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

Dear Mr. Garside:

I am wondering if you have sent the document of the Committee for Consideration of Greater Unity to each member of the Hwa Nan Board of Trustees. Miss Watson, Mrs. Nicholson, and Mrs. Cecil have reported that they have not received a copy. I shall appreciate if you will mail a copy to each member, including the three I have mentioned.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Leon Roy Peel.

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January 9, 1940

Mrs. Leon Roy Peel
607 Wesley Temple
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Mrs. Peel:

I have your letter of January 5 to Mr. Carside, in which you ask that the report of the Committee for Consideration of Greater Unity be sent to each member of the Hwa Nan Board of Trustees.

The document to which you refer was one which was presented to the Executive Committee at its last meeting. At that time the Committee asked that certain additions be made to the document, together with any necessary revisions, for presentation to the various boards. Dr. North has had this in charge, but because of pressure of a great many things, has been unable to complete the task given him until this week. We are now in the process of preparing a revised document.

Since the original document is to some extent fragmentary, and therefore may be a bit confusing, we would prefer to complete the revised document before attempting to send it out to every member of your Board. Will it be satisfactory to you if we postpone fulfilling your request until this new document is ready?

We will greatly appreciate having this privilege, if it is satisfactory to you, for we feel that it will give the members of your Board a much more understandable presentation of the case.

Sincerely yours,


Secretary

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March 14, 1940

Ack. 3/18/40

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

Dear Mr. Garside:

We are hoping for a statement from Hwa Nan in good season, but a letter the other day indicated that it has been difficult to get reports from America. It takes a long time these days. Although the books which have been ordered have reached Hwa Nan but the book statements have not been received. President Wang reports that they look "in vain in every mail for word either from Miss Robinson or Mrs. Masland or Miss Hollows about bills paid in America." I do hope that word has reached them and that the corrected statement will be here by the designated date.

You received the November Hwa Nan News Bulletin very much belated. I am sorry it came so long after it had been prepared.

Yours sincerely,

Chas M. Peel
Mrs. Leon Roy Peel.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
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March 16, 1940

Mrs. Leon Roy Peel
607 Wesley Temple
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Mrs. Peel:

We have now gotten the revised documents of the Committee for Consideration of Greater Unity in final shape. A copy of this report is being enclosed herewith for your study.

In presenting this matter to the various mission boards, the various members of the Committee here who are concerned with the presentation have felt that the first presentation must be made to the constituent mission boards before any attempt is made to ask the individual college trustee boards to give consideration. It has been possible for us to talk this matter over with Mrs. Diefendorf, and she feels that it will be best to present these documents first to the group in the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society who are particularly related to China questions. Then a little bit later, additional documents would be sent by Mrs. Diefendorf to the remaining membership of the Foreign Division. This would be done in ample time, so that study could be made prior to any meeting that might be held during General Conference at Atlantic City.

The presentation would be made at a meeting of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society at Atlantic City, at which time Mrs. Diefendorf suggested that Dr. Eric North, who is Chairman of the Committee, be present to discuss the questions arising from consideration. Mrs. Diefendorf has promised to write you an additional letter explaining the method of presentation from her viewpoint. Since Mrs. Diefendorf is here where we can confer with her frequently, it seems wise for us to follow her suggestions, which we are very happy to do.

I am sending today copies of the document to the following people of your Board, in addition to yourself:-

Mrs. Avann
Mrs. Baker
Mrs. Cecil
Mrs. Diefendorf
Mrs. Masland

Mrs. McConnell
Mrs. Reed
Miss Robinson
Mrs. Shaw

I trust that the procedure as outlined above will meet with your approval, and will start the consideration of the matter by your Society.

Sincerely yours,


Secretary

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April 1, 1940

Mrs. T. D. Macmillan
Associated Boards
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Macmillan:

Recently I received the copies of the Hwa Nan College Bulletin which you so generously prepared for circulation. It is a fine piece of publicity, and in behalf of the Hwa Nan Committee and the Board of Trustees and friends of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society I wish to express our deep appreciation.

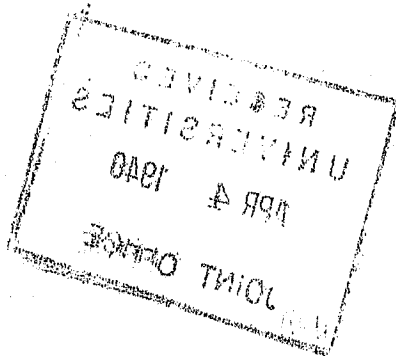
I shall appreciate if you will send me fifty or more additional copies as I am mailing letters to our missionary constituency and I would be glad to enclose this folder with the hope that it will bring in some tangible results.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Leon Roy Peel.

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Copy sent to
Mr. Garside



April 1, 1940

Wm. T. D. Williams
Associated Boards
130 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

Wm. T. D. Williams

Recently I received the copies of the New College Bulletin which you so generously prepared for circulation. It is a fine piece of publicity, and in behalf of the New College Committee and the Board of Trustees and friends of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society I wish to express our deep appreciation.

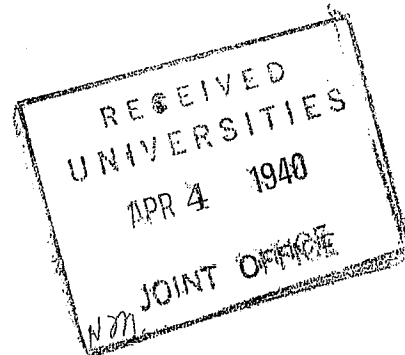
I shall appreciate it if you will send me fifty or more additional copies as I am willing to turn them over to our missionary constituency and I would be glad to receive this folder with the hope that it will bring in some tangible results.

Yours sincerely,

Wm. T. D. Williams

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Mr. Garage



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150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y.
April 15, 1940.

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Dear Friends of the China Colleges:

The enclosed draft is sent for your careful consideration. As you will discover, it outlines plans for the re-organization of the Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China. Hwa Nan, our own college, will be vitally affected as will the other China colleges grouped under the Associated Boards. It behooves us, therefore, to make ourselves familiar with the proposed plan.

Dr. Eric North, the chairman of the Committee for Consideration of Greater Unity of the Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China, will meet with us during our Mid-Year Session in Atlantic City for the purpose of interpreting the plan and answering questions. We are desirous that after hearing him the entire Executive Committee shall have an intelligent understanding of the proposed United Board.

