch F. Bell preached for Dr. Cornell and had a considerable talk with him. They were classmates in the Seminary. He feels that Dr. Cornell is very much interested in you and the University and feels that the interdenominational organization like F.C.U is the type of thing that they are interested in helping, rather than any denominational agency. He says that Dr. Cornell is expecting to see you in the spring and I should feel that the ground was pretty well prepared for your putting up to him a very specific proposition.

Dr. Bell felt quite clear that Dr. Cornell exerted a rather forceful control in the Church and that any project which he desired to carry through would go through; and he agreed with Mr. Scott that Dr. Cornell was the key manfor the situation. So here's hoping that everything will work out well with you when you see them in the spring. Mr. Outerbridge has a contact with a man by the name of Kimball, who is in the Church, and it may be that he will try and get in touch with him. Anything that we can do to bolster up the interest of the Church people will also back up whatever Dr. Cornell may want to carry through.

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Dr. Lin - - 2 -

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Have you heard anything from Foochow regarding the "Orlinda Childs Pierce" name on the new women's dormitory? Dr. Pierce is as you know impatient, and has raised the question with several people who have been to see him recently, - Dr. Fairfield, Dr. Eddy and Dr. Gaylord. If you have not received anything from them I wonder if it would be well to send a cable asking them to rush the picture showing the "raised letters" ?

I hope that you had a good visit there at Syracuse and in the other places that you have been since I saw you. We had a busy time at Evanston and Chicago and since I have been home I have been laid up for several days. I am dictating this at home but hope to be in the office by the middle of the week and try and tackle the pile of work that I know has accumulated.

Very cordially yours,

Harold B Belcher

HBB/L

Treasurer.

Replied. Feb 6, 1935

GR.

February 6, 1935

Miss Eleanor Wilson
14 Beacon Street
Boston, Mass.

Dear Miss Wilson:

I wish to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of January 16th in regard to Miss Thomas' return to China.

We shall do our best to secure support for her. We hope that we may be able to report substantial progress before the Spring is over. We hope to have Miss Thomas finish her studies during the next Fall semester, and return to us in the Spring of 1936.

Thanks for your cooperation, and kindly let me know if I can be of any further service to the Mission cause while I am in America.

Yours very sincerely,

C. J. Lin

CJL:HV

March 12, 1935

Miss Eleanor Wilson
and
Mr. Harold B. Belcher
14 Beacon Street
Boston, Mass.

Dear Miss Wilson and Mr. Belcher:

I had a personal conference with Mrs. B. J. Newman of Germantown, Philadelphia, Pa., yesterday about the arrangement for the return to Fukien Christian University, of Miss Eunice Thomas, next Fall.

She is very sympathetic with regard to the plan and promised to do everything possible to realize it. She is going to write to Dr. Brewer Eddy about (1) how much it will cost to send Miss Thomas back to Foochow each year; (2) how would the American Board consider assigning Miss Thomas to Fukien Christian University as a third person on our staff, in place of Mr. Clarence A. Neff, who was in Fukien from 1916-26. She has full confidence in Dr. Eddy's advice. I hope that you will talk to Dr. Eddy about this and will make it possible to fulfill the wishes of the ladies in Philadelphia, as well as that of Miss Thomas.

We are really in great need of an English teacher, and, Miss Thomas as you know, is very well qualified for that position. Mrs. Newman told me if Miss Thomas is appointed to Fukien, she believes that the contributions toward Miss Thomas' expenses will be greatly increased. She is also planning to have me speak to the Philadelphia Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Congregational Church, on April 16th.

With warmest regards,

Yours very sincerely,

C. J. Lyon

CJL:HV
CC to Miss Eunice Thomas

Date_____

Dr. E. G. Warner
Mr. Samuel Thorne
Fukien Board of Trustees
150 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y.

My dear Dr. Warner and Mr. Thorne:

Recognizing the seriousness of the crisis now confronting Fukien Christian University, I will be glad to do all I can to assist in meeting this urgent situation. Specifically, I will undertake the following:-

1. Before June 30, 1935, I will make a personal contribution of _____ dollars, payable as follows:-

*2. I will seek to get in touch (either by letter or by personal contact) with the following, in an effort to enlist their support toward meeting these Fukien objectives:-

*3. I would suggest that some representative of the University get in touch with the following, whom I cannot advantageously approach personally, but who should be able and willing to give generously:-

*4. I offer the following additional suggestions:-

Very sincerely yours,

*Use back, or extra sheets, if more space is needed.

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April 16, 1935

Dr. Wynn C. Fairfield
Mr. Frank T. Cartwright
c/o W. A. Main
23 Yuen Ming Yuen Road
Shanghai, China

My dear Dr. Fairfield and Mr. Cartwright:

I enclose herewith a copy of the minutes of the latest meeting of our Fukien Executive Committee meeting with the attached statement of the report and recommendations of our joint Hwa Nan-Fukien Committee.

Both the Hwa Nan and Fukien Boards have agreed very heartily to the proposal that Hwa Nan College move to a site adjoining the campus of Fukien Christian University, taking over the women's dormitory and such of the Fukien residences as may be agreed upon and then buying whatever additional lands and erecting whatever additional buildings may be necessary to give Hwa Nan an adequate campus. We all recognize, however, that the success or failure of this proposal depends almost entirely upon the field. If the Directors and faculties of the two institutions cooperate in a friendly and wholehearted spirit with these proposals, we hope that they can be made to succeed in a way that will allow both Fukien and Hwa Nan to do better work at less cost than at present. But if the Directors and faculties are hostile, or even lukewarm to these proposals, there is very small chance indeed that they will prove at all successful.

