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Union University

CHENG TU, WEST CHINA

January 17, 1927

Dear Jim:

About half the British subjects are leaving Chengtu. What with the Consul and the Bishop I fear the same quota might be registered for the Americans. The Bishop is still here. He will leave with us at the end(?) of the week. It looks as though the storm that wrecked Florida had shifted to the Yangtze. At all events there is some fluttering of national flags. As a result of what is happening, consular request to get out, etc., etc., etc., one with every new morning, enough of the staff have promised to remain here to assure the work going on next term, that is present assurances are such. There are, however, some daily fluctuations. The British Consul and his staff are leaving here next week Friday. Perhaps we may have a little more peace afterwards and hence less fears. I have seen both of the chief generals here. They have promised that they will take care of the foreigners and our work. I accept their promise with certain reservations, but I think they hope to do so.

My next address will be c/o W. A. Main, then perhaps c/o H. T. Silcock, Friends House, Euston Road, London. I will probably send the Board a cable upon my arrival in Shanghai stating route home.

Mrs. Liljestrand and her children, Mr. and Mrs. Brewer and family, Miss Welch and Miss Brayton; Miss Brennecke of the Y. W. C. A. and Miss Bassett are the Americans leaving. The Liljestrands are the only emergency. The rest are all furloughs. *With greetings to you and all*

Respectively yours

Dr. J. M. Yard  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York

*Joe Beech*

*Exams about over, a fine year except for the strike period of 3 weeks.*

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Union University

CHENGDU, WEST CHINA

January 18, 1927

Dear Jim:

Yours of November 10th regarding title received. Owing to departures it may be impossible to get even a rump Senate before I leave. I will, however, leave advices for the next Senate in March and your letter for them. I am afraid that to have both the president and vice-president in America would look as though the University were closed. Will do the best possible.

Stewart evidently is not coming. We have elected George Sparling acting vice-president, and Lincoln Dsang has been appointed to the University for the department of religion and to assist in administration. We plan to go on next term unless the unforeseen happens. Most of the foreign men on our staff will be here.

Dr. Morse taken ill with kidney trouble, may require operation at Peking. He may leave when his condition permits.

Nothing of importance in news since my last letter except the following telegram from American Consul:

"All Americans urged to leave immediately from Western Szechwan."

This telegram has been given to the Americans. It has not registered any action as yet. *University expects to open Spring Term as stated in Catalogue Feb. 28/27.*

This is my last letter from Chengtu. Good-bye. Hope to see you later.

Respectfully yours

Dr. J. M. Yard  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York City

*Joe Beech*

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West China Union University

January 25, 1927

Dr. Joseph Beech, President,  
Mr. W. B. Albertson, Bursar,  
West China Union University,  
Chengtu, Szechuan, China.

Dear President and Bursar:

I am sending you herewith the copies of the Report of the Treasurer of the Board of Governors for the year ending December 31, 1926. I think that this report is entirely clear and will help you to understand our situation, particularly the fact that there is no balance of building funds available. Your impression that there is a balance as we have indicated in earlier letters must be due to the failure of the reorganization of your books to include certain drafts which have been paid into your accounts as our records here show. After we get the instructions from the Governors as to the items in this report where instructions are requested, we will take up the matter with you clearing these accounts and providing you with whatever additional funds the action of the Board of Governors may warrant.

In view of the fact that we have put at your disposal with the Associated Mission Treasurers the whole of the balance of \$17,500. field budget for 1926 as reported by previous letter and cable, to the extent of \$10,392.90, we are of course charging the 1927 appropriations with drafts which are now coming in from you, dated prior to December 31st and related to the budget of 1926. In order that you may be clear as to the drafts you have drawn which are included in the 1926 accounts, a list is subjoined herewith. Of course, in addition to these drafts, there are disbursements for current budget other than drafts which appear in our cash statement and which are charged to account #31.

We assume therefore that the adjustment for the drafts on the 1926 budget which are not included in this list and which are now coming to us will be made upon your books by transferring from the amount we have made available to you in Shanghai an amount equal to the total of these drafts forward into your 1927 accounts as a receipt from us for 1927.

You will be interested to know that since this report was prepared we have received from the Estate of Dr. Coles something over \$2500. to complete the payment of the whole cost of the clock tower. You, of course, cannot draw this inasmuch as the plant funds are already overdrawn and this is not a sufficient amount to put them in balance again, espec-

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ially after we pay the 1926 and 1927 salaries of Mr.Small which must be charged against building funds.

Faithfully yours,

Assistant Treasurer  
West China Union University

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Mr.Albertson:

I am also sending you herewith the cash statement for December and the journal entries 13 to 25 inclusive. This includes the closing journal entries for the year.

You will note that we have changed the form of our accounts in certain respects as is shown on Journal Vouchers 19 and 20 so that what is known as general section accounts includes only the amounts of receipts and disbursements relative to the budget for the current year.

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Attached to North's letter  
Jan. 25, 1927

Report of the Treasurer of the  
Board of Governors of West China Union University  
for the year ending December 31, 1926.

(All figures are in U.S.dollars unless otherwise indicated)

Herewith are presented the Balance Sheets of the Endowment, Plant and Current Accounts of the Board of Governors for the year ending Dec.31, 1926.

ENDOWMENT FUNDS AND INVESTMENTS

No additions to General or Special Endowment Funds have been made during the year and the investments have not been changed. A list is subjoined. The Committee on Investment recently authorized investing the \$7,175.00 now on fixed deposit in a guaranteed first mortgage.

PLANT FUNDS AND ASSETS

General Plant Funds now total \$87,718.58, an increase of \$2,061.78 in the year; Special Plant Funds total \$107,704.80, an increase of \$5,599.21 in the year. These increases are from gifts as follows:

General Plant Funds

Friends Foreign Mission Assn.	\$2,028.43
Church Missionary Society for Roads	33.33

Special Plant Funds

Dr. J.A. Coles, cost of clock, bell and freight, etc. per contra	2,061.67
Sir Joseph Flavelle for Residences	2,500.00
Women's Missionary Society of United Church of Canada for roads	67.00
G.G. Reynolds for Equipment	60.00
Elizabeth M. Raub for "	120.00
Miscellaneous donors through Meth. Episcopal Board for Books and Equipment	790.54
	<u>\$7,660.97</u>

The Income from Building Fund Investments now stands at \$2,568.69, an increase of \$956.25; this will shortly be distributed to the funds represented in the investment. Plant Funds have further been increased by additional loans from the Special Current Accounts of \$10,316.91, the amount so borrowed now totaling \$18,566.82.

In connection with the Coles Clock Tower, the Governors will be pleased to note that affidavits as to the total cost are now before the Executors of the Estate and that there is good hope that something over \$2,000.00 additional may yet be realized on this account.



The Plant Assets Accounts represent sums paid out by the Treasurer of the Governors, chiefly to the Field Treasurer for specified items. Until, however, the revision of the Field Treasurer's accounts is more fully reconciled with these records, the record in New York cannot be said to represent the exact facts as to the U.S. dollar cost of the Land and Buildings. The changes since December 31, 1925 have been as follows:

Paid out on drafts or bills for equipment and books	\$ 242.77
For Buildings -	
Undistributed (salary, etc. of Mr. Morrison and Mr. Small)	6,094.13
Coles Clock Tower (disbursements by Dr. Coles per contra; and architect's fees)	2,332.75
President's House (architect's fees)	27.11
Library Building (draft and architect's fees)	5,130.11
Cadbury Normal School (draft)	5,000.00
	<u>\$18,826.87</u>

Since the close of the year we have been notified that the salary of Mr. Walter Small for 1926, which is chargeable to Building Operations, will amount to \$2,350.00. There is also outstanding authorization to draw \$2,500. for Chinese residences. These items will increase the Plant Funds overdraft (now represented by Loan from Special Current Funds) to a total of \$23,406.82. Over against this figure are Building Fund Investments of \$15,000. which, according to evidence in the Field Treasurer's accounts, we are justified in selling when the cash situation requires it. If these securities are sold and the application to the Coles Estate is successful the overdraft will then be reduced to \$5,880.50. The persistence of this overdraft has made it necessary for us to notify the field that there are no building funds available, though they have apparently assumed that the funds were available for proceeding with the Cadbury Educational Building.

#### CURRENT ACCOUNTS

It is a pleasure to record that for the first time in several years the total of the appropriations requested by the Governors from the cooperating mission boards for the current year was all paid in before December 31st and that from the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church an additional amount of \$240. was received. The payments are as follows:

American Baptist Foreign Mission Society	\$ 6,000.00
Women's Am. " " " "	1,000.00
Church Missionary Society	500.00
Friends Foreign Mission Association	2,500.00
Bd. of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church	6,240.00
Women's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church	1,000.00
Bd. of For. Missions United Church of Canada	6,000.00
Women's Board " "	2,000.00
	<u>\$25,240.00</u>



The \$240.00 has been transferred to the 1927 account. The following additional amounts for current 1926 budget have been received:

D. S. Blackman for salary of Chinese physician	\$ 100.00
Income of J.E. Johnson Chair of Practical Christianity (including previous balance \$645.24)	849.20
Endowment Income Unrestricted	84.76
Interest on Bank Balance	461.39
	<u>\$1,495.35</u>

The disbursements have been as follows:

To the Field Treasurer for 1926 Budget in full	\$17,500.00
On Governors' salary Budget: salary of President	3,220.00
Home Administration: Central Office	687.87
" " : Incidentals -	
Salary S.L. Pinkerton	\$62.50
Cost of Audit (9 years accounts)	400.00
Bond of Treasurer and Asst. Tr.	50.00
New Account Books and supplies	25.07
Postage, etc	7.95
Printed Reports ordered by Governors	84.82
Expenses of attendance at meetings	208.73
	<u>839.07</u>
	<u>\$22,248.94</u>

The balance on hand December 31, 1926 for the Budget of 1926 was \$4,248.41. Against this is still to be charged the following items chargeable to Governors' salary budget, on which report was not received until after December 31, 1926:

Salary W.B. Albertson	\$2,050.00
Salary Homer G. Brown	2,000.00
Furlough travel to Canada of H.G. Brown	2,058.32
	<u>\$6,108.32</u>

The deficit on the Budget of 1926 will therefore be \$1,859.91. We desire the instructions of the Governors as to how this deficit is to be carried and disposed of.

