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WEST CHINA UNION UNIVERSITY
CHENGDU, Szechwan.

January, 3, 1940

JOINT OFFICE

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If weight permits, I will enclose two copies of building costs, one for R.F. and one for Dr. Alan Gregg. If you find only one copy please make a copy and forward to the other person.

Wishing you and your staff, Dr. Garside, Mr. Parker et al and of course Mrs. Evans a Happy New Year led by the Prince of Peace.

The copies I send are for Dr. Gregg & R.F.
With my New Year's Greetings

Also report to Bd. Governors

Cordially yours Joseph Beech

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Cordially yours
Joseph Madlock

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Attached to Beech's letter of Jan. 3, 1940

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WEST CHINA UNION UNIVERSITY
CHENG TU, SZECHWAN

Progress Report of the Out Patient Department Building

December 31, 1939

Receipts:

Grant from The Rockefeller Foundation

C\$93,028.00

Expenditures:

Stones for foundations	C\$ 4,180.83	
Bricks and tiles	18,697.99	
Lime	10,934.95	
Poles	4,903.00	
Glass	4,272.50	
Lumber	22,552.76	
Cement	1,000.00	
Sand, mats, ropes, etc.	2,090.51	
Ventilators	288.42	
Painting	2,300.00	
Filling ground and leveling	1,714.51	
Labor	16,810.09	
Transportation charges	6,630.41	
Share of architect's office	975.45	
		C\$97,351.42

Expenditures over amount granted on Dec. 31, 1939

C\$ 4,323.42

/s/ T. H. Williams
Secretary of Building Committee.

/s/ Elsie M. Priest
For the Bursar.

/s/ Joseph Beech, Chancellor.

Note: There are still several items that have not been cleared as the building is not yet completed. Therefore, this report should be considered only a progress report.

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January 5, 1940

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

Dear Dr. Beech:

I find I have not acknowledged your letter of November 7th and thank you for the same.

As yet we have not received the minutes covering the new organization of the field forces as presumably they have not been released from the printer. Quite naturally this reorganization should do much to relieve the situation.

The situation at Yenching insofar as the operation is concerned is somewhat different. At least the actual application finds lodgment with the President himself - but, we will hope for the best at West China.

Thank you for your recommendation regarding the addressing of correspondence.

The following drafts on the Hospital Account have been received and paid:

Draft No. 939	-	\$2,000.00	LC\$32,500.00
" " 943	-	1,000.00	15,500.00
" " 947	-	4,000.00	62,000.00

In another letter I am writing you regarding the details of the Hospital Account.

We have heard that the first installment of \$10,000.00 on the \$30,000. voted by the W.F.M.S. is being made available for the field and that others will follow in due course.

I note that the solution of the \$58,326.17 mystery will be forthcoming and will be glad to have it in hand.

Many things have happened since you wrote this letter -- the latest came through this morning indicating another major victory around Canton. We hope these are true and also the predictions from T. Z. Koo come true when he says that "Japan will be out of China within a year." I wonder.

We are overjoyed to learn of your continued recovery and look forward with great anticipation to seeing you in the not too distant future.

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

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CONFIRMATION OF TELEGRAM

The Rockefeller Foundation
New York

January 15, 1940

BEECH
HUATA
CHENG TU (China)

TRANSFER \$1738.09 TO CARRY ON OUTPATIENT CONSTRUCTION
APPROVED STOP NO CHANGE FOR VISIT CHINA LEAVING FOR EUROPE
SATURDAY

GREGG

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WCUU, Chengtu, Jan. 17/40
ack 4/26/40

Dear Mr. Evans:

I am reporting to the Board of Directors at their coming meeting the need of endowed scholarships, and endowed hospital beds for the poor in connection with the University New Hospital.

I will ask them to set up two such endowments both in the name of Wesleyan University even if the cash is not directly from Wesleyan.

For one of these endowments, Miss Priest will draw upon you to the amount of \$1200.

Provision for this with you is as follows:

- (1) Your 1937 statement of my accounts, May 16, \$400 marked "Hold for Dr. Beech." Hosp. Bed.
- (2) Your 1938 statement, July 16, \$185 Wesleyan.
- ** (3) Other Wesleyan gifts since that date.

Especially all gifts since I left USA

* I wrote you the Wesleyan desire for the hospital bed endowment to be set up in China, not the USA, not long since.

** Complete account of gifts not as yet in our possession, but I assume ~~their~~ gifts will reach \$615 by the time this reaches you. If not, you may use the WMH. Leslie Hospital Fund \$50 and so much as may be required from the Wesleyan \$700 for hospital equip and furnishing account, if you deem it necessary.

I will take care of the other scholarship endowment at this end. I will report on these matters when the Governors meet in June.

Facing Homeward from this time onward. The Directors will meet in Chungking in March, 15-31. I will be there enroute to USA. If via Pacific, Will stop at Shanghai, Asso Treas., and perhaps may have to go to Peking.

After leaving Hongkong, I could do better in exchange for personal checks, than Letter of Credit, so sold them and kept Lof C for return and equipment adjustments here etc. If limited to time, please extend with Irving Trust, if you find it required.

We are going on with the completion of the OPD Building, with my guarantee up to NC \$20,000. For my guarantee, I have guarantee. So that job can be finished. I believe I have guarantee for a hospital superintendent also,

Dr. Brown, Wuhu. Cordially, - Joseph Beech over

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P.S. Our Board of Directors will meet in Chungking about March 15th
I will leave for US after close of that meeting. If you have any
messages for me or the Board you may address me Care ^{Rev} W.A. McCurdy
#7 Dai Kia Ngai. If you or ^{Dr} Ganside or the Governors desire
to address the Board - it might be well to remember
that Minister Chang Kia ngau, Ministry of Communications
Chungking - he is Chairman of the Board. We are holding
the meeting at Chungking - a new departure - in order to get Chang
et al in Chungking at the meeting. Communication to him
might help quicken his sense of responsibility.

Some materials have begun to turn up & I hope to see
the Q.P.D. building finished and the Front Hospital bldgs
under roof before I leave. "H-o-p-e-s-o."

JB

February 3, 1940

ANALYSIS OF THE WEST CHINA HOSPITAL ACCTS.

CLINICAL HOSPITAL FUND (122j)

Jul.1, 1938	Balance previously reported from individual donors (Schedule A).....	\$6,406.00
15	Balance of China Medical Grant from field (CS\$6,250).....	1,847.63
Aug.2	Mrs. John H. Stone.....	5.00
26	Rockefeller Foundation for building Out-patient Division.....	10,000.00
Nov.5	Balance Rockefeller Grant.....	5,000.00
		<u>\$23,258.63</u>

HOSPITAL EQUIPMENT FUND (122k)

Oct.18, 1937	Mr. Edgar S. Ryder.....	10.00
Aug.26, 1938	Rockefeller Foundation-Lab. Equipment.	5,000.00
	" " -Exp.-Dr. Cheer.	2,417.37
30	" " -Bal.- " "	582.63
Nov. 5	" " -Equipment, etc.	12,000.00
2	Dr. George B. Tompkins.....	15.00
Dec.14	J. E. and George Hall.....	1,270.00
		<u>\$21,295.00</u>

BENJAMIN MOORE MEMORIAL FUND (122r)

Oct.20, 1931	Cash - Mrs. E. C. Moore.....	10,000.00
Jan. 6, 1937	" - Mrs. Benjamin Moore.....	10,000.00
Apr.15	" - " " "	10,000.00
Jan.13, 1938	" - " " "	10,000.00
Apr.30	" - " " "	5,000.00
Oct.17	" - " " "	5,000.00
	Interest and Gain on Exchange.....	8,073.94
		<u>\$58,073.94</u>

TOTAL RECEIPTS

Clinical Hospital Fund.....	23,258.63
Hospital Equipment Fund.....	21,295.00
Benjamin Moore Mem'l.Fund.....	58,073.94
	<u>102,627.57</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

Hospital Equipment Fund (24k).....	21,276.84
(as listed in Schedule B)	
Clinical Hospital (26j).....	60,304.76
	<u>81,581.50</u>
	<u>\$21,046.07</u>

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150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

February 3, 1940

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

Dear Dr. Beech:

Your letter of December 1st is at hand, and we join with you in sincere regret over the death of Mr. Yarrow. Having lived a life of usefulness and Christian devotion, his passing will serve as a blessing in disguise if a certain individual I know takes it to heart and profits thereby.

We all sympathize with you in the slowing down of the hospital project and the additional burden which is entailed through rising costs of commodities and labor. It is possible, however, that the Lord's hand is also in this situation and in His good time He will show the reason for these delays.

Your two paragraphs covering the hospital expenditures in general coincide with our view of the situation. Taking into consideration the items which you listed, approximately US\$30,000.00 would have been available. Since that time, however, drafts amounting to \$10,025.00 have been received. We have gone to the extent of listing practically our entire accounting of these funds.

You will see from the attached schedules that practically every item on our books has been recorded. This should allow a swift and complete check-up with your books, and bring a complete return report from West China covering all of the transactions.

Your letter somewhat anticipated the action taken by the Executive Committee in session at Toronto, of which Mr. Garside will write you further, but that action only adds emphasis to the necessity of sending us a detailed complete report. As you have used all of the funds in Shanghai, this should clarify such a statement. In other words, the funds are now either in your possession on the field or here in New York City.

With the set up you now have in the Treasurer's office, accounts are probably in excellent condition and it will not be difficult to make such a statement.

You ask regarding the pulse rate on exchange. I have taken occasion to discuss this matter with a number of people. The consensus of opinion seems to be that, unless the Japanese gain control of larger areas in China, the exchange will probably remain grubbing around between seven and eight for some considerable period. Whether or not the offensive launched by the Japanese in South China will result in any strategic advantage, we cannot say now, but apparently your guess on the money situation is just as good as any of those with whom I have talked. If, however, we see any change in the offing, we will get in touch with you immediately.

There was no mention made that the Wesleyan gift on our books, and held for endowment, was to be sent to China. If it is your thought that it be

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Dr. Beech

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forwarded, of course we will have to honor the draft upon receipt - but, frankly, I would not recommend such a procedure regardless of the amount of interest you can secure in China. These are perilous days to venture into this field with new funds, especially when most of our Universities are using up their local currency balances rather than draw funds from America. The fund now stands at \$418.26 -- the \$18.26 being interest for one year.

Your request to have a list of all other gifts is noted, and your instructions will be welcome.

The letter requesting additional Harvard-Yenching Institute funds came to hand and was presented to the Executive Committee, and a cable has been dispatched announcing the approval of the Committee. We have, therefore, taken steps to engage Mr. Fang. It seemed best, however, first of all to communicate with the Director of the Congressional Library and we are following through along these lines.

We are all greatly appreciative of your expressions of gratitude for the efforts in America, and also for the action of the British Indemnity Board establishing the professorships.

Your enclosure for Dr. Anderson was forwarded promptly.

It is our prayer that the Lord will continue to protect all of these institutions which are carrying on so magnificently in the face of great difficulties. From all that we hear, the Chinese people appreciate the sympathy and courage shown by the foreigners in these perilous times, and in God's own time there will be a harvesting.

Again, dear Sir, watch your step. We want to welcome you upon your return as one glowing with health and fine spirit. May the Lord be with you.

Cordially yours,

C. A. EVANS

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cc: Accounting Office.

Original via China Clipper - 2/5/40
Copy via "President Coolidge" - 2/7/40

ENCS - "Special Gifts"
"Analysis of The West China Hospital Accts."

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SCHEDULE A

Clinical Hospital Fund (122j)

Oct. 1, 1931	Thru M.E.Bd.-Gift of W.A.Notman, Buffalo...	\$5,000.00
Nov.19, 1937	Mrs. William F. Mead.....	25.00
30	Mr. Robert B. Newell.....	15.00
Dec.28	Mr. Floyd J. Miller.....	25.00
Jan. 4, 1938	Mr. Carl C. Stickney.....	5.00
13	Mr. C. S. Tasker.....	5.00
	Mr. George G. Reynolds.....	25.00
	Mr. W. C. Atkins.....	5.00
	Mr. Frank B. Wade.....	5.00
	Mr. Lewis S. Westgate.....	10.00
	Mr. Arthur S. Tasker.....	5.00
	Mr. F. C. Atherton.....	500.00
	Miss Lucy O. Searle.....	5.00
	Mr. Franklin A. Galloway.....	1.00
22	Mrs. George W. Davison.....	50.00
Apr.18	Mr. Francis M. Knoblauch.....	25.00
20	Wesleyan University Committee.....	700.00
		<u>\$6,406.00</u>

SCHEDULE B

Equipment - Hospital (24k)

Oct.27, 1937	Faichney Inst. Corp.(thermometers).....	\$ 6.84
Aug. 3, 1938	Amer. Cystoscope Makers(Liljestrand order)	549.00
11	Physicians & Surgeons' Supply.....	162.40
30	Sanborn Company (Dr. Cheer's order).....	582.63
30	Amer. Cystoscope Makers(Liljestrand order)	35.90
Sept.13	Hospital Supply Co. (Liljestrand order)...	14.12
19	M.E.Board-Shipping chges. a/c 5M Grant....	30.13
	" " " " " a/c 5M Gen.Med..	31.23
22	Can.Bnk.of Commerce-Wilford -Projector....	62.75
23	Amer.Hospital Supply-Wilford-a/c 5M grant.	169.29
Oct. 13	Davis & Geck-Surg. pictures- " " "	43.67
	Sanborn Co.-Dr. Cheer's order.....	36.29
17	Draft to E.C.Wilford - Dr. Cheer's order..	200.50
	Rockefeller Fd.- C. McKissick.....	161.00
	" " - G.P. Pilling & Sons.....	506.92
	" " - L. Flarsheim Co.	833.00
	" " - Ins. on above.....	36.67
27	J.F. Harty Co.-Dr. Wilford-a/c 5M.....	126.70
	Storz Inst. Co.-Dr.Peterson- " "	33.39
29	Amer.Hospital Supply- " " "	127.99
Nov. 25	Pilling & Son- " " "	475.43
26	Morris Ehnes,Treas. Bal. " "	463.19

SCHEDULE B (contd.)

Nov. 29, 1938	Rockefeller Fd.-Bausch & Lomb-Peterson...	270.39
Dec. 14, 1938	Amer. Sterilizer Co.	8,370.00
Jan. 17, 1939	E.V. Mahady Co.-Hosp.Equip.-Myra L.Sawyer	41.45
27	Adv.to Dr.Beech for transp. of supplies..	1,005.00
Feb. 10	Rockefeller Fd.-Inv.for transp. charges..	2,328.17
	Joseph Beech-transp. hospital supplies...	500.00
Mar. 27	Rockefeller Fd.- X-ray equipment.....	2,256.75
	" " - Freight charges.....	69.76
	" " - Insurance "	85.05
Apr. 11	Joseph Beech-Bal. grant for freight.....	391.23
	" " -Gift from G.E. & Geo.Hall...	1,270.00
		<u>\$21,276.84</u>

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WCUU, Feb. 5th, 1940

Dear Mr. Evans:

(1) H.Y. Additional Fund & Mr. Fong-Librarian.

Please say to Dr. Garside that his letter and cable re the extra grant of H.Y. money have been received, with thanks to all.

Re this there remains the matter of negotiating with Mr. Fong, whose salary was included in this extra grant to come to West China as Librarian. Arrangements will require an understanding with Library of Congress re the time of his departure, the principal I settled with the head of the Oriental Division, Mr. Hummel, as I recall the name. When the terms as to arrival, salary, and service have been agreed upon, mail them to President Dsang with request he write a contract. If you have difficulty, let the terms of actual contract await my arrival, I will bring the contract with me. But begin negotiations at once so that he can leave US in early summer at latest.

(2) Transfer of R.F. Equipment grant to OPD, Building account.

Since the grant for building the Outpatient Building was expended on the building, but the building not completed, I wrote Dr. Gregg for permission to transfer \$1739.09 from the equipment fund to the OPD building fund. Cable agreement to this has been received. Will report details of this as soon as the complete account of the building can be secured. I fear it will not be before I leave, however.