I understand that Mrs. Peel is returning to China with Miss Wang during the next week or so. She will undoubtedly assure the Hwa Nan group of the earnestness and sincerity of the Hwa Nan Trustees in support of this proposal. I believe that Miss Wang also has come to see that this move will offer greater future possibilities for Hwa Nan than for the College to attempt to go its own independent way. I am quite sure, however, that both Mrs. Peel and Miss Wang will at least meet with a great deal of passive resistance and may even encounter active opposition. Also, it is quite possible that on the Fukien side there may be attitudes or personal elements within the faculty or the Board of Directors which will be inimical to the success of this proposed cooperation.

We earnestly hope, therefore, that the two of you will be able to accomplish very constructive results in hastening the consummation of this next stage in cooperation between Hwa Nan and Fukien. Dr. Fairfield, as President of

as President of our Fukien Board of Trustees, and Mr. Cartwright, with his long experience in Fukien province, will both be ideally qualified to speak with authority and conviction as representatives of the Fukien Board of Trustees. You can be sure that the Board here in New York will support you to the limit.

The Methodist Board informs me that letters will reach Mr. Cartwright most promptly if sent in care of Mr. Main. I am not quite sure where Dr. Fairfield can be reached most conveniently and quickly but I am sure that Mr. Mail will know where you are and will get this letter to you as soon as possible. If either of you fail to receive your copy of this letter, I trust that the other will share his.

With all good wishes for the remainder of your stay in the Orient, I am

Very cordially yours,

B A Garside

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Foreign Department

April 23, 1935

President C. J. Lin
c/o Dr. Douglas Cornell
Glencoe Church
Glencoe, Illinois

Dear President Lin:

I took up informally at our Council meeting the matter which you discussed with me last week. The members of the Council felt that it would be impossible to agree that any money beyond the amount which was now being contributed to the Board for the support of the McClures which might come in as a result of your effort would release a similar amount for use at the University. I regret having to report this to you and yet I feel sure that you can sympathize with the difficulties which might result if such permission were granted. Sometimes money is pledged for one year and then not repeated the next year and the Board has learned from past experience that it is safer to make no promises such as you had hoped we might be able to make.

I hope that you are having a good trip and it will prove of financial help as well as inspiring people with a real interest in higher education in China.

Hastily, but most sincerely,

Eleanor Wilson

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May 10, 1935

Mr. Harold Belcher
14 Beacon Street
Boston, Mass.

Dear Mr. Belcher:

Mr. Outerbridge, and Dr. White have probably already told you about our common experience at the Laymen's Missionary Congress in Chicago. I enjoyed the visit myself. The Secretaries from the American Board have made distinct contributions in the discussion groups.

I spoke to the Glencoe Church, Sunday, April 28th. The congregation was rather small and Dr. Cornell said that it was the after Easter Sunday effect. I took up the matter of the Church supporting Fukien with Dr. Cornell. He said that the Trustees of the Church have had to raise money to meet the deficit of the Church first, therefore he does not see much possibility for the Church contributing to our work this year. But he thinks there may be such a possibility next year, and I felt that I could not do much more except wait and see what he is going to do next year.

I think your observation of Dr. Cornell is correct. He has built the Church from its beginning and seemed to be the soul of it at the present time. As he is rather advanced in his age; he probably does not like to make any special effort for any particular cause, besides his regular work, but I find that he is rather genuinely interested in our work at Fukien, and I have confidence that something will come out of it later.

You will be interested to know that since I saw you last I have received two additional photographs of the women's dormitory. One is a much better picture showing the inscription from the front, and the other is a picture of the hall inside showing the photograph of Mrs. Pierce. I also received an enlarged colored picture of the dormitory which I will send to Dr. Pierce a little later.

With kindest personal regards,

Yours very sincerely,

C. J. Lin

CJL:HV

May 10, 1935

Miss Eleanor Wilson
14 Beacon Street
Boston, Mass.

Dear Miss Wilson:

I wish to thank you for your good letter which reached me at Glencoe on April 28th. I did not succeed in getting any support, or progress of support from the Glencoe Church, so the question you raise might just as well lie as it is. We would not like to ask the Board to do things which you feel difficult to undertake. We certainly appreciate your cooperation in making things clear to us.

I had a good trip to Chicago and enjoyed my attendance at the National Younger Men's Missionary Congress. I rode in Mr. Outerbridge's car from Chicago to Detroit. We had a good ride together with several other members of the American Board.

With best wishes,

Yours very sincerely,

C. J. Lin

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May 16, 1935

President C. J. Lin
Fukien Christian University
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear C. J.:

I have not had an opportunity to talk much either with Mr. Outerbridge or Dr. White regarding the meetings of the L. M. C. in Chicago. Mr. Outerbridge has been out of the office with German measles and Dr. White has been in and out with his speaking engagements.

I am sorry that the Glencoe Church people were not willing to make a more definite commitment to the University. We must, however, stay with them and see if something cannot be done next year. You are the one now who knows the situation best and we will be glad to follow your judgment and suggestion about how we can help in any approach at that time. We presume that there will be a meeting in Evanston along in January as there was this year which would give some of us an opportunity to talk the matter over again with Dr. Cornell and the people at the Church if that should seem to be the advantageous time. We don't want to tire them out with our importunity and yet at the same time we don't want to let them forget the question.

