West China Union University

January 3, 1930

Dr. Joseph Beech,
West China Union University,
Chengtu, Szechuan,
China.

My dear Dr.Beech:

We have just received from Mr.F.C.Atherton a gift of $1,700 gold. He has sent this contribution under the same conditions as were stipulated for his previous annual gifts of G$1,800.

You will remember that in passing on the 1930 budget the Board of Governors anticipated a continuation of Mr.Atherton's gift this year and included this gift as a receipt in the 1930 budget to apply against your salary and allowances. This handling of the gift is shown in action 836 of the minutes of the October 9, 1929 meeting of the Board of Governors.

Mr.Atherton's gift this year is G$100 less than we anticipated. Fortunately, however, the Governors were able to set aside a small contingent fund in preparing their estimates for the 1930 budget so there should be no difficulty in meeting this shortage from this contingent fund.

If you have any other instructions concerning the use of this new gift from Mr.Atherton, will you let us know?

Very cordially yours,

BAG-H

B A GARSIDE

WEST CHINA

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West China Union University

January 14, 1930

Dr. Joseph Beech,
West China Union University
Chengtu, Szechuan, China.

My dear Dr.Beech:

I am attaching hereto a confirmation copy of a cablegram we sent you yesterday.

The first part of the cablegram was sent in accordance with a request received from Professor C.O.Fisher of Wesleyan University, Middletown, Conn. Professor Fisher informs us that he has received your request that Mr.Ho Tin Gwang be admitted as a graduate student; and that the University has granted this request. I am attaching hereto a formal certificate to this effect which I believe Mr.Ho will need when he applied for permission to enter the United States as a student. Professor Fisher tells us Mr.Ho does not expect to enter Wesleyan until September so I presume this certificate will reach the field in ample time for his use. I am uncertain whether Mr.Ho's name is "Ho Ting Wang" or "Ho Tin Gwang". I note, however that Wesleyan uses the latter spelling so I presume it is correct.

The last part of the cablegram was sent at the request of Dr.Frank Anderson. Dr.Anderson writes that the next annual meeting of the Board of Governors will probably be held in London about July 3 to July 7. I believe he has already written you to this effect. He suggested, however, that we cable you this information so you would have more time to prepare and transmit to the Governors the report you will wish them to consider at this annual meeting.

Very cordially yours,

BAG-H

B A GARSIDE

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WEST CHINA UNION UNIVERSITY
CHENGTU, WEST CHINA

PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

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Feb 1/30

My dear Mr. Jaeger:

My friend Frank C. Atherton writes me under date of Dec 20 from Honolulu & encloses a copy of letter addressed to Mr. W.O. Gantz 150-5th Ave, of same date. In that letter he names the givers and states that the aim, is, "for Dr Joseph Beech & the disposition of this fund is to be subject to his direction". That is a fine way to have them come. I have written him that I will request that this gift be credited against my account with the Board of Governors following the application of $1800 from same donors last year. Will you please make such application? If the money has not come to you enquire through the W.E. Office requesting that it be paid to you on my request. I will

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write Mr. Atherton before his next gift comes informing him that changes in West China Univ. Office holders sometimes occur.

We have had the usual pre Christmas "racket" with the University as the target this time. A few blemishes & some fears in some quarters, but no harm here & the usual daily round goes on though just now tis Chinese New Year vacation. One of the trouble makers went into the Univ. hospital with bad eyes. He remained 40 days + no pay, no move + no real reason outside his own mind for remaining longer. He was escorted out by the staff. He waited some hours at the gates calling for the doctor. Dr. Peterson went to see him. He says he wanted the Dr to look at his eye. While Dr P was bending over him he was stabbed in the eye. Fortunately the villain missed his mark a little + Dr P will recover + have his sight. The chap is in jail now but as he is a student of the govt school he may get by. So goes the world here. See West China News, January,

Your J Reed

P.S. Cable from Mr. Hoe + giving date of the 1929 Board meeting. London July 31, received. Thanks! JR

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West China

February 17, 1930

Dr. Joseph Beech,
West China Union University,
Chengtu, West China.

My dear Dr. Beech,

I am enclosing herewith a copy of the summary covering the study made by the special committee of the Board of Governors which was several months ago appointed to examine the proposed revision of the West China Constitution.

Copy filed under "Constitution"

We regret that the completion of this summary has been so long delayed. After the first meeting of the Committee it was understood that all those present would make a further study of the Constitution and would send in their further comments and suggestions. Also we were anxious to get the comments of Dr. Eric North, who could not be present at the meeting. At the time of the meeting it was thought that a meeting of the West China Executive Committee would be held late in January, and that this material would be presented at that meeting before being transmitted to the field. We probably all planned our progress in preparing this summary on the assumption that the material would be reviewed by the Executive Committee before being forwarded to the field; otherwise the material should have been finished up and despatched to you long ago. I succeeded only last week in getting all the comments and suggestions on which this summary is based (Dr. Eric North was the worst offender, in spite of frequent reminders), and have since been busy putting the summary into final shape.

Dr. Robins, the Chairman of the Committee, should really transmit this material to you, along with his covering letter of comment, explanations, and quéries, but since there is a good China mail closing today which could not be caught if this material went to you via Rochester, I am taking the liberty of sending the material direct. I am sending Dr. Robins a copy of this letter, and I am sure he will follow it with a letter of his own.

General Observations. While I trust the attached summary is fairly complete and intelligible, a few general observations and specific comments may be in order.

It was the judgment of the Board of Governors, and of the specially created Committee on Constitution, that the proposed Constitution as drafted by the field represents the joining together of several

documents prepared by different groups and at different times. As a result the Constitution is at certain points somewhat ambiguous or inconsistent with itself. I believe that the major necessity, as estimated by the Governors, is that of re-studying the Constitution as a unit, and harmonizing and clarifying such points as are conflicting or obscure.

Perhaps the chief reason for some of the inconsistencies noted is the widely divergent demands made on different parts of the Constitution. We assume that Article IX, dealing with the composition, powers, and functions of the Board of Directors, was prepared with the Chinese governmental regulations and officials in mind; whereas many of the other Articles are of greater interest to the missionary organizations cooperating in the University, and the Board of Governors. One possible solution to this difficulty would be to have two documents, as do most of the other China Christian colleges, a Constitution of the Board of Directors, and a Constitution of the Governors or of the University as a whole. Needless to say, two such documents should be consistent with each other, but this would not prevent a difference in emphasis and in phraseology at various points.

It was also the judgment of the Committee that much of the material included in the Constitution could better be relegated to one or more sets of By-Laws. This would simplify and clarify the Constitution and would make it much easier to modify minor details of organization or procedure.

Specific Comments. I believe that the summary sets forth all our specific comments so fully as to require no further emphasis here. You will note a number of places at which the Committee records its desire for fuller information on various points. Will you please see that we are given the facts asked for, so far as the field can supply them?

Next Steps. The Annual Meeting in London is only a little more than four and a half months away. We must move rapidly, therefore, if the Constitution is to be in such shape that the Governors can take final action on the proposed revision.

We sincerely hope that within a short time after this material reaches you, it will be possible to have the field authorities restudy the proposed revision of the Constitution, and make such changes as will clarify any obscurities, harmonize any inconsistencies, and remedy any defects. Then a new draft will presumably be made and sent the Board of Governors, with a covering letter discussing the various points raised by the enclosed summary or that may be raised by the field, and showing where changes have been made and explaining such points as are not yet understood here at the home base. This material should be here in New York early in June if it is to be in shape for presentation to the London meeting of the Governors on July 3rd. We hope this is not asking too much!

Under separate cover I am sending you twenty copies of the summary. I am also sending a copy of this letter by later mail to guard against the possible loss of the original while in transit.

Cordially,

B A GARSIDE

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Enc. CC: Dr. Robins. Later Mail

WEST CHINA UNION UNIVERSITY
CHENGTU, WEST CHINA
PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

WEST CHINA

Ack.

Feb 20/30

Dear Mr Gaisford:

Your letter asking for Catalogues received & attention given. Catalogues will be mailed tomorrow. It took 8 months for us ~~to~~ get the ~~Commencements~~ Catalogues printed. We complained a plenty, so please do not add to it.

I received your cable re the London meeting re Scholarship for Mr Ito. Wesleyan's letter arrived. They do very well by him.

Entertaining the Lords of the Province here now & dine them soon. Peace promised. – Yours

J Beech

TRANS

West China Union University

March 12, 1930

Dr. Joseph Beech,
West China Union University,
Chengtu, Szechuan,
China.

My dear Dr.Beech:

We acknowledge receipt of your letter of February 1.

On January 3 I wrote you reporting the receipt of Mr.Atherton's gift and indicating the procedure we are taking as to its disposition. I believe that our procedure is in accordance with the wishes expressed in your letter. If we are not handling the matter exactly as you wish I am sure you will let us know after you have received my letter of January 3.

We are very much concerned to learn of the pre-Christmas disturbances from which the University suffered. It is certainly a shame that Dr.Peterson was seriously injured; and even more distressing that this injury was suffered when he was in the very act of ministering to the criminal responsible. I certainly hope that Dr.Peterson fully recovers his sight.

We all heartily wish that you might be present at the annual meeting in London beginning July 3. Could you not manage to make the journey from Chengtu by airplane? When West China has a few airplanes in its stables a trip to London would not be such a long or difficult undertaking.

Very cordially yours,
B A GARSIDE

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April 8, 1930

Dr. Joseph Beech
West China Union University,
Chengtu, Szechuen,

(Duplicate in Nanking Files "A. J. Bowen")

My dear Dr. Beech:

Mr. Lincoln Dsang, who is spending some time down here visiting schools after the Eastern Asia Central Conference, asked me to write to you about the problem of registration especially touching upon the three present possible points of interference, regarding property interference, regarding religious teaching and worship and regarding military drill, and the problem of registration in general as it appeals to me. Of course, I write entirely with the Nanking and East China situation and experiences in mind and while the General Government has only a sentimental connection with you folks out there, I think it is quite fair to say that the Central Government ideas and regulations regarding registration, religious activities, military drills, etc. will be fully and completely reflected by your educational authorities there even though they are under no compulsion as yet of obeying the Central Government.

First, regarding interference with property, we have had no interference whatsoever because of our registration at Nanking, and I do not think registration as such is going to make the matter of holding our property more difficult. So far I think in all the cases where these missionary institutions have been turned over practically to local boards of directors and Chinese administrators, the trustees and founders in America have all clearly held the titles to the property and have only rented the property to the local boards of directors. Confiscation of these properties because of registration will be quite as difficult as confiscation of hospital or school properties. I think there is always a possibility under especially anti-foreign or unfriendly local officials of the confiscationof various church and school properties, but I do not think registration complicates it or makes it any more likely at all.

The real problem I think is connected with Mr. Dsang's second point of interference, with religious teaching and worship. In the first place all religious activities whether teaching or of worship must be on a voluntary basis under the regulations. Those religious courses, that is, must be elective and chapel and church attendance voluntary. I think there is a movement on foot now in the Central Government educational authorities to make it impossible for these Christian or missionary institutions to have departments of religious education, though nothing was said about that when we registered, but I think we shall all be required to give up definitely organized departments of religious education in these schools. So far they are quite agreeable to having any religious courses taught under Philosophy, or Ethics, or History, but they do not want a separate and distinct department of religious education. Neither of course will they allowa theological school to be part of a university that is registered. Further, I think there is possibly a growing element in the government just at present in rather serious conflict with another element in the government and both represented in the ministry or authorities of education - a conflict between the more radical and the more conservative groups. The more radical group wishes to eliminate all religion and all religious activities and it is barely possible that in the not distant future they are going to pass regulations to the effect that no student will get any credit for any religious courses. They have not done

so, but I think this in in the air. The more liberal and more moderate elements in the government are not in sympathy with this, but they are hard pressed and may have to yield. In case it should come to that and no student will be allowed to get any credit for a religious course I would be in favor of closing the university completely and entirely.

