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Hankow, September 2, 1946

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Sincerely,

(Signed) Mary Coe

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Hua Chung (Central China) College
Wuchang, China

September 2, 1946
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Mr. Oliver S. Lyford
281 Fourth Avenue
New York City 10, U.S.A.

Dear Mr. Lyford:

Dr. Wei and I have talked over the questions relating to the rehabilitation grants from America, and I believe he will be writing you very soon in regard to them. As time goes on and we find more and more things which need doing, it becomes necessary to revise upwards the figures which I gave you in July, but I still expect that it will be possible for us to complete the repairs and buy the necessary college equipment to get started inside the figure of US\$40,000 for Item 2 (Repairs) and US\$40,000 Item 3 (Furniture and Equipment), and allow for the library stacks being purchased in the United States.

I note in the report which Mr. Greiner sent me that a charge of approximately US\$1400 is debited against the Reserve Account for Dr. Wei's travel. In addition, I will be making in my report a further debit of a little less than US\$300 for funds advanced to him in China a year ago. I have talked with Dr. Wei several times about his travel and other things, and he said that it was being handled on your end. Before he left Hsichow in June 1945, he said to me that he expected to go off the college budget for the year that he was in America and was depending upon the remuneration received from his professorship at Union Seminary and arrangements with the Board at home to carry him. The impression I have from what he has told me so far is that he is a bit uncertain about all of the arrangements that were made in regard to his travel, etc., while he was abroad. He did say to me once that if other men on sabbatical leave, in addition to their living allowance or what they received from a teaching position such as Dr. Lo has, were to receive their salary from the college, he felt that he should also.

What is the attitude of the Board of Founders in regard to this connection? In drawing up my report I have been working on the assumption that Dr. Wei's salary was carried on your end this past year. If that is incorrect, please let me know and we will have to make a proper adjustment. What is the position in regard to Dr. Lo?

I have also been talking with Dr. Wei about our position when and if we join the United Board. Up to the present for a considerable portion of our funds from abroad I have been drawing through the Treasurer's Office of the American Church Mission, and occasionally I have been able to make private sales. This has certainly been to our advantage as we have been able frequently to obtain rates above the officially quoted rates. The money which has come to us direct through the Associated Boards has usually been exchanged at official rates, and frequently we have not known until the money has been exchanged and sent that it was coming. When we join the United Board, does it mean that all of our money will have to come through the Shanghai office of the Associated Boards, or will we be able to retain our present measure of independent action? Dr. Wei's feeling is that we should continue to operate as largely as possible as in the past until the United Board forces a change of action.

September 2, 1946

It is still too early to assess the full effects of the recent drastic devaluation of the Chinese dollar. Prices of many local products, such as rice, eggs, meat, etc., have not risen since the announcement, and in the case of rice prices have dropped a bit more because of a good harvest in this section of the country. Cloth prices in some cases have declined somewhat locally. Rice is today selling at around 60% of its peak price in early July. I do not know just how things are going in some other centers. Foreign products have not jumped as much as might have been expected. If prices should remain at the present level over the next four or five months, China would have taken the first big step on the road to economic stability. With the present rise in exchange, we ourselves are now living for a little more than twice, in terms of US dollars, the cost of pre-war years, but of course, we are living much more simply. The actual cost for us, in terms of Chinese dollars, was slightly less in August than it was in July.

Reconstruction is going on at a depressingly slow rate in this center. One of the bright spots in it is the railway between Wuchang and Canton, which started a through-service early in July, and it is now possible to make the trip without too much discomfort in a little more than three days. Traffic along the line is increasing, but it will be sometime before the railway administration will be able to restore all of the steel bridges for which wooden temporary structures are now used. Shipping has improved over the summer, but it is far from sufficient to handle what it ought to. The gift of a number of LST's and LSM's to the Chinese government has improved the situation. The local administration has done some street repairing, but there is a great deal left to do, and it has other work underway. The electric light power in Wuchang is pretty poor, but we hope that the reports of a new power unit for the city are true, and it will be installed before long. A few more of the semi-ruined places are being repaired. Construction laborers, such as carpenters and masons, are able to find plenty of work. New bricks from the kilns up river are beginning to come in, and there is less dependence upon brick picked out of the ruins for the necessary work.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) JOHN L. COE

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From Mary Coe

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Hua Chung College,
Wuchang,
Sept. 9, 1946.

Mr. J. Greiner, Assistant Treasurer,
Hua Chung College Board of Founders,
281 Fourth Ave.,
New York City.

From Mr. Greiner's File

Dear Mr. Greiner,

8 sheets in all

Herewith please find enclosed the financial report of the college for the period from Aug. 1, 1945 to Aug. 1, 1946. This has been prepared in the usual form, of detailed reports for the three schools and the general activities of the college. This has then been consolidated into the summary report. There is also the US\$ balance sheet and the C\$ balance. In addition this year are two additional reports. These are first rehabilitation which has used the same numbering as in the case of the rehabilitation budget as proposed by Mr. Lyford to the Founders. Items four and five do not appear in my statement and I have not attempted to make up the report on item six. Also there is a report on the land purchase during the last five months. Your report of late July arrived just in time and was very helpful to me in making up this report.

For the sake of clearness I have appended a report as to the use of the US\$39,100 which was drawn through the Shanghai office in March and April. I do not know how this was handled on your end and so have simply noted in my report US\$ that it had been received.

I have carried as a receivable the item of ~~US\$127x~~ US\$1,236.14 from GWL at last year, though this may have been cleared up in New York. The only other receivable on this account is for the money from Harvard-Yenching.

The Wei Travel account and the Lo advances are matters which will have to be cleared up on your end and I have carried them as advances on my account. The furniture and equipment item and repair item are against rehabilitation.

I have also assumed that Miss Johnston paid in US\$5,000 for the School of Arts and credited it in under Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society.

The credits in the US\$ balance sheet are as previously arranged in three groups, "A", "B", and "C". "A" group being reserve of various current accounts for operation.

"B" group being department or school funds for which are available for equipment or books. In some cases these totals have increased this year over the previous year as the result of sales of equipment or books in Hsichow.

"C" group being funds more restricted or belonging to individuals as in Deposits.

If there is anything not clear in this please let me know and I will try to clear them up. I am sorry that I have been later than usual in getting this report off to you, but I have had to spend a good bit of my time in Hankow during the last three months and that has held it up.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

John L. Lee.