I was very glad to hear of your receipt of other pictures of the Orlinda Childs Pierce Hall at F. C. U. and am glad that you sent them along to Dr. Pierce. He is anxious to get all the information that he can about these projects.

We have just had a cable from Dr. Fairfield and Mr. Cartwright from Foochow on hospital matters, so I expect both of them are there now keeping plenty busy with the different problems that are involved. I wish I might be along too.

Yours very cordially,

Harold B. Belcher

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May 29, 1935

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

Gentlemen:

This is to bring to your attention the action of the Board of Trustees of Fukien Christian University passed on May 16th with regard to Miss Eunice T. Thomas. The very effective work which Miss Thomas accomplished while principal and teacher of the Wen-Shan Girls' School at Foochow attracted the interest and admiration of the Fukien staff.

We understand that Miss Thomas has been retained in America for home mission work by your Board and that she is willing and anxious to return to China. As Fukien is in need of an English teacher and lecturer, and as Miss Thomas has had long experience and training in teaching English Literature, it is felt that this is an unusual opportunity to fit a highly competent person into an exceedingly desirable position. Your Miss Wilson attended the meeting and will recall the action taken and the hope expressed that the American Board would accede to the following motion, which prevailed:-

> "To request the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions to appoint Miss Eunice T. Thomas to work at Fukien Christian University as a lecturer in English literature and composition beginning in the fall of 1935."

The work of this institution is too outstanding and well known to require further comment. Standing as it does on the outskirts of Foochow, a city of 700,000 inhabitants, and in a province with the population running up into the millions, certainly Fukien has a future before it, and had demonstrated that it has inherent capacity to carry on under difficult circumstances. The progress that has been made toward the cooperation between Hwa Nan and Fukien is most encouraging, and it is hoped that the field will consummate this important step, which will more effectively consolidate the Christian educational work in the province. The interest that has been shown by the Provincial Government in the work that Fukien is doing is most enheartening and assuring.

It is our most sincere hope that your Board will give this request your favorable consideration.

Very truly yours,

C. A. Evans

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

Gentlemen:

The following motion was voted at the last meeting of the Fukien Christian University Trustees held on May 16th:-

> "To extend an invitation to Mr. and Mrs. Brewster Bingham to work at Fukien Christian University after their year of study at the Peiping Language School, and to request the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions to appoint the Binghams to work at Fukien Christian University, Foochow, China."

I am sure you are familiar with the circumstances surrounding Mr. and Mrs. Bingham's going to the foreign field. Mrs. Bingham is the eldest daughter of Professor F. P. Beach of Fukien, and she has been specializing in sacred music. Mr. Bingham is interested in religious work, and has been doing graduate work at Union Theological Seminary. They are to go to China in the fall of 1935, and the request is that the American Board appoint Mr. and Mrs. Bingham as missionaries to China to work at Fukien.

We trust you will find it both possible and agreeable to carry out this wish, which the faculty at Fukien and the Board of Trustees here in America have expressed.

Very truly yours,

C. A. Evans

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Foreign Department

June 7, 1935

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Mr. C. A. Evans
Associated Boards for
Christian Colleges in China
150 Fifth Avenue, New York City

Dear Mr. Evans:

In reply to your letters of May 29 regarding motions passed by the Trustees of the Fukien Christian University at their meeting on June 16, may I say tha t the Board appreciates deeply the desire of the Trustees to have Rev. and Mrs. Brewster Bingham assigned to work at Fukien Christian University after their year of language study in Peiping. Nevertheless, it has been the hope of the American Board that the Binghams would spend at least two years in language study before taking up their student work in China, and we feel it is rather unwise to suggest at this time where the Binghams are to be located. After they have been in China a year and had an opportunity to get in touch with the leaders of the Synod as well as educational institutions in Fukien, then we will be ready to take up correspondence with the Binghams and the Synod regarding the place where Mr. and Mrs. Bingham will be able to be of the greatest service to the students in China.

Regarding Miss Thomas may I say that the American Board stands ready to reappoint Miss Eunice Thomas a member of the American Board just as soon as we are assured that the financial obligations connected with Miss Thomas' return to China will be met by a responsible party. We had tried to make this fact clear to President Lin and to Miss Thomas. I feel sure you can appreciate how impossible it would be for the Board to pass such a vote as you request with no assurance of how Miss Thomas' expenses were to be met.

The American Board is vitally interested in the University and is confident that it has a future of great usefulness under the leadership of such a consecrated and able president as Mr. Lin.

Yours most sincerely,

Eleanor Wilson

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Eleanor Wilson

Fukien Christian University

June 12, 1935

Miss Eleanor Wilson
14 Beacon Street
Boston, Massachusetts

My dear Miss Wilson:

We have received your very interesting letter of June 7th covering the actions of the Fukien Board of Trustees, which were passed at their meeting on June 16th.

We note that Rev. and Mrs. Bingham will be required to spend an extra year at the language school, and that it would be more advisable to make the appointment for designated work at a later date. We have reported this to President Lin.

We also note what you say regarding the reappointment of Miss Eunice Thomas, and trust it will be made possible for her to return to Fukien at a later date. To that end, we trust you will not fail to take advantage of any opportunity to secure the necessary amount to cover the expenses of Miss Thomas.