Will you, therefore, give enough time to the reading of this plan to become familiar with it and to formulate the questions which you will want to ask Dr. North? The date of his meeting with us will be announced later.

Cordially yours,

Elva M. Peel
Mabel R. Diefendorf

Mrs. Leon Roy Peel
Mrs. Dorr Diefendorf

P.S. This letter is being sent also to members of the Promotional Committee

133 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y.
April 12, 1949.

Dear Friends of the China College:

The enclosed draft is sent for your careful consideration. As you will discover, it outlines plans for the re-organization of the Associated Friends for Christian College in China. It is our own college, will be vitally interested as will the other three colleges grouped under the Associated Friends. It behooves us, therefore, to make ourselves familiar with the proposed plan.

Dr. Eric Roberts, the secretary of the Committee for Christian Education of Greater Unity of the Associated Friends for Christian College in China, will meet with us during our mid-term session in Atlantic City for the purpose of discussing the plan and answering the questions. We are confident that after hearing him the active Executive Committee will have an intelligent understanding of the proposed United Front.

Will you, therefore, give enough time to the reading of this plan to become familiar with it and to formulate the questions which you will want to ask Dr. Roberts? The date of his meeting with us will be announced later.

Cordially yours,

Wm. Lee Hoyle
Mrs. Lee Hoyle

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Atlanta City N.J.
Monday - May 6 -

Dear Mr. Garside:-

We have been in session at the General Conference of our United Methodist Church at Atlantic City. It has been a very great privilege to be a delegate.

Dr. Noich presented the United Board plan - and I want you to know that we look upon it favorably. We have asked Mrs MacLaud to be our representative - when the proper time arrives for additional consideration. Since my arrival here - I have had response

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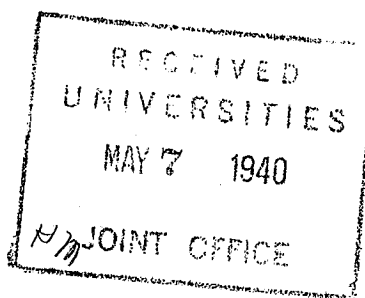
to a letter and am glad to report a new one thousand dollar gift - I have verbally reported it to Mrs. Masland and it will be in the Treasury as soon as I reach Minneapolis - and give the order for its transfer from our Branch Treasurer to the general Treasurer -

I hope to be in New York - Monday - Tuesday and Wednesday -

Pardon this hasty note -

Sincerely

Elva M. Peef.



P.S. I am now located so as to get the card for the A.B.C.C. dinner. I plan to be there. On Monday I may desire to make reservation for an additional plate.

EMP.

May 20, 1940

Mrs. Leon Roy Peel
607 Wesley Temple
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Mrs. Peel:

I wish to acknowledge your letter of May 6, in which you tell of the favorable action of your group in regard to the plan for Greater Unity. As further steps in the plans develop, I will keep you posted, as well as letting Mrs. Masland know, so that whatever next steps necessary may be taken.

Sincerely yours,

J. L. Parker
Secretary

JIP:VW

See letter to Mrs. H.H. d'Autremont May 31, 1940

May 31, 1940

Mrs. Leon Roy Peel
607 Wesley Temple Building
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Mrs. Peel:

We have received a gift of \$50.00 from Mrs. H.H. d'Autremont, South Arizona Bank, Tucson, Arizona; I enclose you a copy of the letter of thanks we have just written her. You will note we have sent her the booklet, "An Impressive Service - The Story of the Christian Colleges in China", and I presume you have mailed her the special Hwa Nan folder.

Can you tell me whether Mrs. d'Autremont is living permanently in Arizona, or is she just there on vacation? As you probably know, we now have a West Coast secretary, a very splendid man by the name of William Gillanders. He is at present in Southern California, with headquarters in Los Angeles. It may be advisable some time to have him see Mrs. d'Autremont, or any other interested supporter you may have in that section. I am sure you will find Mr. Gillanders most helpful.

Very cordially,

Vernon B. Ramseur

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June 18, 1940

Ack. 6/25/40

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

Dear Mr. Garside:

A letter from Mrs. Masland indicated that you had reached your full objective of \$6,560.00 for the needs of Hwa Nan College in the 1939-40 Sustaining Fund.

I am, of course, delighted and want to personally express appreciation for the very splendid efforts on the part of the Associated Boards in making this possible.

// I want to report my own personal contribution of \$25.00, late as it is. This check has been forwarded to Mrs. Masland.

I wonder if we should report our money direct to the Treasurer of the Associated Boards. I do not in any way wish to burden those of you who have responsibilities so if you will inform me to whom this report should be given, I will appreciate it.

Yours sincerely,

Elva M. Peel
Mrs. Leon Roy Peel.

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June 25, 1940

Mrs. Leon Roy Peel
607 Wesley Temple
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Mrs. Peel,

Thank you for your letter of June 18.

We are grateful for your generosity in sending your own personal contribution of \$25.00 to Mrs. Masland. We are counting that in as a part of the amount received for Hwa Nan this month.

The method you have been following of making reports to our office from time to time as special gifts for Hwa Nan are received is quite satisfactory from our standpoint. It does not matter particularly how letters to our office are addressed - they go through much the same channels anyway. Since Mrs. Masland sends us at the end of each month a report of Hwa Nan gifts she has received direct, it is not absolutely necessary that those gifts be reported to us just as you receive and transmit them. But it is always encouraging and stimulating to us to have this news of the progress you are making.

Very sincerely yours,

B A GARSIDE

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June 27, 1940

Mrs. Leon Roy Peel
607 Wesley Temple Bldg.
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Mrs. Peel:

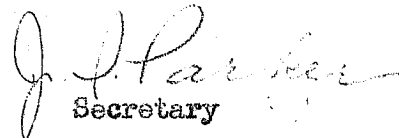
The attached minutes of the Executive Committee of June 21 include two items which should come to your attention as Secretary of the Hwa Nan College Board.

Minutes E-1104 and E-1105 concern the proposed Sustaining Fund for the coming year, and list the amounts allocated to the various Colleges.

Under vote E-1107 you will find the approved shares in the budget of the Associated Boards. We hope you will be able to get the necessary action from the Hwa Nan Board as to the acceptance of this share.