*Copy of this letter sent
to Mr. Lyford 10/1/46
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Huachung University, summary of Income and Expenditure of regular operation for 1945-46. (Ch)
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		Income.	
Western sources.		C\$	For. salary.
American Church Mission		12,486,458.69	2
" " "2 Miss Johnston		6,000,000.	
London Missionary Society		600,445.	2 1/2
Methodist " "		783,360.	3
Reformed Church Mission		2,700,000.	
Yale-in-China		6,000,000.	
Harvard-Yenching		6,000,000.	
Sustaining Fund- from Great Britian		7,887,566.19	
UCR		<u>12,715,465.</u>	
Total western sources		<u>55,173,294.88</u>	<u>7 1/2</u>
Local Sources.			
National government	458,000.		
Rice subsidy	403,248.98		
Government Loans and Sch.	(4,102,581.22)		
Relief Scholarships	1,353,253.		
Fees	725,487.		
Alumni contribution	<u>105,000.</u>		
total local sources		<u>7,347,570.20</u>	
Grand total income		<u>62,520,865.08</u>	<u>7 1/2</u>
		Expenditure.	
Administration		12,481,277.	2 1/4
Operation and Maintainance		3,567,685.20	
Physical Education		5,100.	
Pao family		761,165.	
Fellowship for Junior members of staff		720,000.	
xxxx School of Arts-personnel		16,374,945.	3 3/4
books equipment		1,989,686.	
School of Education-personnel		6,839,440.	1
books equipment		442,220.51	
School of Science- personnel		10,997,134.	1/2
maintaince and equipment		<u>2,505,988.15</u>	
<i>Scholarships and student aids</i>		<u>5,786,227.22</u>	
grand total expenditure		<u>62,520,865.08</u>	<u>7 1/2</u>

In this summary, items in the various detailed budgets which were there carried in US\$ currency have here been put into C\$.

Sept 9, 1946.

John L. Lee.
Treasurer.

Huachang University, general financial report for 1945-46.

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Income.

	C\$	US\$	For salary
American Church Mission	8,055,323.69	600.	1/2
London Missionary Society	600,445.		1/4
Methodist Missionary Society	59,750.		1 1/2
Government Grant	22,000.		
Rice subsidy	89,248.98		
Entrance exam fees	450,000.		
Miscellaneous fees	91,500.		
Government for scholarships and loans	4102,581.22		
Relief Scholarships	1553,253.		
Alumni contribution	105,000.		
Sustaining fund	<u>74,472,349.53</u>		
total income	<u>22,601,451.42</u>	<u>600.</u>	<u>2 1/4</u>

Expenditure.

Administration			
Alumni office	105,000.		
Admissions	450,000.		
College Functions	98,020.		
Entertainment	168,965.		
Offices-President	126,430.		
Dean and Reg. Office.	178,770.		
Treas. office	30,000.		
Postage and telegrams	342,727.		
Travel	531,190.		
Medical	105,535.		
Infirmary	<u>41,400.</u>	2,178,037.	
Administrative officers			
Acting President (2/3)	868,000.		
Dean (1/2)			1/2
Registrar (1/4) furlough.			1/4
Treas. (1/2)			1/2
Asst. Treas. (1/3)	377,000.		
Asst. Registrar	793,640.		
Chinese Secretary	1,589,400.		
Assistant in Library	1,257,130.		
Physician	978,350.		
"			1
Warden in Men's Hostel	1,494,400.		
Warden in Women's "	707,095.		
Business manager	707,095.		
Nurse	707,095.		
clerk	621,235.		
clerk (1/6)	<u>202,300.</u>	10,303,240.	2 1/4
Operation and Maintenance.			
Library	179,455.		
Power and Light	591,488.65		
Repairs	304,850.		
Hostel wages	917,708.25		
Wages	1,060,215.30		
Rentals	142,600.		
Furniture and equipment	338,020.		
Sundries	<u>33,340.</u>	3,367,685.20	

3. Physical Education

5,100.

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4. Scholarships and Student aids.
 Scholarships
 Government loan and schol.

1,683,643.
 \$ 4,102,581.22 5,786,224.22

5. Payment to Pao family

761,165.

6. Fellowship reserve for younger fac. members
 total expenditure.

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Sept. 9, 1946.

John L. Lee.
 Treasurer

Huachung University, School of Education Financial report for 1945-46.

Income.

	C\$	US\$	For .sal.
Reformed Church Mission	2,400,000.	250.	
London Mission			1 (furlough)
National government	132,000.		
Rice subsidy	54,000.		
Primary school fees	183,987.		
Sustaining Fund	4,211,673.51		
	<u>6,981,660.51</u>	<u>250.</u>	<u>1</u>

Expenditure.

Personnel

Education

P. Hwang	2,128,500.		
W. Hsiung	1,108,425.		
D. B. Anderson (furlough)			1
P. Wu	<u>1,000,390.</u>	4,237,315.	

Music

W. T. Cheng	<u>666,065.</u>	666,065.	
Primary School			
H. Y. Hwang	707,095.		
M. Y. Chao	<u>666,065.</u>	1,373,160.	

travel new appointee
 total personnel

	562,900.		
	<u>6,839,440.</u>		<u>1</u>

Books

education school office	8,710.51		250.
primary school	<u>133,510.</u>	<u>142,220.51</u>	
		6,981,660.51	250.

John L. Lee
 Treasurer

The sustaining Fund is made up of two parts, ~~franklin~~ one from the United China Relief through the Associated Boards, and contributions from Great Britain, partly the British aid to China Fund and also the ~~China~~ China Christian Universities Association in Great Britain. During the year just past the amounts received from these two sources were as follows:

United China Relief	12,715,465.
from Great Britain	<u>7,887,566.19</u>
	20,603,031.19

Sept. 9, 1946.

John L. Lee.
 Treasurer.

Huachung University, School of Arts, Financial report 1945-46.