As to military drill, we have it and it is a required part of the government regulations. As a matter of fact it is not enforced very vigourously so far as I can see at Nanking, and does not mean very much, but it is a regulation and will be enforced especially if there is any opposition to it. I should think the policy for your institution where you have Quaker student, and a Quaker church as a part of the institution would be to quietly allow the Quaker students to absent themselves from required military drill. I would not say anything about it to the faculty or any one, but would simply have an understanding with these students and with the Quaker teachers and the other teachers of course in the institution that these students, so far as the institution was concerned, could absent themselves from required military drill. If you can do this quietly and some radical does not see a chance to make trouble over it you would probably have no difficulty, but my conviction is that all of the regulations regarding registration are going to be gradually enforced. Like many other things, in the government now they are unable to enforce them at present, but as the Central Government gets stronger and gets more power and this power spreads further and further, I am quite confident that we will find these regulations will be more and more put into actual force. St. Johns University, for instance, in Shanghai which is just over the border of the Foreign Settlement has so far been able to get along without registration, but anticipates that within a year or two they will either register or will be forced to close. So I think there is nothing for you to do but to register-the only thing to so is to register-and the sooner you do it the better twnms you will get. Regulations regarding registration are getting stricter and stricter and you will have to register sooner or later or you will be closed out in one way or another.

The matter of our institution going over very largely into the hands of the Chinese - a Board of Directors that has on it more Chinese than foreigners, a Chinese President and Chinese Deans, has not caused us any embarrassment so far as I can see. We have been very fortunate in our President as he is a strong and earnest Christian man. I do not think that our going over to Chinese control has very seriously affected our supporters and backers in America. We have recently received a gift of $50,000 gold from Mr. Hoover of Canton, Ohio, the man who makes the Hoover vacuum cleaners and we have most helpful cooperative work with Cornell University and a number of other organizations from whom we are getting funds. I think we may look forward to a period of from five to ten years at least of considerable difficulty in adequately propagating religion in these universities as we conceive it to be a fundamental part of our work, but I feel confident it is a passing phase that in due timewhen this wave of nationalism passes and the government gets established and organized these Christian institutions will be able to function perhaps in aneeven better way than they have been able to do in the past.

If the present government is overthrown and a new government takes its place, then I think we shall have more serious difficulties but I do not anticipate that this government will be defeated but they have very serious complications both within their own governement and without and the better minded men, the liberal men and those sympathetic with our work are not as yet able to do what they would like to do to show their appreciation of these institutions. They have to play up somewhat to the reactionaties

in order to hold their own positions, and on the whole I think they are wise in doing so.

Hoping that you do not have trouble out there greater than you can meet, and with very best wishes,

Cordially yours,

/s/ A. J. Bowen

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TRANSFER

West China Union University

April 16, 1930

President Joseph Beech
West China Union University
Chengtu, Szechwan
China

My dear Dr. Beech:

Let me acknowledge receipt of your letter of February 20th. We have received also a supply of new West China catalogues, and have mailed them to all members of the Board of Governors.

I enclose herewith a copy of the cablegram we sent you on April 12th. The most important part of the message is the urgent invitation of the Executive Committee that you attend the annual meeting of the conference in London during the first week in July. We had an informal meeting of the Executive Committee here in New York on April 11th. Mr. H. T. Silcock was passing through the city that day and was able to join with us. Dr. Frank Anderson came down from Toronto for the meeting. No doubt he is writing you concerning the actions taken. Everyone agreed that your presence at the London meeting is of great importance. We sincerely hope that you will find it possible to absent yourself from the field long enough to make the trip. An examination of the available current income for 1930 indicated that we have just about enough of a prospective contingent fund to cover the cost of your journey from Chengtu to London and then back to China by whatever route you may choose. No doubt you will wish to come from London to America and spend some time with Mrs. Beech, possibly having her accompany you when you return to the field.

The latter part of our cablegram requestes that if the field has not already sent the Department of Education of New York State a copy of the Annual Report of West China Union University for the year ending July 31st, 1929, that you at once send a copy of this Report. Presumably the field received a supply of these blanks from the Department of Education early in the spring of 1929. I am, however, enclosing an extra book herewith in case the supply was lost or failed to reach you.

Apparently similar delays in receiving the annual report of the State Department of Education have occurred in past years. Dr. Anderson professes unfamiliarity with the matter, and is under the impression that this report has never been transmitted to Albany through his office.

I believe our New York office has not sent the reports to Albany, within recent years at least. Probably, therefore, you have mailed these reports direct from Chengtu to Albany. It would be of great value for our University records to have copies of these annual reports on hand for reference. Dr. Anderson suggested that we propose that the field each year mail these annual reports to our New York office in duplicate so we will keep one copy in our files and transmit the other to Albany. This procedure would also enable us to check up with you in case the report for any year is delayed or lost in transit.

If you are able to accept the Governor's invitation to come to London for the annual meeting you may be on your way before this letter can reach Chengtu. In that case the letter will, no doubt, be delivered to Mr. Sparling or whoever else may be keeping the destinies of the University in your absent. In the hope that we may see you in London three months hence, I am,

Very cordially yours,

B A GARSIDE

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WEST CHINA UNION UNIVERSITY
CHENGTU, WEST CHINA
PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

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WEST CHINA

Dear Mr. Gairdner:

With reports, budget, provisional Constitution + then wire to be in London first week July you have given me an impossible program in view of other things which are already on it + cannot be suddenly shunted —

However we will do what can be done. The Budget is on the skids ready to be enclosed. The Constitution is under revision + reports must be ready for England + N.Y., if possible. If it does not arrive you may guess it is war-bound enroute for I will send in time —

Have ~~wrote~~ wired you via the cable you sent. We are awaiting your

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reply to measure things to be done here with those you will have to deal with.

I will of course comply if the interests here permit of it. I had anticipated leaving at the end of the year, but had given over all idea of going at this time or the matter did not come before the Board Meeting or rather appear in the minutes.

Re minutes of Senate here with - Printer has been held up for quite a time. Nothing of passing or immediate importance

Checked x some items,

With best wishes

Cordially

Joseph Beech.

WEST CHINA UNION UNIVERSITY
CHENGTU, WEST CHINA
PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

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Personal:

April 19/30

Dear Mr. Faircloth:

For reasons which you as a missionary can appreciate, since we are all "pin dein" on the level in service irrespective of position, I will appreciate it if that special gift from Sir J. toward my family expenses can be handled as something paid direct to Mrs. Beech through your office, but not included in the University budget. My income as it appears in the last Board Minutes seemed to smack of capitalism some who saw it & did not understand that

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It was a private matter between me & Singh on account of the heavy expense of three members of the family in College etc. All of which I do not advertise to the public - not even the Staff here.

I have no objection to the matter being known by the Board, but think it might be omitted from their budget sent here.

It is in fact outside of budget a personal gift for personal purposes.

If you can do this it will be appreciated & save me otherwise necessary explanations here.

Cordially JB

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WEST CHINA UNION UNIVERSITY
CHENGTU, WEST CHINA
PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

239 W. Chamberlain St.
Dixon - Ill. July 22/30

TRANS

Dear Mr. Evans.

While in Shanghai I drew two amounts on your office through Mr. Main - Treasurer - Shanghai. Will you write me the amount of each of these drafts? Unfortunately, I lost or had taken from me while enroute home the book in which these matters were recorded - The first draft was for money expended on travel to Shanghai + the second was an advance for travel from Shanghai. In addition to these sums I received through the Friends Service Council, H.T. Silcock Secy., £20 for the same account travel + expense in connection with the Board

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of Governors Meeting I requested Mr. Silcock to report this payment to you.

When do you expect Mr. Gauside to return to the office. On his arrival will you ask him to request Dr. Endicott to inform him when Mr. Albertson will reach Toronto, & to arrange with Mr Albertson for the get-together on University accounts.

Very hot here until yesterday when a light rain introduced a most longed for change. I hear that you got what we lost.

Yours truly

Joseph Deech

West China Union University

July 30, 1930

Dr. Joseph Beech,
239 West Chamberlain St.,
Dixon, Ill.

AIR MAIL

My dear Dr.Beech:

I quote you the following from a letter addressed to Dr.Diffendorfer from Raymond R.Brewer, a Chicago pastor located at 5821 Maryland Avenue, Chicago:

> "Pursuant to our conversation today I am writing you in regard to Mr.S.D.Liu. If anything can be done to assist him it will be a great service and will not only be appreciated by him but by our West China Mission and the West China Union University as well.
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> "The University has asked him to return to teach in their Faculty of Education at $100 Mexican per month. I can vouch for his worthiness and character.
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> "If possible he should sail not later than Aug.7 from Vancouver but it will depend on our being able to secure the money for his passage. Anything you can do will be greatly appreciated."

Dr.Diffendorfer was much exercised over the fact that no arrangement had been made to take care of Mr.Kiu. We can find no authorizations for assisting him to return to China, and pending his writing us we are seeking your advice. ~~Possibly~~ Undoubtedly you know him and some of the circumstances surrounding the invitation to have him return.

For your convenience I am enclosing a stamped envelope.

Very cordially yours,

C.A. Evans

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WEST CHINA

TRANSFER

West China Union University

August 5, 1930

Dr. Joseph Beech,
239 West Chamberlain St.,
Dixon, Ill.

My dear Dr.Beech:

I was mighty glad to learn, when I returned to the office, that you had arrived safely in America and that you are out in Dixon with your family. I certainly hope that you found Mrs.Beech greatly improved in health. I know that both of you are happy that you can be together during these weeks.

I have sent a note to Dr.Endicott to inquire when Mr.Albertson will be available but as yet have not had time for a reply. I am anxious to clearn up our West China Plant accounts, and also hope that we can soon clear up the questions in regard to the Constitution which the Governors passed on to us. I understand that Cressy plans to get back to New York about the first of October. Should we await his arrival before making a start on our study of the Constitution?

I find that New York City is a great deal warmer than Scotland or Switzerland. The chief trouble with vacations is that one always hates to get back in the harness.

With warmest regards, I am

Very cordially yours,

BAG-H

B A GARSIDE

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

West China Union University

WEST CHINA

CHENGTU, WEST CHINA

Dixon Aug 1/30

My dear Garside:

Glad to know you are safely over the brine again. No word yet re Albertson - suspect he is making up his mind to start if no enroute. He wrote me re the May 30th affair, but no mention of his own plans. If Cressy is not to return before Oct we should meet & get under way on the Constitution etc for the Oct. Meeting of Executive. I will be on call to start for Hy. any time, but think I may be needed in this Section in early Sept.

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I regret to state that Mrs Beach has her ups & downs — mostly downs of late. Hope the cool weather will help her.

Do you send the President's Salary check or does it come direct from the B.F.M. treasurer? I ask because it has failed to come here for the month of July. My daughter says it generally arrives about the 20th of the month. Perhaps it is just a vacation

Cordially yours
Joseph Beach

WEST CHINA

TRANSFER

West China Union University

August 13, 1930

Dr. Joseph Beech,
Dixon, Ill.

My dear Dr. Beech:

I have your note of August 4th.

Dr. Endicott's secretary wrote that they had no information as to when Mr. Albertson's arrival may be expected. I certainly hope he arrives in the near future for I am anxious to clear up our West China Plant accounts.

I will be glad to work with you on the West China Constitution at any time that suits your convenience. Would the best plan be for us to get together, along with Dr. Robbins if possible, sometime about the middle of September? Would this give us time to finish up whatever work needs to be done and to get our recommendations into the hands of the members of the Executive Committee far enough in advance of the October meeting to permit their study of the material? Do you think it would be better for us to wait until later in September, so that by the time we had finished our work Mr. Cressy would be on hand to make any further comments and suggestions before the material was put into final shape? Do you think we could make a beginning on this work by correspondence, so as to delay as long as possible the necessity of your coming East?

I am sorry to learn that Mrs. Beech's health is not improving as satisfactorily as you might desire. I am sure that the abnormally hot weather of recent weeks has made things more difficult for her. I hope that the cool weather we are now having will be of material assistance.

Your regular salary checks are sent through the Methodist Board rather than through our West China office. I have just made inquiries downstairs, and have been informed that they sent the check to you yesterday. I believe the delay was due to the fact that they did not understand that you are spending a few months in America on special business for the Board of Governors. As you know, our West China office has been sending Mrs. Beech quarterly checks to cover the supplementary allowance granted by the Board of Governors. The next check is normally due on September 15th, but we would be glad to send it to you at any earlier date if it would be a convenience.

Very cordially yours,

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WEST CHINA UNION UNIVERSITY
CHENGTU, WEST CHINA
PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

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219 W. Chamberlain St
Dixon, Ill.

Sept 1. 1930

My dear Mr Lanside:

In response to your last letter

1. I will appreciate it if you will send me the Special Quarterly Allowance check in order that I may attend to affairs before I start East.

