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January 5, 1938

Miss Marjorie Robertson
West China Union University
Chengtu, Szechwan, CHINA

Dear Miss Robertsons

Let me acknowledge receipt of your letters of November 4th, November 29th, and December 20th.

Your letter of November 4th. This states that the Friends Service Council is in process of agreeing to have your financial arrangements cared for through their Treasurer in Chengtu, as soon as the necessary formalities of agreement can be completed. We will await official word - which, I assume, will come to us from London - and in the meantime will continue to send you monthly drafts on your salary account.

Letter of November 29th. With this you enclose information with regard to the Chemistry Department. We are glad to have this material for publicity purposes.

Your letter of December 20th. With this you enclose the article by Bishop Wood. We are having copies of this mimeographed and I will take along a supply to the meeting of the West China Executive Committee which is to be held in Toronto on Friday of this week.

So many things are happening in China these days that any attempt to comment on them would be quite inadequate. We do hope, however, that West China continues to go ahead with its work in a fairly quiet and peaceful manner - even though you are greatly overcrowded.

Very cordially yours,

B A GARSIDE

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January 27, 1938

Miss Marjorie Robertson
West China Union University
Chengtú, Szechwan, China

Dear Miss Robertson:

I have been in touch with Castleton's office to discover whether or not West China Union University sends a supply of minutes and other material from the field direct to him for distribution to the British members of the Board of Governors.

Castleton tells me that he does not receive such a supply of minutes from you, and that he has been under the impression that copies of this material are being mailed direct from Chengtu to the individual members of the British Section of the Board of Governors.

For a long time our New York office has been sending copies of all this material to all members of the Board, in Great Britain as well as in the United States and Canada.

If, therefore, you have been sending any of this material direct to the British members of the Board, it has been an unnecessary duplication. On the other hand, if you have not been sending any of this material direct to Great Britain but have been sending only the one supply to us here in New York, I would suggest that it would save both time and expense if we make a change. Why not send to Castleton's office enough copies to supply the British members of the Board, and send to our New York office only enough copies for the members in the United States and Canada, together with a few extra copies for our office use.

Cordially,

B A GARSIDE

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Union University,
Shenandoah, Syc.

February 21st 1938.
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Mr. G. A. Evans,
Associated Boards,
New York.

Dear Mr. Evans,

Thank you for duplicate
draft for L.C. \$227.68 being November
salary which arrived 3 weeks ago.
Today I have received your
letters of November 8th + 15th,
enclosing original and duplicate
of December cheque for L.C. 228.24,
covering salary less insurance.
Mail seems to be getting through
eventually. Today I've had

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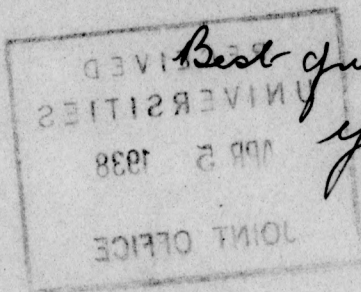
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Letters from England and
Canada and the States dated
October! as well as others
of November and December.

Our campus is pretty well
full these days & yet the
Government asks us to take
in more loan students! How,
I don't know.



Best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Margaret Robertson

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Yours sincerely,
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Union University,
Blenheim, Nze.

2nd March 1938
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Dear Mr. Evans,

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Many thanks for original
& duplicate of my January
cheque which arrived today
for Lb. £227.27.

You will be interested to
know we are expecting Mr. Bressy
in Blenheim March 12-19th,
& Mr. H. J. Silcock is due
March 28th.

Best wishes,

Yours sincerely

Maïjorie Robertson

April 18, 1938

Miss Marjorie Robertson
West China Union University
Chengtu, Szechuan, China

Dear Miss Robertson:

Your letter of March 2nd acknowledging receipt of the January salary checks is at hand. February and March have been paid on our books which, of course, you will receive in due time. Salaries for April, May and June, as you have been notified, will be forthcoming through the Friends Service Council, and subsequently the salaries will be handled in the same manner. We, of course, shall miss your monthly letters, but the new arrangement will probably work out more to your liking.