Since President Lin has been with us, we all have had more confidence in the future growth and stability of the University. It is exceedingly gratifying to us to know that President Lin has inspired a like confidence among others with whom he has come in contact.

Very truly yours,

C. A. Evans

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June 19, 1935

President C. J. Lin
Fukien Christian University
150 Fifth Avenue, N. Y. C.

Dear President Lin:

It was with a great deal of joy and satisfaction that I read in our Saturday night Transcript of the honorary degree which Wesleyan College has conferred upon you. I doubt if there are many American young men under forty who have been so honored. Many young men receive other degrees but not many the degree of Doctor of Letters and I congratulate you most sincerely. I know very intimately the secretary to the President of Wesleyan and had I known you were to be there in Middletown I would have asked her to entertain you, but I expect there were many, many there who were only too eager to entertain you during your stay there.

Mr. Evans sent in the two votes taken at the Fukien meeting and I brought them up before our Foreign Department Council and replied to him that if the Board were sure that Miss Thomas' expenses were to be met they would be very glad to recognize her as a missionary of the Board, but until such time they felt they could not take that step and in regard to the Binghams the feeling was expressed that no decision should be made at this time but that after the Binghams had been out in China for a year and during their second year of language study some decision could be reached as to where they should be located. Very likely they themselves will choose Fukien University because of Mr. Beach but I have a strong feeling that Wenshan will put in an earnest plea for Mrs. Bingham to help out that school. I feel confident that everything will work out satisfactorily for all concerned when the time comes.

With all good wishes to you and your family,

Yours most sincerely,

Eleanor Wilson

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Eleanor Wilson

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June 22, 1935

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

Dear Miss Wilson:

It was very gracious of you to write me on June 19th. Wesleyan University has honored me because of the splendid service that Fukien Christian University has been rendering to China. The University work is made possible because of the loyal cooperation of the founders, and we always count on the American Board people among our strongest supporters. It is, therefore, no credit to myself personally, although I was glad to be able to represent Fukien on that occasion.

I did not get a chance to meet Miss Marian P. Cartland, the secretary to the President of Wesleyan when I was there last Sunday, although we have corresponded together. I am glad to know that you know her so well, and I only wish that I had known that before so that I would have looked for her when we were in Middletown. We were royally entertained by the University authorities after the Commencement exercises, and some of my friends took us back to Hartford that evening.

Mr. Evans has shown me your letter to him about the two votes with regard to the request to the American Board for the appointment of Miss Knice Thomas, and the Binghams to Fukien. You will be glad to know that we have secured a promised of support for Miss Thomas, from one of our friends in America, for a period of seven years. Miss Thomas will take summer school work at Columbia University, and an additional semester of study at the University of California before she comes to China next spring. We are sorry that the Binghams will not travel to China with us on account of the change of boat in Italy, but we hope to see them in China, and when the time comes for active service, it is our hope that they will join our University work.

Of course, we never consider any one of our people in Foochow exclusively for a particular service, and at least we have no distinction between the work at Wenshan, or any other Christian institution in the city; they are all part of the whole Christian movement in the Province of Fukien. If it is the desire of Mrs. Bingham, she will certainly be able to render very valuable service, particularly in music, to the Wenshan girls. I am quite sure that everything will work out satisfactorily for all concerned, when the time comes for the arrangement of the service of the Binghams.

We are planning to leave New York on July 5th. It may not be possible for us to come to Boston and say goodbye to you good friends there. It has been a great pleasure to us to have seen you a number of times. We are grateful for all that you have done for our family and for Fukien. We shall go back with renewed strength and devotion to the service which you have committed to our charge, and we are sure that you will remember us in your prayers. It will be a great pleasure to us to see you again in Foochow when you come over to the East in the near future.

Mrs. Lin joins me in sending you our kindest regards.

Yours very sincerely,

C. J. Lin

CJL:HV

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June 26, 1935

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

Dear Mr. Garside:

A few days ago Mr. McClure sent to me draft #1560 dated May 10 for $420.80 to use in opening a savings account in the Suffolk Savings Bank for the Suttons who are on the staff at Fukien. Instead of sending the draft directly to the bank for the opening of the account, we sent them our check and put thru the University draft for collection to reimburse ourselves, not sufficiently noting that it was payable to the order of the bank. It has now come back to us from New York stating that the endorsement of the Suffolk Savings Bank is missing.

As we have already deposited our own check in the Suffolk Savings Bank for this account, we would have to withdraw that if we turned the University draft over to them. I am wondering if it would not be satisfactory to you if I should turn the draft over to you with our guarantee for the absence of the Suffolk Savings Bank endorsement, and on the basis of this guarantee you could make payment of the amount of $420.80. Will you let me know whether this will be a satisfactory arrangement or not so that I can clear this matter up.

Yours sincerely,

Harold B Belcher

HBB/EP

Treasurer

Draft 1560 at sight
accepted 6/21/35
a/c #31 - Vo. #2605a

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Fukien Christian University

June 27, 1935

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

My dear Mr. Belcher:

We are in receipt of your letter of June 26th regarding the draft for $420.80, which was accepted several days ago, but which was not endorsed by the Suffolk Savings Bank.

If you will return same to our office, we will issue a check payable to you, which will be charged to the Fukien field account. This will be the simplest way of handling the situation.