2. I will start East on or shortly after the 10th of Sept. Will go via Toronto.

3. Will you write Prof Robbins when we can meet him after the 15th and where?

If he cannot go to N.Y. we might go to Rochester. If notified I could stop enroute East. Could you go to Rochester?

9-1-30

I think it would be well to give some time to the Constitution before Oct., unless the Executive Meeting comes well on in that month.

I am writing to Dr Anderson re the Executive Date. I have been asked to make an address at the Annual Northwestern Branch W.F.M.S. Meeting on Oct. 2nd Since they are pledged for $25.000 for the Womans College I wish to accomodate them & help on the project

Yours truly

Joseph Beech

West China Union University

September 8, 1930

Dr. Joseph Beech,
239 West Chamberlain St.
Dixon, Ill.

My dear Dr.Beech:

Let me acknowledge receipt of your letter of September 1. I should have acknowledged it before this but have delayed because I have been hoping to learn more definitely when we would be having the fall meeting of our West China Executive Committee.

I enclose herewith a check for your quarterly allowance of $375.00. I hope it will reach you in time for you to use it before you start East.

Dr.Anderson has just written suggesting October 23 as the most satisfactory date for the fall meeting of our West China Executive Committee. This will give us about three weeks after Cressy returns to New York in which to complete our work on the Constitution. Do you think this will be sufficient time for us to do all the work required, or should we make a start, along with Professor Robins, before the end of September? In your letter you suggest that we might meet with Professor Robins sometime during the latter half of September. I think I could arrange to meet with the two of you at almost any date during the latter half of September that may be most convenient for you. I shall probably have a Yenching committee meeting on September 17 or 19, but that is the only meeting in prospect for the latter half of this month. I could go to Rochester for a day if that proved the simplest and less expensive plan, or could arrange to have the committee meet here at 150 Fifth Avenue, if you prefer. It seems to me that the major factor is your own convenience. Either Professor Robins or I will have to make the trip between New York and Rochester so there is not much choice there. But will it be easier for you to attend such a meeting in Rochester or here in New York?

We look forward to seeing you here sometime in the near future. please keep me informed of your movements and let me know where we can reach you from time to time.

Very cordially yours,

BAG-H

B A GARSIDE

Dixon, Ill
Sept 15, 1930

Dear Mr Garside

Since Oct. 23rd is fixed for the Executive, and Mr. Creasey is not due in N.Y. till early October, and, since I have agreed to give addresses in this region on Oct 2-3 I have concluded that I can best serve the cause by arriving in N.Y. Oct 6th-8th. Leaving Chicago the night of the 3rd or 4th I will go directly or by stages to Toronto. Am suggesting the 4th Saturday or 6th Monday for a visit to Sir Joseph. If it will avail anything of convenience to Prof Robins I can stop & have a preliminary run over the Constitution with him. Make any plans you deem best, at latest on ~~Wednesday~~ the 8th and after I will work to your plans & suit convenience of Prof Robins & Mr Creasey & you.

If you have a copy of the Nanking Univ New Constitution I will fully appreciate it if you will loan it to me - sending it here by early mail. If you have no copies of Constitutions of other Registered Universities - especially Peking - will you try to secure such for use of the Committee. I think Nanking & Peking will furnish us the best models -

Letter from Albertson Aug 4th No mention of homecoming,

Cordially Joseph Beach

WEST CHINA

TRANS

West China Union University

September 19, 1930

Dr. Joseph Beech,
239 West Chamberlain St.,
Dixon, Ill.

My dear Dr.Beech:

Let me acknowledge receipt of your letter of September 15.

I am today writing Professor Robins quoting to him your suggestions with regard to meeting for continuing our study of the revision of the West China Constitution.

I am enclosing herewith copies of the latest revisions of the Constitution and By-laws of the University of Nanking and Yenching University.

Sorry to learn that your latest word from Albertson does not make any mention of his home coming. I have been very hopeful that during the next few months we would be able to complete our clearance of the West China Plant accounts. If it develops that Albertson will not be leaving China this year can you or I finish up the job without his assistance, or at least can we reduce the unsolved questions to a point where a letter of inquiry to Albertson will complete the job?

As soon as I hear from Professor Robins I will write again.

Very cordially yours,

B A GARSIDE

BAG-H

Enc.

239 W. Chamberlain St
Dixon, Ill.

WEST CHINA

TRANS

Dear Mr Gansle,

Thank you for yours of 19th inst. with copies of Nanking, Yenching Constitutions.

Was it under this Yenching Constitution, dated Dec. 1928, that the University was registered with the Nanking Government? In some places it appears to contravene the regulations & leave plenty of holes between "orders" & compliance.

I am to be in Toronto Sept 4th-6th. On Sunday there will be a meeting of parties interested in the University at Sir Joseph's. A quiz on conditions affecting Christian institutions will probably be a part of that agenda. Such news as appears in the press I have endeavored to learn. West China I know. What has been happening of late in the other institutions I mean such news as gets to your office. If you have information I will thank you for it. Confidential notes will be respected as such.

Will appreciate an early reply as I will leave here about Oct 1st.

Cordially yours Joseph Beech

MEK

West China Union University

September 25, 1930

Dr. Joseph Beech,
239 West Chamberlain St.,
Dixon, Ill.

My dear Dr.Beech:

Let me acknowledge receipt of your letter, which arrived this morning.

The Yenching and the Nanking Constitutions which we sent you are the ones under which both of these Universities registered with the Nanking government. Both Constitutions are still in effect. As a matter of fact, I believe that neither University submitted to the Ministry of Education of the government the entire Constitution exactly in the form in which it appears in the drafts you have. Yenching submitted an "Outline of the Organization of Yenching University" which set forth in a very brief way the essential points of the organization of the University, particularly on the field. The position and responsibilities of the Board of Directors on the field, the Chancellor (Hsiao Chang), the President (Hsiao Wu Chang), the Deans, and the other leading administrative officers, were described in some detail. The existence of the Board of Founders (Trustees) was recognized but was not emphasized. I really do not know whether or not, in addition to this outline of the University's organization, there was also submitted to the Ministry of Education the complete Constitution of the University and the Constitution of the Board of Directors on the field. I suspect, however, that these complete Constitutions were not submitted or requested. I believe that, in connection with the registration of the University of Nanking, very much the same procedure was followed as in Yenching.

For your information I am enclosing herewith a copy of "Proposed Revision of the Translation of the Outline of the Organization of Yenching University" submitted by Wenching University in connection with their application for registration.

So far as news from the field indicates, all of our Universities are reopening this fall under fairly favorable conditions. Several days ago we received from Yenching University a cablegram reading as follows:-

"Opening exercises this morning; prospects are favorable. Enrolment utmost capacity".

We have had no direct word from the other Universities. It will be another fortnight before we can receive any letters mailed after the autumn term opened. However, the absence of any unfavorable news by cable would

indicate that all of them are carrying out their plans for opening the autumn work as usual.

For several months there have been a great many rumors in the air as to the effect of recent rulings of the Ministry of Education still further restricting the teaching of religious subjects and the observance of religious exercises within our Christian schools, particularly those of the lower rank. As yet nothing has come to us direct from any of the Universities; and so far as we know, none of them have been directly affected by these new restrictions on religion. It seems obvious that unless the Ministry of Education adopts a more liberal attitude, there will be a serious clash between the Ministry and our Christian institutions of all ranks sometime in the near future. I hope, however, that Nanking's recent progress in restoring order and strengthening its own position may encourage the government to adopt a more liberal attitude toward the Christian forces of China, and to lean a little less heavily toward the Communistic elements whose support they have been trying to enlist during recent months.

On Monday and Tuesday of this week Professor Robins was here in New York attending meetings of the Baptist Board. We had several conversations both in regard to the revision of the Constitution and also with regard to securing one or more men of affairs for membership on the West China Board of Governors. Dr.Robins tells me that he will be in New York City ag again on October 14 for a Baptist Board meeting and proposes that we spend that day working on the revision of the West China Constitution. Mr.Cressy returns to New York October 6. Professor Robins suggests that you and Cressy should be able to get together between October 6 and October 14 to iron out most of the minor questions at least, so that on October 14 we should have things well enough in hand to wind up our work in a relatively short period of time. Do you think this procedure will prove a satisfactory one?

Professor Robins and Dr.Huntington have been taking a very sympathetic interest in the Governors' search for men of affairs who are willing and qualified to serve as coopted members of the Board. They have gotten in touch with one of their leading Baptist laymen, Dr.Alton L.Miller of Boston, Mass, and have succeeded in interesting him. Dr.Miller is at the head of a large candy manufacturing concern and is a man of considerable means. He has a Ph.D. degree from Harvard University and was formerly Professor of Mathematics at the University of Michigan. I am enclosing herewith a copy of a letter Dr.Robins has just sent me describing their conversation with Dr.Miller. Dr.Edwards has also mentioned that he has in mind a possible nominee from the Methodist constituency. As yet I have not had an opportunity to inquire fully as to the name and qualifications of the man he is proposing. Since he is not in his office today I will have to wait a bit before getting any further information.

We look forward to seeing you here in New York in about a fortnight.

Very cordially yours,

B A GARSIDE

BAG-H

Enc.2

ABR. Dixon - Ill - Sept 29/20

My dear Mr Gaside:

Thank you for yours of 25th with its news + enclosure.

I will leave Toronto not later than the morning of the 8th and should be in N.Y. at sometime on the 10th - (stopping at Syracuse enroute) On the 16th I have promised to be at Middletown Ct + may go on to Boston, if Dr. Edwards has not found this man for the Board of Governors. Otherwise I shall be on hand in N.Y. for the work in hand concerning the University + its interests. So you can book appointments with Mr Cressy - Dr Robins or yourself at your discretion noting reserved dates.

I leave here Oct 2 - I can be reached on the 5th - 6th care Sir Joseph. Will you please forward letters as per this schedule or hold till my arrival in N.Y. Notify BFM.

Again thanking you

Cordially Joseph Beech

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PS

Another letter in from Changtu - Says Mr. Albertson has gone to the "Hills" for August + early Sept - It also states that the "rabble" have evidently decided that the times are not favorable for another of their destructive raids on our walls - they continue the agitation to "Take over the University" but are not so successful as in Vale Smashing -

Sorry about the word from or rather re Albertson. Unless some positive word of his coming is forth-coming we might have a go at the accounts without him.

JB

WEST CHINA

TRANSFER

West China Union University

November 11, 1930

Dr. Joseph Beech,
239 West Chamberlain St.,
Dixon, Ill.

My dear Dr.Beech:

I am not sure whether this letter will find you in Dixon, but I am sending it along to remind you of two matters which possibly you have already cleared.

In the first place, Dr.Anderson has raised a question as to the best method of proceeding in notifying President McConaughy of his election to the coopted membership on the West China Board of Governors. I asked Dr.Edwards for advice, and he suggested that inasmuch as you had talked with President McConaughy, it might be well for you to take the initiative in reporting to him the action taken by the Executive Committee. Dr.Anderson will, of course, be ready to send as Secretary of the Board of Governors a formal notice to President McConaughy telling him of his election. It seems wise, however, to wait until we are sure that your conversations and correspondence with President McConaughy have prepared him for such a formal letter from Dr.Anderson.

Dr.Anderson has also asked our office to send to Chengtu a sufficient quantity of the Constitutions of the Governors and the Directors, and of the Contractual Statement, to supply the administrative officers, the Senate, and any others who should receive this material. How many copies should we send? Have you written, or are you planning to write to the field, giving them such explanations of the actions of the Governors relative to the Constitution as may be necessary? I believe Dr.Anderson has not written anything specific on this point, and neither has our office.

With all good wishes, I am

Very cordially yours,

BAG-H

B A GARSIDE

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BOARD OF GOVERNORS
OF THE
WEST CHINA UNION UNIVERSITY

ESTABLISHED 1910 IN
CHENGTU, SZECHWAN, CHINA

REV. JOSEPH BEECH, D.D., PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY

OFFICE OF THE TREASURER
150 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK CITY

Dixon Ill. Nov 13/20

Dear Mr. Garside:

Before answering your letter of the 11th let me request that you favor me by phoning the Natl Bible Inst., West 55 St., requesting them to reserve a room for me for Wednesday night Nov. 19th, saying that I plan to arrive in the afternoon or on the midnight-train.

This means you may expect me in your office on Thursday. Will you write Dr. Anderson, saying that I think it would be wise to defer notice to Pres. McClumonghy for the present for reasons which I may be able to give him after my next interview with Sir Joseph.