	Income.	US\$	For .sal.
	0\$		
American Church Mission	3,711,135.		1
Johnston Fund	5,580,000.	350.	1 1/2
Methodist Missionary Society			1 1/4
London Mission			
Harvard-Yenching	6,000,000.		
National Government	156,000.		
Rice subsidy	161,000.		
Sustaining Fund	2,336,496.		
	<u>17,944,631.</u>	<u>350.</u>	<u>3 3/4</u>

Expenditure.			
Chinese Language and Lit.			
M. C. Fu	1,076,425.		
C. T. Lin	1,043,900.		
F. L. Yin	978,850.		
C. P. Teng	1,026,850.		
M. C. Wei	956,325.		
C. S. Sung	<u>726,610.</u>	5,808,960.	
Western Languages.			
M. Bleakley (3/4) (Turdaugh)			3/4
L. L. Burr			1
T. W. Wang (1/2)	726,610.		1/2
M. Y. Kao	726,610.		
J. Chamberlayne		1,453,220.	1
History-Sociology			
L. Constantine (1/2)			1/2
Y. C. Wang	978,850.		
Y. L. Hsu	785,155.		
S. H. Shih	<u>687,580.</u>	2,451,585.	
Economics-Commerce			
A. C. Shen	1,275,725.		
J. I. Tan (2/3)	755,000.		
S. Y. Lee	946,325.		
C. H. Wu	<u>707,095.</u>	3,684,145.	
Philosophy-Psychology-Religion			
C. F. Lo	1,174,000.		
W. K. Tsai	1,076,425.		
O/ C. Che	<u>726,610.</u>	2,977,035.	
Total personnel		<u>16,374,945.</u>	<u>3 3/4</u>
Arts Books except Chinese		350.	
Chinese dept. bks etc.	54,265.		
Arts equipment	1,515,421.		
	<u>17,944,631.</u>	<u>350.</u>	<u>3 3/4</u>

Sept. 9, 1946.

John L. Lee.
Treasurer.

Huachung University, Yale-in-China School of Science Financial report for 1945-46. (5)

	Income		
	0\$	US\$	For.sal..
Yale-in-China	5,700,000.	250.	
Methodist Mission	732		
Methodist Mission	723,610.		
American Church Mission			1/2
National Government	148,000.		
Rice Subsidy	99,000.		
Sustaining Fund	6,582,512.15		
	<u>13,253,122.15</u>	<u>250.</u>	<u>1/2</u>

Expenditure.

Personnel

Biology

S. D. Hsiao	1,174,000.		
L. C. Pi	678,345.		
Y. L. Chen	845,740.		
C. F. Yu	<u>658,580.</u>	3,356,665.	

Chemistry

S. N. Bien	1,174,000.		
F. H. Chu	765,640.		
T. C. Ma	707,095.		
T. S. Chiang	<u>666,065.</u>	3,312,800.	

Physics

R. P. Bien (1/3)	436,100.		
P. N. Wei	746,125.		
C. F. Ying (1/3)	229,875.		
C. Y. Lin	726,610.		
J. Yang	726,610.		
Chao (machinist)	<u>757,680.</u>	3,623,000.	

Mathematics

J. L. Coe (1/2)			1/2
G. T. Shen (1/4)	144,000.		
G. Hwang (1/2)	<u>498,660.</u>	642,660.	

travel new appointees

	<u>62,009.</u>		
	10,997,134.		<u>1/2</u>

Maintenance and equipment

Biology	528,233.15		
Chemistry	1,075,839.		
Physics	<u>363,936.</u>	1,968,008.15	
Books all depts.			250.
Biology research	285,980.		
Dean's office	<u>2,000.</u>	<u>287,980.</u>	

total expenditure

	13,253,122.15	250.	1/2
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Huachung University US\$ balance sheet as of Aug. 1, 1946.

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	Dr.	Cr.
Sustaining Fund		2,279.47
Johnston Fund		21,306.86
Harvard-Yenching		11,166.62
Yale-in-China		16,154.38
American Church Mission		5,500.00
President's Discretionary Fund		
Practice School		610.31
Relief Fund		4,218.17
Arts Book fund		46.50
" Equipment		1,428.02
Education Books		800.00
Music		1,168.67
Biology		477.90
Chemistry		1,957.15
Physics		1,990.58 8
Science Books		578.07
Thorne Fund		781.69
Science Museum		461.42
		200.00
Reserve for Fellowships		
Holmes Scholarship		1,700.00 ✓
Yunnan Student "		240.00
Page fund		280.00
Alumni fund		400.00
Transportation		530.00
Board of Founders Special		9,245.92
Proctor-Johnston Land and Bldg.	11,722.54 ✓	278.57
Deposit a/c		9,318.25 ✓
Wei travel	x 1,795.48	
Lo advances	x 3,863.08	
Furniture and equipment	✓ 8,615.80 ✓	
Repairs	✓ 9,913.68 ✓	
Suspense (Bien ch.)		10.14
Scholarships - Taai	170. ✓	
Guerry	100. ✓	
W. A.	500.	
R. O.M.	2000.	
Westches	333.45	
Tuttle	75.	
St. Paul's	500.	
		3,478.45
- received Thru Shanghai office		39,100.00 x
- Associated Bds. for equipment		8,000.00
- Reformed C. Mission for rehab.		5,000.00
Special China Funds	x 5,130.07	
Receivable GWL	x 1,236.14	
Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society	x 40,000.00	
Receivable Harvard-Yenching	5,000.00	
" Foundation account	703.66	
Equivalent Hongkong Dep.	1,580.00	
" Rangoon Dep.	9.90	
balance joint account NOB New York	3,608.08 ✓	
Reserve " NOB " "	55,508.41 60508.41	
	148,696.98	148,696.98

56407.33

14718.48

21992.72

55,578.45

Notes: The balance in the joint account has been increased over that shown last year as outstanding check on it for \$4.91 was cashed from the reserve account.

The Hongkong account is still blocked by regulations of the Hongkong government but it may be possible to realize upon it sometime this next year. There should be no difficulty in realizing upon the Rangoon account.

Sept 2, 1946.

John L. Lee, Treasurer

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Hwachung University, C\$ balance sheet as of Aug. 1, 1946.

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	Dr.	Cr.
Ministry of Education		101,095,255.72
Sustaining Fund-Advance payment aug. Sept.		2,604,365.
Admissions account		243,633.
Scholarships		191,600.
Government Loan		- 1,894,247.78
Faculty Aid (rehabilitation)		- 4,594,858.26
Deposit account, <i>RECEIVABLE FROM SHANGHAI</i>	4,780.	6,293,007.69
Transportation	439,958.60	
Repair account	32,718,972.00 X	
Balance onway from Yunnan	5,994,126.56	
" SCSB Hankow	8,519,395.39	
" Bank of China Hankow	8,885,351.31	
" Central Bank Hankow	676,000.00	
" " Wuchang	59,084,028.13	
cash on hand	146,397.70	
	116,917,007.69	116,917,007.69

The large amount in the deposit account is because some faculty members have not yet drawn their June and July salaries. These have been charged out on the regular account and held here to wait for their arrival or their instructions.