We are looking forward ourselves to seeing Mr. Cressy who is on the way to America at the present time.

The Annual Meetings are now only a couple of weeks distant and much work must be done during that period.

With kindest regards, I remain

Very truly yours,

C. A. Evans.

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TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS: "HUATAI"

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THE VICE-CHANCELLOR

CHENGDU, SZECHWAN
四川成都

July 16th, 1938

*Ack 10-5-38
by JIP*

Dr. B.A. Garside,
Associated Boards for Christian Colleges,
150, Fifth Avenue,
NEW YORK CITY, U.S.A.

Dear Dr. Garside,

I am enclosing herewith one copy of our Annual Statistical Report for the New York State Education Department, which we shall be most grateful if you will have copied and forwarded to Albany. The cost of postage is so heavy from China these days, that I feel sure you will not mind helping us in this way. Thank you very much.

As I leave for the hills within a day or two I am asking the Bursar's office to enclose also the Financial pages.

In case the copy of our catalogue posted last autumn should not have reached Albany I am sending another now under separate cover.

I hope you will be able to have a good holiday this summer. Behludin is my destination and I am planning to have a lazy time.

With all best wishes,
Yours sincerely,

Marjorie Robertson

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Office Secretary.

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Dr. B.A. Garfield,
Associated Boards for Christian Colleges,
150, Fifth Avenue,
NEW YORK CITY, U.S.A.

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should not have reached Albany I am sending another now under
separate cover.

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summer. Bethlehem is my destination and I am planning to have
a lazy time.

With all best wishes,
Yours sincerely,

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Office Secretary

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THE VICE-CHANCELLOR

CHENGDU, SZECHWAN

四川成都

March 3rd, 1939.

Mr. Joseph I. Parker,
Associated Boards for Christian Colleges,
150, Fifth Avenue,
NEW YORK CITY, U.S.A.

Dear Mr. Parker,

Your letter of October 5th only reached me two or three weeks' ago. I have now been able to make enquiries about the Financial Report of our University for the State Department for the year 1937, and I find that it was not prepared. The summer of 1937 was a particularly difficult one in the Bursar's Office because of shortage of staff and other circumstances connected with the plans for the coming to our University campus of institutions from down river. The preparation of such a report now would entail a great deal of work, and unless it is absolutely essential that the 1937 report be prepared, we would be most grateful to be excused. But, of course, if the State Department of Education at Albany insist then we must make the effort involved.

With all best wishes,
Yours sincerely,

Marjorie Robertson.

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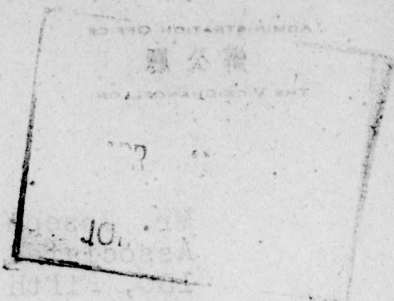
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March 2nd 1939

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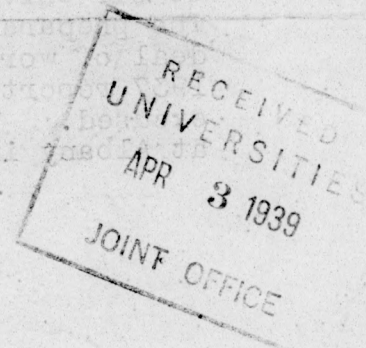


Your letter of October 26th only reached me two or three weeks ago. I have now been able to make enquiries about the financial report of our University for the year 1937. I find that it was not prepared for the year 1937, and I find that it was not prepared. The report of 1937 was a particularly difficult one for the Bureau's Office because of shortage of staff and other circumstances connected with the plans for the coming year. I am sorry to hear that you would like to see a report of such a kind. I am afraid that the report would be prepared, but unless it is absolutely essential that the report be prepared, it would be best to wait until the next year. Of course, if the State Department of Education is interested then we must make the effort involved.