Send to R. L. Simpson Secy of Senate

I am of the opinion that we should send the Senate an advance copy or copies of this tentative Constitution. To send them a bundle would give the impression that "it is finished" Perhaps it is & I expect it is, but we cannot presume that sending it to the Mission Boards for confirmation is a mere formality — they are in effect the final authorities.

I have written the Secy of the Senate, Mr Simpson,

11-13-30

that the Bd of Governors had agreed on the Constitution and would submit it to the Bds of Missions. That when the required authority from them was forth-coming the approved draft would be sent to them, in the meantime a copy or copies of the draft would go to the Senate for their preliminary study. I planned to write them more fully when these advance copies are sent. This that will confer with you when in N. Y. Perhaps Dr. Anderson was unmindful of the constitutional requirements that amendments to the Constitution require Mission Boards' action. See present Constitution.

Will you please request BFM office to hold any mail addressed to me, in their care, from Saturday the 15th till further notice. I leave Dixon, Monday, to attend the Amherst, Wesleyan, Williams Smoker, and speak not smoke, following the address by Sir Herbert Ames Treasurer, League of Nations, at the University Club, Chicago, on that evening. I do not expect a collection for W.C.M.U. but think it pays to sow beside all waters even if the atmosphere may be a bit murky at the time.

With best wishes & hoping that you have good word from Miss Lane, to whom express my solicitations if she is receiving such words these days

Cordially

Joseph Beech

WEST CHINA

TRANSFER

West China Union University

December 16, 1930

Dr. Joseph Beech,
239 West Chamberlain St.,
Dixon, Ill.

My dear Dr.Beech:

Let me acknowledge receipt of your letter written on December 10 aboard the B.& A. train en route to Albany and Toronto.

I am asking the accounting office to make a note of the change in your travel arrangements.

As yet I have not had any formal minutes of the meeting of the Harvard-Yenching Institute Trustees last week, but from informal rumors I have heard I understand that they dealt very sympathetically with your plea for assistance atWest China. I am awaiting with interest more detailed information.

We enclose herewith the quarterly allowance. I trust that it will reach you in time to help in bringing the proper Christmas atmosphere. I have been impressed even more than usual this year with the closeness of the relationship between the Christmas spirit and the state of one's finances.

Glad to learn of the good work you have been doing in searching for additional members of our West China Board of Governors. I presume we will have further developments in this direction at the meeting of the Executive Committee in Toronto on January 21.

With the warmest good wishes for the holiday season, I am

Very cordially yours,

BAG-H

B A GARSIDE

Enc.

WEK

WEST CHINA

TRANSFER

Wednesday. Dec 10/30
B+A Train enroute
Albany + Toronto

Dear Mr. Garside —

This to let you know that I am using that return fare Boston-N.Y. which was included in $49 check for a ride to Albany — 6½ hrs. — so far as cash goes, but I will not see your face again before saying "Merry Christmas" so please accept the Xmas + New Year Greetings in this fashion —

Re the Boston trip. Got my share of being on the "stand" while at dinner and after for an hour or more at H.Y. Trustees meeting. Retired before the H.Y. trustees did. Next afternoon Dean Chow said we granted practically everything you asked for, — in the end quite unanimously — though suffering in ways. Will get his letter + know just what his speech implied. But, I take it, it means the trip worth all it cost to me + perhaps broke ice for better sailing for other later on.

Re that Quarterly Allowance. It came to me about the 15th last time. If it can reach me this month before Xmas season — it will be appreciated.

Re Bd. Gov. Members —

Had a good visit with Mr. W. T. Rich while in Boston re being a real member of the B. Govs. His conscience worries him because he belongs to too many concerns & gives so little time to them. He never agreed to serve on B.G. though he was elected some yrs. ago. He promised to give serious thought to my request & let me know. Until merged in "Standard Brands" he was head of Chase-Sanborn, and is a real fellow. He spoke highly of Mr. Miller, the new man. Strange place to go for it, but I got a peep in on a good man for the B.G. on the other side of Atlantic. Will hope to look into it later on.

Hope to get home about the 17th.

With best wishes to you & your staff

Cordially Joseph Beech

WEST CHINA

Dixon - Dec 30/30

~~My dear Mr~~ Garside:-

I am to be at the Mission Bds Conf Atlantic City. Are you to be there? If so will you please bring with you - or send ~~to~~ me if you are not to be there - ~~two~~ three copies of a complete statement of the Scattergood gifts and their application to the erection of the Middle School Bldg. together with as complete a statement as you may have as to expenditures & costs of that building. I want to give them to the donors, the Scattergoods

at Philadelphia 2 while I am
there.

That date for the Executive of Bds
Governors comes about a month
earlier than expected. I wrote
Dr Anderson suggesting N.Y. following
the ~~Atlantic~~ City Conf. as I feared
we would not get the M.E.
+ Baptist folks to Toronto so
soon after the Atlantic City Conf.

I do not know how much of really
important business there is on
the agenda unless the Boards have
been heard from on Constitution. Hope
you can ascertain that the N.Y.
Bds will be represented if

meeting is to be held as announced at Toronto, otherwise Sir Joseph will have due grounds for complaint once more.

Christmas was a very joyous affair with us. All of our immediate family here for Christmas Day.

With the best of wishes for a fine New Year –

Cordially yours

Joseph Beech

TRANSFER

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WEST CHINA UNION UNIVERSITY
CHENGTU, SZECHWAN
CHINA

AMERICAN OFFICE

Home address —
239 W. Chamberlain St.
Dixon, Ill.
~~150 FIFTH AVENUE~~
NEW YORK

My dear Dr Anderson:

Thank you! Executive Minutes arrived also your letter re Dr Stubbs' letter.

I doubt if any action can be taken or word sent them other than that which has already gone to them. Szechuan is having a little war of its own just now the outcome of which may determine if Szechuan will join the Nationalists or set up their own Provincial potentate. Yang Sen was defeated by Sze. Nationalists' forces, after which, he joined forces with another General and defeated his attackers. This may be a tempest in a teapot or provincial war & revolution that may defer all consideration of registration for some time.

You will be pleased to know that following the Executive Meeting & following Mr. Davis to Pittsburg, Pa I managed to secure from him definite information re our Share of the Hall Estate funds. It is all that I have ventured to hope or express. Please regard this as confidential – I have informed Sir Joseph and he has written Mr. Davis one of his characteristic letters of appreciation.

A letter from Mr. Silcock states that the end of August is impossible for seeing any one or doing anything in London & the first week of Sept will be taken up with Committees & suggests the hope for a visit a bit later. I have today written re passage from N.Y. or Montreal about the end of first week in September.

Hope you are having a restful time of it this Summer. Yours Joseph Beech

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write again — cable exec. cr.

West China Union University

January 5, 1931

Dr. Joseph Beech,
239 West Chamberlain St.,
Dixon, Ill.

My dear Dr.Beech:-

Let me acknowledge receipt of your letter of December 30. I am not to be at the Foreign Mission Conference in Atlantic City this year and since I do not know where you will be staying while attending the conference, I am addressing this reply to you in Dixon. If it arrives after you leave I trust that Mrs.Beech will forward it to you.

I am attaching a statement summarizing the receipts and disbursements for the Scattergood Memorial Middle School Building accounts. You will note that at the present time the deficit standing in this account is G$7,181.76. Have we given sufficient detail for both the disbursements and the receipts? There is very little more we could add, since the ~~ledger~~ major item for disbursements, ~~or~~ construction costs of the building, G$25,551.47, has been reported to us in this form by Mr.Albertson. We might give some general explanations of what details go to make up this general total of G$25,551.47, but you can make such detailed explanation to the Scattergood family more effectively than could our office.

The item of receipts, showing the principal amount received from the donors and the income which accrued on this principal sum before the funds were required in construction, are taken from our old West China ledgers. These old ledgers do not go into very minute detail so in most cases we have been forced to rely on the totals given without being able to check up all the items comprising these totals. If you require further details either as to the principal amount received from the Scattergood family, or as to the income accruing on this principal fund, please let me know just what you need and I will try to dig it out for you.

I note your comments as to the date of the Executive Committee meeting. About ten days ago Dr.Huntington told me that he had just written to Dr.Anderson reporting that Dr.Franklin was due to return to New York early in February, and that because of this fact Dr.Huntington had suggested the possibility of deferring the meeting of the Executive Committee until Dr.Franklin could be present. As yet I have had no further word from Dr. Anderson so I presume no decision has as yet been made to postpone the date of the Executive Committee meeting. Since you have sent Dr.Anderson another suggestion for a postponement of the meeting, based on entirely different grounds, I am sure that he will give very serious consideration to the question of whether we should not defer the meeting until sometime in February. So far

as I know, no particularly urgent matters are now pending which require decision before February.

About a fortnight ago we received a very badly garbled cablegram sent from Chengtu. We have been making repeated efforts to obtain the corrections which would make the cable intelligible but there are still two half words which are not clear. I quote below the cablegram as we have now decoded it, indicating in parentheses the two half words which do not decode:-

"PLEASE REQUEST BEECH. DOES HE APPROVE OF THE THREE_____(YNAHN)*
GENERAL LAYOUT AND IN A GENERAL WAY DORMITORY PLAN? HAVE WE
PERMISSION TO PROCEED WITH THE BUILDING(S) DORMITORY? REPLY BY
TELEGRAM DIRECT_____(FOSNT)"

We have asked the telegraph company for a repeat on the two words which are garbled and they have reported back that so far as they can ascertain the above form is the way in which the message was sent. They are, however, asking the connecting telegraph company in China to trace the words still farther back to their origin in Chengtu to discover what their form should be. We will wait for this further information from the company. We have tried every similar combination suggested in our Missions Code mutilation tables but none of them seem to be the correct ones.

Can you make any sense out of the message? Do you think we had better cable to Chengtu asking for a repetition of such parts of the message as are not intelligible?

We have also just received the following message from Chengtu:-

"REV.W.R.TAYLOR ARRIVED HERE TO TAKE CHARGE OF TREASURERSHIP
WEST CHINA UNION UNIVERSITY. ACCOUNTS WILL BE SENT AS SOON
AS POSSIBLE. PASSAGE TAKEN BY NORTH GERMAN LLOYD SAARBRUCKEN
LEAVING SHANGHAI ON MARCH 4,1931. INFORM FAMILY. ALBERTSON."

I am communicating to the United Church of Canada this information as to Mr.Albertson's sailing and am asking them to notify his family.

Immediately after receiving your post card of of December 31 I forwarded to Sir Joseph a copy of the letter you wrote Dean Chase just prior to the meeting of the Harvard-Yenching Institute Trustees. I am not sure whether you have received any direct information as to the action taken by the Trustees in response to your request so I am attaching hereto an excerpt from the minutes of the meeting of the Institute Trustees.

When are we to see you here in New York? Will you be coming by either just before or just after the meeting of the Foreign Missions Conference?

With all good wishes, I am

Very cordially yours,

B A GARSIDE

BAG-H

Enc.

* Probably "YNASN", meaning "Women's Boards"

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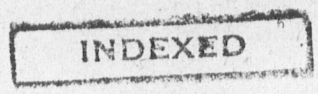

West China Union University

January 6, 1931

Dr. Joseph Beech,
239 West Chamberlain St.,
Dixon, Ill.

My dear Dr.Beech:

After writing you yesterday we received from the telegraph office a correction of one of the errors in the cablegram recently received from the field. This correct shows that the half word which was originally received as "YNAHN" should have been "YNASN" which is interpreted "Woman's Boards". This is in accordance with the suggestion I made in my letter of yesterday. Inserting this correction we find that the cablegram reads as follows:-

> "PLEASE REQUEST BEECH DOES HE APPROVE THREE WOMAN'S BOARDS GENERAL LAYOUT AND IN A GENERAL WAY DORMITORY PLAN? HAVE WE PERMISSION TO PROCEED WITH THE BUILDING(S) DORMITORY? REPLY BY TELEGRAM DIRECT (FOSNT)".

Apparently, therefore, the cablegram is now complete except for the signature at the end. This signature may be some abbreviation which you will recognize.