Very truly yours,

C. J. Lin

CAE:RC

June 30, 1935

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The college wishes to express publicly its appreciation for gifts received during the school year as follows:

Nanking Government towards Chemistry, Biology, Physics, and Psychology	$12,000.00
Mr. W. F. Pierce Memorial Fund towards Women Dormitory, G$1,000.00 @ 2.50	2,500.00
Mr. Truman Johnson	78.50
Miss Eleanor Kynett	24.25
Dr. W. J. Sutton gift for Swimming Pool	10.00
Mrs. Ellen H. Sutton gift for Swimming Pool	100.00
Dr. W. Y. Chen gift for Swimming Pool	10.00
Prof. F. C. Martin gift for Swimming Pool	15.43
Mr. K. W. Sun gift for Swimming Pool	5.00
Members of F.C.U. Faculty & Staff gift for Swimming Pool	50.50
Mr. Y. Lewis Mason gift towards the travelling expenses for Rural Service Workers	100.00
Prof. F. C. Martin gift towards Rural Service Work	18.00
Prof. E. M. Stowe gift towards Rural Service Work	35.00
Dr. Francis Chen gift towards Rural Service Work	15.00
Prof. M. F. Farley gift towards Rural Service Work	5.00
Prof. T. L. Lin gift towards Rural Service Work	2.00
Mrs. R. Scott gift towards Rural Service Work.	2.00
Mrs. Bulderston gift towards purchase organ for elementary school at Nieu Tien	28.03
Miss Emily K. Campbell Colquhum gift toward Rural Service Work	4.00

Other gifts are listed under Scholarship Fund

Respectfully submitted

R W McClure

Robert W. McClure
Treasurer

Eva M. Asher

Eva M. Asher
Associate Treasurer

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June 30, 1935

BALANCE SHEET (Cont'd)

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Permanent Funds:		
Endowments	$728,534.96	728,534.96
Plant and Current Funds:		
Invested in Plant	969,620.87	969,620.87
Furlough Fund Reserve	40,506.01	
Plant Maintenance Reserve	3,000.00	
Sabbatical Reserve Funds for Chinese Professors	7,112.84	
Botany Fund	2,000.00	
Scholarship Funds Special	8,364.58	
Invested Funds General	10,147.23	
Amy Cheng Memorial Fund	91.07	
Mrs. Ruth Ward Beach Memorial Fund	259.39	
Alumni 15th Anniversary Fund	668.00	
Rural Service Extension Fund	12,370.68	
Nanking Government Grant	3,030.30	
1919 Class Loan Fund	50.00	
Solar Society	150.00	
W. F. Pierce Memorial Fund	1,837.49	
Sundry Creditors Accounts (Current Special)	5,189.01	
Surplus 1934-35	2,734.14	97,510.74
TOTAL CAPITAL, LIABILITIES, AND SURPLUS		$1,795,666.57

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14 BEACON STREET BOSTON, MASS.

Foreign Department

August 2, 1935

Ack to WCF, 8/14/35

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

Dear Mr. Garside:

Word has come from President Lin that he has secured the salary for Miss Eunice Thomas for a period of seven years. The Board stands ready, under those circumstances, to reappoint Miss Thomas as a missionary of the Board but we are eager to know from where her salary will be coming. Can you tell us the source of the income and also whether the money is to come thru the Board or whether it is to go direct to the University? We will need such information when presenting the request to the Prudential Committee.

Please direct your answer to Mr. Fairfield as I shall not be in the office after today.

Yours most sincerely,

Eleanor Wilson

Eleanor Wilson

August 14, 1935

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

My dear Dr. Fairfield:

Let me acknowledge receipt of your letter of August 7th.

I am sorry that the prospect of securing Dr. DeVargas' appointment by the American Board is not quite so simple as one would hope from Dr. Stuart's letter. He did not make any mention, I believe, of the suggestion that Dr. DeVargas' appointment might necessitate the surrender of the second American Board salary designated for the Woman's College. Certainly this is a matter which the Yenching Trustees should not attempt to pass on until after the Yenching College Committee has expressed its views on the proposal. I am sure that the Yenching College Committee would not wish to take action until they had received some expression of opinion from the field. When you were in Peiping, did you have an opportunity to discuss this angle of the proposal with Miss Speer, or do you know of any discussion Dr. Stuart had with the other leaders of the Woman's College on the matter?

As I understand it, the situation with regard to the appointment of Miss Eunice Thomas is as follows:- For some months President Lin has been anxious to secure Miss Thomas as a teacher of English at F. C. U., but for some time he was unable to discover any source whence this support could be secured. About six weeks before he left America he got in touch with Mr. John G. Talcott of Talcottville, Connecticut, who had been proposed as a coop~~rative~~ted member on our Fukien Board of Trustees. You probably know Mr. Talcott, who is a substantial and influential business man. Mr. Talcott expressed a cordial interest in the University, and not only agreed to serve as a coop~~erative~~ted member of the Board of Trustees, but also undertook to give $1,000 per year over a period of seven years. It is this $1,000 per year which President Lin has been counting on to meet the expenses of Miss Thomas. I believe that the designation of this money for Miss Thomas is understood by Mr. Talcott, although I do not wish to speak positively on this point. Mr. Sherwood, who was present with President Lin during the interview is getting a little vacation this month--as soon as he returns I will check up on this aspect of the matter. Mr. Talcott has already sent us the check for the first $500 on his pledge. The degree of confidence with which we can rely on the remaining $6,500 is a question which only the future can decide. We have ample assurance that Mr. Talcott is genuinely and deeply interested, and that he is a trustworthy and reliable gentleman. But since he is so new a member of the Fukien Board, we do not know him very intimately--