The determination of the shares for the various Colleges has been made on the same basis as used in the previous two years, which is based upon the actual services rendered over a three-year period.

Sincerely yours,


Secretary

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August 8, 1940

Mrs. Leon Roy Peel,
607 Wesley Temple Bldg.,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Mrs. Peel:

You will remember that at the Annual Meeting of the Associated Boards it was agreed that we would seek this year to assign a secretary for full-time work in the Central States region.

Mr. Ramseur, whom you know, has been asked to undertake this important mission, and will be on the job within a few weeks. He has worked in your state, knows central western life, and has met some of our Christian Colleges supporters. But he is going to need local sponsorship wherever it is available.

Of course we turn instinctively to you when we think of Minnesota. This note is just to advise you that Mr. Ramseur will be writing you within a few days, for he plans a trip to you section soon, and will need to know your availability before making final schedules.

With appreciation for all you are doing for the Colleges, I am

Sincerely yours,

E A GARSIDE

RAG/G

August 16, 1940

Mrs. Leon Roy Peel
607 Wesley Temple Bldg.
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Mrs. Peel:

Some days ago Mr. Garside advised you that I would be getting in touch with you concerning a contemplated trip to Minnesota.

Knowing that many good people and potential friends of the Colleges will probably be leaving for warmer climates early in the fall, I am wondering if it would not be advisable to make Minnesota one of my first working points in the Central area. I am hopeful of greatly enlarging our prospect lists in St. Paul, Minneapolis, and Duluth, particularly, and possibly organizing committees in each one of these cities. I will need your assistance most definitely.

I could arrange to be in Minneapolis beginning the week of August 26th, or the following week on the day after Labor Day. Will you advise me immediately which, if either, of these dates would be best as far as your judgment is concerned.

Needless to say, I am looking forward to this visit with mingled feelings, for on my last trip there my wife was with me and we were on a delightful vacation. She always considered Northern Minnesota an ideal summer spot.

Very sincerely yours,

Vernon B. Ramseur

VER:cs

August 26, 1940

Mrs. Leon Roy Peel
607 Wesley Temple Bldg.
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Mrs. Peel:

I have your letter advising that it is your judgment that our work in the Minneapolis-St. Paul area should be inaugurated immediately after Labor Day, and I am accordingly making plans to be in Minneapolis at least by Thursday, September 5th. I shall, of course, get in touch with you immediately.

I will bring with me field cards and general information covering all the prospects we have in our files here, for the individual colleges and the Associated Boards. This list we will want to enlarge greatly.

There are quite a number of supporters of Nanking University, particularly of the Hospital work and of Dr. Daniels personally. I have cabled Dr. Daniels to write them of my visit to Minneapolis.

All in all, it seems to me that we have about as ripe a field in Minnesota as in any section of the country, and with great faith I look forward to this opportunity that is being opened for our attention.

Cordially yours,

Vernon B. Ramseur

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November 20, 1940

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

Dear Mr. Garside:

Please send me word as to how we shall elect Hwa Nan College representatives for the ensuing year. We are having our meeting in Philadelphia, beginning November 22nd. At that time appointments will be made from the Woman's Division of Christian Service.

Send the above answer to me by return mail c/o The Robert Morris Hotel, 17th & Arch Sts., At the Parkway, Philadelphia, Pa.

I am mailing you today the Annual Statistical and Annual Financial reports of Hwa Nan College for 1939-40, and the covering letter which President Wang included from Mr. Wiant.

Sincerely yours,

Chas M. Peel

Mrs. Leon Roy Peel.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
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November 22, 1940

Mrs. Leon Roy Peel
c/o The Robert Morris Hotel
17 and Arch Streets
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mrs. Peel:

I am sending this letter to you in Philadelphia by special delivery in response to your question regarding the election of Hwa Nan College representatives for the coming year. All the members of the Hwa Nan Board so appointed by the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society automatically become members of the Associated Boards.

The appointments which need to be made by the Hwa Nan Board are those related to the standing committees of the Associated Boards, and should be nominated from among the members of the Hwa Nan Board. For each committee there should be one regular representative nominated, and one alternate. The committees of the Associated Boards are as follows:-

Executive Committee
Committee on Finance
Committee on Promotion
Committee on Christian Character, Staff and Curriculum

Aside from the Hwa Nan Board, there are certain appointments to be made by the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society to other college boards in which the Society is cooperating; such as, Ginling College, Cheeloo University, Yenching College Committee, etc. I have had an opportunity to talk all these matters over with Miss Robinson, and I think she is fully informed about the appointments which need to be made. I have also talked to her over the phone today and have told her of your question. She will be in a position to confer with you about any item that is not entirely clear.

Thank you very much for the copy of the Hwa Nan report to the Board of Regents of the University of the State of New York. This completes the set of reports from the various colleges which are sent to Albany each year, and we are very happy indeed to have this for the completion of our files.

Sincerely yours,

J. J. Parker
Secretary

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December 23, 1940
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Mr. B. A. Garside;
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Garside:

We appreciated your visit in Minneapolis. It was, as is everywhere, a busy time of the year, but I heard many good reports and I believe that new interest was stimulated.

I have not seen Mr. Ramseur since his visit in Duluth, although I have talked with him over the telephone. However, in a recent letter from Miss Congdon she said: "we had a very pleasant day with Mr. Ramseur and Mr. Tsai, I think everyone enjoyed it."

On January 7th I am planning to have a get-together for all Chinese students attending the University. I hope this may increase our interest in the cause also.

With best wishes to you and Mrs. Garside for a joyous Christmas.

Sincerely yours,

Elva M. Peel
Mrs. Leon Roy Peel.

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December 23, 1940

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

Dear Mr. Garside:

Enclosed you will find a check for two thousand dollars (\$2000), the same to be credited to Hwa Nan College. Miss Congdon's letter states: "This check is for Hwa Nan. I wish to have it designated to go there, will you please see that it does?" So will you kindly endorse it and send it to Mrs. Masland?

In addition to this I have just sent forty dollars (\$40) to Mrs. Masland designated for Hwa Nan.

Yours sincerely,

Leon Roy Peel

Mrs. Leon Roy Peel.

