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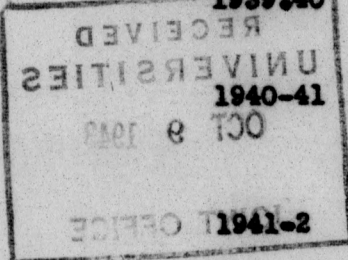
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Resume of Building accounts of West China Union Theological College 1938 - 1942

<u>Receipts</u>			
1938-9	U.C.C. W.M.S.	1740.70	
	Special gift Baptist J Taylor	1957.50	
	Special gift	<u>358.34</u>	4056.54
1939-40	U.C.C. F.M.B.	8000.00	
	U.C.C. W.M.S.	1664.02	
	Baptist F.M.B.	7521.16	
	Ditto Furnishings	1900.00	
	M.E.M. F.M.B.	11790.91	
	Nanking Seminary plus exchange	<u>12050.00</u>	42926.09
1940-1	U.C.C. F.M.B.	<u>15000.00</u>	
	M.E.M.	8500.00	
	U.C.C. W.M.S.	36150.00	
	Nanking Seminary	<u>10000.00</u>	69650.00
1941-2	Methodist W.F.M.S. a/c Womens Dormi- tory	44330.20	
	Methodist Gen Board Balance	744.01	
	U.C.C. W.M.S.	3835.20	
	Nanking Seminary plus Ex.	<u>113946.28</u>	<u>162855.69</u>
		N.C.	\$279488.32

Expenditures

1938-9	Walls 479.00	Dormitory 1184.70	2101.95	3765.65
1939-40	Walls 4073.38,	Teacher residence 4455.20		
	Double residence 18385.33	Furnish. 1000		
	Dormitory 21200.00			49114.49
1940-41	First Dormitory 16860.41			
	Second Dormitory 100738.14			
	Furnishings 4191.50			
	Roads 361.36			122151.41
1941-2	2nd dormitory			<u>88173.61</u>
				<u>263205.16</u>
	Balance in hand			<u>16283.16</u>
				<u>\$279488.32</u>



Since July 1st there has been more expenditure on account of roads and finishings of building. Some of the furniture in the building is borrowed from the W.M.S. School and when the school moves back to Chengtu this will be given up and the College will be under the necessity of replacing it by its own. There is also a need of building roads and paths between the buildings

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September 1, 1942

Mr. Ernest Hibbard
West China Union Theological College
Chengtou, Szechwan, CHINA

Dear Mr. Hibbard:

Your letter of May 20th was received and copies distributed to members of the Board and cooperating agencies.

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The Woman's Missionary Society of The United Church of Canada raises the question regarding the \$2,000 Canadian Currency which was appropriated toward the women's dormitory. It is understood that this appropriation was made in 1941 and evidence in hand is that the amount was disbursed by the Treasurer on the field.

Some word regarding this fund would be appreciated and, as a matter of fact, it might not be out of the way to have a statement of the receipts and expenditures for this dormitory.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

CAE/B
cc: Mrs. Taylor

Via China Clipper

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Treasurer's Office

Chengtu, Sze November 10th 1942

West China Union Theological College

Rev. C.A. Evans
Associated Boards for
Christian College
150 Fifth Ave., New York

Dear Mr. Evans,

Yours of September 1st received.

The sum of N.C.\$3835.20 was received here on August 27th 1942 from the Field Treasurer of the U.C.C., W.M.S. The College financial year closes June 30th hence it does not appear until the year 1941-2. You will have received a copy of the accounts for this year from Dr. G.W. Sparling.

I am sending you a synopsis of the building accounts from the time the college began. It seems necessary to go back this far as the building spread over more than one year and funds are not always paid in a lump sum but come in gradually. This will give you a birdseye view of what has been done in the way of erection of a permanent plant here. The years 1938-9 show expenditure which includes additions and changes to the original buildings.