It is to be noted that the total expense chargeable to the home base budget of the Governors of \$7,500.00 totals for this year \$10,855.26. That the deficit is not larger is due to receipts above expectations at the time the budget was adopted.

The amount of the budget for 1927 as expenses of the Board of Governors is \$11,000.00. From the experience of the past year it would appear that this amount is insufficient. The items which, in our judgment, require this increase are as follows:

Salary of W.B. Albertson	\$2,050.00
" of Homer G. Brown	2,000.00
Third term outfit for Mr. Brown	250.00
Return to China of Mr. Brown	3,000.00

Forward	<u>\$7,300.00</u>
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Brought forward	\$7,300.00
Salary of President Beech	3,220.00
Return of Pres. Beech to the United States	3,000.00
Administrative expense and expense of the Governors' meetings	1,200.00
	<u>\$14,720.00</u>

We would recommend that the budget of expense be amended to approve this, and that it be understood that the additional amount required shall be covered by special gifts raised for the current budget, or if necessary, by a temporary loan.

The balance sheet for December 31, 1925 showed a reserve balance from board appropriations of preceding years which had not been applied to the budget of \$12,388.74. Against this were to be charged delayed disbursements on account of the field budget for 1925 which were not in hand at the close of the fiscal year. These delayed disbursements have amounted to \$14,277.40 for field budget, and \$62.50 on home administration. The excess of these disbursements over the funds in hand at the beginning of the year has been more than met by the collections from the mission boards upon unpaid appropriations for the years prior to December 31, 1925. These collections have been so large in this year that after the delayed disbursements have been charged off there remains a reserve balance on hand of \$22,698.00. It is this reserve balance which is carrying the deficit of the Plant Account and of the Campaign Expense Account.

The receipts from mission boards upon back appropriations for current budget have been, during this year, as follows:

American Baptist Foreign Mission Society for appropriations for 1923, 1924, 1925	\$18,000.00
Women's Am. Baptist Foreign Mission Society appropriation for 1925	1,000.00
Women's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church - three- quarters of the appropriation for 1925	750.00
Board of Foreign Missions of the United Church of Canada - one-half 1925, adjusted through bill for salaries	3,000.00
Friends' Foreign Missionary Assn. to bring sterling remittances for 1923, 1924, 1925 closer to a total of \$2500. per year	518.92
Church Missionary Society to complete appropria- tion for 1922, 1923 including loss in exchange on sterling	380.24
Church Missionary Society to provide full amount of appropriations for 1924, 1925	1,000.00
	<u>\$24,649.16</u>

These payments complete payment in full of all the current budget appropriations of all the boards up to December 31, 1926, including some restoration on loss in sterling exchange.

The question would naturally be raised whether these appropriations are not due to the field on account of past years. Mr. Albertson, the Bursar, has sent on to us an extensive report on the budget receipts and disbursements for past years. We have made a careful examination of this in its bearing upon this particular point and find that until further word is received from Mr. Albertson, clearing up matters where his statements do not agree with the books here, it will be impossible to say whether any large proportion of these receipts is properly due

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to the field on past current appropriations. It may be that there will be found here enough of a balance to float the extra expense due to the heavy furlough expenses coming on the Governors' budget in the three years 1926, 1927, 1928, provided, of course, the plant account overdraft can be properly adjusted and that other accounts are duly balanced.

The following are the receipts of endowment income for restricted purposes:

From the Maria S. Ackerman Fund	\$ 570.00
From scholarship funds (including accumulated balance forward, \$416.56)	474.39

The former of these amounts is by the direction of Mr. Coles to go to the upkeep of the Coles Building which is under the care of the Methodist Episcopal Division of the University, and this income is regularly paid to the Methodist Episcopal Board for this purpose. We desire instructions from the Governors as to whether this receipt and disbursement is to be treated as an amount over and above the current budget voted annually by the Governors.

Miscellaneous current gifts received during the year are as follows:

Income of the J.A. Coles Estate for upkeep and extension of the buildings of the University	\$2,113.82
Mrs. W.A. King Scholarship	100.00
W.E. Lynn "	50.00
Watertown Church "	40.00
Minnewaska Church services, unrestricted	200.00
	<u>\$ 2,503.82</u>

We desire the instructions of the Governors as to whether these receipts of scholarships are or are not to be treated as additions to the voted budget. We further desire instructions as to the extent to which the income from the J.A. Coles Estate is to be applied within the current budget, if at all, or whether it is to be accumulated as a reserve fund for separate appropriations from time to time as the Governors may be directed. We further desire instructions as to the application of the unrestricted amount of \$200. from the Minnewaska Church services.

#### CAMPAIGN EXPENSE

The total disbursements on account of campaign expense amount to \$6,424.56, covering a period from March 1, to December 31, 1926. Analysis of this appears in the balance sheet. Receipts applicable to campaign expense total \$1,225.00 as follows:

G. W. Carnick	\$ 75.00
Sir Joseph Flavelle	1,000.00
Geo. Vaux, Jr.	100.00
Horace Rice	5.00
Miscellaneous, through Mr. Yard	45.00

The excess of disbursements over receipts of \$5199.56 is being carried as a loan from the Special Section accounts as indicated above.  
(Insert "Cash Situation" attached hereto)

We desire to commend the great effort that Mr. Albertson, the Bursar, has been making to reorganize the accounts of the University with a view to arriving at a clear view of the standing both of the current and of the property accounts. We have from him a document of some 84 pages, dealing with this matter, which

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should be formally presented to the Governors and acknowledged. Unfortunately there are a number of points involving comparatively large sums of money in which the records shown in Mr. Albertson's report do not agree with the records here, and it will take further exchanges of correspondence to enable us to settle this matter. Its chief bearing lies upon the question of the disposition of the plant funds of the University.

It would seem to us that a more satisfactory method of handling the refunds made by the University to the mission boards for the salaries of Mr. Albertson, Mr. Small, Mr. Brown, President Beech and their furlough travel would be to have the reimbursement made by the Bursar of the University in Chengtu to the mission concerned. The mission is always fully in possession of the facts as to the salaries and the charges for furlough travel, and it would seem to us that these salaries are properly a part of the budget of the University, and that the distinction between what makes these a part of the budget of the Governors in a separate way is an artificial one. We are advised that the Board of Foreign Missions of the United Church of Canada would approve such an arrangement for 1927. We desire the instructions of the Governors on this matter.

Respectfully submitted

*William O. Gantz*  
W. O. GANTZ  
Treasurer

ERIC M. NORTH  
Assistant Treasurer

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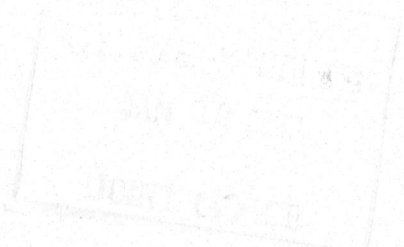
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It would seem to us that a more satisfactory method of handling the refunds made by the University to the mission boards for the salaries of Mr. Albertson, Mr. Small, Mr. Brown, President Beach and their furlough travel would be to have the reimbursement made by the Bureau of the University in Chicago to the mission concerned. The mission is always fully in possession of the facts as to the salaries and the charges for furlough travel, and it would seem to us that these salaries are properly a part of the budget of the University, and that the distinction between what makes these a part of the budget of the Board of Foreign Missions of the United Church of Canada would approve such an arrangement in a separate way is an artificial one. We are advised that the Board of Foreign Missions of the United Church of Canada would approve such an arrangement for 1927. We desire the instructions of the Governor on this matter.