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one check enclosure:
\$2000 - Miss Congdon

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December 26, 1940

Mrs. Leon Roy Peel
607 Wesley Temple
Minneapolis, Minnesota

My dear Mrs. Peel,

Thank you for your note of December 23. I greatly enjoyed my visit to Minneapolis, and deeply appreciated all the warm friendship I found there. I should have written you before this, to tell you how grateful I am for all you did to make my visit there pleasant and worth while.

The Minnesota Committee has certainly gotten off to a good start and we are counting on it for great things in the future. You have a wonderfully fine membership, and most of those whom I met seemed to be not only actively interested but willing to do some real work.

Mr. Ransour continues to report encouraging progress in his activities there. We believe that the foundations he is laying for increased interest in the Colleges there in Minnesota should remain permanently, and should permit increasing results from year to year.

With every good wish for the New Year, I am

Very sincerely yours,

*P.S. Delighted to learn of
that \$2,000 check from Miss
Congdon. Fine!*

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B A GARSIDE

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December 27, 1940

Mrs. Leon Roy Peal
3009 Emerson Avenue South
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Mrs. Peal:

It is a source of gratification both to the Finance Committee and to me personally to learn that you have become a member of the Minnesota Committee for the China Colleges. We are happy to welcome you to participation in the activities here in America on behalf of these Colleges which are of such strategic importance at this critical period in China's history.

The Minnesota Committee is beginning its work with a remarkably fine group of members. We are confident that it will render an outstanding service not only to the Colleges but to the cause of closer understanding and friendship between China and America.

With best wishes for the holiday season, I am

Very sincerely yours,

HENRY R. LUCE,
Chairman, Finance Committee

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Excerpt from letter received March 17th from Mrs.
W. P. W. Williams, Foochow, describing the fire at Hwa
Nan on Sunday, February 9, 1941 which completely
destroyed the main building of the college -
Payne Hall.

".....at 5:10 p.m. Lek So called my attention "Look, look, fire burn house, very big," and there was Hwa Nan in flames. David and I tore over with the most awful pain inside. Needless to say, for the fire must have been going about an hour by then, the crowd was enormous, and I've no idea how many fire-brigades were at work. When hours later they decided that no more could be done, and all that was possible was to prevent Trimble Hall and the other dormitory from catching fire, they called off all the men and said 'we are only leaving 8 brigades, but they will prevent the fire from spreading' so you will gather there was no lack of helpers.

It broke out in the roof, as to the cause I will say nothing for I do not know what has been discovered, and to repeat rumours is no help. People must have worked like mad, for when we arrived there were masses of books and furniture on the lawns, how they got out so much I can't think. It was largely from Trimble Hall, but there were hundreds of books rescued, chairs and tables and pianos, but I think I heard Beth say that practically nothing from the second storey had been saved. You perhaps know that many of the Chinese had brought along their treasures in trunks and put them into the attics, and when Beth said that she could take no responsibility, they had replied they felt sure that H. N. would be safe. One woman Emily told me had lost 30,000 dollars' worth of heirlooms. And as to Hwa Nan's loss in microscopes and equipment of all kinds, that you can picture for yourself.

Who is she?

Buller

Miss Trimble sat on the lawn calm and serene, and watched that building blaze till long after dark. Her indomitable courage and quiet acceptance of the disaster were an inspiration to us all. She said 'Hwa Nan has lost nothing eternal. It is only a building. Thank God no lives are lost.' But indeed we do thank God for Christians like her who live out their faith in God, and refuse to place security in money or material things. Lucy had just come out from the city, and the shock to her was terrific. But I believe that she too is seeing in this calamity which God did not prevent, as He of course could have done, a tremendous opportunity for Hwa Nan to serve China. China's trouble like England's, is greed, which comes from placing security in money, and all that money can buy. If Hwa Nan staff can face this loss, public and private, and let Christ give them victory over it, I believe they will grip their students in a way that will last. For the students are at an age when impressions go deep, and if they glimpse the vision of what real genuine Christianity means, they will see that to have security in God, is to be able to face loss and disaster like this, and never turn a hair. God-confident, God-sure and God-conscious. I know you will pray that it will be used by God to help all China through these students, and then we shall all bless Him for not preventing this fire.

W.P.W.

I woke twice in the night to see the blaze still bright, so it must have lasted at least ten hours, and nothing was saved of the building; you know how they draw water from wells and empty it into trucks and then pump it up - pretty futile for dealing with such flames. It was the most marvellous spectacle I've ever seen. Both dormitories have escaped by the mercies of God. Ethel has come down of course. You will hear from others I'm sure, but I felt I should write a bit about it - and yet we do need to keep things in proportion, and when we remember Europe and all that Germany and England are suffering now, this is but one college.

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March 10, 1941.

Dr. B.A. Garside,
ABCCC,
150 Fifth Ave.
New York City,
N.Y.

My dear Dr. Garside:

I am sure that you must have received Bishop Gowdy's message regarding the tragic loss that has befallen Hwa Nan. It was an overwhelming blow, from which we are still staggering. Daily we remember new things that have been lost, both school and personal. It was all a very hard terrifying experience, but it has taught me in a new way, how one may rely on one's friends, and what power they have to lift one up to the Father. Someway in the midst of all my sorrow and discouragement, I had a sense too, of so many of my friends in the United States sharing the burden with me even though at that moment-you did not know of our disaster.

I am thankful to be able to have our Board of Directors Meeting before Bishop Gowdy left. We held it just two days after the fire- and I was thrilled and lifted by the forward look of them all- and by their planning for a new and better building on the walls and foundations of the old. They took it all as a beginning-not an end, and they did encourage me so. Bishop Gowdy will be able to give you all the details that we know. Nothing new has come to light and the cause for it all remains unknown. But they and many of my friends have helped me to turn this desperate tragedy into a challenge and an opportunity, and we pray that we may not fail the Father in whatever new plan He has for Hwa Nan, as we are all very sure that even this dreadful destruction cannot long mar His pattern for the college.

Of course we realize the college is neither in its buildings or in its financial status, but both are pretty necessary. You will be seeing the new budget soon and I am sure you will do all you can to have it passed for us. We are very grateful for all what you and the members of Associated Boards and Hwa Nan Board of Trustees have done for us in the past. We are confident that your support and interest will be continued.

The plans for the new building are under construction, and rough estimate of the amount of money necessary for the re-building was included in our budget. They are planning to make the new building higher and most important of all to make it fire-proof, so that the tragedy of February ninth need

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never be repeated or feared.