With all best wishes,
Yours sincerely,

Handwritten signature

Marjorie Robertson



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April 5, 1939

Miss Marjorie Robertson
West China Union University
Chengtu, Szechuan, China

Dear Miss Robertson:

Your letter of March 3 has just reached me. I have been checking up to find out whether or not the State Department of Education at Albany will insist upon the making out of the 1936-37 Financial Report. It is apparent that they place great importance on the receipt of these reports, and the reputation of the University, in relation to its registration, is somewhat at stake.

After talking with Mr. Garside, I think we will have to suggest that this Report be made, even though it entails considerable work. The Financial Reports to the State Department of Education at Albany are one of the most important things that we have to keep up to date. I am sorry that it did not get done at the time it should have been, for I realize that it would be much more difficult now. However, it will adjust any misunderstanding there is with the State Department of Education. While they are a bit slow about making the studies of these documents and they may not get to them immediately after the date on which they are sent in, nevertheless, they always check us up very severely if they discover any missing.

Sincerely yours,

J. J. Parker
Assistant Secretary

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ADMINISTRATION OFFICE.

CHENG TU, SZECHWAN

May 19th, 1939.

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Dear Dr. Garside,

On April 29th and May 1st we sent off packages each containing 10 copies of the University number of the "West China Missionary News" reprint to the offices of the Cooperating Missions and to the Associated Boards and United Committee. Some were posted direct from here and a few were taken in personal baggage to Kunming by air. We hope they will all arrive in due course and that you will find them valuable for publicity purposes.

Each Mission has received 40 copies and your office 60. We have kept a number here for our use during these next two months or so - if there are any left by middle July I shall send the remainder to you.

I hope you are all well and will have a splendid summer vacation. I plan to go to Behludin as last year and have a few weeks rest and fresh air. The children of the community have mostly left for the hills to complete their school term there. Just at present we are too near to Chungking for the sake of the children!

With kind regards and all good wishes,
Yours very sincerely,

Majorie Robertson

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CHEANGTU, SICHUAN

May 15th, 1938

Dear Dr. ...

On April 28th and May 1st we sent off packages each containing 10 copies of the University number of the "West China Missionary News" reprint to the offices of the Associated Missions and to the Associated Boards and Committees. Some were posted direct from here and some were taken in personal baggage to Kunming by air. They will all arrive in due course and that you will find them valuable for publicity purposes.

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Each Mission has received 10 copies and your office has kept a number here for our use during the next two months or so - if there are any left by mid-July I shall send the remainder to you.

I hope you are all well and will have a splendid summer vacation. I plan to go to Beijing as last year and have a few weeks rest and fresh air. The children of the community have mostly left for the hills to complete their school term here. Just at present we are too near to Kunming for the sake of the children!

With kind regards and all good wishes,
Yours very sincerely,

Walter H. ...

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*Each attached to
M. Robertson's
letter of
7/1/39*

On April 23rd Dr. Gordon Lo and his staff held an open Day at the new Tuberculosis Sanatorium which is located in the former Liu Pei Yui Orchard to the south of the Radio Station.

The Museum Committee has removed its exhibits from the North end of the ground floor of the Library Building, so as to relieve the badly overcrowded condition in the Library. Certain rooms in the Clock Tower have been colour washed and been fitted with electric light so that they may be used for religious classes several hours each day. Foundations for the new Chemistry Building are in and work is proceeding as rapidly as possible in the hope that part of the building may be ready for occupation in the fall. Work will commence shortly on a greenhouse in the San Tai garden for the joint use of the University of Nanking and West China Union University; a classroom building for the College of Agriculture of the University of Nanking to be located adjacent to the Hospital Annex, a dormitory for the students of the Tanning School near the Tannery; Leper Hospital and Pharmacy building to the south of the Medical-Dental Building, and a Faculty residence on the Tong Hong Tsi site recently acquired by the University.