(3) Purchase of Equipment from Dr. Peterson's order.

Mrs. Peterson will present to you an order for equipment purchased from the Methodist Hospital same to be paid to the Methodist Board of Foreign Missions. Please pay it and charge the amount against my gifts for Hospital Equipment, or just pay it and hold till my arrival. I do not have the exact amount, but it probably will not exceed \$766.10. (Total purchase \$1200)

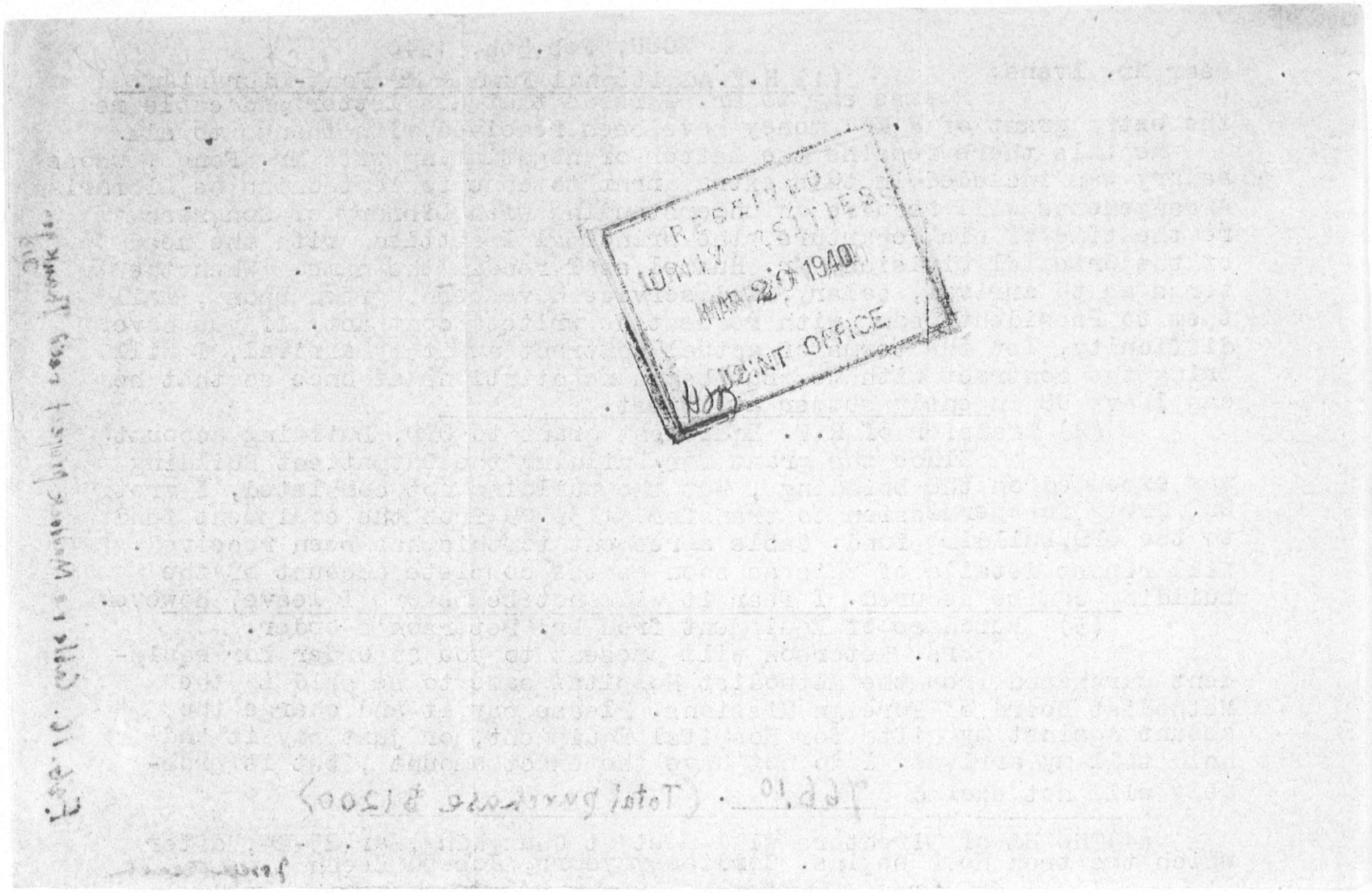
(4) The Bd of Directors will meet at Chungking, Mar. 23-24, after which the trek home begins. Cordially yours, Joseph Beech

Feb. 16. Cable re Methodist project rec'd Thank you J.B.

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February 6, 1940

Dr. Joseph Beech
West China Union University
Chengt'u, Szechuan
China

Dear Dr. Beech,

The letter Mr. Evans has already written you on February 3 discusses in a general way the question of hospital building finances, and gives a detailed statement as to the status of hospital building funds here in New York. Also, our office has mailed to the field a copy of the minutes of the meeting of the West China Executive Committee held in Toronto on January 19. In this present letter, therefore, I need do no more than bring to your special attention Action E-1432, which reads as follows:

"VOTED that an airmail letter be despatched without delay to the President of the University informing him in detail of the state of the Clinical Hospital Building accounts in New York City. The President is to be requested to arrange for a prompt review of and report on building plans in process or completed, and the building estimates and accounts. This latter should include all funds in hand or assured, in New York or in China, for the buildings and their equipment, and the amounts necessary to bring all buildings on which work has already been done above the foundations to a state of completion sufficient to allow effective use thereof. Such a report should include a clear statement of prospective building deficits, if any. The President is asked to furnish the Executive Committee with the above information by airmail at the earliest possible date."

I believe that the latest detailed report we have had from Chengtu with regard to the hospital building was that sent by Mr. Robertson on July 11. To that report was attached a financial summary showing that as of June 30 amounts on hand in China for the completion of the hospital building amounted to \$78,488.09 Chinese currency for the building itself, and \$53,937.50 Chinese currency for equipment. Undoubtedly some of these balances have been expended in the meantime. But on the other hand the field has made additional drafts on the building funds which we have been holding in the hospital accounts here in New York, and may also have received additional gifts from other sources. Obviously the first question which the Governors would like to know is this: - Just how much available hospital building and equipment funds does the University have in China at present?

The second question the Governors have asked is answered in the statement attached to Mr. Evans's letter of February 3 - that, at the present time, we have here in New York an unexpended balance of US\$21,046.07 in the hospital building and equipment accounts.

The third question the Governors would like to have answered is

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this: - What unpaid pledges are now outstanding for building or equipping the hospital? In answering this a list of pledges, showing donors, amounts, and expected date of payment, should be prepared. The degree of certainty that pledges will be paid in full at about the time specified, should be indicated in each case. To complete the picture, it might also be well to add a supplementary list of other possible sources of additional gifts, which cannot at this time be considered actual pledges. The grounds of our hopes for gifts in each case should be indicated.

On the other side, your report should also show what amounts are estimated to be necessary "to bring all buildings on which work has already been done above the foundations to a state of completion sufficient to allow effective use thereof." This will be more difficult to estimate accurately, because prices are so unstable and are subject to such rapid and violent fluctuations. But the best possible estimates should be made, and given in as complete detail as you can, so that the Governors may have a reasonably clear picture.

In your letter to Mr. Evans, you refer again to arriving in New York in time to be "at the Board of Governors Meeting in June". At the meeting of the West China Executive Committee in Toronto it was agreed that the Board of Governors would hold their annual meeting during the same week as the Annual Meeting of the Associated Boards. The Associated Boards will meet on May 13 and 14, and the West China Board will probably meet on May 15. We are getting this information off to Chengtu by cable so that you can make your plans accordingly.

Very cordially yours,

B. A. Garside

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February 15, 1940

Dr. Joseph Beech
West China Union University
Chengtú, Szechwan, CHINA

Dear Dr. Beech:

Your letter of January 3rd enclosing a statement of building costs on the O.P.D. is at hand. This statement has been sent to Dr. Gregg, but as he is in Europe and will not return until the middle of March, it will take some time before he takes any action thereon, if it is necessary.

I hope there is a copy of your letter to Dr. Gregg outlining the conditions which have held up building operations in the mail. We are sadly in need of information in our office.

I was at the Shanghai Tiffin Club the other day and Roger Greene was my righthand neighbor. He asked me if I could give him up-to-date information on the building project and I promised to do so. After digging through correspondence in our office, however, I was amazed at the dearth of news regarding the project. A personal explanation from you is the best anyone could want, and we are looking forward to this at our spring meeting. Meanwhile I trust that you have something on the way which will help us answer questions from many interested parties.

(Antel King)
I have seen your letter of November 1st written to Mr. Maddock and talked with him early in December one Sunday at church. His understudy has been in the office with copy for the booklet which they were planning to send out, but I have not had any report on the success of the venture. They did not wish to ask for any small amount as was set forth in your communication, but felt that a more sizable figure would make it appear to be a real project. Mr. Maddock has been away for a number of weeks and I am trying to check with his secretary regarding the progress made with the booklet, and will add an appendix, if possible, before this letter is mailed. Upon second thought, I may cable if there is any promising news.

We are all grateful here for your good wishes and look forward with pleasant anticipation to seeing you in the Spring.

Most cordially yours,

C. A. EVANS

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P. S. I have talked with Mr. Weingart of Mr. Maddock's office and apparently they have decided that it would be better to have the smaller amount as a goal rather than the one upon which we agreed. There is to be a conference on Friday of this week at which time something definite will be decided.

I am thinking it might be best for us to expend the cost of a telegram to acquaint you with the situation, as you cannot, of course, proceed on the strength of having this money available. I am, therefore, cabling you as follows:

"ACTION MADDOCK PROPOSITION FRIDAY. NOTHING TANGIBLE YET."

I worded the cable in this manner, although I am sure nothing definite will be decided tomorrow. Will write you or cable any new developments.

C. A. E.

Via CHINA CLIPPER - 2/19/40
c.c. via "PRESIDENT ADAMS" - 2/15/40

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P. S. Dr. Gregg's Secretary has sent us a copy of your letter of December 20th, and copy of cablegram of January 15th authorizing \$1738.09 to carry on the Out Patient construction.

C. A. E.

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150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y.
February 16, 1940

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

Dear Dr. Beech:

This is answering your inquiry regarding the possibility of securing Mr. Fang now with the Library of Congress, Washington, D. C., for librarian at West China.

We wrote to Dr. A. W. Hummel, Chief, Division of Orientalia, who replied as follows:

"Mr. Fang will be needed in this Library at least until late next autumn for the completion of a Chinese Biographical Dictionary on which he and I have been working for the past six years. A part of this is in the press and the rest will not be ready for the printer until next fall. Since Mr. Fang has been with the work from the beginning we obviously need him very badly to see it entirely through the press. I may say that this is also what he wishes to do. Having spent all these years on a very exacting work covering more than a thousand printed pages, he himself is naturally concerned to see that it goes through the press with a minimum of errors.

Mr. Beech talked with Mr. Fang about the librarianship at Chengtu and it is possible that Mr. Fang would consider it a year from now. I may say, however, that Mr. Fang is considering working with Dr. Wittfogel of the Social Sciences Department of Columbia University in the translation of economic sections from the Chinese histories. Mr. Fang seems to be interested in taking up this latter work when he is through with the Dictionary which this Library is issuing.

This means that we cannot release Mr. Fang until the end of this year. If the Biographical Dictionary is completed by then we of course have no claims upon him. Which position he will then choose is naturally for him to decide."

In view of the foregoing, it appears that Mr. Fang has made some definite overtures towards staying in America for some time to come. I have not written to him as apparently Dr. Hummel has pretty much all of the information at hand.

Your further instructions will be immediately followed up.

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

CAE/B

Via CHINA CLIPPER - 2/19/40
c.c. via next boat.

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Chengtu, Szechuan
March 8, 1940

Dear Ones of the Beech Family:

It has occurred to me that I ought to give you my itinerary. Leaving Chengtu by plane March 22nd. Will remain in Chungking with friends and attend Board of Directors' Meeting. Leave by plane for Hongkong on April 2nd. Leave Hongkong April 5th on S. S. President Cleveland due San Francisco April 25th and leave for Los Angeles the same day, where I will be with Mrs. Jane Harvey, 1040½ N. Sweetzer Street.

Now let me be a reporter. About ten days ago I received word that the Chinese Government was preparing to heap honors on me before I leave Chengtu and Chungking. The following is a notification from my friend Chianglingau, Minister of Communications, translated by Lihen.

(1) "Dr. Beech: The National Government has announced today the conferring of a special honor to Dr. Joseph Beech. The Government has further decided to award the Fourth Class Medallion of Flowery Jade with red and blue borders that has been given once to another American, Professor John Dewey.

With my congratulations,
Changlingau."

(2) From the Central News Agency, Chungking,
February 26, 1940:

"Special Order of the National Government:
From a petition of the Executive Yuan, based on another from the Ministry of Education, it is requested that the merit of Joseph Beech, Chancellor of the West China Union University, citizen of the United States of America, shall be acknowledged by a special order of the President of the Republic, in addition to the Diploma of the First Class offered to him by the Minister of Education. Dr. Beech has secured a great sum of money (about five million Chinese dollars) and helped to found the West China Union University which has rendered splendid service to this country. According to Article V of the law concerning the encouragement of contributions to education, Dr. Beech really merits this honor. The service of Dr. Beech in founding a University in this country with contributions of money and men, is a model to the people of this country. Hereby a special order is given to recognize his merit and service with appreciation and admiration by the President of the Republic of China."

I am informed a reception is to be held by the Provincial Government on March 22nd, when these honors will be presented.

Lovingly,
Joe (Beech)

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WEST CHINA UNION UNIVERSITY
COLLEGE OF MEDICINE AND DENTISTRY

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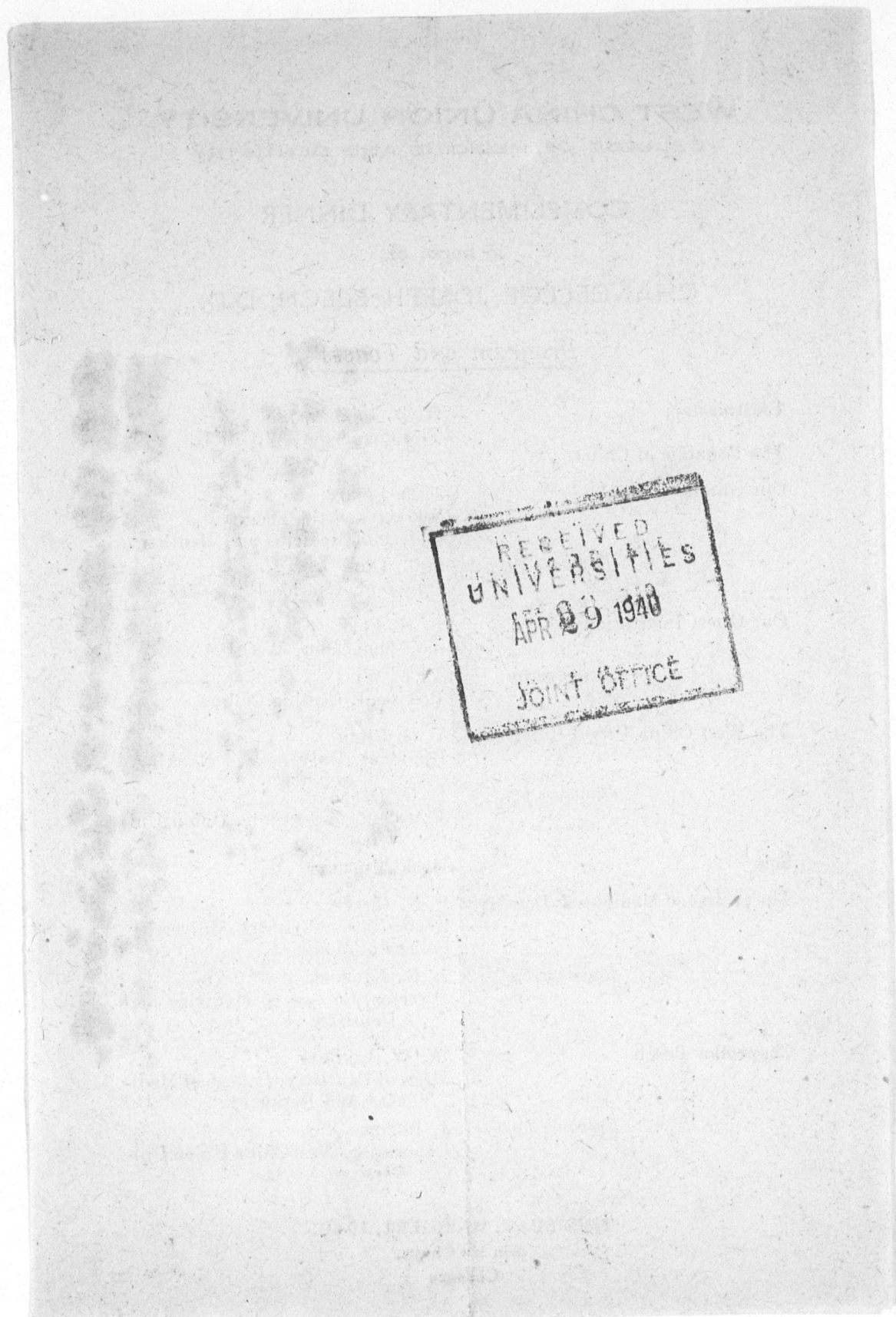
CHANCELLOR JOSEPH BEECH, D.D.