Details of living beside this wecked building and of gathering up the threads of our pattern again, are being gradually worked out. Some of it is a sorry business, but beyond the petty details shines the vision of a better Hwa Nan, and so with lifted eyes, we "press on".

I am going back to Yenping immediately. I had expected then to proceed to Yungang to attend the Provincial Assembly- but since here in Foochow some of the friends have so urged me to go to Shanghai to the East Asia Conference instead. They feel that it is a real opportunity to put the college before the united church here, so I am a bit undecided. I must first go back to Hwa Nan and arrange some matters there before going to either place. The school term has started off well in spite of the handicap of the dean's illness, and I am hoping for an undisturbed term of work.

You will soon be receiving my annual report and certain letters telling of happenings here. From them you will learn more about all that has befallen us. Please know, that although the blow was terrific- we are facing forward and Hwa Nan is very much alive and very much depending on all her friends in the States. This brings to you my sincere greeting and my very good wishes.

Yours very sincerely,

Lucy C. Wang
Lucy C. Wang.

March 10, 1941

Mrs. Leon Roy Peel
607 Wesley Temple
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Mrs. Peel:

Your letter of March 4th calls to our attention the dates of the Executive Committee of the Board of Missions and Church Extension. When we selected the week of May 5th for our annual meetings, we had to take into consideration a great many other meetings and conflicts. We found that the week of May 12th was so filled with other meetings that it was impossible for us to expect to have our meetings at that time. The Presbyterian and Baptist General Conventions come in May, and preparations for them make it impossible to carry on our meetings satisfactorily.

I am sorry indeed that our dates seem so hard to arrange and still be satisfactory to every one concerned. We would much rather have our meetings late in the month, or in June, if conditions had permitted. We do hope that you can be present.

Sincerely yours,

J. I. Parker
Secretary

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Mr. Vernon B. Ramseur
Associated Boards
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Ramseur:

Your letter and check enclosure has been received.
Thank you so much.

It is a shame to think that I was in New York and did not get to the Associated Boards Office; however, the Board of Missions and Church Extension meetings were in continuous operation. Most of our meetings were held at the Prince George Hotel, and the day I had planned to come to the Associated Boards Office another meeting was scheduled so that it was just impossible to get there. I asked Miss Robinson to bring my regrets.

I was glad to get your letter and shall look forward to the information and plans which you will soon be sending out.

Mother has been in bed all these many weeks. It has been a very strenuous and, I must say, a bit worrisome. Mr. Peel is well, Edith is hard at work, and I, myself, am quite deluged with many calls. I could do the work, but under the present handicap it is very difficult for me to make plans in advance. I shall do all I can to help further the cause which is especially close to my heart.

I received a letter the day I was in New York telling something of the fire at Hwa Nan. Miss Robinson had a copy made which was sent to the Associated Boards for your information.

If things go along fairly well I plan to be in New York for the Associated Boards meeting - the week of May 5th. If there are any changes in dates I hope you will let me know considerably in advance.

Yours sincerely,
Edward M. Peel

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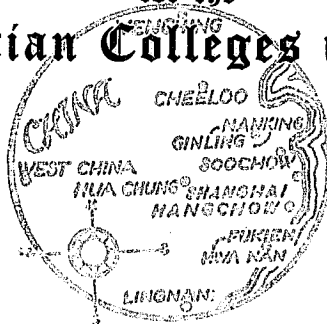
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Mr. Joseph I. Parker
Associated Boards
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Parker:

I am very sorry indeed that the schedule for the various College Boards has been put in print. The new Hwa Nan Board of Trustees was making a plan for attendance. This was in our thinking at the Board meeting on March 20th which was held in New York City. In looking over my file I had no notice relative to the plan of the meetings. Perhaps this is only a tentative schedule. If so, I want to make arrangements for a Hwa Nan Board of Trustees Meeting.

I would like your suggestion as to the best time for such a meeting. I want to confer with Mrs. Masland as to what date she thinks would be most satisfactory. Probably Tuesday afternoon and evening. That would make it possible for our women to attend the Associated Boards meeting, and, I believe, as I look over the schedule, it would not conflict with other College meetings. It may be that Saturday could be utilized, though I believe the offices in New York are not open on that day.

Any suggestions you have will be appreciated.

Yours sincerely,
Leon Roy Peel
Mrs. Leon Roy Peel.

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Mrs. Leon Roy Peel
3009 Emerson Ave. So.
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Mrs. Peel:

We call your attention to the enclosed Spring of 1941 China Colleges Bulletin. This bulletin and accompanying letter outlining the relationship of the Associated Boards to the United China Relief campaign have been mailed to our entire list of supporters and prospects. This of course includes those within your immediate territory.

We are sending, by parcel post, five hundred copies of this bulletin and letter for your promotional activities. Should you wish additional supplies, kindly let us know and we shall be happy to comply with your request.

Very cordially yours,

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April 7, 1941

Mrs. Leon Roy Peel
607 Wesley Temple
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Mrs. Peel:

Your letter of March 29 has been received.

I am sorry that I did not realize that a meeting of the Hwa Nan Board was wanted at the time of our annual meetings. It was easy for me to overlook this, in that we have not been responsible here for the planning of such a meeting. In looking over the schedule, it would seem to me that Tuesday afternoon would not be a very good time for a meeting of the Hwa Nan Board, since the Yenching College Committee meeting is scheduled for that afternoon and at least four persons are members of the two groups. On Wednesday the Ginling College Annual Meeting will be held, and that would mean at least three duplications. Therefore, the first date possible on which there would be no overlapping would be Friday, May 9, unless you wish to consider the possibility of a meeting on Saturday, May 3.

It is true that the Methodist Board offices are not open on Saturday, but our office is, and we would be glad to make available our conference room for a meeting on that date if you desire it. This might also be said about a Saturday meeting: the considerations of your group would be less hurried by not being held on days when other meetings are going on, even though the personnel may not directly overlap. The Secretaries of the Associated Boards will, of course, be concerned with the other meetings, and if there is any occasion for us to be helpful, our minds might be clearer if not involved with other meetings.

Whatever you want to do, please count on us for full cooperation in your plans.