Respectfully submitted

W. O. GALT  
Treasurer

ERIO M. NORTH  
Assistant Treasurer



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GOVERNORS WEST CHINA UNION UNIVERSITY

Securities on hand Dec.31, 1926

	<u>Interest Rate per cent</u>	<u>Maturity</u>	<u>Face Value</u>	<u>Cost</u>
<u>Endowment Fund</u>				
U. S. 4th Liberty Loan	4½	1938	\$ 50.	Gift
Columbus & Hoeking Valley R.R.1st	4	1948	8,000.	"
Colorado Industrial Co.	5	1934	1,000.	"
Pacific R.R.of Missouri 1st mtge.	4	1938	1,000.	"
Cities Service Preferred Stock(8 sh.)6			800.	"
			<u>\$10,850.</u>	
<u>Building Fund</u>				
U. S. 2nd Liberty Loan	4½	1942	10,000.	"
U.S. 3rd " "	4½	1928	5,000.	"
			<u>\$15,000.</u>	



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CASH SITUATION

The Cash Situation of the Treasury of the Governors after closing on December 31, 1926, is as follows:

Balance of Endowment Funds Cash	\$7,175.00
Balance of General Current Funds, Cash	215.95
Balance of Special Funds Cash	31,842.12
Held to meet Current Drafts payable in February	10,392.90
	<u>\$49,625.97</u>

Less Plant Funds Cash overdrafts	\$18,556.82	
" Campaign Expense	<u>5,199.56</u>	23,756.38
		<u>\$25,869.59</u>

Cash balance in banks; this is held as follows:

Checking Account Am. Exchange Irving Trust Co.	9,802.59
On Fixed Deposit at 4% in Leonia Bank & Trust Co.	<u>16,067.00</u>
	<u>\$25,869.59</u>

Less outstanding draft to field	<u>10,392.90</u>
Net Cash Balance Dec. 31, 1926	\$15,476.69

To this balance may be added securities in Building Funds Investment Account, which may be sold at any time, of book value (less than present market value) of	15,000.00
	<u>\$30,476.69</u>

Against these fluid assets there are the following obligations:

Salary of Walter Small for 1926	\$ 2,350.00
Outstanding authorization for Chinese residences	2,500.00
Salary W.B. Albertson 1926	2,050.00
Salary Homer G. Brown 1926	2,000.00
Furlough travel Homer G. Brown 1926	2,058.32
Payment of income of Maria S. Ackerman Coles	
Fund due M.E. Beard	<u>570.00</u>
	<u>\$11,528.32</u>
Net surplus of liquid assets over present obligations	18,948.37
	<u>\$30,476.69</u>

This, of course, leaves as an open question the matter of amounts due to Bursar on account of building operation or past budgets pending clearance of the queried items in the Bursar's Report.



Feb. 2nd, 1927.

Dr. Joseph Beech,  
c/o Rev. W. A. Main,  
23 Yuen Ming Yuen Road,  
Shanghai, China.

Dear Joe:-

I am taking it for granted that you left Chengtu with the family, though I am not ten parts sure about it. So far as the foreign nations relations with China are concerned, from this end it looks as though it is going from bad to worse, and so from my point of view I hope you are on the way to Shanghai.

Your letter of December 13th came in yesterday. You are quite right about contact with personal friends being the best kind of publicity but there must be other contacts as well in order to enlarge one's circle of friends.

I have had a terrible time to get Frank Ryder at work on Lau's support, but he continues to assure me that he will work it out. With him and Torrance on the job I think you need have no fear about Lau's support falling on the University budget.

In connection with the Senate Minute #1998 concerning Government Registration, the Board decided last week at the Executive meeting that while they approve registering, they did not know of any government to which they could apply at present and therefore, took no action. They were also of course not sure as to what the requirements might be if or when the Canton Government really gets into control. They asked the Board Secretaries to take it up with their respective Boards and be prepared to act when the time comes. You see, our Board of Governors could not take any drastic step like that without the approval of all the supporting bodies.

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Please send a line as soon as you reach Shanghai. We are all eager for news and comment on the situation.

Yours as ever,

James M. Yard

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Feb. 8, 1927.

Dr. Joseph Beech,  
c/o Rev. W. A. Main,  
23 Yuen Ming Yuen Road,  
Shanghai, China.

Dear Joe:-

Just one word concerning your visit to England. It is my judgment that you would not have been able under any circumstances, to have secured an increase from either the Boards in England, or in America, and certainly under present conditions in China, you will not be able to do so.

I think we might as well face the fact that we shall not get any larger grants from the Boards. The only hope is to get funds from individuals and from foundations. To do that *will* require a vast amount of effort and time; so my advice is do not waste any of your time with the Boards.

If things in China straighten out during the Spring or Summer, you ought to be here early in the Fall, and we ought to unite a big campaign at the earliest possible moment. I think the time will be ripe when these strenuous days are over.

The large check about which I wrote you was for Peking University and the Hall Estate has nothing to do with Hank Hall. Dr. Eric North just told me this noon that the great organization that Peking has maintained and its publicity is now bringing in a considerable amount of money without any appreciable effort.

In the last six weeks they have had paid to them, \$10,000.00 from various individuals without any extra effort on their part whatever.



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They have spent a good deal more money than we ever shall, but I ~~hope~~ we shall be willing to employ an expert when the time comes in order that we may get the proper publicity and make West China known for its wonderful possibilities, as it is not known today.

I had a great time in South Jersey over the weekend. I spoke to the Progressive Club of Cape May last night and the Pastor told me at the end, that it was the best speech on international affairs that had been delivered in Cape May County in years. I got a great response.

Yours as ever,

James M. Yard

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Feb. 18, 1927.

Dr. Joseph Beech,  
23 Yuen Ming Yuen Road,  
Shanghai, China.

Dear Joe:-

Please do get hold of a stenographer and send me a letter by every mail if possible. Many friends of the University are constantly asking me about your plans and your movements. I shall get out a letter next week, telling all I know about your plans and assuring the people that you were not driven out of West China as some think, after reading the newspapers. I must make it clear to them that you are coming on a regular furlough.

I hope you will find it possible to run up to Peking before going on to Europe. There are many reasons why I wish you could come right along to America, but they are purely personal. Because of conditions in China there is almost no reason why you should be here just now. Next fall will be plenty of time for you to begin work. I hope, therefore, that you will carry out your plan to come home via Suez and Europe. You need rest, all of you, and I am sure that trip from Shanghai to Genoa will give you an opportunity to relax and recuperate.

There is not the slightest hope that our Board will be able to pay its pledge to the University this year. Dr. Edwards said last night, that the World Service collections from June to the end of January are \$1,000,000 below the total of a year ago. It looks to me like something approaching bankruptcy for the Mission Society, but what could one expect with Bishop Wilson for chairman of the Board and people like Edwards and Gamewell running the machine while Diffendorfer is off on a joy ride. Believe me, the situation is serious.



Feb. 18, 1927.

Last night up at Columbia I heard Dr. Hushih. Monday night I heard him on "The Modern Renaissance." Last night his subject was "The Culture of the East and of the West." It was a brilliant performance. His audiences have been increasing at every lecture and last night one of the largest lecture rooms at Columbia, seating probably 300 people, was crowded and packed. John Dewey has attended all the lectures. Last night he could not obtain a seat, but stood in a prominent place where I could watch him. He was greatly delighted with Dr. Hu.

Dr. Hushih pointed out that when he speaks of the East and of the West, one must remember that there are at least two Easts. China is very different from India. India is mystical and religious. China is practical and non-religious. He paid tremendous tribute to Western civilization. In fact his main thesis was that civilization was not materialistic, but spiritual. Our machines have lifted burdens from the backs of people. Our civilization has done much to abolish poverty, to destroy disease and to emancipate womanhood. This he pointed out is a great spiritual achievement. He said it is perfect folly for a man in a sampan to call the man on the ocean liner a materialist. The sampan is just as material as the steamship, but not nearly as efficient.

I end as I began, please write soon and often. Before starting for Europe, send a cable if you can put anything into it of a publicity value.

With much love,

Yours as ever,

James M. Yard



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Yokohama, Feb 21, 1927

My dear Sir Joseph:

I received a letter from you in Shanghai. I do not have it here. I wish to correct one word you seem to have received. The University was not closed last term except for about two weeks shortly after the Wanhhsien affair. We finished the term's work closing two days in advance of schedule owing to shortening the periods for examinations. There was a fine spirit present to the end, both in the University and the City, despite rather lurid reports of British and American men-of-war arriving in Shanghai, and accounts of the plans of the Southerners to take back all concessions as they had done at Hankow and Kiukiang. I think the remarkable forbearance of the British at both these places greatly surprised the Chinese, and to some extent upset the plans of the radical crowd under Borodin. News of that character is suppressed when possible. Only the fact that the Southerners had taken the Concession was published at Chengtu.

Before going on with affairs at Hankow and China generally, let me return to Chengtu.

As you know, H.B.M. Consul General at Chengtu has been exerting himself for some time to get all women and children out, and there has been a constant reduction of our numbers. When the news of happenings at Hankow reached us through the Consuls it was accompanied by urgent requests that all leave. There was a response to this, and preparations were begun so that others could leave on short notice. H.B.M. Consul repeated his calls almost daily and announced that the Consulate was closing and that he and his entire staff were leaving January 21st.

When I received a complete account of happenings at Hankow and Kiukiang from the American Consul at Chungking, who had received it by wireless - I went at once, by appointment, to the home of Gov. General Den to tell him I was due to leave on furlough and to get assurances that the University and staff members would be protected. I did not state the news received but intimated that affairs like Wanhhsien might happen any day at points down river. Fortunately, General Liu was at lunch with General Den, perhaps by design of General Den. At all events, it furnished the occasion I wanted. I reviewed events - the University's work, the delicate and difficult position of foreigners, with trouble on down river, and the plans of the radical southern element to control all education. Then, from several angles I asked them if they would assure me that in leaving the University and my foreign friends I could have assurances that full protection would be given. The answer every time was "Yes, certainly; no matter what happens elsewhere, we will protect." With this assurance, a fair number of the staff elected to remain and I announced that the University would open next term, as enough would remain to carry on. I had decided to remain on to the end of the term and had so announced. My going was



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not connected with the Consul's movements and affairs ~~down~~ river. Every meeting of foreigners got into the papers and an evacuation was expected - though why few surmised as the Generals had evidently forbidden the publication of events at Hankow when it came to them.

When I left, which was a day after H.B.M. Consul, there were 75 men, women and children there - about 20 of them due to leave on the 24th - I left on the 22nd. All others planned to stay on unless more urgent demands came, including word from me when I arrived at Chungking or further down river.