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THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 1940.

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謹訂三月二十日為華西大學創辦人畢啓博士受勳返國潔禱公饌

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The motto of this
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Rev. Joseph Beech, B.A., D.D.

*Chancellor Of West China Union University, Chengtu
Awarded The Fourth Class Jade Medal By
The Chinese National Government*

In the last issue of the *News* a brief reference was made to the honour conferred on Dr Beech by the Central Government in recognition of his services to education in China. In this issue it is possible to give further details and include a number of tributes to his work from his colleagues. In addition to the 'first-class citation' mentioned in the March issue, there has been conferred on Dr Beech by the National Government the Fourth Class jade medal, a distinction only given to two other Americans, viz. Prof. John Dewey and Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler. Dr Beech has also been presented with many "scrolls" written by prominent members of the Government, including among others Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek himself, President Lin Sen. and Dr Chen Li-fu the Minister of Education.

During his last days in Chengtu Dr. Beech was the guest of honour at a number of farewell gatherings. On March 13th a farewell dinner was given by Marshal Den hsii-hou Marshal Chow Tao-kang, at which an address was presented to Dr. Beech, which read in part as follows:

"Many times you have travelled to and fro between our lands in your arduous duties of promoting Christian education in China. . . Conditions in the Orient as well as in the Occident. . . cannot but affect the political life of all peoples. . . It is a time of tension, of deep feeling, high resolve and strong purpose; a time when unable to interpret the past or forecast the future we turn to find new strength in friendship. This is true in both our personal and group relations, for under the influence of a mutual understanding and a common idealism we instinctively draw together to protect and preserve those values which we accept as the highest form of culture and civilization. These we believe to be expressed in freedom for the individual man, freedom in thought, freedom in religion, political freedom and international freedom. The ideals of democracy and freedom taught by the great leaders of thought in your land and ours. . . and threatened at the present time so malevolently by the forces of cupidity and autocracy, should ever find their finest elucidation and strongest advocacy in the halls of learning. . . We take this opportunity to express again our deep appreciation of the untiring service you have rendered to China, and to wish you the greatest success in the continuance of your labours. We wish to assure you of our deep regard and our continued interest in your personal welfare, and request you to bear to

your people the warmest greetings of good-will and fellowship from the Chinese people....."

On Monday March 19th the faculty and students of the West China Union University gave a farewell reception at which after listening to the different speeches in his honour, Dr Beech in thanking everyone for the 'very kind references' made to himself, humourously remarked that he had been to many funerals in his time, but it was the first time he had attended his own! On Wednesday the 21st he was the guest of honour at a special banquet and entertainment given by Gen. Ho Kuo-kuang and other high officials of the Provincial Government. The Vice-Minister of Education in the Central Government also came up specially from Chungking, and presented to Dr Beech "scrolls" written in his honour by President Lin Sen and Dr Chen Li-fu. All the speeches during the evening emphasised the great contribution Dr Beech had made to West China during the forty years of his residence in Szechwan, especially in the foundation and building up of the "West China Union University, with which he has been connected for thirty years. All the speakers also expressed the hope that he would yet be able to visit China again, and felt that though he was well past threescore years and ten, his activity gave promise of the hope becoming a reality. Dr Beech in his reply emphasised his debt to his many colleagues Chinese and foreign, who had so loyally co-operated with him in this enterprise, and so enabled the university to reach the position that it occupied today. He liked to feel that the honours that had come to him were honours to the institution rather than to an individual.

On Thursday night the faculty of the college of Medicine and Dentistry of the W. C. U. U- also gave a complimentary dinner to Dr Beech as a token of their appreciation of all his services, especially in making possible the building of the new university Hospital, now in process of erection. The speakers of the evening emphasised the wide vision and statesmanship of Dr Beech, which had enabled him to see far into the future and plan for the university that was to be, and which he has now seen become a reality,

In the articles that follow, his colleagues have paid tribute to the sterling character of Dr. Beech's life his words of wise counsel and calm judgment, his ever-welcoming presence and charming personality, and the many aspects of his contribution to the building up of the university. He was and is a man of wide interests, who in all he undertook gave of his best. *Nihil tetigit quod non ornavit.*

A Farewell Address To

Dr Joseph Beech

Penned By

Generalissimo Chiang Kai Shek

Ever since China opened her doors, scholars of western countries with the love of Jesus Christ in their hearts have come thousands of miles to spread the Gospel and open schools. Their religious zeal and their earnest spirit is worthy of all praise. In my judgment one of the greatest of these enterprises is the West China Union University. The man whose patient perseverance and energy has made possible the realization of this great project is Dr Joseph Beech, President-emeritus of that university. Early in the year 1904 he succeeded in uniting the representatives of the different missions in a scheme involving patient planning and determined effort, for the establishment of a university in West China within six years. The university came into existence, and Dr Beech was elected president three years later. The creative effort of a pioneer, like Dr Beech is an example to the citizens of this country. The funds he has raised amount to the enormous sum of \$1,000,000 gold. Thus he has been able to build numerous fine large buildings on the campus, with splendid and adequate equipment. The Medical and Dental College of the West China Union University is famed the world over. And the university itself has become one of the greatest centres of learning with outstanding scholars and professors whom Dr. Beech has engaged in China and abroad. Dr Beech is indeed worthy of the highest admiration. His whole life has been given for the education of the youth of this country. He now quietly retires to his own country, without any idea of partaking of the fruit of his labours. As a humble token of the gratitude of this country, the Chinese Government has issued a Special Order, giving him a 'First Class Citation,' and conferring on him the Jade Medal. The great personality and fine spirit of Dr Beech will be immortal along with the enterprise which he has created here in this country. And he will be remembered for ever by Chinese scholars and students. "Educating the coming generation", said Mencius, "is the supreme joy of life". Dr Beech has enjoyed this kind of pleasure. On the eve of his departure for the United States of America, I particularly desire to offer him these few words in grateful remembrance, and wish him a good voyage.

Signed by the Great Seal of CHIANG KAI SHEK
on March 10th in the 29th year of the Republic of
China.

The West China Union University,

Thirty Years of Development and Dr Beech

The West China Union University was started by the united effort of the churches in Szechwan in the spring of 1910 in the reign of Hsuan T'ung the last of the emperors of the Manchu dynasty. At that time the new learning was just beginning in Szechwan. The church work was still in its pioneer stage, and the gap between Chinese and foreigners was quite marked, and there were many difficulties in the way; and yet they were able to produce this great example of co-operation. We cannot but give the credit for this to the vision and foresight of a small group of missionaries. But for the raising of the necessary funds to make this vision a reality, and transform a waste into a university, which today is one of the most important centres of learning in the southwest, the chief credit must be given to Dr Beech. And so when learnt that Dr Beech was soon leaving us to return to America, the Central Government and the Provincial Government in view of his unstinted self-sacrificing services to education and his remarkable achievements, decided as an expression of their great respect for him to give to Dr Beech a 'special citation', setting out his thirty years of service to China, in order that the general public might be aware of the facts.

1. The founding of the University.

Before the founding of the university the churches in Szechwan had already formed a united organisation called the Advisory Council. This Council five years before the university was begun (i.e. in 1905) had already decided that the churches ought to unite in forming a Christian university. The place chosen was Chengtu, because Chengtu was the centre of the government and of the cultural life of Szechwan. (From the time of the Han dynasty when Wen (文翁) started education in Szechwan and diffused learning and culture in the south-west, down to the present day, Chengtu has been an important centre of higher education.) When this resolution had been passed by the Council, a committee was formed to prepare a scheme and, Dr Beech was one of the members of that committee. In the autumn of that year the Advisory Council formed two committees, one the Committee on Primary and Middle School Education, and the other the Governing Committee of the University. The former was later changed into the West China Christian Educational Union, and the latter subsequently became the West China Union University Senate, which was responsible for the direction and running of the University. The location bought for the university was 2 li from the city, the

disused site of an old garden. Bounded on the north by the river Hsi, and on the south by Nan Tai Si, it is a pleasant spot with beautiful surroundings. At first only 100 *mow* (Chinese acres) were bought, but now the university covers 2000 *mow*. The churches co-operating in the university when it was first started were the Canadian Methodist Mission (now the United Church of Canada Mission), the American Methodist Episcopal Mission, the American Baptist Mission, and the Friends Foreign Mission Association (now the Friends' Service Council of Great Britain and Ireland). The Church Missionary Society (of England) joined the enterprise in 1918: while in 1925 the Women's Foreign missionary Society Boards of the American Baptist Church, the Methodist Episcopal Church, U.S.A., and the United Church of Canada joined in the work.

2. *The Constitution of the University*

In the university each church is responsible for its own dormitory, which it can run as seems best, subject to the direction and approval of the governing body of the university. In the original set-up of the University the Senate, composed of representatives of the churches and of the faculty, was the supreme legislative authority. Every thing had to be approved by this body, which then handed matters over to the President or a committee to carry out, in some respects very like the western parliamentary system. Outside China there was the Board of Governors composed of representatives of the university and the co-operating churches in England and America, which was responsible for the property of the university, the solicitation of funds, and for fixing important lines of policy. The President was appointed by this body. Dr Beech was elected president in 1913 and took office the following year. From the founding of the university till 1925 it was carried on in accordance with the scheme outlined above. During the years 1925 to 1927 the first changes were made in the constitution of the university. From that time on more than half the members of the Senate had to be Chinese, and a Chinese Vice-President was appointed. In Sept. 1927 the University applied to the Provincial Ministry of Education for registration with the Provincial Government, and in the summer of 1933 the university was registered with the Ministry of Education in Nanking. Following registration the Senate was changed into a Board of Directors with power to elect the president, and the administration and organization followed the terms of the constitution; the Board of Governors was changed to the Board of Founders, whose responsibility was to be the raising of funds, and the co-ordination of the effort of the co-operating churches. The use of the funds, the extension of the university, and its constitution

were to be the concern of the Board of Founders and the Board of Directors acting together for the development and improvement of the university.

3. *The Departments of the University*

According to the original constitution the university offered a three years preparatory course and a three years regular course. In the latter courses were offered Arts, Science, and Education. The university started with only 11 students and 11 faculty members. Following the revolution in 1911 the university suspended courses for one year in order to make complete reorganization possible. In 1913 courses were added in Medicine, and the following year in religion and dentistry, making a total in all of 6 departments, each with a professor at its head. After registration these were changed to the College of Arts, the College of Science, and the College of Medicine and Dentistry. In the autumn of 1924 arrangements were completed for the admission of women students bringing to fruition what the university had long advocated, viz. the higher education of women. In order to enable students the more easily to continue their studies abroad, the university was the same year registered with the Board of Regents of the University of the State of New York, and was recognised as the centre of higher education in the south-west of China. Today the faculty numbers about 200, and the student body 561, of whom about one third are women.

4. *The Buildings of the University*

Externally all the buildings are built in Chinese style. The plan of the whole campus was drawn by the London architect Fred Rowntree, who came to China in 1912, and visited both north and south. After coming to Szechwan he measured the whole site, and after careful consideration decided on the present arrangement, a new departure in the lay-out of Chinese universities, and a symbol of the union of Chinese and western architecture. Today there are in all 20 university buildings (classrooms etc) and dormitories, and 50 faculty residences; while in addition there are the Administration Building, The Museum, the Clock Tower, and the Middle School Chapel. All the latter large scale buildings are the result of funds collected by or given as a result of interest created by Dr. Beech. There are also in course of erection the University Hospital and the Chemistry Building, which also owe their inspiration to him, and more faculty residences.

5. *The Finance of the University*

The finances of the university were at first entirely derived from the co-operating churches and the Board of Governors. Apart from the endowment of foreign professor-

ships and the running expenses of the different dormitories contributed by the co-operating churches, the Board of Governors each year made a grant of between \$50,000 and \$60,000 it being left to the president to raise the funds to cover any deficit. The year Dr. Beech came to the University Fu Chin-yi the military Governor of Szechwan, and Ch'en Tin-chieh the Head of the Civil Government each gave \$3000, while Yuan Shih-kai then President of China gave \$4000 all in response to Dr. Beech's solicitation. From then on Dr. Beech has collected funds each year, and has in all raised over \$400,000 gold. The budget for the university ten years ago was about \$400,000 today it is over \$1,000,000. Further the university is now receiving grants from both the Central and the Provincial Government, and also from the British Boxer Indemnity Fund, The China Foundation as well as help from private individuals, so its finances are steadily growing, and its work is able to be enlarged.

Looking back then at the thirty years of the university's history, we see that it started from a small group of missionaries, but grew as a result largely of the determined efforts of Dr. Beech; it developed slowly in various directions; its reputation increased, and greater confidence in it was felt daily; and so it has received help from Chinese and foreigners, until it has grown like a spring flower, from seed to shoot, from shoot to leaf, from leaf to bud, from bud to opening blossom, until it has reached its present glory. Although the progress of education is limitless, and much remains to be done in building up existing work, Dr. Beech has laid an imperishable foundation, and left an example for us all which will not be forgotten.

LINCOLN TSANG

Dr. Joseph Beech.

Chancellor of the West China Union University

Dr. Joseph Beech was the first President and remains the only Chancellor of the West China Union University. He was one of the small group of men who first dreamed of this institution, to be established for "the advancement of the Kingdom of God by means of higher education in West China under Christian auspices". These men had to consider very seriously the matter of the form which the University was to take, for those interested came from different countries, and in the result which sought to interpret the best in several national conceptions, Dr. Beech's capacity for solving difficult problems was recognised by all his associates.

Since his recent return, Dr. Beech doubtless has often recalled the days when he and his friends walked along the "k'an k'ans" of the rice fields just outside the walls of Cheng-tu and tried to visualise through the eye of their imagination the buildings and the playing fields of the future University. Today his mind is filled with plans for the modern university hospital now building, the most ambitious of all his planning, not only in its conception, but also in the exercise of faith to make it possible. Thirty years ago he had to be content with "temporary" structures, whose supplanting by buildings worthy of the University he had in mind depended to a large extent on his own ability to persuade others of the greatness of the enterprise, despite its small beginnings. And he may well regard with pride the buildings designed by the sympathetic London architect and set down in spacious surroundings according to a plan determined from the beginning and made possible by the generosity and faith of men and women who had responded to his own enthusiasm and compelling conviction.

Perhaps too, he has been thinking of the "good old days" of the Senate debates when all University matters were subjected to the keen criticism of men who held their own opinions strongly, but who were united in their common purpose to advance the interests of the University they were creating. There was time in those days to consider long and thoroughly all matters affecting the Missions participating in the University and the policies to be adopted, whether these involved the opening of a new department or of a college, or were concerned with such difficult matters as the establishment of a Woman's College, or recognition by the National Government. As President, Dr. Beech thought through these problems to a conclusion which he always stated with moving conviction, but at the same time he never failed to respect the views of his associates who held different opin-

ions. In the unanimity with which matters were finally settled, his quiet and persuasive powers were usually a deciding factor. In these memories the names of Canwright, Davidson, Hodgkin, Taylor, Kilborn, Stuart, Carseallen Yost, Morse and many others will have a place.