Sincerely yours,


Secretary

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April 14, 1941

Mrs. Leon Roy Peel
607 Wesley Temple
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Mrs. Peel:

It was a real shock to discover that your letter of March 27th had been so long neglected. However, I wasn't as close as you were to me when you were in New York at the Prince George, and we at the Associated Boards heard nothing from you. I really didn't think you would treat us that way.

Joking aside, you know definitely that the Minnesota program and the Minnesota Committee, and the key person on that committee - your goodself - could not possibly escape my interest. Particularly since I heard of the loss of the main building at Hua Nan have I thought of you and your good friends, the Congdons. Undoubtedly, at the nearest appropriate time, plans must be made for replacement, and I know that you and your group are even now giving prayerful thought to this matter.

The United Campaign, of which Mr. Carside is the Executive Director, (and to whom I note you wrote a most cordial note the other day) has been somewhat delayed through slowness in securing leadership in the larger cities of the country, and I am surprised to note that even at this time no leader has been secured for the three main cities of Minnesota. I think a Dr. MacDonald, a distinguished physician in Duluth, has been asked to head the work in that city; but, so far as I know, the Minneapolis and St. Paul chairmen have not even been approached. I am not certain whether Mr. Dayton or Mr. Cowles is to be invited, but whoever it is, I know that you and all the other good members of the Minnesota Committee will rally around him to hold his hands up.

I am writing Dr. Anderson, Mr. Wallace, and Tom Vennum - copies of letters enclosed so that you may know the entire story from this end.

I was shocked to discover that Dr. Deems' name had been omitted from the Minnesota Committee list. When the next printing is

Mrs. Leon Roy Peel

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done you will of course see that his name is added. He is really one of our most interested members and could be most useful in developing our program.

Whatever you need in the way of envelopes and additional stationery, please have printed in Minneapolis. Your good friend who did the printing for us there is most reasonable; in fact I wish we could have him for some of our work here.

It is a real sorrow to note that your mother continues ailed. She was so bright and cheerful and full of life, as I remember her, and I do trust that she is making improvement. Let me know how things go, and if we can help you.

Most cordially yours,

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Vernon B. Ramsey

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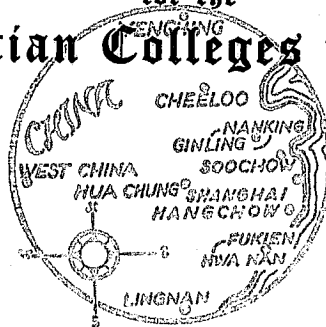
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Handwritten signature: T. D. Macmillan

Mr. Joseph I. Parker
Associated Boards
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Parker:

I am glad that the Hwa Nan Budget reached you in such good time. Mail is rather uncertain these days, especially from this section of the world.

I am very grateful for your hopeful plans for Hwa Nan. Of course, you know the situation which faces us there and anything that can be done for Hwa Nan will be most greatly appreciated. Their spirit is most courageous and in the midst of this great disaster they have been stalwart and unwavering.

These few sentences from President Wang's letter dated February 26, will give you some idea as to just how they feel:

"From the minutes of the Board Meeting, you will realize how they, as one person, turned this thing which seemed such a desperate tragedy into a new challenge and an opportunity. Their entire thought was directed toward a new structure - better and 'more magnificent' on the old foundations. The why of this tragedy is difficult to understand, but we dare not question or look back. My cousin telegraphed, 'All things work together for good for those who love God' - and so I am holding that promise and am trying to let this disaster lift me nearer the Father. I am sure even this destruction and great loss cannot long mar His pattern for us and for Hwa Nan."

Yours sincerely,

Handwritten signature: Mrs. Leon Roy Peel
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May 22, 1941

Mrs. Leon Roy Peel
607 Wesley Temple Bldg.
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Mrs. Peel:

I have just received from the University of the State of New York the blanks for the financial and statistical reports for this year from the various China Colleges. In checking up the number of blanks sent to us, we seemed to have one more college set than was necessary and I inquired of Mr. Soper just what he had in mind. Apparently, they have sent us, for forwarding to the field, the Hwa Nan blanks.

In the reply from Mr. Soper, he seems to be a little bit confused as to just how he should handle the correspondence with Hwa Nan College. We have been taking care of the correspondence for all of the China Colleges, with the exception of Lingnan University and Hwa Nan College. He is now asking us to clear up his uncertainty, so I am writing to you in order that we may have a clear understanding between us. We can handle the blanks and send them on to Hwa Nan, with the request that they return them to us, and we will send you a copy; or we will send the blanks to you and let you handle the matter of sending us a copy when the information comes in.

Whichever way you desire to have it taken care of will be quite satisfactory to us, and I will inform Mr. Soper so his records will be straight.

Sincerely yours,


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Mr. Joseph I. Parker
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Parker:

Your letter concerning the financial and statistical blanks for Hwa Nan College has been received.

I see no reason why that matter should not be handled through the Associated Boards Office. As a member of the Board I would hardly have the right to authorize you to do this, but I am quite sure that when we have our June Meeting this matter can be cleared and I hope it will be placed in your hands.

We have sent the blanks to Hwa Nan for this year, and as soon as the matter has been acted upon at the next Board Meeting I hope that it may fall in direct line with the actions of other Boards. When we receive the blanks from Hwa Nan we will mail your copy and also copy to the Board of Regents.

Yours sincerely,

Elva M. Peel

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 150 Fifth Avenue
 New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Ramseur:

I am anxious to know if there is anything we should be doing. So far, I have not heard of a Chairman for the United China Relief. When I was in New York I went to the office and learned a little bit about materials on hand, or, rather, lack of material in some instance. The office said you would be glad to send me pamphlets and that in due season you would send me a file of Minnesota, or Twin City area names. Whenever that is ready, I shall be glad to hear.

If there are a number of books available,—and I understood there were,—may I ask you to send one hundred copies, for such distribution as seems wise?

Will you also tell me the size of the pictures you wish for your file. I wrote it down somewhere but am not able at this time to recall nor to find the item.

I hope things are going well. I sent in three small checks for Hwa Nan this last week.

Yours sincerely,

Edith M. Peel
 Mrs. Leon Roy Peel

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Hello, Mr. Ramseur!

Edith.

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June 2, 1941

Mrs. Leon Roy Peel
607 Wesley Temple Building
Minneapolis, Minn

Dear Mrs. Peel:

I have at long last finished the set of cards for St. Paul, Minneapolis and Duluth for you and have shipped them by express today. The difference in color of some of the cards does not indicate anything. I have also included the 100 copies of the booklet "The Story of the Christian Colleges in China" requested in your recent letter to Mr. Ramseur.