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The best wishes of all go with Mrs. Lewis, the Grahams, the Sewells, and Dr. Best who have left recently for furlough. The latter escorted a Penda for the New York Zoological Society.

Dr. Joseph Beech is in Kunming with a large supply of Hospital equipment, and hopes to see these goods well started on the way to Chengtu before he comes direct by plane.

We hear that Mr. Lo Chung-shu has completed his course of study in Oxford and plans to return to the University in the autumn.

For many years Mrs. Lewis took charge of the garden and grounds of the Administration Building - a service in which she found real pleasure and which has been much appreciated. Now that she has left for America Mrs. Crawford has kindly consented to undertake this piece of service for the University.

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During May Chengtu is to be visited by the Youth and Religion Team which has been organised by the National Christian Council, the China Christian Educational Association and the National Committees of the Young Men's and Young Women's Christian Associations. Members of the Team will be meeting the staff and student bodies of the various Universities and addressing gatherings in the Administration Hall each evening from the 14th to the 21st.

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Considerable athletic activity has been noticed on the campus of late - this is to culminate in the Joint Athletic Meet being arranged by the cooperating Universities for Friday and Saturday, May 5th and 6th.

June 1939

During the last two weeks the Youth and Religion Team, organised by the National Christian Council, the China Christian Educational Association and the National Committee of the Young Men's and Young Women's Christian Associations, have been holding numerous meetings in Chengtu. Dr. Stanton Lautenschlager, formerly a professor of Cheeloo University and at present of Lingnan University, addressed a series of well-attended evening meetings in the Assembly Hall on the following topics: "The Present Situation in Europe and the Future of the Sino-Japanese War"; "Our Present World Needs and Hopes"; "The Meaning of Life and Faith"; "Christ and the Cross."

Sunday Evening Services have been addressed by Dr. Cheng Ching-yi, Moderator of the Church of Christian in China; Dr. Stanton Lautenschlager and Mr. C.C. Liang of the Youth and Religion Team; and Rev. Andrew Roy who has just returned from a trip to Sian and Yeh-an.

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The University has been asked to resume its Tuesday Evening Broadcasts. Chinese talks on Research Projects are given from 7.5-7.30 p.m. alternately.

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The Athletic Meet for the cooperating Universities was held on May 5th and 6th, the total number of entrants being three hundred. Two new features were introduced this year. Each University entered a team of twenty for the Tug-of-War, and four of the Universities entered relay teams of thirty to run back and forth over the 100 yards course; Just for the fun of it one of the staff members, aged forty-nine, ran with the students in the ten thousand metre race, and came in second. It is generally acknowledged that the times for the races and the standards reached were much better this year than last.

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The British Ambassador, Sir Archibald Kerr Clark-Kerr, paid a brief visit to the University campus at the time of the Athletic Meet. The following Monday afternoon the community entertained him at tea in the Dickinsons' garden, just before he left for Chungking.

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Farewell teas and suppers for the graduating students are the order of the day, as are benefit concerts for the Nursery School, S.C.M. Choir, summer social work and kindred needy objects, to say nothing of revision of the year's work in readiness for the examinations which take place in June. Graduation Exercises are to take place on June 25th and 26th.

July 1939.

In view of the air raid on June 11th, details of which are given on another page, there has been much discussion as to whether the University should move to the country. It is felt that the difficulties of moving are far too great and so it is planned to take all possible precautions to protect the lives of the staff and students, and with everyone understanding the conditions to continue the academic work of the Universities on the West China Union University campus next year.

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The regular term examinations have been postponed until the early part of September and many of the students have left for their homes; the Graduation examinations were held as usual, and sixty-eight Huata and twenty-three Cheeloo students received their diplomas at the joint Graduation Ceremony on Monday, June 26th. The Baccalaureate Sermon preached by Dr. Frank Price of Nanking Theological Seminary the previous afternoon was greatly enjoyed by all. Sincere thanks are due to Mrs. Crawford and her helpers for the most effective manner in which they decorated the Assembly Hall, the University colours, red and blue, being carried out in giant lilies and dahlias.