Ten years passed before the University was sufficiently well staffed and organized to secure recognition abroad, but in 1922 as a result of careful preparation of the facts concerning the University by Dr. Beech, it was recognized as a regularly established institution of higher learning in West China by the University of the State of New York. When the change in political conditions made it necessary to seek registration with the National Government of China, the wise counsel of Dr. Beech was at the service of the University and through his personal friendship with men in high positions in the Government he was able to help greatly in smoothing the way to recognition. Less is known of this side of the contribution of Dr. Beech to the development of the University, but it is none the less of real significance.

From the beginning the success or failure of the attempt to secure unity between the Missions in West China and the Boards in the home countries has depended on the spirit of the men concerned, and their willingness to forget differences if the interests of the University could thus be advanced. As President, Dr. Beech fitted into this design in his relations with the University staff and the representatives of the participating Missions, and all through the years he has faithfully put before the Board of Governors the interests of the University in such a manner as to provide the desired inspiration and challenge.

There are many reasons why Dr. Beech may well feel that the years have brought him satisfaction, and one wonders if he may not feel particularly happy over the manner in which he has kept the respect and affection of the young men whom he has known first as students and then as members of the staff and administration of the University. As he leaves Chengtu he will carry with him the clear assurance that his ideals, his convictions and his hopes for the usefulness of the University in these parts are continued in the ambitions of the hundreds of graduates and thousands of students who have come under the influence of his life and character.

H. D. Robertson

*What Dr. Beech has Done for Medical
Education.*

Dr. Beech has made a very great and outstanding contribution towards medical education through the College of Medicine and Dentistry of the West China Union University. Until the present war this was the only modern medical college in western China, and medicine and the West China Union University have been intimately connected in the minds of the people for the last twenty-five years. Dr. Beech has always taken an active interest in the work of this college, and has shown his interest by constant attendance at faculty meetings, by helping in the solution of college problems, and by raising money for the erection and equipment of many of its necessary buildings. The Atherton Building for Biology and Preventive Medicine was one of the first contributions to medical education through buildings secured by Dr. Beech's efforts, and the very fine university hospital, now under construction, will be the crowning achievement. The money for the hospital was largely obtained through the work of Dr. Beech, some from foundations and some from private benefactors. The plans were drawn by a firm of famous American architects under the personal guidance of Dr. Beech. He himself brought out many tons of new equipment for the hospital when he returned to China in 1939, and personally escorted most of it himself from Hongkong to Chungking. Since his arrival in Chengtu he has spent many hours daily in walking over the grounds, in climbing over scaffoldings, and in watching and guiding the construction of the new plant. Not a detail has been too small to escape his observation. This hospital will mean much increased efficiency in the education of medical students in West China, and without the work and constant efforts of Dr. Beech it would not have come into existence at this time. The whole of this part of the country must ever acknowledge its indebtedness to the man who has done so much to lay well the foundations of what will be one of China's greatest teaching hospitals.

L. C. KILBORN

Doctor Beech'S Contribution To Dental Education

History will assign the beginnings of modern dental education in China to the West China Union University. Dental education was started at the West China Union University because Dr. Beech was broadminded enough to be convinced that the dental personnel of the Canadian Methodist Mission's City Dental Hospital could initiate an acceptable university grade dental teaching program. During the twenty-three years in which dental education has been active here in this institution Dr. Beech has always given it his encouragement and his advice.

In the provision of a suitable medical and dental teaching centre, Dr. Beech has worked with energy, wisdom and success. He has always planned that dentistry shall be worthily housed and shall form an integral part of the University Hospital plant. When the hospital opens for the reception of patients and for clinical teaching, a specially designed dental out-patient department will function in full relationship with all the divisions of the other healing and restorative services. This will be made possible by the erection of a dental unit so conveniently located that it may serve the needs of out-patients and may admit such dental patients as require hospitalization directly into the adjacent wards.

At each step of dental educational progress - the change from a Department of Dentistry in the medical faculty to a full-fledged College of Dentistry in the University - the union of the two Colleges of Medicine and Dentistry into the College of Medicine and Dentistry - Dr. Beech was both sympathetic and helpful.

During the years of small budgets, dentistry was fairly treated and shared in the special grants which Dr. Beech was able to raise in times of great urgency. Frequently his one-man effort filled our very depleted treasury with the necessary funds.

We particularly thank Dr. Beech for his many years of gracious and valued support in the dental field of education. We ask for him many years of continued active service in the much-needed role of promoter for medical and dental education projects of the West China Union University in the United States of America, Canada and England. We rejoice with all our confreres in the honor which has come to him. Chancellor Beech richly deserves the Government's recognition for his pioneer work in establishing university education for the people of Western China.

Ashley W. Lindsay.

Dr. Beech
(and the)
Woman's College
West China Union University

It is with great pleasure that the Woman's College of the West China Union University expresses its appreciation to Dr. Beech for his unfailing interest in and concern for higher education of women in West China. From the time of the first discussions of the possibility of founding a college for women in Chengtu until the present time, Dr. Beech has been one of the staunchest friends of the College. He not only approved, in a general way, of the establishment of the College but he gave unstintingly of time and advice to the project. The fact that the Woman's College has been from its inception an integral part of the University is due, in great part to the wisdom and vision of Dr. Beech. While many persons were looking askance upon the whole venture of higher education for women in Szechuan, Dr. Beech unhesitatingly went a further step and advocated co-education! As one reads the minutes of the Promotion Committee of the College one realizes afresh what a great share Dr. Beech had in interpreting the needs of our group to the University Senate, to the Board of Governors, and to possible donors.

One of the prized possessions of the College is a picture of Dr. Beech standing at the door of the Administration Building welcoming each of the eight students who comprised our first class. That personal interest in each student and faculty member is characteristic of Dr. Beech's whole connection with the College.

We are deeply grateful to Dr. Beech and are most happy to add our felicitations upon his receipt of the signal honour to be bestowed upon him by the Chinese Government.

MARY E. STREETER
Dean of Women

Dr. Beech and the College of Science

Joseph Beech during his West China Union University career has had both a teaching and an administrative relation to the College of Science. In the early years of the institution he taught Geology. As an administrator he has aided and abetted the building up of the physical plant of the College. He has encouraged the coordination of departments of the college and the building up of a balanced faculty. He desired and worked that the Departments might serve in their own right, give students a well-rounded education, and prepare students for such professional courses as Medicine, Dentistry, Education and the Ministry. He saw the College of Science as a unit, but he also saw it as an essential part of the larger whole,—the university. Herein President Joseph Beech disclosed his ability as a university administrator.

Daniel Sheets Dye, March 4, 1940.

Joseph Beech

Statesman - Educationalist - Christian Gentleman

To have wrought with a single life and in one lifetime what Joseph Beech has wrought seems a miracle. And this miracle of a certain life lived amongst us appears the more strange when we realize that out of utter simplicity have come the distinguished achievements of the years.

Dr. Beech is one of those rare statesmen who has handled deftly the imponderables of human groups and rugged personalities. By the alchemy of unconquerable imagination, he transmuted a vision of a university into a campus of broad fields and spacious buildings, where boys and girls and teachers of many churches and nations found themselves in the fellowship of discovery together. Under the amazing quiet counsel of this man, Missions and Churches, Chinese and foreigners, varied faculties and collegiate departments surprised themselves in the act of vigorous, creative cooperation. Difficulties of war, transportation, creeds, finances, which would have stunned the average college president left this pioneer and seer undisturbed. Obstacles whetted his resources. His eyes have never left his goal.

Joseph Beech brought to the task of higher education in China a versatility of qualities bewildering. At one period of his life he erected the University Library and the Biology Building, and at the same time presided over the University Senate, negotiated with the Chinese gentry, conducted all correspondence with the Board of Governors abroad, installed electricity, and was engaged in countless other imperative projects. During furloughs in America he was able to convince hardheaded business men that to give to missionary education was the supreme task of their lives. His dazzling yet realistic vision made Mammon serve God.

A Christian gentleman is one whose purposes are the purposes of God, and whose manners and methods are a marriage of intelligence and love. A husband, a father, a friend, are the facets of a personality characterized by contagious humour, appealing wisdom, and moving devotion. He has been more, much more, than even an architect of buildings and of youth; he has been through the years, and remains living amongst us, a Christian gentleman, loving and beloved. Honoured are all who honour him; blessed are all who have known him.

DRYDEN LINSLEY PHELPS

ONE MAN, AND HIS SHADOW

A Tribute to Joseph Beech

It is often said that an institution is the lengthened shadow of a man. Then we have among us tonight a man who combines more of youth and strength and charm than can be found in all the current heroes of Hollywood. If ever there was cast upon the earth a bright and lasting reflection of a man, the campus of West China Union University is an enduring embodiment of our honored friend Dr. Joseph Beech.

Lying just outside the city of Chengtu, on the banks of the Flowery River, the campus of West China University is one of the most inspiring sights to be found in all China. It is spacious in all its dimensions, as befits the breadth of vision of the man who dreamed it into being. Everywhere is grace and beauty, but the dominant note of the campus is practicability and usefulness. Here is an institution which combines the dreams of a seer with the practicality of a shrewd and canny Scot.

One feature of the campus has always seemed to me particularly symbolical both of the institution and of the man who founded it. It is this. Woven into the pattern of the campus itself is the network of ancient irrigation ditches which for centuries have brought the life-giving waters down from the mountains rising to the westward, and have carried them wide over the Szechwan plain. As one watches those clear streams flowing unhurriedly, unceasingly across the campus and out over the fertile plains, one realizes that here is a fitting symbol of the unending, ever enlarging, stream of human life and service which year by year flows over the campus and onward into West China - and beyond.

Tonight there is neither time nor necessity to review in any detail the more than forty full years which have passed since young Joe

Beech first started to China in 1899. Each of those four decades has been even more crowded and productive than all the others.

The first of those decades was one of beginnings, of seeing visions and communicating them to others. As that decade closed there was accomplished in West China a miracle not duplicated anywhere else - so far as I can discover - in China or in any other mission field. That miracle was the creation of a university which from its very inception was a union institution, bringing together all the lines of missionary endeavor in that great empire of the west, uniting from the start three nationalities - the United States, Great Britain, and Canada - in one common cause of service for and with the people of China. The moving spirit behind all of this was Joseph Beech, and when they came to choose a President for the new institution there was only one possible nominee.

Then followed more than a decade which was devoted to the wise and sound development of the new institution. West China had long been a center of ancient culture and of the political and commercial life of the empire, but for centuries it had been almost forgotten as the spotlight had been shifted eastward toward the coastal plains. It was the task of the new university to build anew an educational structure which would combine the best of ancient and modern China with the best that the West and Christianity could contribute. Here, too, it was Joe Beech to whom they turned, and who in his quiet, unassuming way was their constant leader and guide. Under his leadership West China steadily rose to a place of honor and respect among the educational institutions of a nation that had long honored learning and scholarship above all else.

About 1925 there began a decade of transition, which in many ways was more difficult than any period which the University had yet faced. It was a period for which all those who had come to China from the West had

labored and prayed, a period when trained and consecrated Chinese leaders would step into the positions of responsibility for which they had long been preparing and when their Western colleagues began to move quietly into less prominent places of cooperation and assistance. Here it was that the real stature of Joe Beech and his Western associates was best revealed, for they eagerly and happily placed the presidency of the University in the hands of Dr. Lincoln Dsang, gave positions of responsibility to many of their other Chinese colleagues, and all with one accord carried on with renewed zest and enthusiasm in positions that to some might have seemed of lessened dignity and prestige. During this decade the growth of West China Union University continued at an even more rapid pace than before, and still the driving power and inspiration came largely from the same source as it had before.

And now in recent years there has begun the fourth and in many ways the greatest period of Joe Beech's service to his institution and to China. It is a period of providing for the greater strength and the endurance of the University that has been so well begun. New buildings must be erected, new sources of permanent support must be found, new staff members must be added, new friendships enlisted. In the midst of a worldwide depression, in the face of warnings from his friends, and almost in spite of doubts and disapproval in his Board of Governors, Joe Beech started out in that deceptively quiet and unhurried way of his to raise funds for a splendid new hospital which he knew was urgently needed in order both to strengthen the medical work of the institution and to provide a new agency for the ministry of healing. How the miracle was accomplished, none of us yet can explain. But we know that Joe Beech determined that West China must have a hospital - and lo! despite economic depression, a Sino-Japanese war, the cutting off of transportation facilities, and all the rest, the

new West China hospital is nearing completion - larger and finer than any of us dared dream - except Joe Beech.

It is only fair to warn you that behind that kindly and guileless exterior with which Joe Beech disarms us all, he has many another vision still unrealized, many another step in the direction of a greater service to China and to the kingdom of Christ in the world. And in due course, despite our scepticism and hesitation, he will blandly lead us on to see them realized.

I began by referring to shadows. But even to mention shadows in the same breath with Joe Beech is a libellous injustice. His path has always been one that was brighter for his passing. To him there are no boundaries of race or caste or creed. The lowliest coolie in China smiles in a spirit of instant comradeship when he sees the good Doctor approaching. And even the Generalissimo and the Madame rejoice at the privilege of loading him down with tributes and honors. To all of us who have the privilege of calling him friend, Joe Beech is a constant source of inspiration and joy. May his shadow never grow less - in brightness and in enduring light!

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Mrs. Joseph Beech
1517 Sherwin Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

My dear Mrs. Beech,

Thank you for your letter of March 23, with which you enclose a copy of Dr. Beech's letter of March 8.

We are delighted that the Chinese Government has now given such distinguished recognition to Dr. Beech's outstanding services to China. We all rejoice for him in this recognition. Dr. Cartwright is arranging with the Publicity Department of the Methodist Board to see that the religious newspapers and possibly the daily press carry this information.

We are also glad that Dr. Beech is now on his way back to America, and will arrive here in time for the annual meetings of the Associated Boards and the West China Governors about the middle of May. We will have letters of greeting for him upon his arrival.

Very sincerely yours,

B.A. Garside

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THE INVESTITURE OF DR. BEECH

On Saturday March 30th Dr. Joseph Beech, Chancellor of West China Union University, was invested with the Jade Medal conferred upon him in Feb. by the Chinese Government in recognition of his services to education in West China. The investiture was performed on behalf of the National Government by Dr. H.H.Kung in the presence of high government officials, Dr. Lincoln Dsang the president of the W.C.U.U. and a number of friends. The ceremony was performed in the new Chung Shan room of the Chialing House, the decoration of which had just been finished in time for the occasion. It was a fitting farewell for one who had given his life for Christian higher education in West China.

The Chialing House stands high on the cliff overlooking the Chialing river, one of the four Streams from which Szechwan gets its name. A little before 12.30 the first guests arrived to be welcomed by Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang, the Vice-Chairman of the Military Council, attired as usual with extreme simplicity, Mr. Chang Chia-ngau the Minister of Communications, and Chairman of the Board of Directors of the W.C.U.U., and Mr. Ch'en Li-fu the Minister of Education, the two latter being the hosts of this occasion. Representing the W.C.U.U. there were present on this occasion in addition to Dr. Lincoln Dsang the president, Mr. H.D. Robertson the Vice-Chancellor, and several of the Board of Directors, Mr. C.H. Yang, Bp. C.T. Song, Mr. S.C. Yang, Rev. G.W. Sparling, Rev. Olin Stockwell, and the Rev. A.F. Lutley. While government officials and guests were arriving, those who had already arrived chatted together in groups on the wide verandah, from where there is a splendid view up and down the river. One by one the government officials attending the ceremony arrived, - Dr. H.H.Kung, the Vice-Premier and Minister of Finance, Mr. Ong the Minister of Economics, General Chang Ch'un the executive Secretary of the Supreme Council and a director of the W.C.U.U., Dr. Hsu Mo the Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs, Dr. Hollington Tong the Vice-Minister of Publicity, Mr. Lu Tso-fu the Vice-Minister of Communications, Mr. Kiang head of the Political Department of the Executive Yuan, Dr. Lo Chia-lun, president of the National Central University, and other government officials. The American Ambassador Mr. Nelson T. Johnson and Mr. Peck the Counsellor of the U.S. Embassy were also present. It was a beautiful day with bright warm sunshine, and taking advantage of this fact Mr McCurdy and Mr. Lutley at intervals drew away from the chatting groups to take some movies of them, while Dr. Beech took a color film of those present.