Sept. 9, 1946.

*John L. Lee.
Treasurer*

Hwachung University, land account March 1946- Aug. 1, 1946.

Chi San Kai next to Practice school 216 fang	11,954,000.
Yuin Chia Chiao next to city wall land 73 fang	3,014,720. 3
Wu Chia Yjuen 2589-1	1,213,640.
" " 2629	1,495,240.
Final on temple property	730,000.
Chiang Chia shen final	1,890,000.
#2768.	2,802,340.
Yang Chia Tang final	2,740,000.
	25,859,940.

This is charged as US\$12,929.97

Sept. 9, 1946.

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September 27, 1946
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Mr. Oliver S. Lyford
281 Fourth Avenue
New York City 10, U.S.A.

Sam Farley

Dear Mr. Lyford:

Dr. Wei received your letter of September 10 a few days ago, together with three sheets of financial notes, and he has asked me to comment on them.

In reference to the Moving and Rehabilitation Budget and Estimates. As I wrote earlier, the moving account can be considered practically closed. In fact, I hope to be able to make a final statement on that before long, as a student has gone to Changsha to bring up the remaining boxes.

I can give you no further information in regard to faculty rehabilitation, as no further payment has been received from the Associated Boards. Of Items 2 and 3 on Rehabilitation and Repairs to buildings and college furnishings, I would say the following: Repairs to buildings I expect may take most of the US\$40,000. In regard to college furnishings, when you allow for the library stacks purchased in the States, I rather expect the total may run nearer US\$40,000 than \$30,000 as in my earlier estimate. When I made that first estimate I was allowing for a smaller number of students than Dr. Wei is now hoping for.

In reference to the cablegram Dr. Wei sent you and the use of the \$100,000,000 from the government, it was the feeling of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors that the sum should be considered outside of the Rehabilitation budget, as adopted by you people in New York.

The item for student travel (it will probably not exceed \$3,500,000) arises because of the fact that other institutions in this center who received grants from the government made payment to their student bodies from \$50,000 up per student. In their cases the payments were made when the institution started to move, and no check apparently was made as to whether the student would ultimately come or not. In our case the payment is only made when the student registers. It was felt that if we did not do this, there might be some repercussions. If we had not re-ceived the government money, we would not have had to make these government payments. The extra payments to faculty for rehabilitation also come because of the fact that other institutions receiving government grants have been using some of it for faculty rehabilitation.

The problem of the student body is a serious one. There did not seem to be any possibility of housing as many students as 400 without erecting this building. It does not seem to be a wise plan to take any considerable number of day student who would be living at home with their families. As it is, we are taking approximately two new students for every old student, and it will be difficult enough to assimilate these, especially those who do not have the background of our affiliated middle schools. If a student comes to us merely for instructional purposes, we will not be giving him everything that a Christian college strives to give to the students who come to it. Any considerable group of students who are living outside would tend to lower our Christian character very quickly, with the way conditions are in China at the present time.

This government grant was received in July, and I had been using its proceeds to keep my cash position since then and had not been changing US dollars, and by the middle of September I was getting down toward the bottom. I have written to Mr. Gilson, asking him to exchange US\$10,000 and charge back to you. The money

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has not yet been received, and I am wondering if Mr. Gilson is delaying a few days the exchange in order to see how the exchange rate is going to settle down. As there are many reports of changes, it may very well be that there will be no settling down until after the 30th of this month, the deadline for the conversion of all foreign currency deposits in Chinese banks to National Currency. We are not selling ahead further than necessary, but I will need most of this money in order to finance the temporary building and to make final payments on college furnishings which are due to be delivered in the near future.

As I wrote in my report, out of the total of US\$39,100 which the college drew through Mr. Pickens in March and April this year, a portion of that, \$US12,929.97, was debited against land purchase. \$1,000 against money from the Woman's Auxiliary for moving students. \$6,640.55 against the current account for operating expenses 1945-46. US\$9,913.68 was debited against the repair account. US\$8,615.80 was debited against the Equipment Furnishings account. Early in August I received US\$10,000 from the Associated Boards office in Shanghai exchanged at 2000-to-one. Thus approximately US\$28,500 on these two accounts can be considered as having been exchanged at 2000-to-one, a total of CN\$57,000,000. If we were to reckon that US\$41,500 were to be exchanged at a minimum of 3300 (we should realize considerably more on at least a portion of this), we would have a total of over \$130,000,000. I would estimate that we would certainly be able to complete the repairs and provide ample furnishings with this total sum of a proximately Chinese \$190,000,000. Many of these furnishings are of the type that they would be available for the new buildings.

In reference to your figures in regard to the current budget, I would say that the figure of US\$5,000 as income from the Evangelical and Reformed Church is high, and probably we will not receive more than about US\$4,000. Also, the amount from English sources I would say would be nearer 2000 than 3000.

Mr. Bergamini arrived here a week ago, and I have been spending considerable time with him. For the first time I saw his proposed lay-out, if the main college buildings were to be built on the old Boone Compound. I was not as favorably impressed with the lay-out as with his original lay-out of 1937 on the property outside the city. The commission of the National Council of the Protestant Episcopal Church should be here sometime in November, and we all hope that it will be possible at that time for the question of whether Boone School is remaining on its present site or moving out to be definitely settled. Mr. Bergamini yesterday morning took a level from the front gate of the Boone Compound to the spot outside the City Wall where the front gate would be if it were to adopt his scheme of 1937. The spot outside is nine feet lower than inside. The problem of the development inside is not going to be easy because of the fact that the compound is on two levels with the lower level approximately 150 feet with a bank sloping upwards about 30 feet and then extending back at its narrowest point a little less wide than the lower level, and at other places considerably wider. Thus any buildings built near the bank will require extra work for the foundations, and there is one section of the upper level where the ground is entirely unsuitable for foundations. Outside, the main college group would be on land of approximately the same level, which should give a good foundation.

I have had a report, which I will confirm as soon as possible, that the bank accounts in Hongkong which had been frozen have now been unfrozen.