and there is always the element of uncertainty in any pledge extending over a fairly long period, no matter how well guarded it appears to be. While our Fukien Trustees have not as yet taken formal action on the matter, I am quite sure they are in passive agreement with the appropriation of this $1,000 annual gift from Mr. Talcott for the support of Miss Thomas. Whether the Fukien Trustees would, however, be willing to assume responsibility for appropriating from general funds any amount needed to cover the expenses of Miss Thomas if this $1,000 a year should not be adequate, or if through some mishap the pledge should not be paid in full, is a matter on which we could not put before the board without first asking for consideration and action by the Executive Committee at least, if not by the full board. As President of the Board of Trustees and Chairman of the Executive Committee, you are one of those to whom we would look for advice on the matter.

If you can manage a trip to New York in the fairly near future, I would welcome an opportunity to discuss these matters with you and also to get your advice on a great many other subjects regarding the interests of the various Universities and Colleges which you visited while in China. I have already had my vacation and will now be on the job steadily.

Will you please pass along the information in this letter to Miss Eleanor Wilson, who wrote me on August 2nd, asking much the same questions as yourself regarding Miss Thomas' situation.

Very sincerely yours,

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Very sincerely yours,

B A Garside

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AMERICAN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS

14 Beacon Street Boston, Mass.

August 29, 1935

ack. 9/10/35 - Chuchow file

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

Dear Garside:

I am glad to be able to report that the American Board has taken the action which I suggested and has restored the appropriation to Yenching to the extent of $150. I cannot find any evidence that Miss Wilson reported to you the vote of the appropriation from the income of the Higher Educational Work Endowment Fund which was taken last May. I think that it will simplify matters for you if I attempt to include a statement both of the grants actually made from the income of that fund and of the probable grants from the regular income of the Board. You understand that the grants from the income of the Fund cover the year July 1, 1935 to June 30, 1936 while those from the general fund of the Board cover the fiscal year September 1,1935 to August 31, 1936, but I believe that Mr. Belcher is in the habit of paying both in quarterly installments, beginning in September or October. It should also be made clear that the grants from the regular budget of the Board are subject to confirmation in November after the 1935-36 budget has been finally adopted.

The grants are as follows:

	Higher Educational Work Endowment Fund Income Grants	Regular Budget	Totals
Fukien Christian University - Budget	$3500		$3500
Cheeloo Theological School	800		800
Yenching University - Budget	900		900
Salary (T.T.Lew)	1482		1482
Yenching Woman's College- Budget	583.33	$750.00	1333.33
Salary		636	636
Equipment & graduate study for faculty	500		500
Nanking University-Toward salary, C. H. Riggs		500	500

Thank you for the minutes of the April meeting of the Cheeloo Board of Directors. I will do my best to check up those figures and get them to you by Saturday. I hope that we shall have a strongdelegation from England for the meeting of the Board of Governors on September 26. Whom do you expect?

You will be interested to know that the Board has voted:

"That leave of absence without salary for Dr. Philippe de Vargas of the North China Mission be extended for one year from the summer of 1935, with the hope that by August 1, 1936, arrangements can be made for the resumption by the American Board of the entire salary for Dr. and Mrs. de Vargas."

The hope expressed in the latter portion of the vote covers the same general position that I have outlined in my previous letters, namely that it is expected that some other adjustment will be made to the extent of $636 and that the Board will thereupon restore Dr. de Vargas to its budget and find a way to care for the additional expense involved in Mrs. de Vargas' appointment.

Cordially yours,

/s/ WYNN C. FAIRFIELD

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Foreign Department

August 30, 1935

Ack 9/10/35 - Checks fwd

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

Dear Garside:

Referring to the date of the meeting of the Fukien Executive Committee, I am inclined to suggest that it be set at 11 a.m. on September 25 unless you have so much business to be considered that it is better to put it at 2:30 on September 24. As Warnshuis has probably told you, Cartwright and I are scheduled for a conference that day with Prebendary Cash and Mr. J. Gurney Barclay, the Secretary for the Far East of the Church Missionary Society. I think that we could get that in between 9 and 11, leaving say an hour and a quarter for a meeting of the Fukien Executive Committee. I would then suggest that the Fukien Executive Committee arrange a luncheon for Prebendary Cash and Mr. Barclay at 12:30 in some suitable place. We shall never have a better chance to present our plea for their renewed participation in the financing of the University. I feel that I have made it clear that my thought would be that we would ask them to sit with the Executive Committee beginning at 11 o'clock. If you can get confirmation of these plans from Cartwright and Warnshuis, it seems to me that it would be highly desirable.

I should prefer not to be absent from the office here on September 24, but if you found it possible to arrange a joint meeting with the Hwanan Executive Committee, I can arrange to come. I have a feeling that we shall be in a better situation to meet them, however, some time in October after we have had word from President Lin subsequent to his return to the field. The agreement with the Board of Managers when I was there in May was that the question would be held in suspense until after his return. The general feeling was that he and Lucy Wang would have to take the leadership in working out concrete details.

5:05 P.M.
I am sorry to have been unable to work through that budget today owing to calls. Will do it the first thing in the morning.