When we arrived at Chungking, the American Consul had already sent instructions received from the American Minister that all evacuate at once. While he revealed no state secrets he told me sufficient to reveal conditions which were taking him away and the British Consul and all gunboats, and the withdrawal of steamers. Business firms, banks, the Oil companies, all planned to get away. He promised to hold on till the Chengtu folks could arrive, and intimated the British Consul might do the same if a start was made by the people at Chengtu at once. In the light of such information I could not do otherwise than wire, "Inadvisable for any women and children to remain longer. A few leading men remain until my letter arrives. Secure meeting with all members of Chinese staff. If they agree to carry on - plan opening as advertised, in the Middle and Normal Schools, and arrange University courses in General Arts and Sciences. Endeavor to locate in hospitals, the advanced students in Medicine and Dentistry. Planning to do all possible to aid you with officials. See local officials and explain the situation and get support promised to Chinese in charge. Secure such teachers as may be available, meeting their salaries from budget allowances for purchase of apparatus as shipment of such from abroad may be impossible." This message was in code and was explained as far as seemed prudent in a letter of same date.

Later word was received that 7 men were remaining on at the University, and 4 in the city. There may have been 2 women also. That was my latest news before leaving Shanghai.

I visited the officials at Chungking and made a hurried call on General Yang Sen at Wanhhsien. I was received in both places with great cordiality and secured promises that they would stand between the forces of disorder and destruction, and the University and my friends there. Events at Ichang were not such as to give hope for better things, likewise at Hankow and Shanghai. Talk of an agreement between the British and the Southerners was in the air, but there was little of solid promise behind it. The South continued to press toward Shanghai and Great Britain continued the march of ships and men to China. Since then a strike has taken place at Shanghai and the Southern army may be there at any time.

These events in themselves would not be proof positive of a clash of forces with resultant loss of life, but it must be

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evident that greater things are in the offing - international complications and the Asiatic Empire of Britain. Great Britain can not allow these Southerners, backed and playing the game of Russian Radicals, to literally kick and drive them out of China, and confiscate their extensive holdings, and evidently the Southerners aim to do this very thing, and they are a victorious army without a setback since they left Canton, and inspired by radical ideals.

There is one hope - the Southerners, or better named, the Revolutionary Army, for they include Szechwan and elements in other northern provinces, are split into two factions - the left has the lead at present with indications that they will maintain it - but there is a possibility that Borodin and his aids may be dropped or driven out in order to avoid a conflict with one or more foreign powers. I expect the University to go on its way, and I hope, though fearfully, that War may be averted.

The British steamers on the Yangtze are all under the Admiral's orders. The American boats operate on the Upper River and the British from Ichang down. There were 153 foreigners on the boat we came on to Shanghai. Two days before there was a boat with 159. Foreign accommodation on these boats is about 20-25. All avenues into Shanghai are crowded with business and missionary "refugees" so-called. Shipping accommodation out of Shanghai, especially via Europe very difficult to get. I could get no valid promise that I would get to England when I was expected. It was not easy to secure passage via Pacific, but I got 45 minutes notice that the Beech family could find accommodations on this steamer, and here we are at Yokohama, our destination Los Angeles, where three of my sisters live. If you wish to write or wire, address care Mrs. S. Beatty, 5649 Carlton Way, Hollywood, Calif. Before leaving Shanghai I wired Mr. Silcock that we were sailing to U.S.A. and that I was prepared to go to England and keep my engagements there in May and June if the occasion and the situation warrant. After a brief stop in California, we will start East. Write or wire if my presence is required soon, otherwise will make stops enroute.

I left China saying that I would return at any time if conditions called for it. I expect the University will live on and believe that it constitutes one of the forces that promise construction in and after this present confusion.

If you will send such parts of this letter as you deem fitting to other Board members, I will appreciate it.

Respectfully yours,

Joseph Beech.





Tell Dr. North, Edwards & Tammell so much  
of this letter as you may desire - saying that  
I asked you to inform them of my greetings  
& plans(?) - Joz

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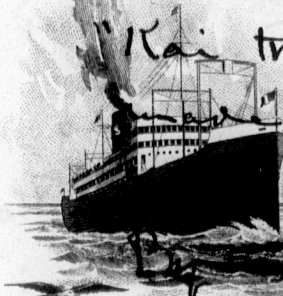
Dear Jim

Your own good self and  
an announcement just seen that  
a new regulation makes the air  
mail charge 10¢ anywhere  
in the US is responsible for  
this letter this P.M. after 10:45

We got here yesterday am  
and will go on to Los Angeles,  
under the new schedule of the  
Dollar Boats, on Saturday - We  
arrive here Sunday - Seven  
weeks to a day since we

"Kai trauddi" from Chengtu. We  
made no stops enroute except  
ours while shifting boats.

to Chungking 11 days.  
Awaiting of the New via USA Steamer



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to Ichang. All British Boats off the  
Chungking run - all British ~~boats~~ on  
Yangtze commanded by Admiralty  
and run to carry foreigners out.  
From the Ichang down all travel on  
British Boats only. All boats were  
jammed with passengers, 153 on  
our Boat to Shanghai - sleep when  
possible, eat when you could. Good  
nature did a lot, we helped take  
care of the crowd - hustled our  
baggage & stood on guard to  
Hankow. All Steamers subjected  
to more or less fire from soldiers  
on boats or shore. No killed or  
wounded. Elizabeth got some broken  
glass & advertised in S.F. papers  
as the first American wounded  
to arrive in U.S. All Steamers  
full & booked full for sometime. No  
Chance out via Europe. Some  
vacancies made on this boat

At 2.15 P.M. we knew we could go at  
3.15 ~~my~~ baggage was in their  
Godown & we were on board ourselves  
at 11 P.M. Some rush for the  
Beech family - thanks to friends  
helping here we are with most  
of those who got in Shanghai ahead  
of us now behind us.

I was booked for a number of  
engagements in England in May.  
Have cabled will keep them if  
wired that I should - to keep  
your eye & ear open for any  
messages for me to Missions  
N.Y.

Plans are about as follows  
if permitted by other Circum-  
stances. Spend about 10 days with  
the Sisters at Hollywood, Stop a  
few days with Miriam's brother



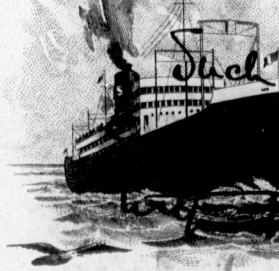
at Okla. University. Norman Okla  
Then on to Dixon for a stop - then start  
for Delaware stopping enroute to see  
Ellis wife and if possible Geo &  
Mary Osmon. I have put Apr.  
15 to 30<sup>th</sup> as date of arrival at  
Delaware. If we can secure  
a furnished house at Delaware  
we will stop till after Commencement  
which is Margaret's graduation. After  
that we are in the moon or  
anywhere on earth that a  
missionary's salary will per-  
mit of. Plans for work  
have not yet been formulated  
& will not be till I get my  
bearings here learn a bit  
more of prospective policies  
& happenings in China. I feel  
as if I had been shot out.

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and things are still swimming  
past my head. I wired my  
opinion that women & children  
were ill advised to remain  
longer - asked that some of the  
men remain till my  
letter giving all available information  
that the Consulate could supply -  
asked that courses in Arts & Science  
be organized so that the Chinese  
could carry on & that everything  
be done to help them start the  
town's work before the last  
men departed if depart they did.  
Such bits of information as has  
indicated - all women out,  
Mary Cranston, Taylor





Dye, O'Connell, Mortimore, Wiford,  
Dickinson, Small, Spaulding - and  
perhaps Hughes 7<sup>th</sup> Day. Still remaining  
Consul promised to be out in 3  
weeks after us. But, promised to wait  
& hold gun boat if the Cheung  
folk would prepare to come out  
at once. There were two Mr. Jambors  
on a big ship 12 ft draft. This  
is private. The Navy then had  
orders to blow her up if called to  
leave. Everything in readiness for  
that when we left. The Mr. Consul  
& all staff left ahead of us. Fortunately  
my departure & furlough was an-  
nounced long before the storm  
broke & we finished the term's  
work before we made serious  
move to leave. We closed a  
good term in a good spirit  
advertised to open as scheduled

I expect we opened as advertised  
and are running our major  
courses now. The professional  
courses have stopped in the  
main of course - I requested that  
places be made for advanced  
students in those subjects in the  
hospitals. This plan will keep  
the Chinese faculty going - the  
larger number of students provided  
for and the advanced students  
busy for a time - by which  
time I am hoping to continue  
to hope we can return. Have asked  
most staff members to hold on in  
Shanghai, Korea, Japan for a  
time or half a time & return -  
men especially - at first chance  
That is all of that

My address until leaving Holly-  
wood will be 4956 Cartaway, Hollywood  
Can Mrs Sarah Beatty



It was a great day of thanksgiving - for Richard was here - he sang the old songs in the old way & did the work in the old way. Still as lively as ever for a day.

Then came Miss Bessie Decker, Dixon Ill. from which point I will write you giving you any future wants & dates.

Don't give up the ship just yet. China is in a bad way & mission work in many centers blown up & out, but God is still in heaven and I am not without hopes that all will come out well - though I do not see His leading now.

Had a fine trip - with my usual stomach. The Gibsons fellow passengers whom we greatly enjoyed - just to night - sharing a big box of chocolates they sent back for the Beeches.