As I have written earlier, we have been purchasing small pieces of land in order to round out the property outside the city wall but inside the city road. Prices in terms of US currency are considerably higher than they were before the war, but it seems wise to get these pieces of land before we start on any

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large-scale development there. Property just inside the city wall, adjoining our city wall land, is not very much more expensive than it was before the war. When one piece of property was purchased in 1934, its price was approximately US\$14. per fong (100 square feet). For property like that I have just mentioned we have been able to secure two pieces for some US\$15-16 per fong, and it is our idea to purchase any other property which will further link up our city wall property with the street.

I have been very loath during the last year or so to comment upon the degree of comfort of the faculty and staff and their state of mind, because in many of these things the reaction of a Chinese and a westerner is quite different. I have felt that such comments might better come from some one like Dr. Wei or Dr. Bien. The faculty is certainly more comfortably housed and have more conveniences than in Hsichow. The water runs at least a few hours every day in the homes, and there is electricity at night, although in some cases rather poor. My feeling is that the state of mind of the faculty is better than last year, and they are also better off financially.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) John L. Coe

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October 15, 1946

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Received Oct 24.
Oded - C.S.F.

Mr. Oliver S. Lyford
C/o 281 Fourth Avenue
New York City 10, U. S. A.

Dear Mr. Lyford:

I am enclosing herewith a sketch of the northeast corner of the city. Boone Compound is shown outlined. The property now held by the college is shown shaded. As I understand the ideas of Bergamini and of the Board of Trustees, it is desirable that we should try to get all of the property bounded on the south by Liang Tao Kai, on the west by Teo Sz Yin, and on the east by the around-the-city road. As you will see from this sketch, there are only a comparatively few places in this section which we do not hold at the present time. As property in this section comes on the market, we are going ahead with purchasing. Property will probably never be so cheap again. In the section between Teo Sz Yin and the City Wall a large number of the houses were ruined, and so when parcels of land come on the market, it is wise to purchase before holders have done any rebuilding. Most of this land is held by small individual holders, and one has to wait until they are ready to sell. To push an aggressive buying campaign at the present time would only push up prices. I would estimate that to fill in the blanks in the area between Teo Sz Yin and the Round-the-City Road would cost a maximum of NC\$100,000,000, and possibly only NC\$80,000,000. So far we have spent a little less than US\$15,000 on purchases of land this year.

The Chekiang Guild and Buddhist School which jut into the south side of Boone Compound are impossible to push at the present time; and even if they came on the market, we would probably have to pay at least three times what we are paying for the land in the other sector. Dr. Wei is keeping his ears open in case there should be any development in regard to them, but the Guild is held by the Chekiang Province, and it is almost impossible to find any person or group of people who are in a position to sell and give us a valid deed.

The problem which we wish to put up to you is that concerning areas marked "A" and "B" on the map. Area A consists of seven or eight acres lying between the Round-the-City Road and the Hankow-Canton Railway. It is being offered to us at a price of approximately NC\$60,000,000. Because of certain factors, I have not looked accurately at the land, but my sketch shows its approximate position. The thing is that if we buy this, then we would have to figure later on acquiring the vegetable gardens in the gap between it and the Round-the-City Road. The problem is, "Do we want to go in this deep for a piece outside our original limits?" It has this advantage that if we get it, it will prevent in the future any group of people buying it and putting up undesirable places between us and the railway track. On the other side of the railway, the ground slopes off to marshy land, and I would say it would be a very long time before there would be any development over there.

Area B, ^{of approximately 5 acres} south of Liang Tao Kai is offered to us in one piece, and it would cost us at the present offer around NC\$50,000,000. The thing is that it would give room for possible expansion in the future for residences. There is no question but that within the near future we should buy all the property we want, as when the city begins really to revive, land is bound to go up in value. Bergamini's original plan of 1937 was to place the main college buildings in the area between T'an Hwa Lin and the proposed new street on the land outside. It is my personal feeling that if the school moves off Boone Compound, the land already acquired or in the process of being acquired, should be sufficient to house a college of 600-800 students.

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However, with a long view to the future it might be well to make both purchases A and B. Mr. Bergamini when he was here recommended that we get some land through to the railway in order to protect our outlook. Will you please cable us whether we are authorized to go ahead with purchases "A" and "B", or not.

The summary of acreage is as follows:

Boone Compound.....	20 acres
Between Teo Sz Yin and Around-the-City Road.....	40 acres
Possible Purchase, A.....	8 acres
" " B.....	5 "

These figures are approximate, and in the case of the second item, our present holding is about 34 acres, with the remaining approximate six acres to be purchased when available.

Sincerely yours,

John L. Lee.

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Hua Chung College,
Wuchang,
Oct. 28, 1946.

Dr. William P. Fenn,
Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China,
169 Yuen Ming Yuen Road,
Shanghai.

Dear Bill,

Your telegram of ~~xxx~~ the 26th reached me last night. As airmail from here to Shanghai is almost as rapid as telegrams I am sending you the figures herewith.

Our payroll exclusive of missionary appointees and servants in September was 52 people.

These 52 people received a total of C\$15,030,000 for September.

Our prices for September were up about five thousand times prewar.

Our faculty salaries were up as follows:

2	people	were	receiving	approximately	1300	times	their	prewar	salary.
20	"	"	"	"	1500	"	"	"	"
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(in the above table, the higher rank people were in the first two classes while the lower rank people were in the other two classes.)

Thus	2	people	were	receiving	approximately	26 %	of	their	prewar	purchasing	value.
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3 abnormal cases are omitted from the above summary.

Our estimate is that operational expenses will be in the ratio of 1:3 as compared to ~~xxx~~ salary totals.

At the present time we are paying on the basis of : 540 times the basic salary plus \$90,000 plus research subsidy, which is the government plan for the Wuhan area and when and if the government goes up we will probably do so.

On the basis of the above, our salary total for the year would be approx.	\$180,000,000.
our operational expenses for the year	60,000,000.
	<u>C\$240,000,000.</u>
	US\$72,000.

converting this into US\$ at the present rate of 3310 makes approx.