When all the officials and guests had come about 35 sat down to dinner. After the dinner Mr. Chang Chia-ngau gave a brief account of the present condition of the West China Union University, emphasizing that Dr. Beech's vision and perseverance had been a very large factor in the university reaching its present position in the cultural life of China. "Dr. Beech", he said, "had worked for Christ and sacrificed himself for education for forty years." Mr. Chen Li-fu the Minister of Education followed with a brief speech in which he expressed the appreciation of the Ministry to Dr. Beech and the West China Union University for what they had done for education. The W.C.U.U had been the first university to be established in West China, and this he remarked was largely due to Dr Beech. Dr H.H.Kung the Vice-Premier then rose to make the presentation. In his speech before the investiture Dr Kung said that the Chinese government would never forget Dr Beech's services which had been of incalculable value to China. From a very small beginning he and his colleagues had built a university which had made and would continue to make a big contribution to the cultural life of China. Dr Kung then expressed the hope that just as Dr Beech had helped to interpret the West to China, so now as he went home he would interpret China in her 'struggle for righteousness and world peace' to America, that the Pacific might again be pacific in reality and not merely in name.

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Dr Kung then invested Dr Beech with the Jade Medal that had been conferred on him by the National Government, and a flashlight photo was taken of the ceremony.

Dr Beech in his reply said that there were three things he had hoped for in his work in China, an opportunity to do his very best for China, the co-operation of his colleagues, and the approbation of God; and as he looked back on his life he was thankful that he had been given his opportunity to serve in a capacity in which he could give all he had; that he had enjoyed the loyal cooperation of his colleagues without which his work would have been impossible; and he was thankful too to have had definite indications of God's approval and blessing. He said he was fortunate to have two countries, that of which he was proud to be a citizen, and that for which he had worked for forty years, and which he loved deeply; and because he loved China and felt she deserved the best kind of Christian college that was possible, he had worked these thirty years to that end. And now that this honor had come to him, he felt it was an honor to all who through these years had worked to make the university what it was today.

When Dr Beech had finished speaking the American Ambassador said a few brief words in the course of which he remarked that "the ambassadors that leave the deepest mark on the countries to which they are accredited are those who like Dr Beech have endeared themselves to the people."

After the investiture the whole group again adjourned to the verandah, where while groups chatted together, further movies were taken. Then one by one busy Government officials said goodbye and returned to their offices, but by their presence and their words they had shown their appreciation of what the West China Union University was doing for the youth of West China, and their gratitude to the one to whom in large measure the university owed its inception, and to whom its present development and splendid equipment are in no small measure due.

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April 25, 1940

Dr. Joseph Beech
c/o Mrs. Jane Harvey
1040¹/₂ Sweetzer Ave.
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Dr. Beech:

I am sorry we have not had occasion to write you while you were en route, but such items as came to the surface have been disposed of seemingly in a routine manner.

On March 20th we received your letter alluding again to the engaging of Mr. Fong as librarian. Previous correspondence to you has reported on this situation, which makes it impossible for Mr. Fong to accept this offer.

The Rockefeller Foundation also notified us regarding the additional appropriation of \$1,739.09 for the O. P. D.

The authorization to pay the Methodist Board for certain equipment purchased by Mrs. Peterson is held in abeyance against your return. We have been in contact with the Methodist Board and apparently it will need your presence to iron out the situation.

Presumably the enclosure from Douglas Rowntree is for our files, as apparently it has been taken care of.

On April 1st we received one of those delightful little scribbles from you enclosing formal reports for the Rockefeller Foundation. These have been forwarded to Mr. Dean for his files.

There is only one objection to the appointment of Dr. R. E. Brown as head of the new hospital, but I hope that he will live down that objection. He is a METHODIST. However, for the sake of being agreeable and due to our gratitude for having the vacancy filled, we have uttered three vociferous cheers. We are even more vocal when we come rendering to you our appreciation in recognizing the very exceptional honor conferred upon you by the Chinese Government. None is more worthy, and none will wear the decoration with more humility and dignity. I feel greatly puffed up to have the privilege of knowing intimately one of your distinction and achievement.

Dr. Beech

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I am looking forward with the keenest anticipation to seeing you in the near future.

Most cordially yours.

C. A. EVANS

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(Via Air Mail)

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AMERICAN PRESIDENT LINES

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Dear Mr. Evans: *act* 5/3/40 S.S. Gen. Cleveland —

After having been left half
dead by an overdose of honors
and kindness at Chungking.
I flew to Hong Kong to take this
steamer although informed that
my name was on the waiting
list with 13 others ahead of me.

This was the only boat that
would get me to U.S. in time for
the Board Meeting. Would have
taken clipper to Honolulu, but
someone "fell out" and I "fell in".
Don't know what happened to the
"13" — perhaps unlucky —

Due at L.F. on Wednesday after
some stops enroute I expect
to turn up in N.Y. in time for

The Board Meeting -

Will you kindly inform
Dr Anderson, and of course
you will tell Dr Jarvis & others
who may wish to know.

Expect to get to Chicago by
the 10th of May if not earlier.

Cordially yours

Joseph Beech

fine voyage - with a good time
at a select ^{dinner & ~~dinner~~} meeting of Chinese
& Americans at Honolulu.

Hope Mr Beech will meet me at
St. to make it a perfect
landing. Gratings to Mrs Evans

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June 4, 1940

Dr. Joseph Beech
1644 Greenleaf Avenue
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Dr. Beech:

Dr. A. E. Best was in the office this morning and is greatly perturbed over the failure of the field to come through on an appropriation of \$800.00 which Dr. Kilborn wrote to Dr. and Mrs. H. H. Hsieh for their second year post-graduate work in America. Dr. Best has checked with Dr. Arnup in Toronto, but they have received no word.

Will you not give us all the information you have regarding this, as Dr. and Mrs. Hsieh are being held up in Toronto and unable to get away for their new position on the West Coast. A return reply will be greatly appreciated.

Dr. Best is here in New York attending medical meetings this week.

With sincerest best wishes, I am

Most cordially yours,

C. A. EVANS

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via airmail

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WEST CHINA UNION UNIVERSITY
CHENGDU, SZE., CHINA

CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE
150 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK, N. Y.

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Dear Mr. Evans -

Please put this along with ~~the~~
the ^{cr} balances you may have
for Wesleyan Gifts, subject
to my call later on.

I am to be in N.Y. about the
10th-12th of this month to connect
up with Wesleyanites.

My desire is to get enough
cash to endow some Wesleyan
scholarships. Will you please
let me know what amount
you have on hand to credit
of Wesleyan? (Not for Equipment

or furnishing New Hospital acid.
This information I used when I
call at your office enroute to
Middletown E.

Hope all is going well with
you and others with you



Cordially

Joseph Beech

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Since I saw you last I have been
west seeing the donor of our Library
Building in South Dakota & doing a
bit of work in North Dakota also.

If you get any mail for me, on or
after the 10th please hold it
I oblige
JB

1 cl attached
Dep. 6/5/40 \$10.00

June 13, 1940

GIFTS SUBJECT TO CALL OF DR. BEECH

<u>1937</u>			
May 15	Wesleyan Christian Assoc.-Bed in Hospital.....	400.00	
	Interest on above \$400.	21.71	
<u>1938</u>			
July 5	Wesleyan University, - Faculty, Students & Alumni.....	185.00	
<u>1939</u>			
Mar.15	Wesleyan University - Christian Association.....	500.00	
July 1	" "	218.34	
Oct.19	" " - Christian Association.....	250.00	
		1,575.05	
	Less draft No. 977.....	1,200.00	
	Balance of Wesleyan University Gifts May 31st.....	375.05	
<u>1940</u>			
June 5	Ida M. Keigwin.....	10.00	
	Balance of Wesleyan gifts to date.....	385.05	

<u>1937</u>			
June 30	Mr. Wm. H. Leslie Hospital Fund.....	50.00	
Sept.14	Methodist Board - Bay View Association.....	11.50	
<u>1938</u>			
Jan. 22	Edw. W. Hazen Fdn.-Special Religious Work...	50.00	
May 26	Christian Endeavor Soc.-Bound Brook Cong.Ch.	10.00	121.50
	Holding in account #175.1.....	506.55	

June 14, 1940

Miss Alice Brillhorst
Dakota Wesleyan University
Mitchell, South Dakota

Dear Miss Brillhorst:

Thank you very much for your letter of June 7th.

I am under orders to be at Helena, Montana for the 29th of this month, and may decide to go to Los Angeles to see if Miss Hillman's trustees can be located.

I am not making dates for next autumn, but since I have a request to go to Aberdeen, and rightfully should take requests from that source with consideration, it may be possible for me to come to Mitchell, even if most of South Dakota is on W.P.A. or some other government larder. I will keep the matter in mind, and will write to you or to your pastor, as you have indicated.

If there are any contacts that you would deem it advisable for me to make in Los Angeles or in that part of the world, that might prove helpful in the matter in hand, I wish you would write me care of the pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Helena, Montana. The annual conference is meeting there and I am to address that conference on the 29th. So if you have any information that will be helpful, please write me there prior to that time.

I am very glad to hear that everything is going nicely with you. I will certainly pass on your good wishes to Mrs. Beech and Catherine.

Cordially yours,

JB:RC

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Dr. Horace E. Campbell

to be shipped?" Since a reply cannot reach me, I would appreciate it if you would communicate with him directly on this matter. Sometimes I will write to him, asking him to do what he can. If he cannot take the books, I see no way whatever to handle the matter, except to ask the American Board's shipping department to continue to store them for us as a war-time emergency.

Dr. Kilborn should have given you specific directions in regard to the matter, and also authorization for payment of expenses which you must have been put. If he has not done that, I think it would be a wise thing to write to him directly.

Hope to see you ere long.

Very cordially yours,

June 14, 1940

Dr. Horace E. Campbell
165 Grove Street
Auburndale, Massachusetts

JB:RC

My dear Dr. Campbell:

I trust you will pardon me for delay in replying to your letters - the first of April 27th, and then of May 20th. I did not arrive in the United States until May 1st, and since then have been on a shuttle most of the time.

First, in regard to the question of your return to West China:- I am very sorry to hear that your Board cannot see their way clear to continuing your work in China, and especially in Free China, at this critical and urgent time. Unfortunately I have no available resources or prospects of them that could help out. At the first opportunity I would like to talk over the matter with you, even though I have nothing tangible to report.

I will be at Middletown, Connecticut at the Wesleyan University commencement until Sunday P.M., the 16th. There is a possibility that I may decide to go to Cambridge on Monday the 17th. If I go there, I could be reached care of Prof. Serge Elisseeff, Harvard-Yenching Institute, 17 Boylston Hall, Cambridge. If you can get word to me at Wesleyan care of the Alumni Office that I can see you if I should happen to arrive, I would appreciate it.

Now as to the books:- I am assuming that there are too many books to be sent out by mail. I know that it is practically impossible to send by express or by freight unless they are sent in the care of someone who is going through to West China. I am writing to Dr. David C. Graham, 125 Highland Parkway, Rochester, N. Y., to ascertain if he can take these books with him. His first question to me will probably be:- "How many are there, and in what form, package or box, or trunk, are they

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Dr. David C. Graham
125 Highland Parkway
Rochester, New York

Dear Dr. Graham:

I wrote a pen letter to you at Chicago before leaving there, which was in reply to your letter to me of June 2nd. I enclose that copy.

Since coming here, other matters have arisen that I would like to take up with you:-

Dr. Campbell has written me regarding medical books which he has purchased at the request of Dr. Kilborn. See enclosed letter. He purchased these with some hope that he might be able to take them with him, I judge. He is anxious to know how to get these books to West China, and I know of no method of getting them there, unless one of our West China missionaries can take them along as excess baggage, collecting all charges from the medical faculty upon arrival. I have asked him to write to you, and I promised him to write to you in regard to this matter.

I am still not sure that July 6th or thereabouts will find me in Chicago, but there may be a possibility that Mrs. Beech and Catherine will be there. Our telephone number is Rogers Park 9817. Please 'phone when you get to Chicago. I would like to have you meet the folks, and they would like to meet you if they are in the city.

Cordially yours,

JB:RC
enc.

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June 14, 1940

Dr. Theodore C. Greene
12 Shaler Lane
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Dear Dr. Greene:

I trust you will not consider my delay in replying to your letters of May 20th and May 26th anything more than awaiting an opportunity. I read over yours of the 20th and deferred answering until yours of the 26th arrived.

This letter of the 26th appears to be none too promising of your transfer to West China -- especially in view of reports that are now coming to us that the Japanese are bombing that part of the world every day. So far, I am glad to say, they have not been in Chengtu, and I hope they will not get there.

I hardly know what to suggest or what I can do to bring our common wish to realization. I wish you would keep me informed, and if there is anything that I can do, please let me know because I do not care to enter where "angels fear to tread". I have long since been courageous enough on matters of this kind to venture in nearly any kind of a road except those where "angels fear to tread".

I am not at all sure, but there is a possibility that I may get to Cambridge on Monday, in which case I will call upon Dr. Elisseeff. If you are in that part of the world, I would be pleased if you will drop me a note in care of him, letting me know when and if I may see you.

Cordially yours,

JB:RC

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Dr. A. W. Hummel
Chief, Division of Orientalia
The Library of Congress
Washington, D. C.

My dear Dr. Hummel:

I have recently returned from China, and I brought with me a list of Szechuen Hsien Hwa, or county historical records.

Before leaving Chengtu on my previous residence there, I evidently asked our librarian to secure for the library at Washington the numbers of these records, which I understood you desired in the library. Unfortunately I had a bad illness during my last stay in West China last summer, and it washed a good many things out of my memory. I do recall that some years ago I was sent a list of records that were desired in the library. I also have a slight recollection of giving that list to our librarian. At all events he is quite clear that I asked him to secure these records in addition to the copies that we have in our own library. I enclose herewith a list of these copies that are available at West China Union University Library, which can be forwarded to you if you desire them. Please let me know, or write directly to the library, Mrs. A. W. Lindsay, West China Union University Library, Chengtu, Szechwan, China, sending a copy of the letter to me.

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We are still needing a capable man for librarian at West China Union University. The situation is not an easy one. I have been informed since coming here that Mr. Feng is still with you and may be engaged elsewhere prior to considering this position at Chengtu. I would appreciate any word that you may desire to give me in confidence.

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Cordially yours,

JB:RC
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June 14, 1940

Miss Ida Keigwin
Colchester
Connecticut

Dear Miss Keigwin:

I have your letter before me, but I have not made any notation on the letter to the effect that I replied to you. I have a record on the letter that I have sent your gift to the University treasurer to be included along with Wesleyan gifts to be forwarded in due time to West China for scholarships etc. If you have not received a letter of thanks from me, I trust that you will believe me truly grateful to you, and you may rely upon it that I will do the best I can to see that the gift is applied in the best manner to do as much good as possible.

Of course the world is very much in disorder just now, and that applies to West China, where the Japanese are making daily bombing visits. So far they have not visited Chengtu. I hope that they may leave us alone, since they appear to be specializing on the temporary or provisional capital of China. They have done about all the damage that they can do to that city, except to kill off some more of the people, which will not help their cause at all.

I am to be at Wesleyan for commencement, being there until Sunday evening, or Monday morning the 17th. I can be located at the Alumni House. If you should happen to be going to commencement, I hope that you will look me up; - or at least tell me where I can look for you.