She left for home from this Port & will be there soon after this letter gets to you. We also dined with Bro. Mrs. Keeney here today. He is looking well. We are all well & love you & your whole tribe as of yore. Affectionately W. R. Joe Beech



March 14, 1927.

Dr. Joseph Beech,  
4936 Carlton Way,  
Hollywood, Calif.

Dear Joe:

Before I left home this morning Mabelle had received a post card from Miriam, and upon my arrival at the office I found your letter. I was tickled to pieces to hear from you! For I have been making up all sorts of fairy stories as to your whereabouts. People everywhere were asking me where you were, what your plans were, etc., etc. I am sorry that you were not able to take the trip via Europe, but am delighted to have you in the U. S. A.

Silcock will of course, advise you about the advisability of going to England. It does not seem to me that such a trip would pay at the present time. I hope you will take all the opportunities possible, to speak while coming across the country. America was never so much interested in China as at the present time, and all sorts of organizations are roping in everybody to speak. Being directly from China, and being President of a University, will make you a particularly desirable speaker.

When you start East from Delaware, I should like to arrange a luncheon or a dinner in your honor at Syracuse. We ought to have one or two here and one in Philadelphia. We must take advantage of your presence to get into touch with some of our friends. There could be no better time than right after your arrival from China. Everybody will want

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to see you and hear what you have to say. I hope you will put the soft pedal on the radical stuff, as much as possible. The Lord knows that Mr. Kellogg and the newspapers play that tune enough. It seems to me our job is to talk about the constructive forces at work, especially the work that is being done by both Chinese and missionaries in education in all its phases.

Even if the left wing gets control for the time being, I have no idea that they can keep the control. I think the average Chinese is too reasonable to be swept permanently over into the radical party. That means that once this day of confusion is over, the opportunity for real educational work will be greater than ever.

When you are in Chicago, be sure to look up Wm. Ayer McKinney, c/o The Speedomatic Addressing Co., 2023 Willow Street. He is keenly interested in the University, and is our key man in Chicago. If you will get into communication with him from Dixon, I think he would be willing to arrange a luncheon for you in Chicago at the Union League Club.

I was glad for all the personal items in your letter, especially about the Keeney's and the Gibson's. I suppose now that you are in this Country I had better be looking for another job. The Board of Governors will not be wanting to pay two of us. By the way, I heard yesterday, that Eric North is leaving this office to go to the American Bible Society, where he is to be associate to his father-in-law, Dr. Haven. That will be a very great blow to this office and to our united campaign in case we shall be able to pull that off some time during the next year.

I guess that is all for now. Let us keep in closest touch. With love to yourself and the family,

Yours as ever,

James M. Yard

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 Dign. Mr. Ma 27.7  
 CHENG TU, WEST CHINA

Dear Jim,

Yours of Mar. 18<sup>th</sup> addressed Norman. Oke. awaited me here when we arrived last evening - The stop at Norman could not be made without heavy expense which we could not stand. So we came direct through here. Last night Elliott called up from Exhart & said that they would drive over at the end of next week with Margaret & Raymond - So you can imagine our joy is about complete in prospect. We had a simply wonderful time with Sisters & friends in L.A. - A reception to the Berdons at Crawford's, 35 present, all W.China except 4. Fortunately for the family some of L.A. relatives stepping out. Lloyd has two big Packards so we used them as well as other cars of the family - We saw much of the circles of L.A. including the Thomans family - We saw much of the circles of L.A. including the Thomans family - We saw much of the circles of L.A. including the Thomans family - Poor Tom has had a bad accident, but it now appears that he will come through without serious mark or loss.

Now, Jim, nothing except a call from the President of US or King George can get me away from here until after the Children leave - about 2 weeks hence. I suppose. My present plan is to remain here until we are ready to move on to Delaware where we expect to make our home for a time at least. Mr Anderson has written that an Executive Com. meeting will be held in May - sooner if required. Sir J. is at Honolulu - did not arrive here until after we sailed so missed him. I know of no great reason why an Executive meeting should be held before May - if you do let me have it. There may arise questions



that cannot wait till then which might make it desirable for  
me to go East early. If there are such writers and I  
will put the "Cause" ahead. Come on to N.Y. I want  
considerable time with you before the Executive so we  
can go well into all vital University matters. Unfortunately  
matters - expected though not just at Hankin - are making  
problems faster than we can solve them or even plan  
as to what is wise to do in the face of them. As to  
your "other job" and mine. both of which events may compel  
us to consider, I have nothing more to say than, I  
most sincerely hope not. We will hold on & "pull up"  
till events unhorse us or make show us a better  
way. While speaking of "jobs" you are perhaps aware  
that the Cantonese program takes mine for one of their  
branchmen - not quite so certain on paper as it is working  
in practice where they ride high. Let me know if events  
require me in N.Y. sooner than stated.

I shall go to Chicago soon - want to get Clerical tickets  
etc. While not out for work just this minute - you might  
write your University friend that I am here & if he  
can use me to good effect I will get there. Must visit  
George Osburn & speak at his Church about first on program.

Look out for the Hankin "back fire" in about 2 weeks if  
not before. I worry about West China folks if sties there.  
No local worry, but organized national movements push the  
local organizations into rash actions. It is that which troubles  
me just now. Shanghai - unless God intervenes - will soon make  
Hankin a faded memory - but perhaps not till after the  
Push for Peking. Give University Circular. Congratulations on it. Love & affection to you all from all. JOE Beech



April 4, 1927.

Dr. Joseph Beech,  
c/o Miss Elizabeth Decker,  
Dixon, Illinois.

Dear Joe:

I had a letter from Miss Brethorst a couple of days ago saying that Dsang had been made vice-president and acting head of the University. Donald Fay is dean of the School of Religion and Fong dean of the School of Education. A majority of Chinese also have been elected to the senate.

What do you think about starting the wheels moving to get Dsang a D. D. at Wesleyan next June? If you agree to that, I wish you would take it up with Billy Rice, Dr. McConaughy and Dr. Downey.

I am busy speaking on China these days. I was in Pennington yesterday and will speak before a Woman's Club in Malden, Mass., tomorrow. Saturday I had my best chance when I spoke before the Foreign Policy Association at Springfield. They had a record attendance, probably 250. President Neilson of Smith, presided.

Love to all,

Sincerely yours,

JMY:EH

James M. Yard



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Important - Urgent -215 W. Morgan St.  
Dixon, Ill. April 6<sup>th</sup>  
CHENG TU, WEST CHINA

Dear Jim:

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In looking over problems ahead I find that we must face some facts re building accounts. We have put faith in some & have been left high & dry with the result that we carry deficits on our books for buildings. I have not Mr. Albertson's statements re buildings but know that in his general acct for bldgs there are somethings done & not paid for.

1. The Middle School Chapel - Promised by Liu Dsi Ku has cost over \$10,000 max in China plus architects fees.

He paid \$2000, gave deeds for Kukiang property & promised the balance. He simply does not make good - meantime <sup>& make a guess</sup> we carry in our general acct somewhere the equivalent of close to \$5000 good deficit. Sorry no photo of his Complete Bldg. Kukiang property not sold despite efforts & offers to sacrifice

2. The Library Bldg, overran the gift, how much do not know. But more than \$5000 good has been used in China & no architect fees included. I was led to believe some of my old gifts available, but the recent action of Bldg. in not granting those gifts leaves us with another \$5000 to find. This is a blind guess as no figures at hand.

It will be up to us to get designated or undesignated gifts for bldgs or apply to these two accts. But every dollar big or little that you can to these accts & make appeal. Library is a good



case, conditions over ran estimates a lot - yet with materials ordered they must be used or lost etc & meantime costs continuing to mount higher - it was now or never & never the total loss of investment. The less said about failure of Lin Biker the better - he should try to write off some of the acct on our books - we should not inform him - If undesignated gifts - we can transfer where needed later.

Something will be needed on this statement - at Executive Meeting - Certainly it should be fully understood by B.G. Meeting. If we can have some credits against the deficits it will give hope that our efforts to write them off will not be in vain -

You know the rest. Go to it at your best. Every possible dollar down for expenses incurred in carrying these buildings to point where they might be used & partial expenditure saved from loss.

Yours Joe (Beck)



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215 W. Morgan St.

CHENGDU, WEST CHINA

Dear Jim -

I have sent you acknowledgement of mail prior to Apr 4 & now say rec'd the letter of that date.

Miss Bunker's letter gives correct information of some items of the arrangements in view of circumstances at the University. Mr. Sparling was there also as Vice President but he has since left.

I think matters re approaching Wesleyan for degree for Peng had better wait a bit. I imagine he would prefer that honors come slowly. He may have difficulty carrying the latest especially in view of the fact that he was advanced over some other men long on the staff & valuable. One letter intimated some feeling by 1st member of our staff. because of what is not clear, but nothing made by haste just now.

Glad you had such a fine audience at Springfield though keeping out I have gotten in twice myself.

Yours as ever Joe (Beech)



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May 4, 1927

Dr. Joseph Beech,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Beech:

We have received the sum of \$1800. through Mr. F. C. Atherton, P.O. Box 2990, Honolulu, Hawaii. This is a gift of \$600. each from the Juliette M. Atherton Trust, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Richards, and Mr. F. C. Atherton. Mr. Atherton advises us that the disposition of this fund is subject to your direction. Will you please notify us in writing how it is to be used?

We would also like to know the bearing of this upon the Atherton pledge for the Biology Building.

Cordially yours,

*Eric M. North*

Assistant Treasurer  
West China Union University

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CC: Miss Lane

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Joseph Beech, D.D., President  
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May 28, 1927

Dr. Eric M. North  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York City, N.Y.