Income from contributing missions and foundations	US\$34,000.	
probable income from fees	15,000.	
total income		US\$49,000.
to be found		<u>US\$23,000.</u>

This estimate is based upon the hope that if prices rise that exchange will follow suit. It should also be noticed that whereas in the year 1943-44 we received about US\$30,000 from the Associated Boards in order to balance our budget the amount needed above is US\$23,000.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

John Doe

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HUA CHUNG (CENTRAL CHINA) COLLEGE
Wuchang, China

October 29, 1946

Mr. Oliver S. Lyford
281 Fourth Ave.
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Lyford:

I enclose herewith a copy of a letter which I wrote to Dr. Fenn in reply to a wire I had from him two days ago. This letter was checked over with Dr. Wei before it was sent and I believe that it is self-explanatory. Yesterday we had your cable in reference to equipment and also the rehabilitation grant. According to the information I have on hand both from this end and your end my estimate of the amount spent on this so far is as follows:

1. Moving the college	US\$30,000
2. Repairs	
3. Furnishings and general equip.)	70,000
4. Books -Ward's report - your cable	25,000
5. Equipment "	33,000
4 and 5 a. equipment on requisition Ward	12,000
6. Faculty rehabilitation-from ASS. bds.	<u>10,000</u> 180,000

This total falls short of the total of US\$234,000. mentioned in your cable but it should be remembered that the original book grant was US\$60,000 and thus far the books actually bought are US\$35,000 short of this. Adding this in, gives a total of US\$215,000. There is also the matter of the machine shop equipment which Dr. Bien is negotiating for which will come to US\$5,000 to US\$6,000. That will leave a margin of US\$13,000 to US\$14,000 to cover possible extra heavy charges getting the equipment up to Wuchang, and duty on some things as the government has refused so far to grant duty exemption on the typewriters and stationary supplies. Permits have been authorized for the pianos, and science equipment. Books come in free. So far I have spent nearly C\$165,000,000 on items two and three with more bills coming in all the time and I am at present trying to hold the line of a grand total of this of C\$193,000,000 which will be approximately the equivalent of US\$70,000. We are trying to sift out things which are non essential in this respect so as to be sure to get the essential ones done within that limit. It would seem wisest to allow the margin of US\$13,000 mentioned above to stand for future allocation after we have more nearly completed the present phase and it can certainly be well used for books and equipment.

The commission from the Episcopal church is in Shanghai at the present time. They are due here by plane on Friday morning. Bishop Gilman is still held up in San Francisco by the strike, so that more in connection with their visit is being put on Mr. Kemp and myself. I hope that Bergamini will be coming back up river with them and that some problems of the relation between school and college and land will be settled at this time.

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Prices have been rising during the past month and it looks as though there was not much hope of an early stabilization. In order to keep ourselves going as an institution we have got to hope that exchange will increase as fast as prices and we should be able to carry on.

We have hopes of getting away on furlough at the end of January and if so I will have a chance of talking some of these things over with you in New York sometime next spring.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely

John L. Coe

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Huachung University
Wuchang
Hupeh, China
November 12, 1946
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Letter 1946

Mr. Oliver S. Lyford
281 Fourth Avenue
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November 12, 1946

During the last week we have taken delivery of two pianos and four boxes of books from Shanghai. I have not yet received the figures from Shanghai for handling there and for the cost of freight upriver. From the figures on another shipment of mission things which were sent me, at the present time freight on the ships from Shanghai to Hankow is costing US\$27. per measurement ton (40 cu. ft.). In bringing the pianos from the shipping company in Hankow to Wuchang, I paid out the equivalent of US\$20 per piano. It is somewhat the same rate for the boxes of books. Dr. Wei's baggage was also in this shipment. This will give you an idea of what we are up against in the matter of handling charges, which for local charges in Shanghai are higher than here in Hankow.

During Mr. Bergamini's visit here of last week we were checking over again the question of building costs. When Mr. Bergamini did some building for the college in the summer of 1937, the new houses on the City Wall were built at the rate of between US\$8-9 per cu. ft. The New Yen Hostel cost about US\$12 per cu. ft., its cost being higher as the floors were reinforced concrete, and it was better construction throughout. The semi-permanent dormitory which Dr. Taylor has been building will cost at least US\$45 per cu. ft., and that with a contract let before the end of September. Dr. Taylor says that building costs have gone up at least 20%, if not more, since that time.

Dr. Wei is very anxious to push the construction of more residences and hostels before the opening of college next fall, but Bergamini feels that we should not go ahead with construction at such prices. Dr. Franklin said that when it comes to the matter of new construction out here, we must expect it to be more expensive than pre-war, but that the National Council would not be prepared to authorize any new construction until prices have fallen a very considerable ways below their present level.

There is one possibility of answering our housing need which I took up with Dr. Franklin. The National Council has bought two portable hospital units, which have been landed in Shanghai duty-free. Dr. Franklin told me that they have been tentatively promised to our hospitals in Shanghai, but he was not certain that they would be wanted there. I have put in an application to Dr. Franklin for their use up here, if they are not wanted in Shanghai. If we can secure these, it will do much in helping out our shortage.

Dr. Franklin, Dr. Magill and Mrs. Sherman arrived on November First and spent a busy week of it here in Wuhan. I believe that they got a very good view not only of the college problems, but of the mission problems here. I think they have a good grasp of what the problems are. I think after they have consulted with Dr. Franklin on their return, they will be prepared to make early recommendations as to the future development of Huachung and Boone.

I have just received a notice from Dr. Fenn that the United Services to China (successor to UCR) has granted us NC3,400,000 for our current budget for October. I have not yet had any word from him as to what we may hope for from this source through the Associated Boards for the year. As I wrote in my earlier letter, Dr. Fenn has sent to us for information in regard to our expenses and sources of income, and I imagine that he is now working upon this problem.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

signed John L. Coe

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John Greiner
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November 25, 1946

Mr. Charles P. Gilson
American Church Mission
152 Minghong Road
Shanghai, China

Dear Carl:

On October 11 we paid the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation drafts Nos. 34, 35 and 36 and charged them to the Hankow appropriation. On November 4 we received your three advices for these drafts to charge the Hua Chung College appropriation in accordance with John Coe's letter of September 16, 1946. John Coe also wrote Mr. Lyford under date of September 27, from which I quote: "I have written to Mr. Gilson, asking him to exchange \$10,000.00 and charge it back to you." In charging this back to Lyford, Coe apparently means that the Central China College Foundation, New York, is to reimburse the Society, crediting the China Treasurer for this payment. If this is his intention, as I feel quite sure it is, you will have to correct the charge on your books by charging the New York Treasurer instead of charging Hua Chung \$12,000.00 appropriation in the Hankow budget.

I am enclosing herewith the Treasurer's statements for the month of October. Regarding the statement of the tax information, which you requested about the missionaries coming to China, I am holding it up until I can send you all Form W-2's as complete as possible for the year. I will also send you informational returns for those who have had no tax withheld. I will try to get the necessary forms within the next day or two from the Collector's office and will then write you giving you the tax information you may need.