Cordially yours,

JB:RC

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1644 Greenleaf Avenue
Chicago, Illinois
June 14, 1940

Mrs. P. E. Lamott
Aberdeen
South Dakota

Dear Mrs. Lamott:

I very much enjoyed my little visit with your family as I passed through South Dakota some days ago. I was particularly glad to make the acquaintance of the third generation, - or at least part of it.

I have been asked to go to the conference at Helena, Montana the 29th of this month. I am of the opinion that my pass may read over the Northern Pacific. If it should be by way of Aberdeen, I should be glad to stop off for another short time with you. But failing that, I still hope that engagements may take me in the vicinity of Aberdeen next autumn, when I can accept the invitation to speak at your church.

With kind greetings to Mr. Lamott and to the third and fourth generation, I am

Cordially yours,

JB:RC

June 14, 1940

Mr. Ming-liang Li
Virginia Polytechnic Institute
Blacksburg, Virginia

My dear Li Ming-liang:

Of course I remember very distinctly that you among others were very kind and helpful to me while I was sick at the hospital. I see that the Japanese are bombing that same place again. They shook the hospital while I was there. Apparently they are shaking it up still worse at the present time. Today's reports of the bombing in Chungking are very serious indeed. The hospital, the church, the Catholic cathedral -- all have been bombed, how badly of course we do not know.

I expect to leave here today, and will be in New York a day or so next week. Then I go West and may not return here until after the summer. I expect, however, that sometime in September or thereabouts I will return here. A letter addressed to 150 Fifth Avenue, Room 903, at any time will reach me. I shall be very glad to hear how you are getting on with your work.

With best wishes, I am

Cordially yours,

JB:RC

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July 14, 1940

Dr. W. H. MacMaster
444 East 66th Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mac,

I was very glad to get your letter of April 7th from Coral Gables. I notice that you are doing the expected thing, -- leaving Florida in the summertime.

I asked Victor Mills to acknowledge receipt of your letter for me and pass on my good wishes. But since I have your letter with me, I am writing this note care of your son, hoping that you will get it.

Please remember me to Mrs. MacMaster, and if you go by way of Chicago, please remember that Joe and Miriam live at 1644 Greenleaf Avenue, Chicago. If you go up to Maine, be sure to remember both of us to George. I wish I could see you and go on a spree of some kind with you.

Cordially yours,

JB:RC

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June 14, 1940

Rev. Oscar G. Starrett
23 East Adams Avenue
Detroit, Michigan

My dear Soo:

I received a copy of your letter with its good wishes which you wrote to Mrs. Beech, telling her that you were glad that the Chinese Government had recognized that I have been in China for a long time and had been trying to do something. That is mostly history now.

Judging from the reports that are in the "Times" this morning, there may not be much left in West China except the fog, - which goes away during the summer.

I hope you received all information regarding those stock certificates. I may not be correctly informed, but my impression is that all of the Asia Realty Company debentures are being paid in full. If you have any claims in that quarter, I hope that you will make them while the going is good; for I am not too sure about Shanghai now that Italy has joined in the war. It may perhaps drag Japan along.

I do not know when I will be coming by way of Detroit, but upon the first occasion I will certainly stop off and see you both. Kindly remember me to "Mother".

Cordially yours,

JB:RC

June 14, 1940

Bishop Herbert Welch
520 West 110th Street
New York, N.Y.

My dear Bishop:

Perhaps it would be more human to say "My dear Herbert", since I knew Herbert long before I knew the Bishop. I have always thought that one exactly fitted the other.

It has delighted me to get your kind recognition of honors given to me in China, in yours of March 28th.

I see that the Japanese are at their abominable dropping of bombs at Chungking, and if one may judge from reports, our Mission is coming in for its share of hits. Fortunately, so far no loss of life to us has resulted.

I plan to be at Wesleyan for commencement and hope I may see you.

Cordially yours,

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WEST CHINA UNION UNIVERSITY

CHENG TU, SZE., CHINA

CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE
150 WEST AVENUE
NEW YORK, N. Y.

JOINT OFFICE

1644 Greenleaf Ave. Chicago, Ill. July 13th 1940

Dear Mr. Evans:-

Not lost though I admit I have strayed. Yes, I should have seen you before leaving N.Y. But that trip to see Prof. Eliseeff & Mr. Chy. Tchen just used up a day & the time of departure from N.Y. - admitted of a phone call & visit glance at Mr. Cameron at the N.Y. Station. Had a speaking engagement here at Rogers Park as the first duty - after that the "straying" began. It has included attendance at speaking engagements at two conferences in North Dakota - and a trip to S.D. Ottumville to see the Lamonts who gave our library Bldg. in the do-well years gone by. Back to Chicago in time to get & respond to call to make two addresses at the Montana Metho Dist Conference & speak in Chubb Sunday - at Helena & Butte. Returned to take up a week's engagement at Lake Geneva Dist. Have agreed to cut that in half to be at the Mitchell S.D. Rotary Luncheon on the 18th then at the Wagner^{S.D.} Institute and the Brookings^{S.D.} Institute. That will keep me away till the end of the month. This is "sowing" - some seed may fall on "good ground", as we view it in our work & day lives.

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Now to the matters of your letter.

① The request for H.Y. funds for \$8000.00.

That was planned after response to our requests sent to you & Dr. Garbide, as a matter of course I should have been in the routine of Bd. Meeting, but since it failed to reach us, we should meet the call, as the expenditure was planned while I was there, and payments ^{are being} made. Suggest that half of it be sent or authorized now, & regularized later as may be desired. The full amount will be needed for the year.

In this connection: ① Mr. Cheng Te Kuo has finished all but his thesis for his PhD at Harvard. Prof. Eliseeff has offered him a fellowship for another year at Harvard (\$500. if I remember rightly). So no provision be made for him just now. ② That Librarian, if a when found, should be kept in the financial mind. Mr. Fang Chao-yun ^{for many at Washington DC} is now with Dr. Wittfogel at Columbia N.Y. He should be interviewed, but not engaged until the work he is to do is more fully explained & his fitness looked into again.

II Re date of return to N.Y. and matters you may wish to consider.

Unless there are reasons that justify an earlier visit I do not expect to visit the East before Aug 20th at earliest. I will be glad to reply to any matters you may refer to me, upon my return. If you write now or later address 1644 Greenleaf Ave Chicago, your message will be forwarded if required.

III I will refer Dr. R. E. Brown, formerly of Wm., now the director of our new University Hospital - visiting U.S. till October - to you & Dr. Garbide. Any assistance or information you can give him will be appreciated.

Greeting to you & yours - Cordially yours Joseph Beech

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July 19, 1940

Dr. Joseph Beech
1644 Greenleaf Avenue
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Dr. Beech:

Your good letter of July 13th is at hand and we are sending you herewith check for \$16.87 to reimburse you for expenses.

I am sorry you are not returning to New York before August 20th as I expect to be away at that time. I am planning to leave the office on the 5th, but do not know whether it will be possible to get things in shape by that time. However, it is possible that I will break my vacation about that time for a day or two and see you. One difficulty is that Mr. MacKenzie of the Methodist Board will be away at that time and he is one of the principals with whom we should discuss the adjustment with West China regarding the Peterson purchases. Unfortunately neither he nor myself were present at the discussion you had and no minutes were written, and we are all at a standstill. If it goes that length of time probably it would be better to wait until after he returns early in September. The account on the Methodist books is very much confused.

I have just received word from the Chairman of the Finance Committee that he can be in New York next week, and I am planning to set up a meeting. It is possible we can discuss the LC\$80,000.00 proposition at that time and secure some authorization from that Committee.

We are interested to know that Cheng Te-Kun is to have a fellowship at Harvard. The amount that we have carried in our budget for him has been for his family in China. Do we continue that allocation, or is it to be set aside for possible use of the Library which you mentioned, although I can see no connection at the present time.

I am glad to get the name of Mr. Fang as Chao-Yin has not been mentioned before.

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Dr. Beech

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Are you planning to see Dr. Wittfogel when you come to New York and to talk with Mr. Fang? Mr. Parker discussed this situation with me before he left on his vacation and at that time it seemed best for one who knows the situation thoroughly to talk with the candidate.

I note that you have referred Dr. R. E. Brown to us and we should be very happy indeed to give him any attention if he calls upon us.

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

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WEST CHINA UNION UNIVERSITY

CHENGDU, SZE., CHINA

CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE
150 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Balgavise }
and }
Mr. Evans } China Colleges
150 5th Ave N.Y.

This will serve to introduce Dr. Robert E. Braun,
formerly of Wuhu Methodist Hospital, recently appointed
Director of our new University Hospital.

Since he may get to New York before I
return I am taking his method of intro-
ducing him to you & you to him.

He does not plan to remain long in
the USA & is anxious to make the best
use of his time while here. I will ap-
preciate it if you will get acquainted,
with a view to giving him assistance
while in New York, and having such contact
as will be of benefit in future relations.

Cordially yours

Joseph Beech

July 13/40
1640 Greenleaf Ave.
Chicago Ill.

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WEST CHINA UNION UNIVERSITY

CHENG TU, SZE., CHINA

CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE
150 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK, N. Y.

1644 Greenleaf Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois,
August 14, 1940

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Mr. C.A. Evans
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Evans:

Will you please transmit this check to Mr. McKenzie as a credit on account of Hospital Equipment taken over by the University from equipment purchased by Dr. Peterson and shipped to Chengtu.

This \$531 represents the unexpended gold balance of Irving Trust Company, Letter of Credit for \$1000, deposited in my North Shore Bank in June 4, shortly before date of expiration.

At Chungking in late March, Dr. Cheer stated that he was paying about \$1200 U.S. to Miss Priest, as credit to the Hospital Equipment Account. I wrote to Miss Priest requesting her to forward to you or to me the above amount for payment to the Bd. of F. M. Methodist Church, to whom the equipment, taken over for West China Union University Hospital, belonged, since Bd. of F.M. had advanced money for the purchase and transmission of this equipment.

I send this check to you, to be passed on to the Bd. of F.M. Treasurer, instead of sending it direct to them, in order that you may be informed regarding this transaction of equipment taken over by the University from Dr. Peterson's wife, and payments made on that account.

check attached \$531

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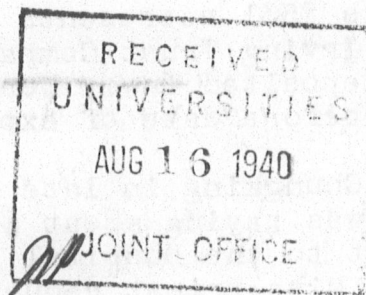
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If Miss Priest does not authorize you to charge her, against the amount payable to her by Dr. Cheer by the time I reach New York, we should in all fairness to the Bd. of F.M. make payment of the balance due them. I wrote you from Chengtu regarding this amount--please refer to my letter.

Cordially yours,

Joseph Beech

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August 16, 1940

Dr. Joseph Beech
1644 Greenleaf Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Dr. Beech:

Your letter to Mr. Evans dated August 14, 1940, has been received, together with the enclosed check for \$531. for the Methodist Board. We are passing this on to Mr. McKenzie as you suggest, and Mr. Evans will check up the details of the matter when he returns.

As far as I know, nothing has been received from Miss Priest regarding the \$1,200. on this hospital equipment. This probably will not need any action until Mr. Evans returns, and since you are going to be in New York later on, he can discuss this with you at that time.

We also have your card asking for copies of the Board of Governors minutes. There was no meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board of Governors in May, the only meeting being that of the Board of Governors in its annual meeting. A copy of the minutes of this meeting is being forwarded to you under separate cover.

Sincerely yours,

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ASSOCIATED BOARDS
FOR CHRISTIAN COLLEGES IN CHINA
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

August 21, 1940

Dr. Joseph Beech
1644 Greenleaf Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

My dear Dr. Beech,

I attach hereto a copy of a letter I have recently received from Dr. Kilborn. You will note that copies of this same letter have gone to Dr. Endicott and Dr. Armup, although for some reason he did not write to Dr. Anderson, who is the Secretary of the Board of Governors and normally should receive copies of such communications.

For several years I have been urging upon our West China Board of Governors, and upon the field authorities of the University, that we should not have nearly so many channels of communication as now exist. The various officers of the Board of Governors are constantly receiving communications from at least half a dozen different individuals in Chengtu, and frequently these communications are written without consultation between the individuals concerned, and often are from differing viewpoints, and even contradictory. So far as the Governors are concerned, Dr. Anderson as the Secretary is the official channel of communication. All matters having to do with the actions of the Board of Governors go from him, except in specific instances where he asks some of us here in New York to transmit information on certain designated items in the minutes (usually having to do with finances). When budget estimates are adopted, or specific financial policies are agreed upon, those of us here in the New York office carry out the details of the arrangements that have been approved by the Board of Governors.

It seems to me that this letter from Dr. Kilborn is a striking illustration of the difficulties we get into when communications come to us from too many sources. Normally, the President or the Chancellor of the University would be the recognized channel of communication, and any other administrative authorities who have reports to submit should turn them over to the Chancellor or the President to forward with such comments as that official wishes to make. Between these two officials - the Chancellor and the President - there must be a clear understanding as to what share of responsibility each one has. When you are away from Chengtu, whoever is acting as Chancellor or Vice-Chancellor should have such an understanding with President Dsang.

Mr. Garside to
Dr. Beech

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August 21, 1940

In the case of this particular report from Mr. Small, which Dr. Kilborn so hotly challenges, I understood that the report was either brought by you, or presented with your knowledge and approval. Are we correct in this? If this is not the case, the report should never have been presented at all, except in so far as you yourself wished to give it to the Board.

There is an important principle here which we must have clarified or we are going to get into increasing difficulties.

Quite aside from the principle, it is unfortunate to have the Board of Governors dragged into such a controversy as seems to exist between some of the factions in the University sharing in the responsibility of directing the buildings now under construction. Obviously a group of men in North America, with only partial and possibly prejudiced information, cannot reach any intelligent judgments on complicated matters of this kind. The proper authorities on the field ought to battle these matters out among themselves and then unite in a statement of facts and recommendations to the Governors on which they can all agree. If any other course is followed, the Governors will soon tend to lose confidence in everybody in Chengtu, and to lose at the same time their enthusiasm for the work the University is doing.

What would you suggest:

- (a) as to what reply I should send to Dr. Kilborn?
- (b) as to what our Board of Governors should do about the matter when it is taken up at the next meeting of the Executive Committee or whatever other group takes up the question?

Very cordially yours,

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Enclosure

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1644 Greenleaf Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois,
August 26, 1940
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WOMAN'S AMERICAN BAPTIST FOREIGN MISSION SOCIETY

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

Dear Mr. Garside:

Upon my return to Chicago yesterday I found your letter of August 21 with the enclosure from Dr. Kilborn.

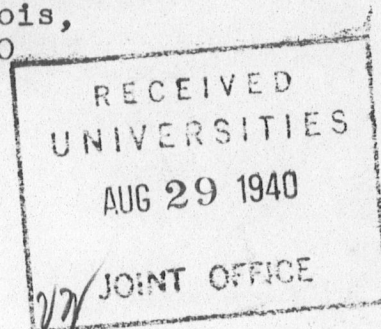
I am sure that Dr. Kilborn is aware of the fact that Dr. Anderson is Secretary of the Board of Governors. Since he did not include the name of Dr. Anderson in this communication, he may have intended it as a communication to the two Canadian secretaries and to you. Since he inquires regarding the right of Mr. Small to report to the Board of Governors, I am confirmed in the opinion that he did not intend his letter as a communication to the Board of Governors.

In the closing paragraph of your letter, you ask for my suggestions regarding reply to Dr. Kilborn, and action that might be taken by the Board of Governors or the Executive.

I am of the opinion that it would be perfectly proper for you to delay reply to Dr. Kilborn until such time as Dr. Endicott and Dr. Arnup may communicate with you. As to your second question, I would prefer that the Board be spared the necessity of further action on this regrettable incident.

I quite agree with you that it was very unfortunate that these personal and controversial matters came before the Board in the "Report of Work" of the Superintendent of Construction. Mr. Small moved entirely outside of his appointed field in stating that "Dental Faculty had managed to borrow money with which to build their block."