Dear Dr. North:

I have given Mr. Frank C. Atherton  
your cable address with request that he cable you  
stating that he is sending to you for the University  
\$2500. When this cablegram arrives I shall not be  
in New York.

I have made application for this  
money for building purposes.

Sincerely yours,

*J. Beech*  
*Ea*

Secretary

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June 27, 1927

Dr. Joseph Beech,  
350 No. Sandusky St.,  
Delaware, Ohio.

My dear Dr. Beech:

I will take up in order a number of questions on which we desire your information:

1. Atherton Remittances - We are enclosing a copy of a letter received today from Mr. F.C. Atherton which was accompanied by \$5000. in check and draft. There are several questions on which our office records are not quite clear.

(a) Reference is made to the Atherton Memorial Building. The nomenclature we have used in referring to different buildings does not include this title. A letter from Mr. Atherton addressed to you and written March 12, 1918 states that the Atherton family is planning a gift of \$10,000. to \$12,500. for erecting a medical building at W.C.U.U. Your letter of Dec. 14, 1921 addressed to Mr. Vaux, Jr., states that Mr. Atherton has up to that date sent to the field Gold \$9,485.62 as a payment on the Biological Building. Is Mr. Atherton contributing toward both of these buildings and if so, is his contribution in each case meeting the entire cost or a portion? Mr. Atherton speaks of this \$2500. received today as being the final payment. Does he mean by this the final payment on his pledge of \$12,500. made in 1918 or 1919? If so, was all the remaining gold \$10,000. received and expended on the field?

(b) Mr. Atherton also refers to a fund set aside by his sister, the late Kate M. Atherton, amounting to \$2500. which is now due and which he is paying to us at this time. Is this a fund which we already have a record of, or is it a new endowment?

(c) You will note that we will be receiving next month accumulated interest on the Kate M. Atherton Fund amounting to something more than \$1300. The question is raised whether this accumulated interest should be added to the principal as endowment or expended to meet present needs. What is your advice?

2. Assignment of \$1800. gift of F.C. Atherton, action #644 of the Executive Committee of the Board of Governors at its meeting on May 17,

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1927, provides that "gift of F.C. Atherton and others of \$1800. to be assigned by President Beech was noted with gratification and authority was given for President Beech to make assignment". We are still holding this \$1800. in our Suspense Account, awaiting instructions for assignment. Will you please direct us as to the use to be made of the amount?

3. Financial Status of the University - Herewith I am enclosing the following financial statements for May 31st:

Statement of cash receipts and disbursements for May  
Monthly Budget statement  
Trial balance

The monthly Budget Report shows only \$3747.49 disbursed on the Current Expense General. Early in June an additional \$2500. was sent to Mr. Albertson, and in the next China mail I expect to forward an additional \$1777.78, one-ninth of the total budget.

In the Trial Balance you will note that our total Plant expenditure exceeds total Plant receipts by \$2,809.59. I remember that you stated it was your conviction that the Plant Account should show a balance in hand rather than a deficit. If our Trial Balance is in any respect incorrect we will be glad to have you call attention to the errors. As our accounts stand now the \$2500. just received from Mr. Atherton merely covers the larger part of this deficit but still does not leave any available cash for the carrying forward of a building program.

4. Travel Expenses - Our records show that Dr. Main advanced you Gold \$800. in cash in addition to supplying steamship tickets costing \$1868.40, making a total of \$2668.40. This amount we are expected to repay to the Methodist Board. You have not supplied us, I believe, with your travel account covering the expenditure of the \$800.00 in cash. If you will supply us with such a travel statement, showing expenditures and any balance remaining, it will help us to clear up the matter.

I trust you are spending a pleasant summer and that you are getting some opportunity for rest and recreation.

Very sincerely yours,

Assistant Treasurer  
West China Union University

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My dear Mr. Gutz. ✓

① My friend Frank C. Atherton Honolulu has sent \$2500 for final payment on the Atherton Memorial. Subject to your order. I have requested Dr. North to notify Mr. Atherton that this is subject to call for building acct to replace money drawn from that acct for completion Atherton Bldg.

② He also sends you \$2500. a gift from his sister Miss Kate M. Atherton. This is a trust fund to be placed on permanent investment, an endorsement for the repair & upkeep of Atherton Memorial.

3. He will also forward to you \$1308.24 plus 6 months interest from this Miss Kate M. Atherton fund due June 30<sup>th</sup>. This fund of approximately \$1335 will be reported



to the Board at its Sept. Meeting formally  
for the Library account. P

I very much hope you can be present  
at the Toronto Meeting.

The World Service Commission Meeting  
is over and no vital world interest  
has been mutilated.

With very respect

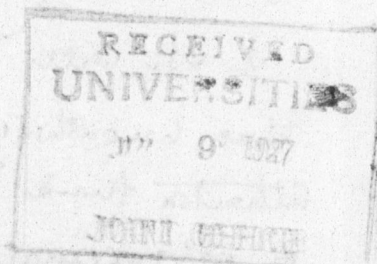
Very truly

Joseph Beech

Home address

Delaware Ohio  
350 N. Sandusky St.

P.S. Please acknowledge these gifts  
to Mr. Atterton. He sails from Honolulu  
Aug 3<sup>rd</sup> and from New York Aug 17<sup>th</sup>  
Address in N.Y. Care Roosevelt Hotel  
Address in Honolulu, Care Box 2990.



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350 N. Sandusky St.

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My dear Mr. Gault

Thank you for yours of June 30,  
re gifts from Mr. Atherton of which  
I have already written you. As  
I explained to Mr. North this \$2500  
gift from Mr. Atherton, not Miss Atherton,  
is the balance due on the Atherton  
Building. Mr. Atherton, Shanghai, should  
be notified that \$2500 has been paid  
to the "building fund" from which fund  
the Atherton building was completed.

This will allow the work on the  
Cadbury building to go forward to  
a more satisfactory stage. The  
amount paid on the Cadbury building  
would have gone far toward its com-  
pletion if it had not been drawn  
on for other buildings included in  
the "building fund". It is clear we  
are in debt to the Cadbury building

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fund and the payment of this  
\$2500 was asked for from Mr. Atherton  
that his part of the debt might  
be paid, and so provide the  
Cadbury building fund with a  
portion of funds which belong to  
it, and which are needed just  
now when the builder is on the  
field and work on the building  
must stop unless this restitution  
is made, - and word wired to  
the treasurer Shanghai that \$2500  
paid on building fund account.

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I had not planned to go East, soon,  
again, but will do so in compliance  
with your request, that is unless  
you can break your journey by  
a stop over at Delaware - if you  
go this way on leaving. We shall  
be most happy to entertain you here  
as long as you can remain. If you  
cannot stop I will visit N.Y. the last  
week in July or first week in August.  
Respectfully - Joseph Deech



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350 N. Sandusky St.  
Delaware O  
July 4 '27

My Dear Mr. Garside:

This is to acknowledge & thank  
you for yours of June 27<sup>th</sup> with enclosures.

I wrote Mr. Gaulty some days ago re  
the Alherton remittances as follows:

- ① \$2500 payment on Alherton Bonding  
to be sent to Mr. Alherton for "Building  
Fund" or better that he be free to  
credit this amt. to "Bldgs" from funds  
on hand if available owing to present  
adverse exchange - Cable to this effect
- ② The \$2500 to be held as trust fund &  
invested in order to produce annual  
revenue for repair upkeep of the  
Alherton Bldg. This \$2500 to be known  
as the Miss Kate M. Alherton bequest.
- ③ The interest on the above which will  
amount to over \$1300 when <sup>all</sup> due  
June 30, 1927. Place on interest  
till its use determined at Sept.  
Bd. Governors Meeting.
- (4) The \$1800 gift of Alherton family, reported  
ch. for \$13.95 enc.



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to Executive of Board May 17, to be treated  
as (3) awaiting further action by the Bd.  
of Governors.

(5) The use of the <sup>(3)</sup>\$1300 and the <sup>(4)</sup>\$1800 is to  
be better determined when the financial  
statement covering capital outlay, mostly  
buildings & lands is received. The "current  
campaign" deficit of \$524.95 cannot be  
charged against these gifts, as they in  
part appear under your "Current Special"  
account. That <sup>deficit</sup> will remain to be provided  
for by action of the Governors, consequently  
it should remain as a Dr. item under  
"Current Campaign".

(6) The building account or "plant expendi-  
tures" cannot be adjusted until  
Mr Albertson sends his statement. My  
conviction is that authorized or unauthorized  
transfers between "plant" and "current"  
have been made in years when our  
accounts were in such confusion that  
it was not clear on what accounts  
<sup>funds</sup> were drawn or expended. When the



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second installment of the treasurer's accounts arrive & we have the complete financial statement before us the Board will be asked to make adjustments which will "clear up" or "off" these items now in a state of suspense.

(1) It will be very unfair to the Cadbury Bldg. fund to retain the \$2500 from Mr. Attenou to <sup>mainly</sup> clear off your balance of \$2809.59, & bal on plant acct on your books, as this money was asked for in the present emergency when the Cadbury Bldg. operations must stop because no funds in hand. This condition has also come about because the Cadbury funds were in General Bldg acct, from which, other buildings have drawn. While not so treated it seems that money was borrowed from the Cadbury fund and is being replaced to that fund. The builder is now on the field and



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It will be "bad business" though it may be technically "good book keeping" to retain the \$2500 here. I do not have the total cost of the "Atherton Memorial Biology & Preventive Medical Building"; that is the correct title, but I am confident enough that it has cost \$25000, that I asked Mr Atherton to send \$2500 that we might go on with the Pasbury Bldg. His P.D. 50 and the application seems perfectly clear. Mr. Atherton has now paid \$25000, as \$2500 had previously been paid to the Shanghai Sub treasurer Mr. Main. This again should be clear when Mr Albertsons "Plant acct." is received.