We had word today that Dr. Addison is leaving San Francisco on Thursday the twenty-eighth (Thanksgiving Day) and expects to be in New York on Sunday. I believe that he will then take a long rest before he returns to the office for active duty.

Due to the air mail tie-up, I have no idea as to when you may receive this letter, so I want to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

John Greiner
Comptroller

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P.S. - Will you please forward the enclosed letter to Dr. Harry B. Taylor?

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AMERICAN CHURCH MISSION SPECIAL CHINA FUNDS

HUA CHUNG COLLEGE ACCOUNT

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements

As of July 31, 1946

RECEIPTS

1945

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A.J.Allen Voucher 5532 grant from Pierce Fund 1944

\$ 50.00 ✓ x

A.J.Allen Voucher 5876; from Mrs. Herman Page 15.00

Through E.P.Miller. Dr. Wei's Disc. Fund for relief of Faculty members

100.00 115.00 ✓ x

A.J.Allen Voucher 5860;

Payments at Hsichow 830.00

Cash to ACM Kunming 570.00

1,400.00

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A.J.Allen Voucher 4268 from Miss Bleakley purchases for Miss Burr

40.00 ✓ x

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A.J.Allen Voucher 4275 part Bp. Gilman's salary July

20.00 ✓ x

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A.J.Allen Voucher 6476 Alumni Fund Episcopal Theological Scholarship thru Rev. H.G. Shattuck

367.67 ✓ x

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A.J.Allen Voucher 7300 Balance \$12,000. appro.

4,040.64 ✓ x

4/26

A.J.Allen Voucher 7363 Sale of Microscopes

210.00 ✓ x

\$ 6,243.31

DISBURSEMENTS

1946

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Erica Hsiao. C.L.Pickens letter 4/26/46

\$ 152.28

5/24

Transferred to Mrs. Sidney Hsiao's account

56.13

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Mrs. Erica Hsiao

709.97

918.38

Balance on hand July 31, 1946.

\$ 5,324.93

To: Mr. Greiner

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HUACHUNG UNIVERSITY

(Central China College)

WUCHANG, CHINA

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C O P Y

December 3, 1946

Mr. John L. Coe, Treasurer
Huachung University
Wuchang, CHINA

Dear Mr. Coe:

In Mr. Lyford's letter of November 17th to Dr. Wei he stated that I would write you shortly in connection with the college reports.

In the report (a copy of which is enclosed) submitted to the Board of Trustees at their meeting October 30th you will find some differences in the operating funds as shown on your USDollar balance sheet and our statement, Exhibit D, which I will explain below:

Special China Funds. From the enclosed statement of the ACM-SCF of the Huachung College account you will find that our figure is \$5,324.93 against yours of \$5,130.07. I hope this statement will enable you to reconcile the difference.

Receivable - GWL. After checking the records with George W. Laycock upon his return from China we find that the balance due the college was \$1,497.94 instead of \$1,236.14. This amount has now been received from the Society and deposited in the National City Bank.

Dr. Wei's Travel to the U.S. You will find from our report that the total expenses amounted to \$1,923.56 instead of the \$1,795.14 indicated on your statement. The college funds (National City Bank) have now been reimbursed for this amount. Mr. Fowler wrote Dr. Wei recently regarding this adjustment.

Advances to Mrs. Lo. \$3,863.08 is the correct amount. I simply want to mention that Dr. Lo will make some arrangement shortly to adjust this loan.

Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society. Amount held by the Society is \$39,000 instead of the \$40,000 you show. Last December Miss Johnston only contributed \$4,000 instead of the usual \$5,000, as she donated \$1,000 towards the support of Mrs. John Lo.

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National City Bank of New York (Reserve). As the \$5,000 from Harvard-Yencheng was received and deposited before July 31st, I am adding it to the \$55,508.41, making a total in the reserve account of \$60,508.41, as per your statement. This total can be checked with the items on my statement:

For operations	\$ 42,228.96
Special Funds:	
Moving and Rehabilitation Fund	14,500.00 *
Yunnan Students Scholarship Fund	94.00
Accounts Payable - Miss Sharten	607.00
Dr. Wei's Scholarship Fund:	
Taai	170.00
Guerry	100.00
Westchester	333.45
Tuttle	75.00
St. Pauls	<u>300.00</u>
	978.45 *
Specials:	
For Miss Ying	100.00
Support of students from Reformed Church	<u>2000.00</u>
	2,100.00 *
	\$ 60,508.41

* These three credits total \$17,578.45. Your three credits, namely \$3,478.45, \$8,000 and \$5,000 amounts to \$16,478.45. You will note that you credited the WA with the gift of \$500 whereas they actually contributed \$1,500, and you also did not show the credit for Miss Ying's \$100 gift.

It is not quite clear to us about the \$39,100 you received from the Shanghai Office in March and April. In the summary on Page 8 of your report you show expenditures for land purchase \$12,929.97 and on the US balance sheet \$11,722.54. The expenditures for repairs, equipment and furniture seems to agree. Of the total \$39,100 we have reimbursed the China Treasurer from the Proctor-Johnston Funds for the \$12,929.97 and \$19,529.48 from the Rehabilitation and Construction Fund held here for the college\$. We are now reimbursing the China Treasurer in the National City Reserve Account \$6,640.55 used for operating expenses.

In your letter L-56 to Mr. Lyford dated September 27th you wrote as follows: "I have written to Mr. Gilson asking him to exchange \$10,000 and charge it back to you." When I paid the draft for this \$10,000, Charles Gilson advised us that the charge was against Huachung appropriation in accordance with John Coe's letter of September 16th. I believe Gilson's information is incorrect as we understood from your letter that we were to reimburse Mr. Gilson through '281' from the college funds in New York. We made the reimbursement from the Reconstruction and Rehabilitation Funds which are in the hands of the National Council. Enclosed find copy of letter sent to Gilson regarding this payment. May we suggest that when you request funds from the China Treasurer that you indicate clearly whether the charge is against the \$12,000 budget appropriation or to be charged to the New York Treasurer's account to be reimbursed from college funds in New York. You might then advise us whether the reimbursement is to come from the Reconstruction Funds, ACM-SC Funds, Proctor-Johnston Building Fund, or any other account we have here for the college.