Cordially yours,

Wynn C. Fairfield

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Fukien Christian University

September 25, 1955

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

My dear Dr. Fairfield:

I am calling your attention to the question raised at the meeting of the Executive Committee of Fukien Christian University regarding C. J. Lin's travel to Boston.

Our books do not show where this item has been paid for by the American Board. Unfortunately C.J. took the itemized list of expenditures with him, promising to send us a statement of the accounting after figuring it up on the boat as he travelled homeward. This has not been received.

Undoubtedly you will be able to estimate the expenses of that trip, and you know how badly Fukien needs money.

Very cordially yours,

C. A. Evans

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October 4, 1935

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

My dear Dr. Fairfield:

May I officially call to your attention the following excerpt from the minutes of the meeting of our Fukien Executive Committee held on September 24th.

"The Committee was reminded that President Lin has urged the appointment of Miss Thomas as a teacher of English at the University, and has proposed that the American Board reappoint her as one of its regular missionaries, the cost of her support to be repaid to the American Board by the Fukien Trustees. He also reported that a member of the Fukien Board of has pledged $1,000 per year for a period of seven years for the support of Miss Thomas. Dr. Fairfield stated that the American Board holds Miss Thomas in the highest regard, and that preliminary action has already been taken indicating that the American Board would approve her reappointment as one of its regular missionaries if the cost of her support can be provided by the Fukien Trustees. After discussion, it was

E-1111 VOTED that, in accordance with the recommendation of President Lin that Miss Eunice Thomas be appointed as a teacher of English on the staff of Fukien Christian University, the Executive Committee hereby requests the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions to reappoint Miss Thomas as one of its regular missionaries, and to assign her to the staff of Fukien Christian University for a period of seven years, with the understanding that the Fukien Board of Trustees will reimburse the American Board for the support of Miss Thomas during this period."

We sincerely hope that it will be possible for the American Board to take the action requested by the Committee.

Very cordially yours,

B A Garside

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November 2, 1935

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Mr. Harold B. Belcher,
American Bd. of Commisioners for For. Mis.
14 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass.

My dear Mr. Belcher,

May I report to you officially the following action of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of Fukien Christian University, adopted September 24, 1935:-

> "E-1111 Voted, that in accordance with the recommendation of President Lin that Miss Eunice Thomas be appointed as a teacher of English on the staff of Fukien Christian University, the Executive Committee hereby requests the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions to reappoint Miss Thomas as one of its regular missionaries, and to assign her to the staff of Fukien Christian University for a period of seven years, with the understanding that the Fukien Board of Trustees will reimburse the American Board for the support of Miss Thomas during this period."

We understand that Miss Thomas is financing herself this autumn while studying in Berkeley, California. It was President Lin's understanding that she would come under University support when she is ready to sail for China about the end of December. I would suggest that she resume active financial relationship with the American Board at that same time, that you arrange her travel and other outgoing details the same as you do with your other missionaries, and that you bill us from time to time as you are now doing with Mr. Riggs of Nanking. Will all these arrangements be satisfactory to you and to the American Board? If you find that some modification of these arrangements would be more satisfactory, will you please let us know?

With all good wishes, I am

Very cordially yours,

B A Garside

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Copy to Dr. Fairfield.

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Treasury Department

Nov. 4, 1935.

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Ack 11/5/35 - Marking file

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

Dear Mr. Garside:- Re Eunice Thomas-Fukien Christian University

I thank you very much for sending me copy of the action of the Executive Committee regarding Miss Thomas and also adding your suggestion that we handle the finances for her as we have done in the case of Charles Riggs. We will therefore plan to cover her finances as though she were under the support of the Board picking up the matter at the time she starts for China, and will send you semi-annual bills as we do for Mr. Riggs. I think this will be the simplest way for us and we can work it into the same routine.

I am certainly glad both that Miss Thomas is going back to China and also that she is going to be there in Fukien. She is a fine missionary and an A-1 teacher. I don't suppose the American Board gets any credit forher support, but we certainly are glad that Miss Thomas, who did such good work for us there in the Girls' School, is going to carry on at the University. A letter from Bob McClure just received remarks:

"Our faculty this year is about the best we have had."

So with the addition of Miss Thomas it ought to make a fine group for President Lin to work with.

Very cordially yours,

Harold B. Belcher

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Treasurer.

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AMERICAN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS

14 Beacon Street Boston, Mass.

December 2, 1935

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

Dear Garside:

I am afraid that I failed to report to you that the American Board has made the three following appointments on Boards of Trustees of the various institutions in China:

Dr. Lewis Hodous -- Fukien Christian University for a term of three years ending December 31, 1938

Dr. W. C. Fairfield -- Shantung Christian University for a term of four years terminating December 31, 1939

Mr. Leslie R. Rounds -- Yenching University for a term of four years terminating April 1939

We believe that this takes care of all the terms expiring. We recognize that there are in addition vacancies on the Yenching Board of Trustees for the term expiring 1937 and on the Yenching College for Women Committee for the term expiring 1938. I am in touch with women in the Chicago area with reference to filling the second vacancy, as it is highly desirable that some one continuing our old W.B.M.I. interest in Yenching College should fill that vacancy. The vacancy in the Board of Trustees is waiting for Mr. W. C. Cowling of the Ford Co. in Detroit, on advice from Dr. Gee. Will you kindly take up with Dr. Stuart the question as to whether he will want the place reserved for Mr. Cowling or whether we should attempt to fill it by some appointment in the New York area.