Yesterday afternoon Dr.Huntington telephoned me that he had received a letter from Dr.Anderson with regard to the proposed change in the date of the West China Executive Committee meeting. Dr.Anderson stated that Sir Joseph would be leaving early in February for an extended vacation, and would be extremely busy some days before he left, so it would not be possible to secure his attendance at a meeting held very much after the first of February. Also Sir Joseph is very anxious to have the question of the chairmanship settled before he goes on his vacation. Since Dr.Franklin would probably not be available for a meeting before Sir Joseph begins his vacation, it would not seem advantageous to postpone the date of the meeting long enough to obtain Dr.Franklin's presence at the cost of losing Sir Joseph's attendance.

As to the other point you raised - the question of whether Baptist and Methodist representatives could go to Toronto so soon after the Foreign Missions Conference - I find that at least one representative of each of these two Boards has been planning to attend the meeting called for January 21. Dr.Huntington goes for the Baptist Board and Dr.Edwards for the Methodist Board. Possibly others in addition to these two may also be able to attend, though this is quite uncertain.

In view of all these facts, Dr.Huntington feels that it would be

wiser to adhere to the original plan that the Executive Committee meeting be held in Toronto on January 21. I believe he wrote Dr.Anderson to this effect yesterday. Unless new developments materialize, I presume, therefore, that we should adhere to our original plans for attending the meeting on the twenty-first.

Cordially

BAG-H

B A GARSIDE

TRANSFER

EXCERPT FROM MINUTES OF MEETING OF TRUSTEES OF

HARVARD-YENCHING INSTITUTE

December 8, 1930

"Dr.Joseph Beech, President of West China Union University, then came in to the meeting and explained the needs of the University, especially with reference to a deficit of $12,000 on the museum building which has been built on the University grounds, and he asked that he be allowed to expend that amount from accumulated balances.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: to approve the request of President Beech that he be allowed to expend $12,000 from surpluses of income already received from the Restricted Account for the archaeological museum at West China University; to approve his suggestion that other surplus be used for building up the library; and to inform him that, while the Institute will entertain definite proposals for research, it cannot commit itself to expenditure from its general funds for the archaeological program of West China University."

TRANSFER

WEST CHINA UNION UNIVERSITY

SCATTERGOOD MEMORIAL MIDDLE SCHOOL BUILDING ACCOUNTS

(All amounts in U.S.dollars)

DISBURSEMENTS

Date			
1920-1925	Fees for architect's plans	$ 858.82	
1920-1925	Construction costs of Building	25,551.47	
1920-1925	Share in supervising architect's salary	1,316.63	27,726.92

RECEIPTS

Jan. 4, 1917	Received from donors	17,500.00	
1917-1925	Income on principal fund	3,045.16	20,545.16
	Deficit remaining on this account		$7,181.76

New York
January 5, 1931

BOARD OF GOVERNORS
OF THE
WEST CHINA UNION UNIVERSITY

ESTABLISHED 1910 IN
CHENGTU, SZECHWAN, CHINA

REV. JOSEPH BEECH, D.D., PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY

OFFICE OF THE TREASURER
150 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK CITY

239 W. Chamberlain St
Dixon Ill. Jan 7/21

Dear Mr. Garside:-

Thanks for yours of the 5th inst.

1/ The garbled cable. Fosnot at end means Miss Fosnot a W.F.M.S. worker in the Women's College. The YWAHN since preceded by "Three" probably refers to Three "Bulldogs" of the Woman's College. It may refer to a new dormitory plan of three "Stories" but I hope it does not. It seems to imply that a "general layout" has been sent to the W.F.M.S. or to me, also that my letter written months ago approving the architects plan of the dormitory with exceptions noted & agreed to by the Architect in London - Mr Silcock - has not been received by them - Re the entire telegram. Consult the W.F.M.S. on 7th Floor, because this wire is sent by one of their missionaries, they may have received the indicated "layout". I suggest that you wire "Delay till Executive Meeting Jan 21", unless the W.F.M.S. & Women's Bds can answer them re the final sentence

JAN 7 1931

At all events the matter of layout should come before the Bd Govs. I am writing Dr Anderson to put such an item on Exec. Agenda

2. Re Albertson's cable + the Scattergood acct.
Well! glad the accts are to be sent "Soon as possible" + that Mr. Albertson has booked passage.

I fear to present the Scattergood Bldg account to the family. Some years ago I wrote them giving a detailed statement as given me by Brown from the meticulous accts of Mr. Ricker. My memory of that letter-copy in Chestn files - is that the cost of construction was about equal to the gift. Architects fees + architect supervisor salary + N.Y. bills pd might not have been included in the account as given me. At all events I cannot go to the Scattergoods without the detailed statement that would show wherein my former letter was only a partial statement. Thanks for your statement just the same. Why Albertson tarries till Mar 4 I cannot imagine as it means arrival here about May 1st. I venture to predict

UNIVERSITY
JAN 9 - 1931
JOHN D. RICE

3. Executive Date: I think Jan 21 should stand for the reason that a letter from Sir Joseph states he would be in the South in Feb. Another in the Spring has been suggested to conform with the convenience of Dr Franklin, I am informed. Sorry you are not to be at Atlantic City. Thanks for your labors. Cordially Joseph Beech

Pls see that N.Y. minute phone Toronto, engage heat & light of 50 bed hospital. Wire inform you from Atlantic City. JB

Re. James Keen
bequest

West China Union University

January 24, 1951

Dr. Joseph Beech,
239 West Chamberlain St.
Dixon, Ill.

My dear Dr.Beech:

We are enclosing herewith a sheaf of material containing the main facts in regard to the James Keen bequest. I have prepared a brief summary of the most important facts in connection with this bequest, and have had copies made of a few letters that are most fundamental. You will note that I have just written a general letter to Miller and Shandorf along the lines we discussed in Toronto on Wednesday in which I have stated that the West China Governors have requested you to serve as their representative in reaching a settlement of the matter.

If there is anything further we can do to assist you in handling the settlement of this bequest please let me know. We will await with interest the final outcome of your negotiations.

I thought that our meeting in Toronto was a very pleasant and successful one. I certainly hope that we succeed in persuading Sir Joseph to continue on the Board and to accept the honorary chairmanship.

Very cordially yours,

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WEST CHINA UNION UNIVERSITY

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January 24, 1931

MEMORANDUM IN REGARD TO JAMES KEEN BEQUEST

About ten years ago Mr.Keen made a pledge to West China Union University in the amount of $5,000. We have never been able to find a written record of this pledge. Soon after the pledge was given he made an initial payment of $1,000. At the time of his death the balance of $4,000 remained unpaid.

In his will Mr.Keen directed that the balance remaining on this West China pledge be paid by his executors, and instructed them that, if necessary, they sell a designated quarter section of land from the proceeds of which this payment should be made.

The executors of Mr.Keen's estate, through their attorneys, Miller and Shandorf with offices in the First NationalBank Bldg., Mitchell, South Dakota, notified us during 1928 of this provision in Mr.Keen's will and asked the University to submit proof of its claim. We were unable to find any actual pledge signed by Mr.Keen but made excerpts from the financial accounts of the University which showed that Mr.Keen had paid a thousand dollars on the pledge and that $4,000 was recorded as still due. On February 19, 1929, Mr.Lauritz Miller of the firm of Miller andShandorf wrote that the executors had allowed this claim but that the date of its payment was very uncertain due to the financial depression existing in South Dakota and the serious depreciation in land values.

The matter remained in an inactive state for about a year. On March 13, 1930, Mr.Miller submitted the proposal of the executors that the University's claim be settled in full on the payment of $2,000. A copy of this letter is attached hereto. In it he states that in addition to this obligation to the University there is an outstanding mortgage of$5,000 on the quarter section of land designated by Mr.Keen. I do not know the exact date when this mortgage will mature but I understand that it is only a year or two off.

When this proposal was submitted by Mr.Miller we consulted with Dr.George F.Sutherland of the Methodist Board, as the Methodist Board had already had various dealings with the executors of Mr.Keen's estate in connection with the payment of certain pledges he had made to that board. Dr.Sutherland suggested that we might consult with Mr.James R.McGee, an attorney living in Salem, South Dakota, who had given advice to the Methodist Board on certain of their claims. We wrote to Mr.McGee and at our request he made an investigation of the situation, including a rather careful survey of the property designated by Mr.Keen. I am attaching a copy of the letter Mr.McGee wrote us after he visited the property because he summarizes very well the most important factors in the situation.

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On the basis of Mr.McGee's recommendation, together with such other bases of judgment as the Governors were able to use, we presented a counter-proposal to Miller and Shandorf wherein we suggested settlement of the University's claim on the basis of $3,000. This proposal was made in May, 1930. I am enclosing a copy of the letter in which we made this proposal.

After several months, having received no acknowledgment of our May 16 letter, we wrote again in July. On August 4 Mr.Miller wrote describing a continued financial depression in South Dakota and stating that unless the West China Board could accept $2,000 in settlement of its claim, the matter would have to remain in abeyance until more prosperous times permitted the sale of the quarter section of land. I sent a copy of this letter to Mr.McGee and asked for his judgment. He replied on September 2 stating that in his judgment the situation was not nearly as pessimistic as Mr.Miller's letter would indicate, and suggesting that he thought he could help us in getting the $3,000 asked by the University. Further correspondence with Mr.McGee as to the amount of fee he would expect in case he was asked by the University to serve as its representative brought the statement from him that he would undertake the work on the basis of repayment of his actual expenses, together with a "reasonable commission of 20% to 25% for any amount above $2,000" that he might be able to secure for us.

This was the situation at the time of the meeting of the West China Executive Committee in New York in October 1930. We reported the matter to the Executive Committee and asked for instructions. However, the Executive Committee, instead of taking any direct action, referred the matter to the Finance Committee with power.

A number of things came up to delay any final settlement by the Finance Committee. Before we had taken any definite steps we received from Miller and Shandorf under date of January 13, 1931, a letter in which they raised the executors' offer to $2,500. I am enclosing a copy of this letter. We reported the receipt of this letter to the members of the Finance Committee and all of them approved of settlement of the University's on this basis of $2,500. However, the matter was presented to the Executive Committee in Toronto on January 21 and at that time they voted to appoint Dr.Beech as the University's representative with power, in effecting a final settlement of the University's claim on the basis of $2,500 or any larger amount which Dr.Beech might be able to obtain.

On January 24 I wrote Miller and Shandorf reporting in general terms the action of the Executive Committee, a copy of which is attached.

B. A. GARSIDE

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Asst.Treasurer

CC: Letter from Miller 3/13/30
" " Mr.McGee 4/8/30
" " Univ. to M.& S. May 1930
" " M.& S. 1/13/31
" " Univ. to M.& S. 1/24/31

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MILLER AND SHANDORF
Mitchell, South Dakota

March 13, 1930

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

Dear Sir:

A little over a year ago, we had some correspondence with you relative to a subscription that James Keen of Mitchell, S.D. had made some years ago to the West China Union University.

The subscription was originally for $5,000 of which $1,000 has been paid, leaving a balance due of $4,000.00. Mr. Keen in his will referred to this subscription and specified that it shall be paid out of the sale of the NW¼ of Section 19, Township 100, Range 58, situated in Hutchinson County South Dakota, as soonas this land can be sold and a fair price obtained for it Had not been for the recognition of this claim in Mr. Keen's will, its collection would have been barred by the statute of limitations , and it probably also would have been tulnerable Because of a lack of consideration.

Therefore, because of the recognition of it in the will, the Executors of Mr. Keen's will are willing to recognize the claim in so far as it may be paid out of the land in question. However, they have now been trying to sell this land for over a year, and apparatnly they are no nearer a sale now than when they began.

There is a mortgage of $5,000 against the land and in normal times it would sell for enough above the mortgage to take care of this claim. But because of drought in the past few years, financial depression, and the serious economic conditions that this agricultural section of the country finds itself in, it has not been possible to sell this land for anything near enough to pay your claim and we do not know when that can be done.

The Executors have therefore instructed me to offer your board the sum of $2,000.00 cash in full payment of the claim. They say they can raise that much incash, if that item can be settled for that amount. The estate was badly involved. For example, the will provided the bequest of $10,000 to a local hospital out of the proceeds of the sale of an 800 acre ranch. There was no sale of this ranch, at any price that would even raise a substantial amount of the bequest.

The executors offered the land to the hospital on the condition that the hospital assume an $18,000 mortgage against it, but the hospital refused to accept the land and in place of it signed a waiver to the $10,000 bequest. The will also provides for a $500 bequest to the local Methodist Church, here, but there is no fund available for this bequest, and the same is true of a $2000 bequest to foreign Missions.

We therefore do not know where to get the funds with which to pay for these various claims and bequests.