I hope I have made everything clear regarding these differences in our accounts and that my explanation of withdrawals from the China Treasurer will help to keep our record straight. With greetings and best wishes for Christmas and the New Year, I am

Sincerely yours,

John Greiner, Assistant Treasurer

HUA CHUNG (CENTRAL CHINA) COLLEGE

WUCHANG, CHINA

TEMPORARILY IN HANKOW
VIA TALL YUNNAN, CHINA

室 長 校
OFFICE OF THE
TREASURER.

Dec. 21, 1946.

CO-OPERATING UNITS
BOONE COLLEGE
GRIFFITH JOHN COLLEGE
HUPING COLLEGE
WESLEY COLLEGE
YALE-IN-CHINA COLLEGE

Mr. J. M. Greiner, Assistant Treas.
Hua Chung Board of Founders,
281 Fourth Ave.,
New York City.

*Rec'd
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Dear Mr. Greiner,

Thank you for your letter of December 3rd which arrived a few days ago. I will try to clear up the points which you raised in your letter:

SpecialChina Funds.

The difficulty in this account arises from the fact that Allen apparently in some cases credited to Dr. Wei's personal account funds which I thought had been credited to the college account. I had put them in the college account as part of them he was using in his discretionary fund and also his personal funds were carried in the college account with others here. Also in my case the Hsiao account did not appear at all and I thought Allen had arranged for that to be separate. My record on the account in SOF is as follows:

A.J.Allen-Voucher 5532 grant from Pierce Fund 1944	\$50.00	✓	✓
A.J.Allen-voucher 5876:Mrs.Herman Page 15.00			
E.P.Miller 100.00	115.00	✓	✓
* A.J.Allen voucher 5923-(dated May 2,1945) Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief	100.00		
* A.J.Allen voucher 6547(dated July 11,1945)Mr.Lyford for credit of Dr.Edith W.K.Tsai Hsiao Chung Faculty Gold dep.	145.45		
* A.J.Allen- Special of July 1945 for Women's students	41.31		
A.J.Allen-voucher 4268 purchases for Miss Burr	40.00	✓	✓
A.H.Allen-voucher 4275 Part Bishop Gilman's salary July	20.00	✓	✓
A.J. Allen-voucher 6476 Alumni Episcopal TheolSch.	367.67	✓	✓
A.J.Allen- voucher 7300	4,040.64	✓	✓
A.J. Allen Voucher 7363	210.00	✓	✓
	<u>5,130.07</u>		

In this you will see that I have eliminated the Hsiao business in and out. I have added three items which are indicated *. The third one of these items was handled by Allen in July 1945 having come out as a special to Dr.Wei. When I was in Kunming in Aug. 1945 Dr. Wei told me of it and said that he had arranged with Allen to have it held in US\$. I did not get from him Allen's voucher number at that time. I have a copy of Allen's general statement for August 1945 in Hankow and it does not appear on that. Unfortunately I have not been able to find a copy of his July statement or I would be able to give you the voucher no. It may well have been a grant from the Pierce Fund for 1945.

There is also the matter of Allen's voucher #4923 of April 24,1944, to Dr. Wei for US\$100 which from information I have in Hankow is in an account for Dr.Wei and he has requested that it be transferred to the college account which will hold it here as his deposit.

Receivable GWL. The discrepancy between my figures here and Laycock's figures arises because I had not been certain of one transaction of September 1941, and had been waiting for his figures. The balance which you give here of \$1,497.94 is correct and I will make the adjustment on this end.

Dr.Wei's travel to the US. I see where the difference arose in this matter and will make the readjustment here. Dr. Wei is hoping that his entire travel account and ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ account for his stay abroad will be settled up shortly.

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Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society/ This was the first that I knew about the matter of the US\$1,000 donated towards the support of Mrs. Lo. and will make the adjustments here.

National City Bank of New York (Reserve)

I did not show the credit for Miss Ying's gift as I had understood from letters earlier that it was her personal money and what has not already been paid over to her is carried in the deposit account on this end.

In my summary I credited the Women's ~~auxiliary~~ Auxiliary with only \$500 as I had already used US\$1,000 of the grant from the Women's Auxiliary for helping with the moving of the students of the college. In the summary which I sent you on the rehabilitation account to Aug. 1, 1946 I credited against income for transportation ~~of~~ \$2,000,000 (equivalent of US\$1,000 at that time) as from the Woman's Auxiliary and hence did not consider it an asset for scholarships for this year.

The discrepancy in the land purchase account arises in this way:

Previous to 1938 sums of money had been sent out for land and building and reported on. When activity in that line ceased eight years ago, there was still a credit on the books here of \$1,207.43 which has every year been carried as a credit on my US\$ balance sheet. Therefore this year when I incurred a total expenditure of US\$12,929.97 on this account, I first wiped out the credit of ~~\$12x~~ \$1,207.43 on my books and thus showed a debit of only \$11,722.54.

I am sorry there was confusion over my requests to Mr. Gilson as of September this year. About the middle of the month I requested him for US\$10,000 to be exchanged to be charged against the Hankow appropriation for Hua Chung. Then a week or so later (as we were getting the new dormitory started) I asked him for a further \$10,000 asking that this be charged through to Mr. Lyford. I have tried to make clear in my letters to Gilson where the money was to come from and doubtless the difficulty in this case arose because there were two requests on my part.

So far this academic year (since the first of August) I have drawn the following through the Shanghai office-

August -	to be charged to Hankow appropriation	\$1,000.
September -	" " " " " "	10,000.
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October	" " " " " " (for payment in Shanghai)	300.
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"	and Reformed Church will reimburse us)	82.50
"	to be charged to Mr. Lyford	x 10,000.
November	to be charged to Mr. Lyford	10,000.

I am not certain whether or not the \$300 has been made yet or not but I think that it will be in the near future.

In addition to the above I have sent word direct to you asking that the following payments be made.

Dr. Wu Paochin	150.00
Dr. Wu Paochin	190.00
Dr. S. W. Wan	800.00
Miss H. Y. Hwang	21.00
Mrs. Gertrude Emily Cummings	2500.00

I have omitted from this summary my two requests of August to pay Pei Pao-i a total of US\$800 as the letters which were sent to him have been returned to me. By the end of this term in January I will send you a summary showing how the above advances are to be charged. The Reformed Church may already have sent you the ~~\$82x~~ \$82.50 to cover the payment noted above. It was in connection with a draft which I had handled for them late in 1941 and this was the easiest way of settling the whole matter.

With best wishes for a prosperous new year,

John Greiner