(S) I will enclose or send very shortly the balance of my travel home coming account. It is enclosed also check \$1395. Thanking you for good wishes for a good summer - may yours be better than mine.  
Very truly Joseph Beech

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July 7, 1927.

Dr. Joseph Beech,  
350 North Sandusky St.,  
Delaware, Ohio.

My dear Dr. Beech:

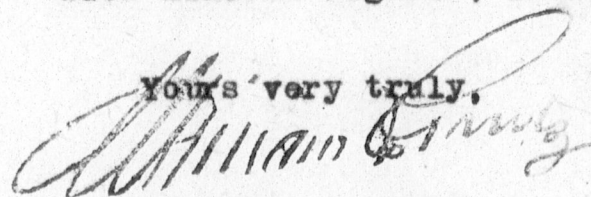
Concerning the Atherton matter, I think we have this straight, and as you have already requested Dr. North to notify Mr. Albertson, I will not risk any crossing of lines by sending any further word.

My trouble now will be to invest \$2,500.00 so that it will bring in a good income and no risk. To this matter I will give attention directly.

As I have already indicated, I shall not be in a position to attend the meeting in Toronto and I do not know of any reason why we should have a conference before that time. I shall not be able to see you on my western way but any questions that are in your mind that need answers from me may be committed to paper and I shall do my best to answer them.

With kindest regards, I am

Yours very truly,



William O. Gantz,  
Treasurer.

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West China Union University

July 9, 1927

Dr. Joseph Beech,  
350 No. Sandusky St.,  
Delaware, Ohio

My dear Dr. Beech:

We have your letter of July 4th which takes up the various items covered in my letter of June 27th. In accordance with your suggestion we have today cabled Mr. Albertson authorization to draw on us for US \$2500.00 to be credited to the building fund and to be used on the Atherton Building. We have noted your suggestions in regard to the disposition of the other amounts, viz: \$2500. in the Kate M. Atherton bequest, the approximately \$1300. interest on this bequest, and the \$1800. gift of the Atherton family. The office is seeking to meet your wishes in regard to all three of these funds.

It is probably true, as you state, that our building account cannot be entirely checked up until we get Mr. Albertson's statement. As soon as this information can arrive from the field I hope we may be able to clarify our accounts in a manner that will be more satisfactory, both from the standpoint of this office and of the field. We are all working for the same objective of seeing that West China develops its physical plant as rapidly as possible and carries on its current work with the highest degree of efficiency and smoothness. This end can be obtained only as we have a perfect understanding between the New York office and the field.

Your letter does not entirely clarify the confusion on our records as to the nomenclature of the various buildings now being erected. If you are to be in New York City sometime within the near future we will be able to go over the matter then and have a thorough understanding as to the various titles given to the different buildings. I believe there is some possibility of your being in New York the latter part of this month.

Your travel account is being taken up and we are adjusting the matter with the Methodist Board.

With all good wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

*B. A. Casside*

Assistant Treasurer  
West China Union University

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New Address

129 Oak Hill Ave

Delaware O.

July 18

My dear Mr. Paride:-

Thank you for yours  
of July 9th & for calling Mr.  
Albertson re the Atherton gift  
for building fund.

I endeavored to clear up  
the confusion re entries of building  
names.

Biology Bldg, Atherton Bldg &  
Atherton Memorial are one & the  
same building. The correct title  
is "The Alexander Atherton Memorial  
Biology & Preventive Medicine Bldg".  
Donors: The Atherton Estate, Honolulu.

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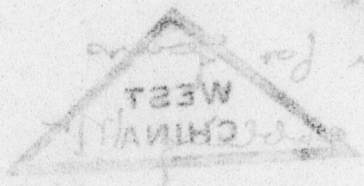
Yours with best wishes  
Joseph Beech

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129 Oak Hill Ave  
Belmont  
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Very dear Mr. Loring:-  
Thank you for your  
of July 14 for the  
collection in the  
for building fund  
I enclose to you  
the enclosed is a  
series of building  
plans.

Biological Dept. Attention: Mr. Loring  
Attention: Mr. Loring  
James Building. The corner  
of the Alexander Memorial  
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Chicago, Chicago, Illinois  
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James Building

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150 Fifth Avenue, New York City



August 4th, 1927

Memorandum to Committee on Investment,  
West China Union University.

Gentlemen,

We now have on hand the following amounts awaiting final disposal:-

Received from F.C. Atherton for the Kate M. Atherton fund,  
with the understanding that it be invested to produce annual revenue for upkeep of Atherton Memorial Building - - - \$2,500.00

Accumulated interest on the above fund - - - - - 1,421.90  
(Available either for addition to principal of the fund or for other purposes)

Gift from Atherton family, to be used as designated by Dr. Beech - - - - - 1,800.00

Cash awaiting investment- - - - - 227.09

Total - - - - - \$5,948.99

Of these amounts the first and fourth, totalling \$2,727.09 are definitely marked for permanent investment. The disposition of the second and third items, totalling \$3, 221.90 are largely left to the advice of Dr. Beech, who has recommended that they be definitely assigned by the next meeting of the Board of Governors in September. The total amount is now considered as a part of the funds carried by W.C.U.U. in the Leonia Bank and Trust Co., where interest is paid at the rate of 4%.

Mr. Gantz believes that at this time he would be able to invest three or four thousand dollars in unusually desirable mortgages which will yield 6%. He is leaving the city shortly, so some decision should be reached.

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West China Union University

August 5th, 1927

Dr. Joseph Beech,  
350 North Sandusky St.,  
Delaware, Ohio

My dear Dr. Beech,

I am enclosing a copy of a memorandum prepared for the  
W.C.U.U. Committee on Investment.

Mr. Gantz, who is leaving for Los Angeles on August 12th,  
has raised the question of whether we should invest either \$3,000 or  
\$4,000 in permanent securities. He has at this time the opportunity of  
securing guaranteed mortgages yielding 6%, which he considers to offer  
unusually good investment opportunities.

The attached memorandum shows that we have at this time  
\$2727.09 definitely marked for permanent investment, and \$3,221.90 more  
on which a final decision has not been given. This latter amount, which  
comes from two gifts of the Atherton family, was given with instructions  
that you should designate the disposition to be made. Your suggestion  
has been that a decision be deferred till meeting of the Board of Governors  
next month.

What would you suggest? Shall we let the matter rest until  
after the Governors' meeting, or shall we add to the amounts designated  
for permanent investment a sufficient amount to enable the purchase of  
either a \$3,000 mortgage or a \$4,000 mortgage? The difference in interest  
would be only ten or fifteen dollars, though probably this particular  
investment would not still be available a couple of months hence. Our  
reserve of current cash is probably sufficient to carry us through the  
current fiscal year, but is none too flourishing.

I am not sure that you have been formally notified of the  
receipt of the accumulated interest on the Kate M. Atherton fund, which  
reached us about ten days ago. It amounted to a little more than we had  
dared hope, totaling as you see \$1,421.90.

With best wishes I am .

Very cordially yours,

*B. J. Linside*

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West China Union University

August 12, 1927

Dr. Joseph Beech  
350 N. Sandusky Street,  
Delaware, Ohio

Dear Dr. Beech,

We have gone over with Dr. Yard our nomenclature of the various buildings on the West China campus for which we have records in our Plant Account. I give below our list as we have it revised, and including together all the synonymous titles of which we know. Will you please check this over and call our attention to any errors? Possible corrections may be of three kinds (a) We may have the same building listed under different titles; (b) We may have omitted buildings' common or occasional designations; and (c) We may have two or more buildings placed together under one heading. If we can iron out such inaccuracies it will do a great deal to clear up confusion in our plant accounts.

The list follows:-

- (a) R. M. Whiting Memorial (Administration Block)
- (b) Cadbury Educational Building (Teachers Training School) (Normal School)
- (c) Scattergood Middle School Building Fund
- (d) Scattergood Middle School Site
- (e) Medical College Building Fund
- (f) Undistributed Building Operations
- (g) House "A"
- (h) Coles Clock Tower
- (k) Gateway House "B"
- (m) Residences
- (n) President's House
- (o) Lamont Library (Library)
- (p) Science and Medical Laboratory Equipment
- (r) Gateway main entrance
- (s) Atherton Memorial Building of Biology and Preventive Medicine (Atherton Memorial Building) (Biology Building)
- (t) Middle School Chapel

With best regards I am

Very cordially yours,

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215 W. Morgan St, Dixon Ill  
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My dear Mr. Gariside:

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Yours of Aug 5 reached me ~~the~~ am.

Ten days ago I was taken ~~suddenly ill~~ with some internal trouble - so far have kept outside the hospital but have seemed a fit subject for it several times. Better than usual today.

Because expenditures <sup>on fees</sup> beyond authorization have been made I desire to hold the \$3,221.90 from Mr. Atherton until such time as the Governors have authorized the expenditures from funds available inclusive of this above amount. Not being able to foretell their action I deem it wise to hold this amt. in reserve.

On the otherhand I want not to miss what Mr. Gantz considers permanent good investment. If the \$2500 cannot be invested take \$5000 from the \$1421.90 and make the investment sum \$3000.