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Kindly submit this proposition to your board, and advise us of their decision. If you desire any further information, be free to write us, and we will endeavor to furnish it.

Very truly yours,

MILLER & SHANDOW

BY Lauritz Miller /h

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Law Offices
JAS. R. MCGEE
Salem, South Dakota

April 8th, 1930.

Board of Governors,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Pursuant to your letter of the 4th, I to-day went to Olivet and checked the records on the land and also examined the land itself taking Rev. Peterson of this city with me.

This NW.¼ of 19-100-58 Hutchinson County,S.D. is situated in a very good section of that county, it is sufficiently far North to get out of the class of land South of it which is too far from any city, therefore, its location is O.K.

There is a $5,000.00 mortgage against it drawing 5% interest due in the fall of 1931. The taxes average $121.00 per year. The land is rented at $2.50 an acre for the hay and pasture lands and 2/5 of the crop, which rent I was informed amounts to about $500.00 per year. It is a long quarter, 169 acres and the assessed valuation was made by the county assessor is $11,702.00 and the county officials expressed the thought that their assesssor was about right on valuations.

Most of the place is fenced and cross fenced with woven wire, wood and iron post, but does need repair, Would say there was about at least $1000.00 worth of wire and posts on the place.

The house is 24 x 30 two story, in need of repair. A good well with a poor wind-mill. A double granary, with driveway between and cement floors, a fair one story barn about 40 x 50 and a large hog house, with a few very small buildings,- $500.00 spent on repairs would make the repairs value at $5,000.00.

About ten acres of the West is low, about twenty on the East stoney and wet, but fair pasture, while about 125 acres is under cultivation inclusive of 6 acres of tame grass.

I took a land man from Olivet with me, he and his partner and they appraised the farm at $50.00 net to owner, but I think I read between the lines and it means $15,00 per acre to them. Land without improvements and but little broke, close to this has been selling this fall at from $42.00 to $55.00 with a commission of about five to fifteen to the agents.

The renter was away, but some local farmers there and about there, who I went to see, put the value at $65.00 cash, and intimated that for a few dollars less he would be interested himself. There is also a nice grove of young timber on the south west corner.

My own opinion of value is that if I owned the land I would not take

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less than $60.00 cash for it and would have to have an imperative need for money then. There is little cash sale for land at this time. There is a little stone on all the cultivated land, I walked across it two ways so as to be sure of conditions, otherwise land is A-1 much rock has been removed, large piles here and there: all our stoney ground is good.

The enclosed plat may assist you somewhat in seeing it as it is; good road west side and North.

Unless the need for money is very pressing I would not advise accepting $2000.00 as there is an equity in this land of at least $5,000.00. .The rents will keep it up as to interest, taxes and repairs. I think they should spring the offer to $3000.00 any way and I believe they will before passing it up. I would even advise your taking over the land in preference to accepting anything less than $3,000.00 as I know you would make some money on it about that estimate.

I would not favor litagation in any form, as it would eat up the land and also injure the cause with others who might have it in mind to contribute in a like maneer by will or gift direct.

I drove 107 miles in thia matter as you can verify by addressing Rev. Peterson of this City.

If I can be of any further service let me know; or if any specific Inquiry is desired I will be pleased to answer same. I may have over-looked something, but have tried to cover the matter in detail.

Will mail this on the train to-night and it will take the air at noon tomorrow at Omaha so should reach you in ampletime. It took me all the afternoon and did not get back until our postoffice was closed, so will mail out to on the train tonight and trust that the train force will give it proper attention.

Kindly excuse the many blunders of this letter, it is after stenos hours and I have pecked it out as best I can.

Sincerely

/s/ Jas/ R. McGee
Jas. R. McGee

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WEST CHINA

May 16, 1930

Messrs. Miller and Shandorf
First National Bank Building,
Mitchell, So. Dak.

Gentlemen:

In accordance with the note I sent you on March 17, we have brought to the attention of the West China Board of Governors at meetings held on April 11 and May 8, the proposal in your letter of March 13 that the Board accept an immediate cash payment of $2,000 as settlement in full of the balance of $4,000 due on Mr. James Keen's subscription to West China Union University.

In considering this proposal, the Board was animated by the desire to maintain the most cordial relationships with the executors of the estate of the late Mr. Keen. He was such a loyal and generous friend of the University, as of may other phases of religious and philanthropic work, that we should sincerely deplore any less friendly contacts with those who survive him. Furthermore, since the present and future support of the University is dependent upon our maintaining the friendship and good will of those who are now contributing, or may in future contribute, to the maintenance and development of this Christian enterprise, the Board could not afford to take a stand in such matters as these as would give grounds for the accusation that it is unreasonable or that it seeks to drive too hard a bargain.

On the other hand, the Board is required by its trusteeship obligations to use every possible care in collecting, investing and using the funds belonging to the University. It has no moral or legal right to accept any settlement prejudicial to the financial interests of the University. In this particular instance we have for more than ten years carried on our books the unpaid balance of Mr. Keen's pledge toward the capital resources of the University. Some of the capital expenditures undertaken at the time it was expected that this balance would soon be paid in have never yet been satisfactorily adjusted, and we have counted on the ultimate receipt of the balance of this pledge to clear off deficits now standing on our books. Any reduction in the amount received from this pledge means the final analysis that there must be a corresponding retrenchment in the work of the University is doing.

The Board of Governors recognizes, and appreciates, the difficulties in connection with the settlement of this bequest of Mr. Keen because of the present abnormal depression of land values in South Dakota. In view of that situation the Board is quite willing to make such concessions to Mr. Keen's executors as will permit of an early and equitable settlement of the matter.

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The information we have obtained concerning the quarter-section of land which Mr. Keen specified in his will should, if necessary, be sold to meet the balance of this unpaid pledge, indicates that, even with present prices, this property should be worth at least the $4,000 unpaid balance of the pledge, plus the mortgage of $5,000 now standing against it, and ought to bring substantially more than $9,000. If and when land prices return to normal levels, the value of this property should increase considerably. We recognize, however, the delay and the possible expense which might be involved in actually consummating such a sale.

After giving careful consideration to all these aspects of the matter, the Board of Governors instructs me to present, through you, to the executors of Mr. Keen's estate, the proposal that the Board's claim for this unpaid balance of Mr. Keen's pledge be fully discharged by an early cash payment of three thousand dollars. This is, we believe, a fair and equitable settlement. On the one hand it would leave the executors a valuable present equity in this land, with the prospect of rapid increase in value in land prices return to normal. On the other hand, it would relieve the University, at a sacrifice of one-fourth of the amount involved, of further prolongation of the delay in securing these capital funds so urgently needed just now, and would remove the possibility of later trouble and expense in connection with collection of the bequest.

We trust that the executors may find this proposal satisfactory one, and that we may soon see this long-standing matter cleared up.

Very sincerely yours

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Asst. Treasurer

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MILLER & SHANDORF
FIRST NATIONAL BANK BLDG.
MITCHELL, SOUTH DAKOTA

January 13, 1931.

Mr. B. A. Garside,
150 - 5th, Ave.,
New York City, N.Y.

Dear Sir: In Re: Claim of James Keen estate.

We have had some correspondence concerning the above matter and some time ago we wrote you and told you that the Executors of the estate could pay $2000.00 if they could settle the full claim. However, your Board or Committee did not see fit to accept this offer and made a counter offer that they would accept $3000.00 in full settlement.

I have had this matter up with the Executives several times and they now tell me that they can raise $2500.00 in case they can get a full settlement on it, and that to do that they virtually scrape the bottom of the till. They have not sold that land yet and there is no prospect of any sale in sight. I am not urging your acceptance of this but I feel that I ought to submit it to you for your consideration.

I might add that as I understand it, in offering the $2500.00 they are diverting money which should be used to pay a bequest of $500.00 to the local church here and another bequest of $500.00 to some children, and I am not sure that they ought to do that. However, if you people decide you want to accept the $2500.00 offered, I will go into the question of whether we should allow them to pay it out of the particular funds they expect to pay it. May I hear from you soon.

Very truly yours,

/s/ LAURITZ MILLER

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January 24, 1931

Messrs. Miller and Shandorf,
First National Bank Bldg.,
Mitchell, So.Dak.

Gentlemen:

Let me acknowledge receipt of your letter of January 13 relative to the James Kean bequest. This letter arrived a few days before a meeting of the Executive Committee of the West China Board of Governors so I postponed any reply until after that meeting.

Your letter was presented to the Executive Committee, and some time was spent in a very careful review of all the important factors in connection with Mr.Kenn's bequest. Fortunately Dr.Joseph Beech, the President of West China Union University, who is now spending some months in the United States, is planning to make a trip through the West about the middle of February. He found that it would be possible for him to make a stopover at Mitchell of a day or two. The Executive Committee, therefore, voted to request President Beech to act as the representative of the Board of Governors in arriving at an equitable settlement of the University's claim.

It is the general judgment of the West China Governors that they have already made a very substantial concession to the present state of financial depression in agreeing to a settlement of Mr.Keen's bequest at the figure of $3,000. However, the Governors are anxious that a settlement be effected on a basis that will be as fair as possible to other interests involved and will maintain with Mr.Keen's executors and relatives the same warm friendliness that existed between himself and the University. For this reason we have commissioned Dr.Beech to serve as the University's representative, and are confident that his personal consultation with you and the other parties interested will accomplish a more satisfactory ajudication of the matter than would be possible through the medium of correspondence.

You will be receiving direct word from President Beech within two or three weeks. I understand that he expects to be in Mitchell about February 15. Should you wish to write him in the meantime he can be reached at 239 West Chamberlain Street, Dixon, Illinois.

Very sincerely yours,

B A GARSIDE

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West China Union University

January 27, 1931

Dr. Joseph Beech,
239 West Chamberlain St.,
Dixon, Ill.

My dear Dr.Beech:

You will remember that at the meeting in Toronto some question was raised as to the source of our contributions toward the Lamont Memorial Library. I have made a further study of our West China plant accounts in this connection since I have returned to New York.

I find that the remittances credited to this Library building account, totalling $19,103.69, are composed as follows:

Jan.22,1922	Gift of Mr.and Mrs.B.C.Lamont	$5,000.00
Aug. 7,1923	Ditto	5,000.00
Nov.10,1924	"	5,000.00
July 25,1927	Gift of F.C.Atherton, income(assigned by Governors Sept.28,1927)	1,421.90
June 17,1927	Gift of D.H.Gibson(assigned by Governors Sept.28,1927)	200.00
Jan.25,1928	Income of J.A.Coles Estate (temporarily assigned by Governors)	2,481.79
		$19,103.69

Turning to the disbursement side of this account we find that our New York office expended $28,694.86 on the Library account of which G$25,200.41 was transmitted to the field and the balance, $3,494.25, was expended in New York for architect's fees, miscellaneous purchases and other expenses. The field accounts show that expenditures on the field in connection with the construction of the building amount to G$26,760.53. Thus the amount expended in New York beyond receipts was G$9,590.97; and the over-expenditure on the field was G$1,560.12; making a combined deficit of G$11,151.09. This is the figure you reported to the Harvard-Yenching Institute.

Since I returned from Toronto we have received a number of letters addressed to you here, some of which were forwarded to us from Dixon. If I understood you aright you asked that until we received further word from you, we should address all mail to you in Dixon. Please let me know if you are to have some other address for the time being.

Very cordially yours,

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B A GARSIDE

Dixon, Ill. Jan. 29/31.

Dear Mr. Gaveson

I have yours of the 24th re the Keen accounts and yours of the 27th re the Library-Museum Bldg. accounts.

I suggest that you credit the following to the building:- Lamont gifts $15000
H. Y. Funds 12000
Coles " 2481.79
$ 29481.79 Total Credits
28694.66 " Expenditures
$ 787.13 Cr Balance

This will allow the Atherton amount to be applied as per the Executive action. There will be more when we adjust all accounts. The Gibson $200 can be left as a Library Bldg. Credit making the total $987.13, if desired, but I think it better to transfer to our general reserve or apply on other unprovided expenditure, covering all & every other deficit of the building - past and future by Coles Funds. If it is found that the Mrs Kate Atherton gift is in other buildings accounts we can provide the bldg account by Coles funds & so credit the Atherton amt. entire to Library Endowment in B.Y. treasury.

I will start westward soon, four to six days in Iowa then go on to S. Dakota. Will reach N.Y. latter half Feb. Meantime send mail here.