As I informed you following the Board of Governors meeting, and as I stated to the Board of Governors, I was not aware that the Dental Faculty had borrowed money. I was aware that there were unexpended "Emergency Funds"; and I suggested to a committee composed of the President, the Dean of the Dental Faculty, the Director of the



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College of Medicine and Dentistry and also the Vice-Chancellor, that if such funds were available, it would be well for the University authorities to permit their use for the erection of this much needed Dental Clinic building. I made this proposition since I expected that funds would be forth coming in the not distant future for the erection of this Dental Clinic building; and that funds advanced by the University to permit of immediate erection of the building could be returned to the University later.

By reference to the minutes of the Board of Governors, G-1465, you will see that I recommended a similar course to the Board of Governors.

You may also recall that I was not in agreement with G-4466 (1), (2), (3); and that Bishop Ward, who came into the meeting while this question was being considered, made remarks that had similar implications.

As to the right of the Superintendent of Construction to report to the Board regarding his work, we must bear in mind that he is an officer appointed by and supported by the Board of Governors. If my memory is not totally at fault, he has communicated to the Board at irregular periods since his appointment.

Before I left Chengtu, I suggested to him that it would be better for him to report regarding the difficulties of securing supplies and consequent delays in the erection of the hospital buildings; and also an estimate of the probable cost of completing the hospital project. I stated that it would be well if this report could be signed by the committee as well as by himself, and also have the O.K. of the President.

After reaching Chengtu, I took the first opportunity to go carefully over the work that had been done. I express my regret that work was practically at a stand-still for so long a period, and that aside from the erection of walls and roofing there was so little of the entire plant finished. I found that the Building Committee consisting of five persons, four of whom were members of the Canadian Mission, shared my feeling in regard to the matter. He had his alibis, some of which are stated in his report, and I considered it advisable that he should report regarding them, instead of having that duty devolve upon me.

I did not bring his report from the field. I did not see the report until I found it upon the table at the Board of Governors meeting. If it had come to me, I would have hesitated about presenting it to the Board of Governors because of statements which I take, or believe, to be entirely outside of his province to report upon.

I had a letter from the Vice-Chancellor some time ago, in which he stated that Dr. Kilborn had written me regarding the hospital building and Mr. Small's report. Up to the present, I

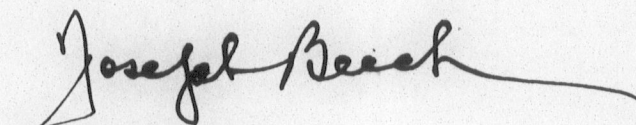
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have not received that letter. I have delayed in answering the letter of the Vice-Chancellor until it arrives. Perhaps he intended that a copy of this letter which you have sent, should come to me. If not, there must be another letter enroute. But I will not delay answering the letter now that I have this statement from Dr. Kilborn. I will also write to Dr. Kilborn and to Mr. Small. I will, of course, state that I have written to you in reply. I will quote salient parts of this letter, mentioning the fact that I have suggested that you delay answer until Dr. Endicott and Dr. Arnup have had opportunity to communicate with you.

I expect to be in New York not later than the middle of September, and I hope to see you about these matters at that time.

Cordially yours,


Joseph Beech

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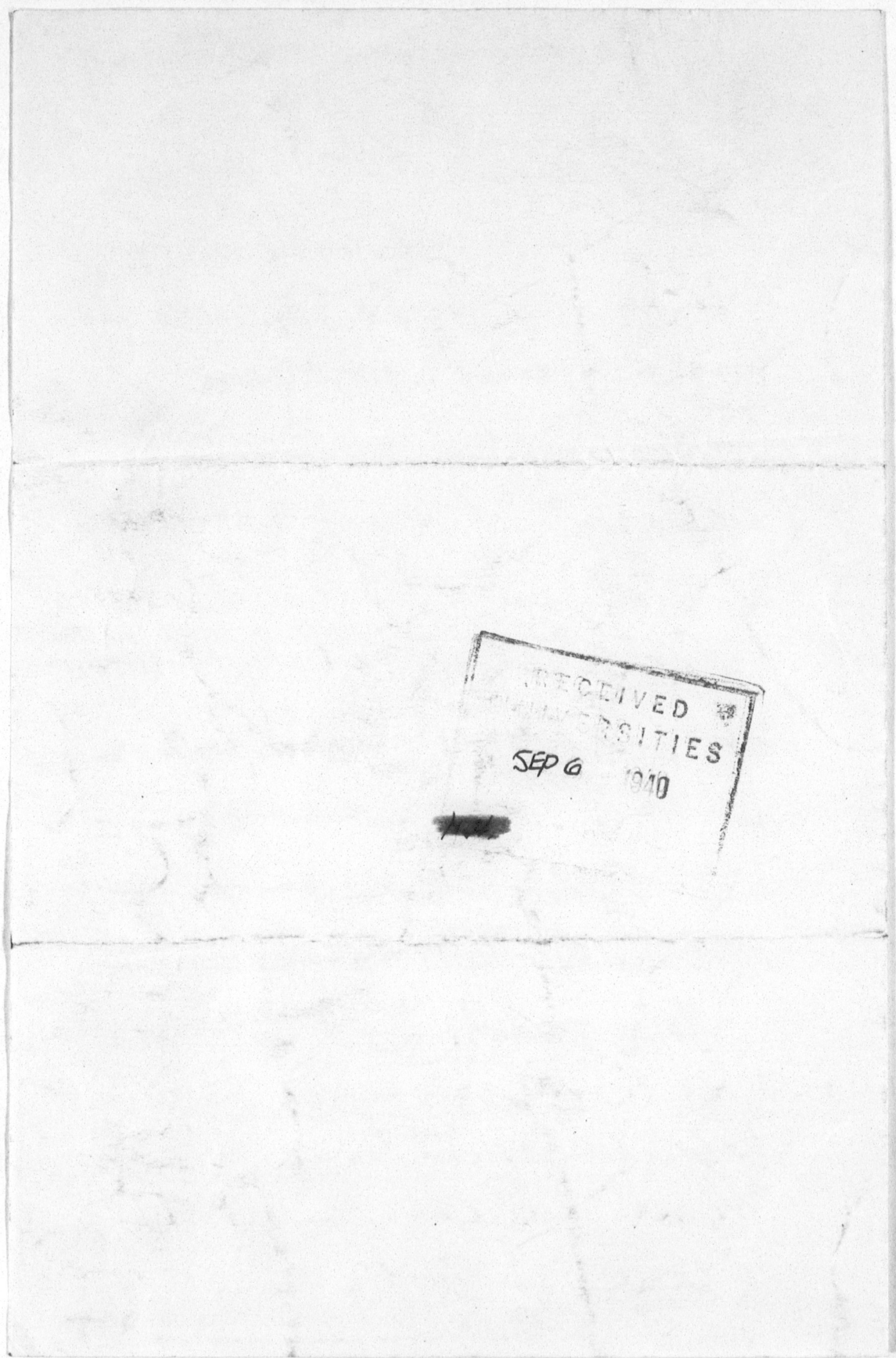
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1644 Greenleaf Ave., Chicago.
Aug 30/40

Dear Mr Evans ^{for}

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H.S.</sup> The bearer of this
note is Mr. Tienho Lan who has
taught in our department of
Biochemistry for the past
several years. He comes
to USA on a Rockefeller
Fellowship - probably studying
at Rochester N.Y. He will be
in New York a few days,
and favors that you, Dr. Garfield
or others ^{render} will be appreciated.

As a member of our staff, you
may be able to secure a Chicago
book for Eastern travel. If so
please secure same for him.
And Oblige Yours Cordially
Joseph Beech



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September 4, 1940

Dr. Joseph Beech
1644 Greenleaf Avenue
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Dr. Beech:

Mr. Tien-ho Lam was in the office the other day and presented your letter of August 30th, and after talking with him at considerable length, and making a careful study of his requirements it seemed best for him not to have the Eastern Clergy Certificates for this year, as on his return to Canada he can purchase a ticket which will be less than the amount required to use clergy on pullman plus the clergy cost of \$2.00. After January if he sees the necessity of using the railroads to a greater extent, we can cooperate with him in purchasing the 1941 clergy.

Li Ming Liang who is to study at Victoria University, in Toronto was in the office this morning and we are grateful for the opportunity of meeting him.

I understand you are anticipating coming to New York sometime during the month and we will be over-joyed to see you.

Most cordially yours,

C. A. EVANS

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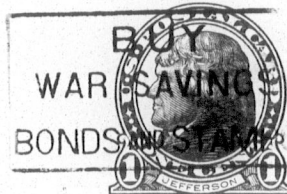
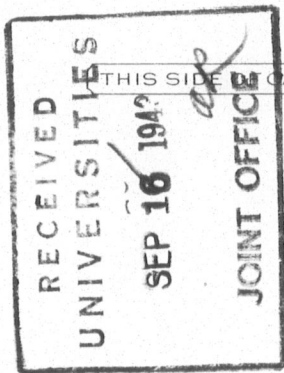
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Passavant Hospital
Chicago - Sept 15/43
Dear Mr Evans:
Time is the essence of
things. It was a week ago I was
wearing that I took my first bath
& bed in this fine institution. By noon
the next day I came out of the
fade-away-world into one that
made me gas with throats of pointer
pain with hand shiny that made
its mark. ~~Now~~ Mark today, it
looked long ~~and~~ long remembered.
But the record sheet reveals
nothing but steady progress & points
to "at home" to my friends by next
Monday.
Wonderful news from the Salerno
tonight & sunset that still
fills the skies from my windows
Greetings to you (initials) & Janet & Scott



Mr. C. A. Evans
150 Fifth Ave.
New York N.Y.

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September 19, 1940

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

Dear Dr. Beech,

I hope to be seeing you next week, but while the matter is fresh in my mind I will put down some of my thoughts concerning Dr. Kilborn's letter of July 2. We are grateful to you for your letter of August 26 commenting on Dr. Kilborn's letter; and I hope that you have now written in some detail both to Dr. Kilborn and to Mr. Small.

Attached is a copy of my own letter to Dr. Kilborn. As you know, I have been feeling for some years that the channels of our communication with the administrative authorities of the University are growing more and more snarled and complicated. We seem to have more and more individuals writing from increasingly diverse viewpoints, and with less and less consultation among themselves before their communications are sent. This is confusing to the Governors and is apt to be very demoralizing to the field. It seems to me much more important that we effect a simpler and more orderly handling of our communications than that we merely try to patch up the quarrel which Mr. Small's letter has precipitated.

I shall be glad to have an opportunity to discuss this with you next week.

Cordially,

B A GARSIDE

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September 23, 1940

Statement of Purchase of Equipment from Dr. Peterson's account
by West China Union University Hospital.

1. The University, through Dr. Beech, purchased from Dr. Peterson's equipment account equipment to the value of US\$1,200. He agreed to pay this sum to the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Church, same to be credited against their advances for equipment to Dr. Peterson.
2. Dr. Beech purchased for the account of Dr. Cheer EENT equipment valued at slightly over \$1,200. Dr. Cheer wished to purchase this equipment for his own account. That was agreed to, with the understanding that Dr. Cheer would pay to the University Bursar the bill of \$1,200 plus. In March Dr. Cheer informed Dr. Beech that he had paid this sum to Miss Priest.
3. From this sum of money paid to the Hospital account by Dr. Cheer, we are paying for the equipment purchased by the University Hospital amounting to \$1,200. The equipment was taken delivery of and is in the possession of the University, and we are drawing on the payment made to Miss Priest by Dr. Cheer the sum of \$1,200, same to be paid to the Board of Foreign Missions, who advanced the money in the first instance for the purchase of equipment to Dr. Peterson.
4. When this \$1,200 is paid to the Board of Foreign Missions, \$531. should be received from the Board of Foreign Missions. This represents an amount which was paid from Dr. Beech's personal account, and should be returned to him.

J. BEECH

Copy: Miss Cloud
Dr. Beech
File

October 25, 1940

Dr. Joseph Beech
1644 Greenleaf Avenue
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Dr. Beech:

You certainly cleared up a mystery here in the office. I have been searching for this resolution and those cards all this week. I felt confident that Mr. Garside had returned all of the papers to me and all of his material for the meetings has been distributed.

I wonder if you have been advised by Dr. Arnup of Dr. Albertson's death in Kunming. He had about two carloads of freight which he was trying to take in and contracted malaria and died immediately.

When I look back at the massive task you accomplished in getting that freight into Chengtu, I am thinking that the day of miracles is not past.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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150 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK CITY

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1644 Greenleaf Avenue
Chicago, Illinois
October 31, 1940
Ack. 11/15/90

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

Dear Dr. Garside:

Thank you for your letter of October 23d with the Toronto-Executive minutes.

In response to your request I make the following suggestions:

(1) Titles of University Property.-- I am confident that clear titles of all property purchased prior to 1932 were forwarded to the Board of Governors together with maps showing the locations of all properties of the Board of Governors and the several colleges. During the past decade some of the University land has been sold or exchanged and other pieces of land have been purchased by the University. I do not know the names under which these latter pieces of property were purchased or their exact location and size. You may remember that I was not able to speak definitely to the Board on this subject. I was of the opinion that the Board desired a complete statement from the University authorities relative to all property deals up to date.

(2) Hospital Lobby.-- I enclose the original letter from Mr. Erikson of the firm of Schmidt, Garden and Erikson, regarding this lobby matter. I have not seen Mr. Erikson or spoken to him over the phone, nor have I given anyone information regarding his reply, except to say that I deemed it a matter that was committed to the Committee appointed by the Executive. I hope that you will send copies of this to the other members of the Committee and endeavor to get their judgment. Since I am a member of the Committee I think it is fitting to send my own judgment regarding this matter. (See enclosure)

(3) Appointment of Bursar.-- I made my best suggestion regarding this appointment to the Executive Committee--it was in the nature of

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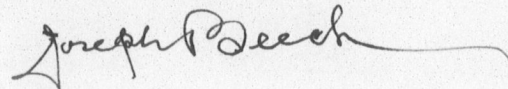
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a proposed robbery of personnel from your staff. Since there is no immediate prospect of securing the right person, I believe it might be helpful if the Board of Governors had an opinion from the University authorities on this matter.

(4) Appointment of Librarian.-- This matter is not on the same foundation as that of the appointment of a bursar. Heretofore the salary, travelling expenses and residence have been chargeable directly to the Board of Governors' Budget. The Board of Governors has not taken direct responsibility of these charges for the librarian. Since our library is so largely Chinese, I have suggested to the University that the salary of this officer be included in the Harvard-Yenching Budget subject to the approval of the parties concerned. Since I made that suggestion to the University authorities I have received a query from them as to the source of the librarian's salary to which I replied as stated above. I think there should be an understanding with the University authorities and the Board of Governors regarding the question of financial support for anyone before contract is made for this officer. I will call this matter to the attention of President Dsang in a letter I am writing to him.

I expect to be in New York about the middle of November and I will be glad to go over these or other questions with you.

Cordially yours,



Joseph Beech

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Enclosures:

- (1) A letter from Schmidt, Garden and Erikson concerning the Hospital Lobby.
- (2) A statement on the above letter.

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Cordially yours,

Joseph B. Beach

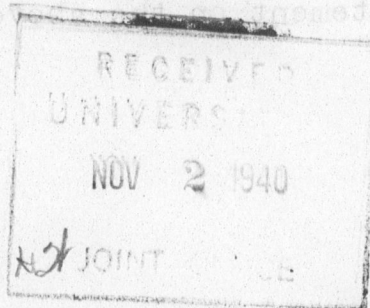
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Enclosures:

(1) A letter from Schmidt, Gordon and Atkinson concerning the Hospital Lobby.

(2) A statement of the letter.



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Enclosed with letter from
the Architects Schmidt, Goudreau, Erikson.

Copy sent Endicott
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Chicago, Illinois
October 31, 1940

To the members of the Committee appointed by the Governors Executive
at Toronto with power to consider the question of the enlargement
of the Hospital Lobby:

Since I am a member of the above Committee it seems fitting that
I should review the case as I see it since I do not care to take
responsibility for deciding the architect's statement as being
"determinative".