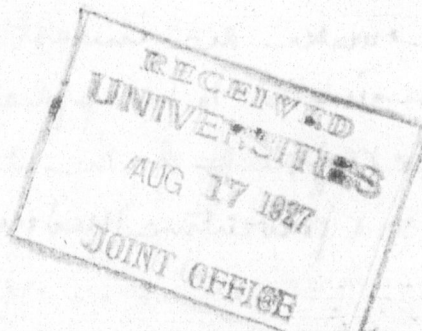
The interest to be applied only for the "Repair & upkeep of the Atherton Memorial Biology & Preventive Medicine Building"

If the investment can wait till  
after the Bd. meets at end September  
or if \$2500 can be invested, you  
may keep the entire \$3221.90  
until the B.S. meeting takes  
action. Let me know what you do.

Please tell Jim Gant  
that I am "switched off" here  
for the time.

Thanking you for your favors  
Yours truly  
Joseph Beech

8-15-27





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*Kate M Atherton*

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West China Union University

October 10, 1927

Dr. Joseph Beech,  
129 Oakhill Ave.  
Delaware, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Beech:

Immediately after receiving your letter of October 5th we dispatched a cablegram to Mr. Albertson authorizing him to draw on this office for \$1621.90 for building funds. I have not yet received the minutes of the board meeting in Toronto but hope they will arrive in a few days so that we can make official entry on our accounts, showing authorization for the distribution of the various funds acted on by the Executive Committee. I am sending you herewith a copy of my letter to Mr. Albertson so that you may see how we are asking him to handle this latest draft, and also the \$2500.00 authorized in July.

In your letter you mention the item of \$15,000. for securities in Building Fund Investment Account, noted on page 6 of the report of the Treasurer of the Board of Governors of West China Union University of December 31, 1926.

The situation of the Plant Account at the end of last year is quite clearly indicated on pages 1 and 2 of the Treasurer's report to which you refer. You will note that the information on these two pages shows that over against the Building Fund Investments of \$15,000. there is a loan from the Special Current Account amounting to \$18,556.82. The Treasurer's report shows in detail just how this overdraft on Building Funds was incurred so it is not necessary for me to repeat that information here. In accordance with the instruction of the Board of Governors the Treasurer's office, early in this year, disposed of this \$15,000. in Building Account securities and applied the proceeds to the reduction of Building Account loan from Special. This sale was completed during the month of February, 1927, the proceeds amounting to \$15,305.68. A record of this transaction appears in the cash statement and trial balance as of February 28, 1927.

Unfortunately, whichever way we turn we find we are always confronted by the same unpleasant facts. Aside from funds invested in the permanent endowment of the institution, absolutely all the money held by our New York office is as follows:

On deposit in the Leonia Bank and Trust Company	\$16,067.00
Subject to check at Am. Exchange Irving Trust Co.	<u>1,615.35</u>
	\$17,682.35

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Forwarded

\$17,682.35

Against this the following items are  
outstanding:

Draft authorized on July 9	\$2,500.00	
" " " Oct. 7	1,621.90	
Monthly remittance on Managers'		
Current Budget for month of		
November	<u>1,777.78</u>	<u>5,899.68</u>

Net balance now on hand

\$11,782.67

You are more familiar than am I as to the way in which this working cash balance was secured. Our financial records indicate that it is the remaining reserve balance accumulated some time ago when various mission boards paid up outstanding arrears on their appropriations to the current budget of the University. I understand that this reserve balance of working capital is entirely distinct from the Plant Account.

If there are still any questions in regard to our West China finances which need to be cleared up I will be very happy to have an opportunity of go-over this whole question with you when you come to New York. It might be well for us to call Dr. Eric M. North into consultation since he has had charge of these financial affairs during the last three years and is the one most intimately in touch with all these matters.

Sorry you carried away a bad cold from Toronto and I trust that it has entirely disappeared before this.

Very cordially yours,

B A GARSIDE  
Assistant Treasurer  
West China Union University

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Delaware, Ohio

October 12th, 1927.

To the Officers and Members  
of the Board of Governors:

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I am in receipt of a statement signed by Mr. Silcock, intended for presentation at the next Board meeting.

I am in hearty accord with his expression of policy and would seek to strengthen the statement of it. I am also in accord with resolutions 2 and 4, but believe that our statement of policy calls for the following action as a substitute for No. 3.

Resolved, that we authorize the Senate to appoint a president as requested in their statement on page six of the 1927 Senate report: "Our suggestion is that the Board make it possible for us to meet this requirement (that a Chinese be president) when it becomes absolutely necessary by giving us authority to appoint a president."

In place of, or as a substitute for resolution No. 1, I would favor a statement such as appears below. This would, I believe, clarify the issue of registration with the government as it relates to the Board of Governors, and it would permit consideration of commitment to the Senate without questions of trust in that body. That is in no sense a part of the question, as I see it, and hence I desire the subject so stated as to remove any possible implication of it. A vote against resolution 1. might be interpreted as a lack of confidence, though the vote was determined by other considerations absolutely.

The Board now has two sets of registration regulations sent forward from the Senate with request that the University be registered under their terms. (1) The regulations issued at Peking, November, 16, 1925. These do not infringe the Board's interests in, or jeopardize its trusts for the University; and they require no constitutional modifications. Registration in accord with these regulations might be proceeded with at any time. (Peking Union Medical College and Yenching-Peking-University have registered under these regulations). (2) The regulations issued at Canton, November, 1926. These call for constitutional changes that greatly limit the partnership and co-operation of the Board of Governors in the administration and work of the University, and by implication and direct statement permit the liquidation of the property of the University for reasons entirely beyond the control of the Board and outside of its sphere of action. Although desiring to register, and by that act bring the University into closer accord with the government system, the Board is embarrassed as to how it can 'maintain loyalty to the large funds and interests entrusted to it' and at the same time give assent for registration when the expressed terms of such registration permit the liquidation of the University without reference to the Board of Governors who hold its properties in trust. (No universities have registered under these terms. Four or five south of the Yangtze have been given authorization to register.)

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West China Union University

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My dear Dr. Beech,

Both Mr. North and I have today had conferences with Mr. Davis and Mr. Johnson of the Hall Estate. It begins to seem that they may make up their mind as to what they will do almost any time now, so it becomes necessary that we all get our cases before them as promptly and as fully as possible.

We both suggested that Mr. Davis and Mr. Johnson see you in the near future. Of the two, Mr. Johnson is probably the more important, and also the more accessible. Mr. Johnson states that he is returning to Cleveland tonight, and will be glad to see you there if you will arrange a mutually satisfactory time. I would suggest that you get off a letter to his Cleveland address, (Homer H. Johnson, 1669 Union Trust Building, Cleveland) without delay, and arrange a conference at as early a date as you can. Mr. Davis commutes between Pittsburgh and New York a great deal and is extremely busy in each place, but it would do no harm to try to arrange to see him in Pittsburgh (Arthur V. Davis, 2400 Oliver Building, Pittsburgh).

In presenting the case of West China, it would, I think, be well to prepare a brief statement setting forth the essential facts regarding the University and its work. We would suggest that you be particularly careful to include such financial information as the size and value of the physical plant, the amount and source of the current budget, etc; and such legal information as the time and place of incorporation. It would probably be of value to quote commendations from well-known men, though you will not wish to wait long to secure any further statements of this sort than are already available.

I find it difficult to learn just exactly what Mr. Davis and Mr. Johnson are planning to do as regards our educational work in China. Apparently they are now centering their thinking around the "Harvard Orient Institute of Chinese Studies", which will have its central office in China located at Peking and probably in close affiliation with Yenching University. The other universities in China who are chosen to receive funds from the Hall Estate will, under this scheme, be required to adopt a program for the strengthening of their work in Chinese Literature, Art, etc. in accordance with the program of this Institute. They will probably be expected to serve to some extent as feeders for graduate work to be done in Peking. These beneficiary universities may or may not also receive certain endowments from

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the Hall Estate for the strengthening of their general work.

I confess that as far as I can understand the scheme now, I have the gravest doubts both as to its feasibility and also as to its acceptability to our universities in China. But I suppose that for the time being all we can do is to present our cases as vigorously as we can and hope that we will find ourselves included in a plan which will be practicable and acceptable.

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Very sincerely yours,

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West China Union University

December 15, 1927

Dr. G. F. Sutherland,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Sutherland:

During the last fortnight I have been discussing with Mr. DeVesty the item of \$192.82, income from ~~the~~ one half of the Joseph Gallup Fund for a part of 1924 and all of 1925. The Executive Committee of the Methodist Board on July 17, 1924 suggested that the \$5,100.00 in this fund be divided equally into two scholarship funds, one in West China Union University and the other in Fukien Christian University. Income was paid to Fukien Christian University during 1924-25 for scholarships. The \$192.82 income on the West China fund during 1924-25 was never received. Your letter of January 28, 1926 called attention to the fact that this \$192.82 was available for West China.

My conversation with Mr. DeVesty seemed to indicate that this \$192.82 was considered as a part of the regular Methodist appropriation to the University during 1924-5. Since the scholarship funds of our West China accounts are kept entirely distinct from the regular budget it would appear that to include the income from this scholarship fund as a part of the regular appropriation for current expenses of the University is not strictly in accordance with the designation of this fund. We would therefore request that suitable action be taken to permit the payment of this \$192.82 to our West China scholarship fund so that I may remit it to the field on our scholarship account.

Very cordially yours,

B A GARSIDE

Assistant Treasurer

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