Yes! a fairly good time at Executive, but Mr. Rowell and I defeated your man Service afterwards with Sir J. Meantime it appears that my efforts to get another Sir in England are not

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without prospects. I did not write Silcock, but the news travelled to him through Sir Michael —

I have a batch of interesting news from Chengtu — the why, the how & the Result of the anti Communist drive in Chengtu. It's an old story of "many a slip..."! and quick after tumult.

With thanks to you & your staff in our behalf in many ways & Glad for news of Mr. Garside's improvement Cordially yours

Joseph C Beech

P.S. A Cable should go to Mr Albertson, but I am waiting for the Womens Bldg OK re beginning the Building before asking you to send it. JB

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WEST CHINA

239 W. Chamberlain St
Dixon, Ill. Jan 30/31

Dear Mr Saunders:

When I came to answer Sir Michael's letter re the meaning of Art. III Sec. 2 "Affiliated Colleges" I fail to find a copy of the final Constitution here. I think I left my copy in 905. Will you please send me a copy of Article III so that I may get the correct answer to his questions.

Thanking you
Cordially
Joseph B Beech

West China Union University

February 6, 1931

Dr. Joseph Beech,
239 West Chamberlain St.,
Dixon, Ill.

My dear Dr.Beech:

Let me acknowledge receipt of two letters and two post cards.

Your first post card written while you were en route west from Toronto gives the very delightful news that Sir Joseph has agreed to continue to serve as a member of the Board of Governors and will accept the honorary chairmanship. This is certainly most gratifying. The Governors are greatly indebted to you and to Mr.Rowell for your successful efforts in approaching Sir Joseph on this matter.

Your second post card asks us to mail you a supply of certain West China promotional material. This was sent out to you as soon as the post card arrived. I trust it reached you promptly.

Your letter of January 30 asks that we send you a copy of Article III, Section 2 of the Constitution of the West China Board of Governors. I am enclosing a copy of this Constitution herewith.

Your letter of January 29 discusses the clearance of the Library-Museum Building accounts. I note your suggestion that we retain to the credit of this building account only the Lamont gift of $15,000, the Harvard-Yenching Institute funds of $12,000, and the Coles funds of $2,481.79, making a total of $29,481.79, and that we use for other purposes the income received from Mr.F.C.Atherton in 1927 amounting to $1,421.90 and the gift of H.H.Gibson amounting to $200. However, in your estimate that $29,481.79 will more than cover the cost of the building you did not take into account the fact that, in addition to the G$28,694.66 expended in New York and transmitted to the field through our New York accounts, the field overexpended its receipts by G$1,560.12, making the total cost of the building G$30,254.78. This same figure may be arrived at by the following process:-

Expended in New York for architect's fees and miscellaneous purchases	G$3,494.25
Expended on field for construction of the building	26,760.53
	G$30,254.78

If, therefore, we apply toward the cost of the building only the funds you propose totalling G$29,481.79, we will still have a deficit in this building account of $772.99. This is a matter we can hold open until

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you make your next trip to New York.

I am awaiting further word from you as to the result of your conference with the Women's Boards, before attempting to phrase any cablegram to Mr.Albertson.

Very cordially yours,

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B A GARSIDE

Enc.

West China Union University

February 19, 1951

Professor H.B.Robins,
Dr.Joseph Beech,

My dear Professor Robins and Dr.Beech:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a letter sent by Mr.Barclay to Dr.Anderson. You will note the action of the Church Missionary Society with regard to the various points in the revised Constitutions of the West China Board of Governors and the Board of Directors, and will be interested in Mr.Barclay'sn comments on this action.

Dr.Anderson, in passing along this communication from Mr.Barclay, has requested that I send copies of this communication to the members of our West China Committee on Constitution with a request that the Committee consider the matter very carefully, and, if possible, "think out some modification of the language that will meet the views expressed by the C.M.S., so that it may be considered at the meeting of the Executive Committee in May".

Very sincerely yours,

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B A GARSIDE

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CHURCH MISSIONARY SOCIETY

SALISBURY SQUARE

LONDON, E.C.4

3rd February 1931

Dear Dr.Anderson,

Our Committee have passed two resolutions bearing on the work of the West China Union University, of which I enclose copies.

Constitution of the Board of Governors and of the Board of Directors. This is dealt with in the second resolution. Our Committee have been very fully into the draft constitutions of the Board of Governors and of the Board of Directors of the W.C.U.U. They recognise the difficulties under which these constitutions have been drafted, and the able way in which many problems have been met. They would wish however to make special note on four points which they feel that the Board of Governors should consider and deal with, and they make their approval of the constitutions subject to these points.

(1) They are struck with the absence from the Statement of Purpose of the Board of Directors of any words such as those contained in Art.II of the Constitution of the Board of Governors about Christian auspices and the advancement of the Kingdom of God. They did not wish to include in their resolution any definite suggestion for a change in the form of words, but they are anxious that some way should be found of improving the Statement of Purpose of the Directors, either by a reference to Art.II of the Constitution of the Board of Governors, or by introducing into it some similar expressions. It has been suggested to them that it may be practically impossible for the word "Christian" or "Christ" to be put into the Statement of Purpose owing to objections known to be entertained by the Chinese Government authorities. If this be so it is much to be regretted, but it is hoped that something may be done to make the Statement more satisfactory from the Christian point of view than it is at present.

(2) It was felt that as hitherto the Mission Boards had had the recommending of officers and teachers of the University for appointment on the staff, this right ought to be continued; and, in fact, it might prove very awkward if one of the constituent Missions was unable to nominate for appointment on the staff missionaries who had been specially sent out for the work.

(3) It seems to us of importance (in view of the fact that so many of the Board of Directors may be living far away from Chengtu) that at least a Christian majority should be ensured on the Executive Committee of the Board. At present there seems to be no clause ensuring this, and it might soon prove the line of least resistance to put on the Executive those Chinese members of the Board who were living in Chengtu, many, if not most of whom, might be non-Christians. We feel strongly that if the Executive Committee should fall into the hands of a non-Christian majority it might be a very serious matter for the University.

(4) This is merely a matter of fact. The participating Church body is wrongly described in the Constitution of the Board of Directors, and we would ask you to have it correctly described.

We hope that the Board of Governors will be able to give these points

their full consideration, and that they will realize that it is only with the object of trying to get the very best constitution possible for this great University that we felt bound to make these suggestions, and to lay them before the Board of Governors.

Yours very sincerely,

(Signed) J.G.Barclay
Secretary

The Rev.Frank Anderson, D.D.

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MINUTE OF COMMITTEE ON 28th JANUARY 1931

That the Committee of the Church Missionary Society, after having carefully scrutinised the draft Constitutions of the Board of Governors and the Board of Directors of the West China Union University, and the Contractual Statement to be made between the two, all submitted as amended by the Executive Committee of the Board of Governors of the University held in New York on October 23, 1930, desire to emphasise the following important needs:- (1) the further strengthening of the Christian character of the University, especially in the Statement of Purpose of the Board of Directors; (2) the addition of words recognising the right of Mission Boards to recommend officers and teachers of the University; (3) the insertion of a clause ensuring that the majority of the members of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors shall be members of the Christian Church; (4) the correction of the name of the last-mentioned participating Church body to the Western Sub-Synod of the "Chung Hwa Sheng Kung Hui Diocese of West China." That subject to these points being satisfactorily dealt with by the Board of Governors, the Committee give their approval to the Constitutions.

(Signed) J.Gurney Barclay

Secretary

Union University
Office - File copy

Beech, Dr. Joseph

TRANSFER

March 9, 1931

Rev. Frank Anderson, D.D.,
199 Regent St.,
London, Ontario

My dear Dr. Anderson:

I have been separated from a copy of the Constitution until recently. I have now endeavored to answer Sir Michael Sadler's questions regarding Article III, Section 2 of the Constitution. I am enclosing a copy for your files.

Mr. Garside has passed on to me copy of the letter to you from the C.M.S. Secretary, regarding certain Constitutional matters. It seems to me that an answer to their questions or proposals ought to go forward before the next meeting of the Executive. I doubt if we can get Dr. Robins in committee on these questions. I will give you my opinion on the questions and request Mr. Garside to add his opinions or confirm this letter.

1. Regarding Article III, Declaration of Purpose, of The Board of Directors, Mr. Barclay is correct in assuming that there is government opposition to including any reference to Christianity in this "Statement of Purpose". The statement in our draft of the Constitution is precisely as agreed upon by a committee from the Christian Colleges in East China and the former Head of the Bureau of Education of the Nationalist Government, Tsai Yuan-pei. I regret very much that we cannot have as clear-cut expression of Christian purpose for the Board of Directors as we have for the Board of Governors. As the Purpose now stands, it represents compromise, and any effort at change on our part may possibly cause our application for registration to be rejected. I am inclined to think that we might insert a clause after the final word "society" as follows:- "by conducting a University under Christian auspices" so that the final sentence would read "and of meeting the needs of society by conducting a University under Christian auspices". My suggestion would be that we favor sending this Declaration of Purpose forward to the field, amended by this additional clause, but with the understanding that it might be eliminated providing its retention was unacceptable to the registration authorities.

2. The addition of words recognizing the right of Mission Boards to recommend officers and teachers to the University. Under the old Constitution there was no such right unless it was implied in the statement that a Missionary Body might participate in the University by founding a college and contributing teachers, or by contributing teachers and making a financial contribution. Mission Bodies that have established a college have an undisputed right to appoint as many persons to that college as they may desire and in such capacity in that college as they may desire. The present Constitution clearly states that such colleges, called in the new Constitution, Affiliated Residential Colleges, (Board of Governors Constitution, Article III, Section 2, Sub-section (b)) are autonomous institutions. The practice has been for the University, as a teaching body, to request the Missions to appoint teachers to the University, and to request persons who have been appointed to the Residential or Mission Colleges, to teach in the University asthey were able. It is of course expected that this procedure will continue.

I am of the opinion that it would be possible to insert under Article VII of the Board of Directors Constitution, the following phrase:- "including such officers and teachers as may be nominated for appointment by the respective Residential Colleges or their governing Mission Bodies", this clause to be inserted in the fifth line of Sub-section (b), after the phrase "and by the Committee on Studies" so that the entire sentence would read: "to appoint the officers and teachers recommended for appointment by the University faculty and by the Committee on Studies, including such officers and teachers as may be nominated for appointment by the respective Residential Colleges or their governing Mission Bodies."

3. I believe their third proposal or question points to a significant omission in our draft of the Constitution. I suggest that the second paragraph under Article V of the Board of Directors Constitution have the following qualifying clause added to the second paragraph of this article, so that the first sentence shall read as follows:- "The Executive Committee, not exceeding nine in number, two or more of whom shall be women, shall consist of members of the Board of Directors, at least three of whom shall be chosen from representatives of the participating Church Bodies (Article IV, Sub-section (a)) and at least three of whom shall be chosen from the representatives of the Participating Mission Bodies, (Article IV, Sub-section (b))", the rest of the paragraph to continue as in the Constitution draft.

4. The fourth question is simply a clerical change that should be written in Article IV, Sub-section (a), fifth line of this section, so that it shall read as follows:- "three members appointed by the Western Sub-Synod of the 'Chung Hwa Sheng Kung Hui Diocese of West China'."

You will notice that these changes in Article V, of the Executive Committee, guarantee that at least six of the nine will be members of the Christian Church, and that at least three of the Executive Committee will be members of the participating Missions, consequently missionaries. It also provides that the

women shall have approximately one-quarter of representation on the Committee.

The changes that I have suggested do not alter the Constitution and would, I judge, be acceptable to the Mission Bodies without reference back to them for specific action. These changes are, of course, only recommendations by a portion of the committee. They must come before the Executive Committee at its next meeting. I think it will probably facilitate matters if a copy of these suggested changes is sent forward to the Church Missionary Society as a suggested method of meeting the points they have raised.

I am endeavoring to plan my next visit East so as to coincide with the meeting of the Executive. I expect to be in New York for at least a week more, and will greatly appreciate it if you can let me have your judgment as to approximately when the next Executive may be held here.

I have this morning received from Mrs. Hales of the Woman's Missionary Society of the United Church of Canada, copy of the following minute passed by that body at their February meeting:-

1. Re. New Constitution of West China Union University - That we recommend that the Executive of the Dominion Board of The Woman's Missionary Society of The United Church of Canada record its approval of the New Constitution which has been drawn up for the West China Union University.

   Carried.