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<u>Graduating Students, June 1939</u>		
	<u>Cheeloo</u>	<u>West China</u>
Arts	4	21
Science	3	11
Medicine	16	23
Dentistry		12
Special Diploma in Ophthalmology & Otolaryngology.		1
	<u>23</u>	<u>68</u>

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This year the cooperating Universities will be giving joint entrance examinations in Hongkong and Shanghai on July 10th & 11th and in Chungking and Chengtu on August 8th and 9th.

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Among the honoured guests of the month have been the Vice-Minister of Education, Chang Tao-fan; the Commissioner of Education of the Provincial Government, Hwang Chi-Lu who gave an address at the Graduation Ceremony; and Mr. George Fitcho who has been in China for over thirty years serving with the Y.M.C.A. During 1936-37 he was director of the Relief Committee of Missionaries, and is now connected with various War Relief organisations. He is also a keen Rotarian.

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Towards the close of last month the Bureau of Education called together all the Middle School teachers of this district for an afternoon and evening of conference. They borrowed the Union Senior Middle School for the occasion.

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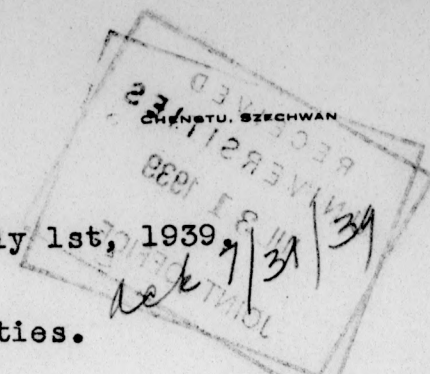
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ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

July 1st, 1939



Rev. A.G. Castleton,
United Committee for Christian Universities.

Dr. B.A. Garside,
Associated Boards for Christian Colleges.

Dear Mr. Castleton and Dr. Garside,

I am sorry that for one reason or another I omitted to have extra copies printed of the University Notes which appear in the "West China Missionary News". They were so scrappy these past three months it hardly seemed worth while, specially since we had sent you the University reprints for April giving quite a fair amount of information about the University and its present state. However, on re-reading these later notes I have discovered that there are a few points in them which you might be glad to have, and so I am enclosing a type-written copy of notes which have appeared in May, June and July.

I am also enclosing a couple of pictures I took of the Baptist Mission dormitory which was damaged by the bombing - the bare branch which appears at the lefthand top corner of the picture numbered (1) is part of the tree which caused the bomb to explode in the air. Folk in these damaged rooms were saved by getting under dining tables! The second picture is taken from the interior of the quadrangle and shows some of the furniture which was rescued. Our Photo Studio has been working at breakneck speed to cope with all the photos of the air raid. When I can discover a really good picture of the damage at the river-side on the M.E.M. compound I will borrow the negative and get copies made for you.

There have been several warnings since June 11th, but the plans have not reached Chengtu. The summer rains have commenced, and that means plenty of cloudy weather from now on interspersed by hot, sunny, sticky spells. A number of folk have gone to the hills already - quite a number intend to remain here all the summer. I hope to be able to get away for a month about July 15th - when all the reports are posted!

With kind regards and all best wishes for your summer vacation,

Yours very sincerely,

Mayorie Robertson

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Mr. Caldwell.

Extrated from THE WEST CHINA MISSIONARY NEWS. September 1939.

UNIVERSITY NEWS

It was with a real-sense of relief that the University community heard of the safe arrival in Chengtu of Chancellor Joseph Beech. He had been many months on the journey from the States, having been delayed through difficulties experienced in securing transportation for the twelve or so tons of freight which he was escorting to Chengtu for the use of the new University Hospital. Then, in Chungking he was taken very seriously ill and had to spend several weeks in hospital until he was well enough to fly to Chengtu. After three weeks in Shansi Kai Hospital he is now making good progress and hopes before long to move to the campus, where a very hearty welcome awaits him.