The buildings erected up to the present are the following:

1. The original group of lath and plaister building with the tile roof in the compound on the street. Property of U.C.C.
2. A double residence two story brick and tile occupied by Dr. F.W. Price and Rev. Peter Shih. The most of this money for building came from the Nanking Seminary. On the removal of Nanking these residences will be available for the West China staff.
3. A set of buildings of lath and plaister with tile roof occupied by Rev. Newton Chiang on the same terms built by Nanking
4. The first dormitory to the south used as dormitory and class rooms solid brick with tile roof two storeys.
5. The second dormitory to the north of the first used as womens dormitory Class rooms for B.D. Work and offices.
6. A brick one storey residence erected by Nanking Seminary Funds supplied entirely by them not included in the statement sent herewith.
7. Gateway and servants quarters to the east of the compound.

I trust this will enable you to understand the situation as regards plant as it is at present. The balance shown as on June 30th has partly been used and by the end of the year will have disappeared. Roads and paths are being made. The furniture in some of the class rooms belongs to the U.C.C. W.M.S. High School which at present is working away from the city. When this school moves back when affairs quieten down we will be under the necessity of replacing this furniture with some bought by the college.

Yours sincerely

/s/ Ernest Hibbard

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June 29, 1943

Mr. Ernest Hibbard
West China Union Theological College
Chengt'u, Szechwan, CHINA

Dear Mr. Hibbard:

I should have acknowledged receipt of your letter of November 10th dealing with the financial situation and the building accounts for West China Union Theological College. This, however, was held for a meeting of the Executive Committee.

The accounting report was received, as you stated would be the case, and this material likewise was available for the Executive Committee.

I regret to say that, while there is definite expressions of deep interest in the project, yet there does not appear to be in sight a sufficient amount of money to back the institution the way it should be done. For instance, Mr. Corbett is in receipt of a cable asking that funds be increased 100% from the askings of \$5,000 which was sought from the Board of Governors. As a matter of fact, the Board of Governors never did underwrite this amount but referred it to the Finance Committee for consideration and recommendation. The facts are, however, that the Finance Committee has no funds to disburse and all extra funds which are in hand come from the United China Relief. However, we will talk the matter over and make further recommendations to the next meeting of the Board.

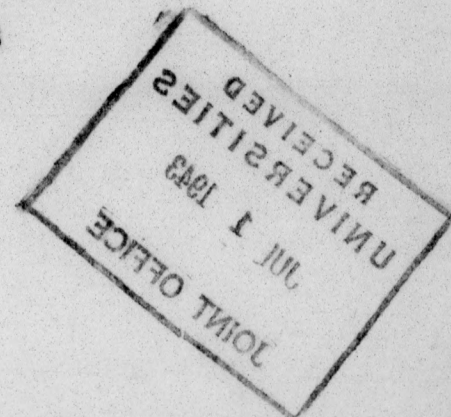
Very sincerely yours,

C. A. Evans

C. A. EVANS

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Via China Clipper
c.c. via next Clipper



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May 7, 1926,

Dr. E. C. Wilford
57 Holmwood Drive
Toronto, Canada.

Dear Doctor:

Just a line to ask you about the proposed hospital for the Medical School. How much do you need to build and equip the kind of a hospital you want. I take it for granted that it will not be a very large one, being mostly for clinical purposes, but that it ought to be very well equipped. Please let me know as soon as possible your answer to this question.

I heard of your presence in town the other day and was very sorry not to have seen you. Jim Stewart is in town and he and Brace and I all slept on the same hall at Union Seminary last night. It was quite a West China reunion.

Please give my regards to the lady.

Sincerely yours,

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The United Church of Canada
SECOND GENERAL COUNCIL

AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
MONTREAL

June 15th, 1926.

My dear Grand, -

Some time ago ^{at my suggestion} my wife sent you blue-prints of the Medical College. One was the College complete, the other the incomplete building as proposed - and at present being built.