Dr. Sutton of the Fukien staff, who has recently returned from Shaowu, was in the office last week and I asked him about getting films to Pres. Wang. He tells me that probably the best way to get them in is thru Mr. Glenn Fuller, Associate Mission Treasurer, Box 251, Shanghai. Mr. Fuller is in contact with almost everyone going into Fukien and may be able to have someone take the film thru in their baggage. Dr. Sutton is doubtful about getting packages thru the mail, especially since the Japanese have occupied Foochow, and suggests contacting Fuller. The Eastman Company has a store in the same block as Mr. Fuller's office and he would be able to get the film there.

We are trying to standarize our pictures at 4 by 6 inches, but would be happy to receive new ones in any size, especially if the negatives are available.

Sincerely yours,

James A. Cameron

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Mr. James A. Cameron
Associated Boards
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Cameron:

Thank you for the set of cards and for the 100 copies of the booklet, "The Story of the Christian Colleges in China", which have just reached the office.

I am grateful to you for the information concerning the films, and I shall immediately take this matter up with the field.

I have sent word to the field asking for pictures, or negatives, on Hwa Nan. If I succeed in getting materials for the World Outlook I shall send you duplicate copies. I am anxious that the Associated Boards shall have a complete file on Hwa Nan.

Yours sincerely,

Eliza W. Peck

Mrs. Leon Roy Peel.

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Mr. C. A. Evans
Associated Boards
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Evans:

If I recall correctly, you had made out a statement of Hwa Nan's estimated budget for 1941-42 in accordance with the general plan of the College budgets within the Associated Boards. If that is true, may I ask you to mail me about 25 copies - if you have additional ones. - If not convenient to have them run off then mail me one copy and I will have enough made for each member at the time of the June meeting.

May I say we anticipate holding a Board of Trustees meeting somewhere between June 20th and 26th at the time of the Executive Committee meeting in New York City. We would be glad to have both you and Mrs. Corbett present at that time. I will notify you later as to the exact date.

Yours sincerely,

Elva M. Peel

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Mrs. Leon Roy Peel.

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June 12, 1941

Mrs. Leon Roy Peel
607 Wesley Temple
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Mrs. Peel:

How time scoots. I note your letter was written on May 28th and here I am just giving it an answer.

However, our good friend, "Jim" Cameron, has not been negligent, for I understand he has sent you cards covering the prospects we have for Minnesota -- or did he sent you the entire State of Minnesota? I have not checked with him about this point, but it isn't often he slips up, so I feel confident that you have the entire list.

You asked what your committee might do at this time. My answer is that we should be able to give you something definite within the next two weeks at the most. The United Campaign it seems now will undoubtedly be continued beyond July 31st, inasmuch as the job is no where near complete. Also, we have reached the point in our organization that really bars abandonment, in fact demands our continuance probably through the year. So many communities are unable to do much campaigning now until the fall, we feel that we must give them an opportunity.

The leaders for Minneapolis and St. Paul are still unselected I understand. I think our representative is in the twin-cities today and tomorrow. The minute I have word of the choice, I will let you know. I will also notify Dr. Anderson, Mr. Vennon and Dr. Riley, and suggest that they offer their services to the Chairman. Of course you will do this and I will suggest that you speak for the Committee when you do, after, of course, conferring with Dr. Anderson. It is too bad there has been such a delay and I am quite convinced that the leaders will decide that this work should be taken up probably immediately after Labor Day in September.

With reference to your supply of annual reports and other special folders and your question regarding the size of the pictures in the files, I understand Mr. Cameron is taking care of these details.

You said nothing about your Mother in your letter. I hope this means that she is much improved. Give her my very best.

Page #2
Mrs. Leon Roy Peel

June 12, 1941

And now my friend and co-worker, what else will you have me do? One promise I am making, crossing my heart and hope to die as I do it, and that is, the next letter I get from you will be answered promptly.

Cordially yours,

Vernon B. Ramseur.

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June 17, 1941

Mrs. Leon Roy Peel
607 Wesley Temple
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Mrs. Peel:

Thank you for your letter of June 13th notifying us of the collection of \$100.00 from Morningside College for Eva Nan. This we note also will be coming through notification from Mrs. Masland.

We have made every effort to locate Miss Katherine B. Boeye whose name you suggested to us for a position in our office. As yet, however, no reply has been received to our letters, and in an effort to secure more information we have found that it is impossible for her to leave her aged parents. This came to me only yesterday through an intimate friend of hers who suggested that we pursue the matter no further. From your description, however, she seemed to be a most promising candidate and I regret that it seems impossible for us to consider her further.

With sincerest personal regards, I am

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

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June 28, 1941

Mrs. Leon Roy Peel
607 Wesley Temple
Minneapolis, Minn.

Hwa Nan College

Dear Mrs. Peel:

At the Annual Meeting of the Associated Boards, the budget for the coming year was considered. It was voted that the budget for the year 1941-42 should be the same in total amount as in 1940-41. When consideration was given to the allocation of the amounts to the several colleges concerned, the following action was taken:

"AB-1220 VOTED that the amounts to be requested of the individual Boards of Trustees be referred to the Executive Committee of the Associated Boards for determination in the light of the allocations made to each college from the Sustaining Fund of 1941-42 and in accordance with the principles used for the years immediately past, with the understanding (a) that the total requested is to be the same as for 1940-41; (b) that pending the final assignment of costs to the individual Boards, in order to supply the necessary support for the Associated Boards, each Board will make payments for the first months of 1941-42 on the same basis as for the current year, subject to adjustment in accordance with the final assignment of costs."

The appropriation made by your Board for 1940-41 was \$1,541.00.

It is hoped that the Hwa Nan College Board of Trustees will be able to approve the request made in this action. You will note that a re-study of the shares for the different colleges is to be made soon.