For my own part I am ready to accept the last clause in the
second paragraph, namely, "it seems to us that it is perfectly safe
to cut quite large openings in these walls to provide the enlarge-
ment of the lobby which you have in mind," of Mr. Erikson's letter
as our decision. I do this because I consider the assumptions that
he makes in paragraph 3 to be valid.

(a) The foundation masonry wall, fully three feet high above
foundations and not less than eighteen inches thick, is continuous
below the first or ground floor. (This spreads the weight of the
piers sixty degrees beyond the piers and the bind of the masonry
also acts like a truss.)

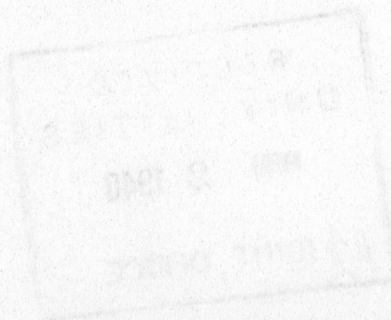
(b) Since Mr. Canning, ^{Young} a graduate in architecture of Michigan
University has been in the employ of the University on this hospital
project I am confident he is capable of interpreting the architect's
suggestions re the manner of supporting the masonry above the first
floor ceiling. The piers on the sides of the enlarged opening will
be over three feet broad.

(c) Since Mr. Small's objections and the Board of Governors'
actions were largely, if not entirely, on the question of the found-
ations, I accept the architect's view that it is "perfectly safe"
to make the proposed opening and so move to the members of the
Committee.

I also hope that the consent of the Committee members can be
secured by mail or conference, and the decision sent to the University
by Clipper Mail to forestall expense of finishing walls above the
enlarged opening.

Yours truly,

Joseph Beech
Joseph Beech



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Copy sent
October 11/1940

Chicago, Illinois
October 11, 1940

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

to the members of the Committee appointed by the Governor Executive
at Toronto with power to consider the situation of the Government
of the National Society;

Since I am a member of the above Committee it seems fitting that
I should review the case as I see it since I do not care to take
responsibility for deciding the committee's statement as being
"administrative".

For my own part I am ready to accept the fact alone in the
case of the National Society, that the National Society is a
body of large numbers in these walls to provide the educa-
ment of the lobby which you have in mind. Of Mr. E. J. Connelley's
as our decision. I do this because I consider the assumption that
he makes in paragraph to be valid.

(a) The foundation mentioned will, I think, last also above
locations and not less than fifteen inches thick, is a condition
below the first or ground floor. (This exceeds the weight of the
plans six degrees beyond the others and the kind of the necessary
also acts like a cross.)

(b) Since Mr. Janning, a resident in the vicinity of Alhambra
University has been in the employ of the University of this hospital
project I am confident as to the accuracy of the information that
suggestions as to the manner of carrying out the necessary work the first
floor calling. The view of the sides of the building opening will
be over three feet broad.

(c) Since Mr. Janning's collection and the board of governors
actions were largely, if not entirely, of the National Society's
it was, I expect, the only one that it is "National Society".
to make the proposed opening and to move to the members of the
Committee.

I also note that the content of the Committee's report can be
secured by mail of reference, and the decision sent to the University
by either mail or by express of the National Society above the
enlarged opening.

Very truly,
Joseph J. Connelley
Joseph J. Connelley

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CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE
150 FIFTH AVENUE
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CHENG TU, SZE., CHINA

1644 Greenleaf Ave. Chicago - Nov. 8 / 40

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Dear Mr. Evans:

The enclosed came to me from the Treasurer of the Methodist Mission Chengtu. Have you received the Amount? If not refer it to me on arrival N.Y.

On arrival from China I checked with the P.M. re Wesleyan Gifts. Amount received was \$966.00 After search they found it had been included in the Special gifts forwarded to their Shanghai Treasurer, Mr Fuller. They wrote Mr Fuller so did I to return the draft to N.Y. It was sent to Chengtu with his remittance & to Mr Edwin Stockwell Treas of Mission.

Mr Stockwell retained the sum of \$48.30 & paid the University Treasurer \$917.70.

I have cleared the matter with letters to Mr Stockwell and Pres. Tsang & Mr Robertson as follows:

To Methodist Mission — \$48.30 for the Mission Work.

To University Endowment ^{Wesleyan} Hospital Beds \$500.00

To " for Scholarships

417.70

\$917.70

This for record to you - even though it has not passed through your office.

Total Wesleyan gift \$966.00

Hoping to see you soon. I carry smelling salts for benefit of my friends since the election. Love Joseph Beech

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

1644 Greenleaf Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois,
November 13, 1940

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Dear Mr. Evans:

Thank you for your very prompt, as per usual, check for \$68.25 in payment of travel to Executive Meeting and other places.

Yes, I was under the impression that this ^{Wesleyan} \$210.25 had been transferred to your office, but I wanted to make sure about it, that I might write Mr. Fuller at Shanghai if it had been forwarded to him.

I would be very glad if you could enter that transaction of \$966 from Wesleyan students on your books, otherwise record of it on this side of the Pacific may be difficult to find. I will quote below from my letter to Dr. Dsang and Mr. Robertson.

.....
You will remember that you gave to me a draft for \$500 U.S. dollars to meet unforeseen transportation difficulties in connection with shipment of equipment for the hospital in Chengtu. I ascertained that bills from Hongkong, Indo-China and Yunnan could be paid by check on Shanghai, to our financial benefit. *Consequently I exchanged it & opened acct with AMT.*

This account stands as follows:

Received from C.A. Evans Draft for U.S. \$500.00 for transportation etc.
Mar. 12, '39 U.S. \$500.00 exchange Shanghai 6.13846--- Shai. \$3096.23
Haiphong April 11, check 72232 M. Brochard,
I.C. Plasters 1000, transportation acc't--\$1687.76
Haiphong, April 15, check 72233 M. Brochard,
per Rev. Smith I.C.P. 127.50 for boiler---\$ 215.22

\$1902.98
Credit balance \$1166.25
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This credit balance of \$1166.25 closes out the \$500.00 draft received from C.A.E.

Please find enclosed my check on the Associated Mission Treasurers for \$1166.25 same made payable to your order.

Dr. Robert E. Brown desires to purchase equipment at Shanghai. I suggest that an account be opened for Dr. Brown to which we may transfer all amounts that we may credit him, against which he may issue bills for equipment and transportation of the same. I hope this will be agreeable to you.

I would have deferred this matter until I reach New York, but I am not sure when I will arrive there, and so I deemed it wise to send it on ahead, for the benefit of Dr. Brown.

Cordially yours
Joseph Beech

Enclosures

- ① Check on Asso Mission Treas. Shai \$1166.25
- ② Quotation re the Wesleyan \$966 sent to
Shanghai by M.E. Bd Foreign Missions.

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The following is a quotation from the letter of Joseph Beech, dated Chicago, Illinois, November 8, addressed to President Dsang and Mr. Robertson:

"(5) Gifts for 1939-1940 from Wesleyan students paid to the Methodist Board of Foreign Missions just prior to my return from China were sent forward to their China Treasurer, Mr. Glenn Fuller, Shanghai. I requested their return to New York that, as per custom, I could transfer them through the WCUU Treasurer to Chengtu. I now learn that he forwarded them to their Chengtu Treasurer, Mr. Stockwell.

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Since this mistake was made and since the designation allows it, I make the following allocation:- (1) The Methodist Mission, U.S. \$48.30; (2) Endowment of the University Beds, U.S. \$500. The endowment of Hospital Beds should go through the Treasury of the Board of Directors for additional support to the "four bed endowment" set-up at their March meeting this year, or for additional Wesleyan Endowed Beds as the medical group may recommend. (3) Wesleyan University Scholarships for tuition and dormitory fees, U.S. \$417.70. I would like four photographs of students granted the Wesleyan Scholarships, with names and class designations. (For simplicity these scholarships might be made N.C. \$100 each if that is adequate.)

Gifts from this source will for 1940-1941 go as follows: (1) \$300, already forwarded, to Madame Chiang for war orphans; (2) Balance of gifts for Hospital Beds and Scholarships. There were strong efforts made to deflect these gifts to Europe for Red Cross, but I prevailed in keeping them for China. So do not delay in forwarding photos desired, together with any word that will emphasize the needs.

Joseph Beech
Chicago. Nov. 13/40

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Enclosed is a quotation from the letter of Joseph Smith, dated
Chicago, Illinois, November 8, addressed to President Barry and Mr.
Robertson:

"(5) Gifts for 1839-1840 from Wesleyan students sent to the Methodist
Board of Foreign Missions just prior to my return from China were sent
forward to their China Treasurer, Mr. Glenn Fuller, Shanghai. I re-
quested their return to New York that, as per custom, I could transfer
them through the WCU Treasurer to Geneva. I now learn that he for-
warded them to their China Treasurer, Mr. Stockwell.

Since this mistake was made and since the donation also it,
make the following allocation: (1) The Methodist Mission, U.S. \$48.50;
(2) Endowment of the University Fund, U.S. \$500. The endowment of the
fund should be through the Treasury of the Board of Directors for
additional support to the "Four Seed Endowment" set up at their March
meeting this year, or for additional Wesleyan Endowment Fund as the meth-
odical group may recommend. (3) Wesleyan University Scholarship for
tuition and board fees, U.S. \$117.50. I would like four pho-
graphs of students granted the Wesleyan Scholarship, with names and
class designations. (For stipend these scholars might be made
\$2.00 each in cash is adequate.)

Gifts from this source for 1839-1840 are as follows: (1) \$500,
already forwarded, to Madame Ching for war orphans; (2) balance of
gifts for hospital care and scholarships. There were some efforts
made to collect these gifts to Europe for Red Cross, but I prevailed
upon them to China. So do not delay in forwarding photos
either. The word fund will emphasize the needs.

Joseph Smith
Chicago Nov. 10/40

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November 15, 1940

Dr. Joseph Beech
1644 Greenleaf Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Dr. Beech,

Thank you for your letter of October 31.

Titles of University Property. About 1932 the University sent us maps of the University property and possibly also some information as to the titles, though I am a bit hazy on the latter point. We will check up on all this information, and get in touch with the field as to any further information needed.

Hospital Lobby. I am sending copies of the architect's letter to you, your letter to the Committee appointed by the Executive Committee, and Dr. Brown's letter to you, to Dr. Decker and Dr. Endicott for their decision as to whether the recommendations of the architect can now be considered as definitive. If they respond favorably, I will at once get off this information to the field by China Clipper letter. If they feel that a meeting of the Committee is necessary, we will try to arrange for such a gathering at the earliest possible date.

Appointment of Bursar. This is a matter on which we must press ahead. We have already exchanged communications with the field once or twice, and while we always want to get from the field any latest opinions they have on this or any other point, I doubt whether it would be justifiable for us to hold up our search for the right man for this position while we are waiting any further comments from Chengtu. So far as candidates are concerned, the Board of Governors are free to turn anywhere they wish, either in our China Colleges office or among the offices of the supporting boards. I know that any of us here in the office at 150 Fifth Avenue would certainly welcome an opportunity to get back into service in China. The two practical questions that must be considered are: (1) Where could we render our largest service to China? and (2) Would it be feasible for us to make the necessary personal and family arrangements to take up work in China? So the

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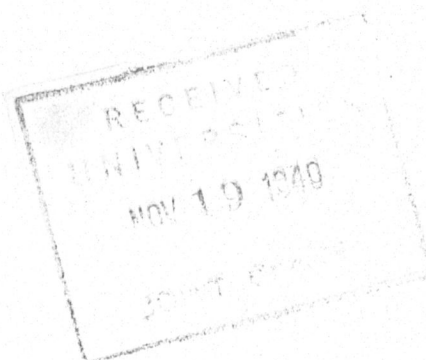
way is always open for the Colleges in China to approach any one of our staff here in New York with a proposition for service on the field. We might even find that now and then some of us would be able and happy to go out and spend a year or two at least serving in some one of the Colleges. That, mind you, is merely a generalization, and does not have any specific application to your own proposal with regard to Mr. Parker. That you would have to talk over with him yourself.

Appointment of Librarian. Here, too, we ought to get to moving ahead to find the right person without too much delay in exchanging inconclusive correspondence between America and Chengtu. We have been dodging back and forth on this matter of a librarian for a year or more. If you have any specific recommendation as to the action that should be taken by the Executive Committee or the West China Board of Governors, let's lay it before them for a decision.

Very cordially yours,

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November 30, 1940

Dr. Joseph Beech
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Dr. Beech:

In order to clarify our records, I am acknowledging your letter of November 13th written at Chicago, wherein you requested that we enter the \$966.00 covering the Mead and Wesleyan gifts on the books of West China Union University. We did this, but subsequent events permitted you to reclaim this money, necessitating our canceling the previous entries.

In the same communication, you report on a US\$500.00 draft which was advanced for transportation. I take it that this item was one which we sent to California in an effort to reach you, but which subsequently caught up with you at Hongkong. Please let me know if I am not correct.

In the settlement of this \$500.00 advance, you have handed us a local currency check for \$1,166.25 which we have deposited for collection.

It is our understanding that all other funds advanced for transportation were so used and that it does not call for a report thereon.

It will be perfectly agreeable to us to open a special account for Dr. Brown, against which we are to charge hospital equipment purchases, if it does not still further complicate the situation.

At your convenience, I would like to talk with you about this.

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

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December 21, 1940

Dr. Joseph Beech
1644 Greenleaf Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

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Dear Dr. Beech:

I am grateful for the thought which prompted the Christmas greetings received from the Beech family. Surely Mrs. Evans and myself deeply appreciate being numbered among your friends. Many thanks.

The following cable came to hand this morning, addressed to "Abchicol, Beech":-

"URGE PERMISSION ERECT PHARMACY BUILDING"

You will know the source of the funds which they hope to use for this purpose. If any of the building funds which are now on hand in America are to be used, let us know and we will carry through on the machinery end.

At your leisure, I would like to have a brief statement covering the organization of the United Hospital in Chengtu, and its organic relation (if any) to West China Union University and the West China Union University Hospital. Miss Priest is begging for \$5,000 to keep the United Hospital in Chengtu going.

With every good wish to you all, I am

Most sincerely,

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Dr. Joseph Beech
1644 Greenleaf Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Dr. Beech:

I have just received this morning a cablegram from Chengtu, reading "APPROACH LI". This is in answer to our letter regarding Mr. Augustine Li whom you interviewed for the position of Librarian.

The cablegram did not contain any details as to salary, but you will recall that we proposed a very definite line of procedure which, if acceptable to the authorities in Chengtu, would be the basis of negotiations. I take it from this cable that we have permission to proceed with these negotiations, and I will be glad to cooperate with you in carrying them forward in whatever way you suggest.

I will await word from you before I get in touch with Mr. Li.

Sincerely yours,

J. F. Parker
Assistant Secretary

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Dr. Joseph Beech
1644 Greenleaf Avenue
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Dr. Beech:

I presume that you are thoroughly familiar with the game of tennis. In sports it is all right, but when it gets to batting dollars and checks around that is another story. We think, however, this game with the Methodist Board is at "three all."

It stands this way, that the \$1200.00 in one way or another has been paid to the Methodist Board and returned. This is because they have refunded \$427.48 paid to them from an original draft sent through and they have turned over to us without collection the draft for \$318.34 less charges for collection on the Associated Mission Treasurers' books. We are not putting this through, of course, which, in total, now closes out the \$1200.00 item in duplicate with the Methodist Board. Of course, draft No. 982 for \$433.30 was canceled by us.

I thought you would be interested in knowing this latest development. We will report this later to the field.

With Happy New Year Greetings, I am

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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December 31, 1940

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Dr. Joseph Beech
1644 Greenleaf Avenue
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Dr. Beech:

I have in my file a copy of a letter dated March 15th written to you by Alice W. Lindsay, Head Librarian of the West China Union University Library. It refers to Charles D. Warner's Library of the world's best literature, ancient and modern, of which the Library has had use.

It is proposed that you replace this from funds held by the Trustees in the Kate Atherton Fund and it was my understanding that you would take steps to so do. I wonder if this has been overlooked, or if you are searching for a second-hand set.

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

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