I have another blue-print of the latter but only one of the former. Sir J. Flavelle has invited me to come and see him soon and talk over the week work. Ditto Hon. W. R. Wood. I also have a stand-in with a Toronto millinaire (Mr. E. L. Wood), a Methodist who has given large sums to various objects. If you have not already raised funds to build the central building please return to my Toronto address as soon as convenient (57 Humewood Drive) the complete blue print (not the one of the partial bldg) and I will see what I can do.

Sincerely,
Richard G. Wilford.

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West China Union University

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2148 - 48th. Ave. West.
Vancouver. Sept. 29th.

Mr. Jas. M. Yard.
150 - 5th. Ave.
New York,
U.S.A.,

Dear Yard,

Thanks for your letter of 16th. which was forwarded on to me here at the above address.

Glad to hear that Sir Joseph had agreed to continue as Chairman of the Board. Sorry that more funds cannot be given by the Mission Boards, but I am sure you will be able to dig up lots from the full pockets of Uncle Sam. ~~xxxxxx~~

Am returning you herewith the blue prints of the medical college. I hope you can use them to advantage in getting the rest of the money required for the medical building. I did not have much success in Toronto - as it was the holiday season and I had difficulty in getting in touch with the people I wanted.

We are held up here on account of the troubles in China. I may go on alone and leave the family to follow later. It is difficult to know what to do. Press reports are not very reassuring these days.

Kind regards to all the Yards and best of success in your work. Your success is necessary to our success out in W. China.

Yours sincerely,

J. B. Boyd

P.S. - Certainly hope you can do something to get the Edbrookes out. I met them in England and was ^{very} favourably impressed.

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COLLEGE OF MEDICINE AND DENTISTRY
WEST CHINA UNION UNIVERSITY
CHENG TU, Szechwan

Sept. 24th. 1940.

Dear Friends in the Homeland;—

It is now about 4 months since I wrote you a circular letter so I think I ought to get another off to you, and tell you how things are going in this part of the world.

So many alarming and exciting events have been happening nearer you that no doubt China no longer occupies the front pages of your newspapers. However my intellectual Chinese friends tell me that this war in Asia is really part of the war in Europe, and, when one thinks of it, it seems to be quite true. If the U.S.A. gets into it the oneness of it may be more evident.

On July 24th, Chengtu had a bad air raid. Considerable material damage was caused, including some American Baptist Mission property. Many people were killed and wounded—mostly common people. No foreigners were injured, many of them being away on their holidays.

We doctors see the unromantic side of wars. We treated in our hospital and outpatient department about 100 wounded. Some were in terrible condition and soon died in spite of what we could do for them. Some of the serious cases are still in our hospital. The treatment of all these cases is quite an expense to a mission hospital. However we have had some assistance from the government (Chinese) and the International Air-raid Relief Committee, of which I happen to be vice-chairman, granted us \$1000 Chinese currency as a grant in aid.

This brings me to the matter of finance. Our United Hospital recently has been having serious financial difficulties. For a few years we have tried, more or less successfully, to be self-supporting. That is, we have been able to pay, out of the fees collected, the running expenses of the hospital including the salary of Chinese staff, food, drugs and current expenses. This left only the salaries of the foreign staff and part of the hospital repairs to be borne by the missions.

But during the past year or so things have changed for the worse, ("worsened"—as some folk say). Some of the reasons for our financial troubles are,—

1. General war conditions.
2. Depreciation of the Chinese currency thus causing us to pay more for all our foreign supplies, and modern hospitals in China need much from abroad, e.g. X Ray films, drugs, instruments, apparatus, etc.
3. Difficult and expensive transportation. Since the occupation by Japan of most of the China coast and agreement by French Indo-China not to ship supplies to China, our supplies have to come by long and devious routes. We are like in a besieged city. Occasionally we manage to get some important drugs and supplies by air mail or air freight, but this is very expensive and there is a long "Waiting list" at Hong-kong?
4. Destruction (fire) of our fine Hospital for Women & Children—of which I wrote you in last letter, together with valuable supplies.
5. High price of local commodities used in the hospital such as rice, coal, cotton, etc. Most of these are 4 or 5 times as dear as a year ago.