A cordial welcome is accorded to Miss M.E. Streeter on her return from furlough to take up her new duties as Dean of the Woman's College; also to Mr. Allen Spitzer of the University of Nanking, to Dr. and Mrs. Lautenschlager and Miss Ann Deans of Cheeloo University.

Joint Entrance Examinations were held by the four cooperating universities - Cheeloo, Ginling, University of Nanking and West China Union University - in Hongkong, Shanghai, Chungking and Chengtu, and altogether 1,338 students wrote papers. Of these 249 were passed by Cheeloo-Huata. Registration for all the Universities will take place on September 15th and 16th, and classes will commence on the 18th.

During the summer Dr. Dickinson has lost seven head of cattle through rinderpest. By making use of the rinderpest serum he was able to check further losses. He informed the Central Government of this success and assisted them by inoculating a large number of cattle in the Salt Wells district where for many years there have been serious periodic losses from this disease - it is highly probable that the use of the rinderpest serum has ushered in a new day for the dairy farmers of the Province.

Guests of note this month have been Mr. Nehru, Indian Nationalist leader, and Mr. Harry T. Silcock, formerly on the staff of the University, but now of Friends' Centre, Shanghai.

October, 1939.

Friday, September 22nd, was observed as Freshman Day, when new students were given an opportunity to meet members of the staff, to visit the buildings and grounds, and to hear talks on the history of the West China Union University and its relationship with the cooperating Universities, as well as to learn of the facilities available for study, recreation and maintenance of health.

The Board of Trustees administering Indemnity Funds remitted by the British Government has made a grant to the University to permit of the appointment of professors to five Chairs - Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Pharmacy and Chinese.

Word has just been received that the National Student Relief Committee Shanghsi, has made a grant of \$4,000 towards the erection of a building to be used as a Social Centre for the students now on the W.C.U.U. campus. The Social Centre is a joint enterprise of the cooperating Universities and the plans for the building and for the work to be undertaken have been considered by representatives of all these institutions. Associated with the committee in charge we hope to have Y.W.C.A. and Y.M.C.A. secretaries.

Dr. Frank Dickinson left Chengtu about the middle of September to assist the Inter-continent Aircraft Company with a landscape lay-out of their newly acquired factory site in Loiwing. He has also been asked to make recommendations with regard to the steps they might taken in the immediate neighbourhood to institute scientific agricultural methods amongst the farmers and market-gardeners, as well as to consider problems of fruit and nut growing, and forestry.

On September 30th a Five University Faculty Retreat is to be held in

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Hart College. The programme includes opening and closing Devotional Periods, led by Rev. Stanton Lautenschlager, and discussion in groups on the following subjects: Should we organise a Five University Faculty Christian Fellowship? Inter-University Cooperation; Student Attitudes and Faculty Responsibility. The Relation of Men and Women. Our Religious Life-shortcomings and criticisms, how to meet them. The Total Impact of the Curriculum in our Christian Universities.

The good wishes of all go with Dr. Helen Lousley and Miss Annie Thexton as they leave for Lurlough.

November 1939.

The enrolment for the Fall Term is practically completed for the five Universities on the W.C.U.U. campus. The number of students in each is as follows:

Cheeloo	Arts	89	
	Science	39	
	Medicine and Pre-Medicine	118	246
Ginling	Arts	86	
	Science	56	
	Physical Education	16	158
University of Nanking	Arts	80	
	Science	147	
	Agriculture	167	394
National Central	Medicine	83	
	Dentistry	33	116
West China	Arts	162	
	Science	151	
	Medicine	161	
	Dentistry	64	538
	Total University students		<u>1,452</u>

In addition we may report the enrolment figures for the associated schools:

W.C.U.U. Agricultural Extension School	42
West China Union Theological College	39
W.C.U.U. Senior Middle School	392
Goucher Junior Middle School	120
Dewey School - Primary 609, Kindergarten 95	704

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All best wishes for the New Year,

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UNIVERSITY NEWS

It was with a real sense of relief that the University community heard of the safe arrival in Chengtu of Chancellor Joseph Beech. He had been many months on the journey from the States, having been delayed through difficulties experienced in securing transportation for the twelve or so tons of freight which he was escorting to Chengtu for the use of the new University Hospital. Then, in Chungking he was taken very seriously ill and had to spend several weeks in hospital until he was well enough to fly to Chengtu. After three weeks in Shansi Kai Hospital he is now making good progress and hopes before long to move to the campus, where a very hearty welcome awaits him.