This brings me up to date on the matter of alternates for these various University Boards of Trustees. You will notice that we have made no provision for alternates, but I believe at least Yenching has taken action asking the Boards to appoint alternates who in the absence of their principals will be entitled to full authority at meetings. You will remember that we were discussing the arrangement for finding a man in the New York area who might be willing to stand in that relationship to Franklin Warner. If it is not possible I think we ought seriously to raise the question whether Mr. Warner should be re-elected as a regular member of theBoard of Trustees next April when his term expires.

Very sincerely yours,

/S/ WYNN C. FAIRFIELD

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December 18, 1935

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

My dear Dr. Fairfield:

Let me acknowledge receipt of your letters of December 2nd and December 9th.

We have noted the appointments of Dr. Hodous, Mr. Rounds, and yourself. It would be difficult to find three more distinguished or more valuable members of our China Colleges Boards!

I am passing along to Mr. McBrier and Dr. Stuart the information you give as to the conditions under which Mr. Rounds accepts his appointment as a Yenching Trustee. I am sorry that Mr. Rounds feels so definitely that he should retire from the Yenching Board at the termination of this new period of service. You will remember that a year or two ago he talked of resigning, but finally agreed to continue a little longer. Mr. Rounds is one of our most valuable Yenching Trustees and we would all greatly regret losing him. Perhaps we can think up some scheme during the next three years which will so enlist his interest that he may again agree to stand for re-election.

We hope that you will be successful in finding someone to fill the American Board vacancy on the Yenching College Committee. The Y.C.C. is a very active group, and welcomes all the assistance it can get. I am passing on to Dr. Stuart your comment with regard to Mr. Cowling and I am asking for his advice as to whether we should continue to hold this vacancy open in the hope that Mr. Cowling will accept membership on the Yenching Board or should proceed to fill this position with some other appointee.

Thanks for your suggestions on the proposed letter to the Chairmen of the Hwa Nan and Fukien Trustees. I am mailing the document out today. I am enclosing herewith the official copy to the Chairman of the Fukien Board, and will leave it to that distinguished gentleman to make any use of it he desires.

Yesterday we sent you a copy of the docket of our Associated Boards Executive-Promotion Committees meeting which is to be held on Friday. This will be an important meeting for the discussion chiefly of promotional activities and plans, but we could hardly urge you to

make a special trip to New York for that alone.

With all good wishes for the approaching holiday season, I am

Very cordially yours,

B A Garside

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Encl.

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MISSIONARY ASSISTING

December 23, 1935

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

Dear Garside:

Thank you for your two letters addressed to me as chairman of the Board of Trustees of Fukien Christian University. Your letter makes it clear thatthe financial situation of Fukien Christian University is almost as much of a problem as that of Hwa Nan College and I agree with you that the Trustees must face up to the situation frankly and together.

I am prepared, therefore, to do all that I possibly can to be present in New York at the date that suits other people, especially those who may be coming from the West. I am not a delegate to the Foreign Missions Conference at Asbury Park and so shall have to make a special trip to New York for it anyway.

For my personal convenience, the afternoon of January 7 would be the best date. If we could begin at 3 o'clock with the understanding that if necessary we would run over into the evening, that would mean that I could leave Boston that morning and get to New York in time for the meeting. In fact, I could get there for a 2:30 meeting if it seemed wise from the point of view of the West China Executive Committee to begin as early as that.

I should be able to attend the meeting if it is set for Saturday, the 11th, and am reserving that date also until I hear from you. I shall be glad to have word as soon as possible concerning the final decision as to date.

Thank you for your letter of December 18 addressed to me personally. I note what you have to say about the Trustees of Yenching and hope that it will be possible soon to come to a clear understanding with Dr. Stuart. I note from the paper that Yenching is faced with its students and in yesterday's paper, the schools in Peiping may all be closed for an early New Year vacation. A letter just received from Peiping dated November 22 reports a conversation with one of the Tsinghua faculty in which he was told that Tsinghua definitely expected to move as soon as the

expected change took place. They figure that they will probably lose 40% of their student body. The letter goes on to say:

> "He does not believe that either Peita or Yenching will attempt a transfer, but that they will carry on as long as they can, and when conditions become unbearable, will close up. I have had no chance to talk with any of our Yenching people to see whether this opinion correctly represents that institution. I wonder in fact who is actually heading things up with Dr. Stuart away. It is at any rate a splendid opportunity for Chancellor Luh to show the stuff of which he is made."

Another letter written on November 28 says:

> "Tsing Hua university is packing up its laboratory equipment and much of its other valuable equipment and at night supposedly secretly, although every one seems to know about it, is sending it to Hankow and then to be sent on to Changhsa, the place where they will move to if necessary. Yenching does not feel the jitters so much. I suppose it is because it enjoys a certain amount of foreign protection. What that will amount to in the future no one knows."

Cordially yours,

Wynn C. Fairfield

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December 27, 1935

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

Dear Fairfield:

President Lin has sent me a copy of the letter he wrote to you on November 20th. From what he says in this letter, together with briefer comments in a letter he wrote me on November 21st, it is obvious that his thought with regard to the relationship of Miss Thomas to the American Board has been somewhat different from the plans we have been pursuing. I am attaching a copy of the letter I have written him today, in which I comment on the matter at some length.

Do you think that we should consider any change in Miss Thomas' relationship to the American Board, and to our Fukien Trustees? Or should we let the matter stand in its present status?

Very cordially yours,

B A Garside

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