Sincerely yours,

J. I. Parker
Secretary

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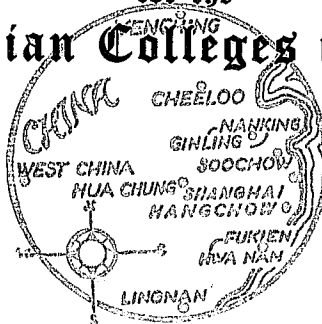
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The Minnesota Committee for the Christian Colleges in China



July 11, 1941

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Mr. C. A. Evans
Associated Boards
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Evans:

Thank you for your letter concerning Miss Boeye. I saw her personally here at a Hwa Nan tea which we had on June 30th. After I had seen her I was even more sorry then ever that the Associated Boards was not privileged of having her in the capacity of a worker. I might say - on the side - that she was offered the deanship on the West coast, - altogether unsolicited. She is just the type of ~~a~~ person who could fill many places admirably.

I trust you have found just the proper person. I am sorry that my suggestion in any way delayed the matter of selection.

Hoping that things are going well and that the pressure is not too heavy on you these summer months.

Yours sincerely,

Elva M. Peel

Mrs. Leon Roy Peel.

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Dear Mrs. Peel:

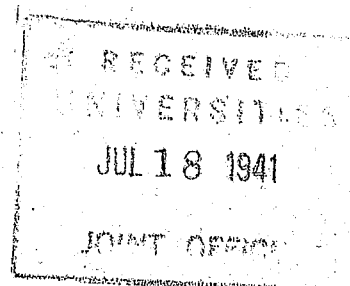
Thank you so much for your very gracious letter of July 11th.

I am still floundering in the hope of securing the proper person to fill the vacancy in our office. We had one very excellent person who, however, felt it impossible for her to accept.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

CAE/B
Mrs. Leon Roy Peel
607 Wesley Temple Bldg.
Minneapolis, Minn.



September 27, 1941

Mrs. Leon Roy Peele
Wesley Temple
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Mrs. Peele:

You will be happy to learn that Mrs. John S. Pillsbury of Minneapolis has accepted the chairmanship for the state of Minnesota for the United China Relief campaign. I will write you and other members of your committee the first of next week. It is my understanding that Mrs. Pillsbury will not inaugurate her campaign until after the Community Chest is out of the way.

A representative of the United China Relief is now located in Minneapolis, Mr. Lester M. Ellis, 414 South 8th Street, Minneapolis, Minnesota. I am happy to tell you that Mr. Ellis is a man of high Christian character. He has been a Y.M.C.A. Secretary and is an experienced and successful campaign director. I am sure that you and Dr. Anderson, Dr. Reilly and all the other members of your committee will be delighted to work with him. I am confident he is just the man needed to give a high tone to the campaign, and that he will meet the approval of the Christian leaders in our committees.

Sincerely yours,

VBR:s

Vernon B. Ramseur

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Mrs. Leon Roy Peale
Kosley Temple
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Mrs. Peale:

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Sincerely yours,

Vernon B. Hansen

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September 29, 1941

Mrs. Leon Roy Peel
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Dear Mrs. Peel:

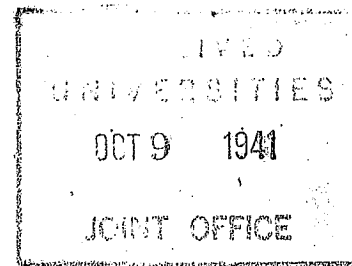
The other day I received, from Mrs. Masland, a list of the new appointments on the Associated Boards committees representing Hwa Nan College. The new appointments indicate that you are named to the Committee on Christian Character, Staff and Curriculum.

We are just in the process of calling a meeting of this Committee for October 10. The official notice card is enclosed herewith. We realize that you are a long ways from New York and it will probably be impossible for you to be here on that date, but we do want to keep you in touch with the activities of this Committee.

Sincerely yours,

J. J. Parker
Secretary

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September 30, 1941

Mrs. Leon Roy Peel
Wesley Temple Building
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Mrs. Peel:

Mrs. Masland has just reported the receipt of the gift of \$15.00 from Mrs. MacDonald referred to in your note of the 23rd. We are crediting this amount toward Hwa Nan's share in the 1941-42 Sustaining Fund.

We have been checking our mailing list and find that the enclosed card is duplicated in our files. This card should replace the card you now have in your Minneapolis field list.

Sincerely yours,

James A. Cameron

607 Wesley Temple
Minneapolis, Minn
October 3, 1941



Mr. Joseph I. Parker
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Parker:

Thank you for the notice of the committee meeting on Christian Character, Staff and Curriculum, on Friday, October 10th. I shall not be present but shall think of each of you.

The minutes as sent to the Associated Boards indicate that Miss Faye H. Robinson heads this committee and I am alternate. However, as Chairman of the Board of Trustees I would appreciate information from time to time on these various committees.

Sincerely yours,

Chas M. Peel
Mrs. Leon Roy Peel.

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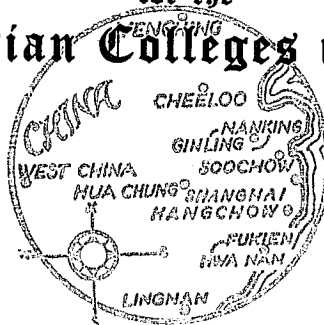
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607 Wesley Temple
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Mr. C. A. Evans
Associated Boards
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Evans:

I am herewith enclosing the Annual Statistical and Annual Financial Report blanks of Hwa Nan College for the year ending June 30, 1941. The blanks were received September 26th.

I wrote President Wang immediately upon my return from New York. She had not received my letter and now these reports have been received un-notarized. I am sure you will take care of this matter and mail a set to the Board of Regents.

Yours sincerely,

Elva M. Peel

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Mrs. Leon Roy Peel.

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December 4, 1941

Mrs. L. R. Peel
607 Wesley Temple Building
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Mrs. Peel:

Enclosed herewith are the minutes of the meeting of the Committee on Finance of October 17. These minutes were approved by the Executive Committee on November 10.

Notification has been sent to President Wang, particularly in relationship to action F-1279, section (f), with an explanation of the action and a statement that the funds are to be paid through the regular channels. Mr. Evans tells me that your Board considered, at its meeting the other evening, the request of the Associated Boards which is included in action F-1281 for the share in the Associated Boards' budget of 1941-42. This, you will note, is \$2,255. I think he also called your attention to a credit of \$48.29 resulting from action F-1284, section (b). This credit is on account of unused balances in the 1940-41 budget, and will be put on our books against the appropriation for 1941-42, thus reducing the payment by that amount.

Sincerely yours,

J. I. Parker
Secretary

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