A cordial welcome is accorded to Miss M.E. Streeter on her return from furlough to take up her new duties as Dean of the Woman's College; also to Mr. Allen Spitzer of the University of Nanking, to Dr. and Mrs. Lautenschlager and Miss Ann Deans of Cheeloo University.

Joint Entrance Examinations were held by the four cooperating universities - Cheeloo, Ginling, University of Nanking and West China Union University - in Hongkong, Shanghai, Chungking and Chengtu, and altogether 1,338 students wrote papers. Of these 249 were passed by Cheeloo-Huata. Registration for all the Universities will take place on September 15th and 16th, and classes will commence on the 18th.

During the summer Dr. Dickinson has lost seven head of cattle through rinderpest. By making use of the rinderpest serum he was able to check further losses. He informed the Central Government of this success and assisted them by inoculating a large number of cattle in the Salt Wells district where for many years there have been serious periodic losses from this disease - it is highly probable that the use of the rinderpest serum has ushered in a new day for the dairy farmers of the Province.

Guests of note this month have been Mr. Nehru, Indian Nationalist leader, and Mr. Harry T. Silcock, formerly on the staff of the University, but now of Friends' Centre, Shanghai.

October, 1939.

Friday, September 22nd, was observed as Freshman Day, when new students were given an opportunity to meet members of the staff, to visit the buildings and grounds, and to hear talks on the history of the West China Union University and its relationship with the cooperating Universities, as well as to learn of the facilities available for study, recreation and maintenance of health.

The Board of Trustees administering Indemnity Funds remitted by the British Government has made a grant to the University to permit of the appointment of professors to five Chairs - Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Pharmacy and Chinese.

Word has just been received that the National Student Relief Committee Shenghsi, has made a grant of \$4,000 towards the erection of a building to be used as a Social Centre for the students now on the W.C.U.U. campus. The Social Centre is a joint enterprise of the cooperating Universities and the plans for the building and for the work to be undertaken have been considered by representatives of all these institutions. Associated with the committee in charge we hope to have Y.W.C.A. and Y.M.C.A. secretaries.

Dr. Frank Dickinson left Chengtu about the middle of September to assist the Inter-continent Aircraft Company with a landscape lay-out of their newly acquired factory site in Loiwing. He has also been asked to make recommendations with regard to the steps they might taken in the immediate neighbourhood to institute scientific agricultural methods amongst the farmers and market-gardeners, as well as to consider problems of fruit and nut growing, and forestry.

On September 30th a Five University Faculty Retreat is to be held in

Hart College. The programme includes opening and closing Devotional Periods, led by Rev. Stanton Lautenschlager, and discussion in groups on the following subjects: Should we organise a Five University Faculty Christian Fellowship? Inter-University Cooperation; Student Attitudes and Faculty Responsibility. The Relation of Men and Women. Our Religious Life-shortcomings and criticisms, how to meet them. The Total Impact of the Curriculum in our Christian Universities.

The good wishes of all go with Dr. Helen Lousley and Miss Annie Thexton as they leave for Lurlough.

November 1939.

The enrolment for the Fall Term is practically completed for the five Universities on the W.C.U.U. campus. The number of students in each is as follows:

Cheeloo	Arts	89	
	Science	39	
	Medicine and Pre-Medicine	118	246
Ginling	Arts	86	
	Science	56	
	Physical Education	16	158
University of Nanking	Arts	80	
	Science	147	
	Agriculture	167	394
National Central	Medicine	83	
	Dentistry	33	116
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	Science	151	
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