2. Re. Plans for Woman's College Dormitory at Union University, Chengtu

   (a) That we approve of the general layout as suggested by the architect, Mr. Silcox.

   (b) That we authorize the College Committee on the Field to erect the permanent dormitory providing the cost does not exceed the amount granted - $12,000 gold from the Woman's Missionary Society of the United Church of Canada and $50,000 Mex. (at par $25,000 Gold) from the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of The American Methodist Episcopal Church.

   Carried.

I am sure you will require a copy of their action regarding the Constitution. Their resolution regarding the Woman's College building may also be of interest, if not necessary for your files.

With very best wishes,

Respectfully,
Signed
Joseph Beech

Cordially approved by
M A Gaersler

JB.A

March 10, 1931

Dr. Henry B. Robins,
The Colgate-Rochester Divinity School,
Rochester, N. Y.

My dear Dr. Robins:

Mr. Garside has already written you regarding proposals for amendment to the draft of the Constitution, submitted by the Church Missionary Society. I have endeavored to meet their point of view in changes suggested in the body of the enclosed letter. Mr. Garside has approved these suggestions and I am now sending them on to you with the request that you add your suggestions or confirmation on both copies and then mail all the enclosed matter to Dr. Anderson.

Respectfully yours,

dated 3/9/31

(Joseph Buck)

JB.A

March 13, 1931

~~Care Rev. C.W. Cooper~~

TRANSFER

For letter or wire

Mar 15-16 Barnesville O

Care Rev. ~~C.W. Cooper~~ J.M. Wolfe

Mar 14 Care Rev. J. F. Cash Woodsfield O. — wire only

Memo for Mr Evans —

Please open letters from Ford Motor Co Somerville Mass and any from Wesleyan University to ascertain if and when the Ambulance + the Drive for funds to secure it is to be put-on at Wesleyan Middletown Conn.

If information is such that my return seems called for soon, please wire me at above address

If I do not return or write by Wednesday P.M. forward mail to Dixon address

Oblige Joseph Beech

PEKING UNIVERSITY

(CHINESE NAME—YENCHING UNIVERSITY)

PEKING, CHINA

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

150 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK

TRANSFER

West China Union University

March 18, 1931

Dr. Joseph Beech
239 West Chamberlain Street
Dixon, Illinois

Dear Doctor Beech

The enclosed telegram came to hand yesterday. The letter to Silcock which you dictated was ready to be sent, but we held it pending the possibility of seeing you today or receiving some word regarding change in address. However, we have added a paragraph to the communication stating that the wireless has come to hand and is being forwarded to you, and we could see no reason why the letter should be withheld, in fact there appeared to be excellent reason for sending the letter before you had knowledge of the wireless.

There is some mail which is being forwarded today, and the letter from Wesleyan is self-explanatory. We did not communicate with you as the letter did not reach us until yesterday morning, and in view of the fact that the campaign at Wesleyan has been put off until the 18th to 20th of April, there was no justification in making a strenuous effort to locate you.

We received a message from the Methodist Board yesterday afternoon stating that they were in receipt of a suit of clothes for you. Miss Sakmann is now carefully guarding these and assures me that no moths will find lodgment therein. Shall we wear them or send them on to you?

Very cordially yours

C. A. Evans

Assistant Treasurer

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March 17, 1931

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CHENGTU LETTERS STATE WOMENS COLLEGE WILL BUILD NOW UNIVERSITY BUILDING PROGRAMME PROBABLY RESTARTING IF YOU APPROVE APPLY BOARD GOVERNORS IMMEDIATELY FOR ME ARCHITECT BUILDER CHENGTU COULD PROBABLY SAIL SHORTLY VIA AMERICA CABLE REPLY

ARNOLD SILCOCK

TRANSFER

Mar. 20th 1930 #1

WEST CHINA

My dear Mr. Evans:-

Thank you for Telegram forwarded from Mr. Silcock, London. You did exactly right re sending on the letter to him & noting receipt of cable.

Thanks also for "Wesleyan" information. Their dates run counter to some others but will try to get there if they fix on those dates.

Please express the pkg express collect that "Miss Sakman is quaking" to me here — or "wear them out here —

Will you ascertain from Mrs Anderson if the letter from Leslie Kilborn, Chengtu, left with her to copy sections to be

3-20-30

forwarded to Mr A. Silcock, London. has been returned to me. If it is in the office there, will you please mail, Special Delivery to Dr Gordon B Agnew, Delegate Dental Teachers' Convention, Memphis, Tenn. The convention opens Sunday. I wrote Mr G— re forwarding literature there also.

Please forward mail here till further notice. Thanks to you all — Cordially

Joseph Beach

239 West Chamberlain St
Dixon Ill.

BOARD OF GOVERNORS
OF THE
WEST CHINA UNION UNIVERSITY

ESTABLISHED 1910 IN
CHENGTU, SZECHWAN, CHINA

REV. JOSEPH BEECH, D.D., PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY

OFFICE OF THE TREASURER
150 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK CITY

239 to Chamberlain &
Dixon Ill.
Mar 23/31

Dear Mr Paxman:

In Room 905 - Central Dest upper drawer near window at back of drawer you will find a box with my cards. Will you please mail me about 1/2 of the cards - retaining the rest in drawer - Also please mail about 50 - 100 sheets of this University paper with envelopes - And greatly oblige.

Key to central drawer enclosed - Please keep till called for - Thank you very much for this & other favors for which thanks are already past due

Very Cordially
Joseph Beech

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West China Union University

March 23, 1931 #2

Dr. Joseph Beech
239 West Chamberlain Street
Dixon, Illinois

Dear Dr. Beech:

Your letter of the 20th and also card to Mr. Garside have come to hand.

I regret exceedingly that it is impossible for me to wear the contents of that mysterious package in accepting your very kind invitation. As a consequence, we are sending them by express collect.

The enclosed copy of a letter we mailed to Dr. Agnew shows you that we have forwarded Leslie Kilborn's letter and we have also taken care of the material as requested on the card to Mr. Garside. Mrs. Anderson asked me to enclose copy of a letter to Mr. Arnold Silcock. In addition we are enclosing a letter from the Ford Motor Company at Somerville, Mass., together with a copy of a communication they forwarded to Mr. Herron. These letters came to hand this morning and almost at the same time Dr. Baker's secretary handed me your letter of March 20th addressed to the Methodist Board. Before they went ahead with their advertising, I advised them of the possibility of your going to Middletown from the 16th to the 20th. Your acceptance, however, by telegram encouraged them to proceed with their advertising material but this last letter completely upset their calculation.

Therefore, in view of the seeming uncertainty, I immediately telephoned to Middletown and found out from Mr. Herron that the only dates they were figuring upon wherein they could use your presence were the sixteenth and seventeenth of April. Therefore I immediately made these dates definite and told the Methodist Board that you would carry out your engagement in the St. Paul district from the nineteenth to the twenty-fourth. This will mean that you will have to jump from Middletown immediately to St. Paul as we believe the meetings begin on Sunday, the nineteenth. Unfortunately, however, the Board is unable to proceed with their advertising as they haven't one of your photographs, and we endeavored to cover the whole situation by wiring you as follows:

"Definitely arranged with Wesleyan April sixteenth-seventeenth. Methodist Board St. Paul April nineteenth on. Send recent photo air mail. Letter follows."

We have made the date definite with the Ford Motor Company stating that you will be in Middletown on the sixteenth and the seventeenth and have forwarded a copy of the letter to Mr.Herron. We trust that our action in getting mixed up in this somewhat complicated situation will meet with your approval but the course we have taken seemed to be the only logical one to pursue.

Very cordially yours,

C. A. Evans

Enc.

CAE:C

CC: Mr. Herron

TRANSFER

(Received) March 26, 1931

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

West China Union University

CHENGTU, WEST CHINA

WEST CHINA

239 W Chamberlain St
Dixon Ill

Dear Mr Evans

Your wire received - and this to confirm & agree therewith.

Will you notify Wesleyan that I will be there for 16-17 specified & also notify Mr. Benson Baker 6th Floor that I will keep the dates 19-24th as requested.

The recent photo is awaiting sitting, but the latest is enclosed with request to treat it kindly & return,

Cordially

Joseph Beech

I enclose an envelope for Miss Saxman -

Mr Evans

TRANSFER

WEST CHINA

West China Union University

March 26, 1931

Dr. Joseph Beech
239 West Chamberlain Street
Dixon, Illinois

Dear Doctor Beech

We have before us your letter enclosing photograph, and we have passed the latter on to the Methodist Board. We were rather reluctant to do this as we did not think it good enough, but the Board was very glad to get it nevertheless and has promised to be very careful with it and return it just as soon as they are through.

We have notified Wesleyan that you will be there on the 16th and 17th of April, although we did not tell them that you will arrive on the 16th at 6 A. M., which probably you will do. We have also told Dr. Baker that you will fill the dates from the 19th to the 24th in your usual entertaining and persuasive manner.

Miss Sakmann will add a postscript to this letter in response to your communication to her.

Very cordially yours

C. A. Evans

Assistant Treasurer

CAE:MS

P. S. This morning I mailed you the stationery, envelopes, and cards for which you asked me, and I shall hold your desk key until you come again to New York. - I can't compete with Mr. Evans in making flattering remarks, but we all look forward to seeing you again.

MS.

WEST CHINA

TRANSFER

N.Y.C. Near Chicago 2 PM. Apr 18/31

Dear Mr Garside:—

Mail received at N.Y. included an letter from Arnold Silcock, architect London, dated Apr 4th. It was reply to my letter asking him to sketch out a plan for the University Med. Dent Hospitals in accordance with proposals originating at Chengtu and to sketch elevation of a sample "Unit" of the group of bldgs. You will remember that I was authorized to get such preliminary drawings.

Mr A. Silcock said he was hard at work on this job. I think he should get the work to us, even if rough form, in time for Exec May 14. I have so written him today. I think it advisable to cable him "Send drawings for Exec May 14" — or some such idea as the Mission Board best provides. The address, ~~Asilcock~~ Enhearten London, Asilcock, etc etc. Sign, BEECH

4-18-31

I have written him re address to which the plans should be sent. If such come in my name please keep for Executive Meeting.

The cable to address given on opposite side will go to H J. Silcock, Friends House & will be passed on to Asilcock

Thank You!

Cordially

Joseph Beech

TRANSFER

Dixon Apr 29/31

WEST CHINA

Dear Mr Garside

Just got home today, first time since saying "good bye" to you in N.Y.

Thanks for yours of Apr 24 re sending cable to Mr Silcock; ② yours of Apr 22 re date at Lynbrook as of May 10th. Am writing to say I will be there which means you may expect me in on 9th Am at latest.

I enclose bill for University — W. China Slides — Please pay it + charge Ill. Publicity or Expense

2 4-29-31

A letter from Mr Herron awaiting me here says the visit to Wesleyan has already netted about $900 with more to follow – So the slide change seems justified in one venture – Will get there again at Commencement + boost the completes $1800 asked for the "Chariot"

With best wishes to all with you cordially

J Beach

TRANSFER

WEST CHINA

West China Union University

May 4, 1931

Dr. Joseph Beech,
239 West Chamberlain Street
Dixon, Ill.

My dear Dr.Beech:

Let me acknowledge receipt of your letter of April 29.

We are paying the Methodist World Service Commission the bill for slides amounting to $32.90. It is certainly gratifying that Wesleyan has made such a generous start toward providing funds for the purchase of the "Chariot".

We look forward to seeing you here in New York on Saturday of this week.

Very cordially yours,

BAG-H

B A GARSIDE

CC: Accounting Office

On N.Y.C. Train – May 17/21

Dear Mr. Garside:

Mail recd this AM & now opened,

The following –

1. Dr. W.R. Morse, 1301 Centre St., Newton Centre, Mass. wants "the name of firm from which the Univ buys its books?" (Batten & Taylor as I remember) Do they give us discount"? Will you answer him. He wants to buy ~~the~~ books to take back with him & judge

2 Will you pay the enclosed bill – as was approved by Exec at Toronto?

3. Seven Missionary Societies in Gt Br. "who contribute to China Univs have formed a United Committee to further the interests of higher education in China" – "Rooms have been secured & a full time secy installed. The latter is Associate Prof at West China Univ, released for two year. This made possible in first instance by a financial gift" etc etc. More when I return

4. We have got our man for Chemistry, a D.S. now on staff of Belfast Univ.

Cordially Joseph Beech.