In order to try to keep up with the above we have to increase our rate of fees. If we raise our fees too high then the people cannot afford to come to us especially the poor, and then we get into a "vicious circle."

So the only hope we have is to get some outside help and we have had numerous finance committee meetings, and we are planning to appeal to the co-operating Universities, the Red Cross, the National, Provincial and Municipal Governments, etc. and from some of these we have hopes of getting some assistance. The three co-operating universities have already helped us in the matter of buying coal for the winter, and the Medical Faculty is going to buy some rice, before the price goes any higher, store it, and then sell it to us when we need it. at original price.

Yesterday our community was shocked to hear of the death, from dysentery, of the bonny 16-months-old son of Dr. & Mrs. Gordon Campbell. Many doctors fought for many days but finally the dread Shiga bacillus won the battle.

We have got started on another college term. The schools and universities are crowded with promising students. And although the first part of my letter is rather pessimistic with reports of air raids, financial difficulties and death, still we have our optimistic side of the work too in seeing fine young men and women become bright useful Dentists, doctors, nurses, and technicians. However to keep us from being too happy we also have troubles with students and staff. Recently we had a strike of all the coolies and servants in our hospitals. They wanted higher wages. As this seemed a legitimate request, we agreed to raise them \$2.00 per month. But we warned them that they were breaking the law of the land by striking during war time

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and that we could hand them over to the police if we wanted to do so. So we got the servants, cooks, coolies and ward orderlies back on the job in time to get the dinner ready. The patients, doctors and nurses however had to go hungry that morning or get their own breakfast. The nurses managed to cook their own breakfast and dug up something for the patients. Doctors fared the worst, some of them went without breakfast, others went out to eating places on the street.

Last week we also had another strike. This time it was the Laboratory technicians. An Interne (embryo doctor) sent a specimen to the lab. for examination. The technician returned it with a saucy note which was too much for the dignity of the interne. So Mr. Interne came down and slapped the face of Mr. Lab. Technician. Then a deputation from the Lab. waited on me officially to see what was to be done. So I soothed them a bit and referred them to the Director. He got the two young scrappers together, gave them a fatherly talk and got them to shake hands. Thus the quarrel was supposed to be settled. But the Lab. boys thought this was too easy, and they continued on strike. The Director, an American-trained Chinese doctor, of somewhat dictatorial tendencies, said in a Finance Committee meeting (when we heard of the continuance of the strike); "all right we will let them strike and get rid of them, we can let the internes do all the lab. work"

This would have been perhaps a good way to settle the strike but it would also disrupt a school of technicians which had been training efficient and much needed lab. workers for several years. So some of us got busy as peacemakers. Dr. Williams and Dr. Chow called a meeting of the technicians, while Dr. Clifford Tsao and I got the internes and residents doctors together and exhorted them, telling them of the errors of their ways urging them to live in peace and harmony. Thus concord was restored once again.

During the absence of my wife in Canada, Dr. E. B. Struthers (Cheeloo University), who lives with us, and I have been boarding with some of our neighbors. But now a young American Baptist doctor and his wife (also a doctor who has the distinction of being the first foreigner to graduate from our Chengtu medical college) are going to live with us and we four doctors will "keep house" together. No doubt you can imagine how we will "talk shop" at meal time.

This summer I did not go away for a holiday. I was supposed to have my vacation in August. But the weather was wet and cool, and though I had had several invitations to go to various summer resorts I decided to remain at home and incidentally be here for part time work and be ready to help out in case we had air raids or other troubles.

The War in China drags on in somewhat of a stalemate fashion, but recently the Japanese have invaded French Indo-China which has given a different trend to things.

Dr. Sheridan writes as follows after the bombing of the Tseliutsing hospital:

"Your father's memorial hospital chapel is now filled with women patients these days. But your father would still be honored by that."

If this letter is delayed en route it may be near Christmas when you receive it. If so, please allow me to extend to you all the very best Season's Greetings.

Yours sincerely.

Clifford

