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Notes on items from your letters Mar. 7-10

1. I will pay out the \$33.00 on behalf of Miss Mac Canland.

2. Got China Year Book; not World Almanac.

3. Code O.K. First new 4 in "later" or "P.S." begin 7th, word & every fifth thereafter. Hyphenated count as one (unless strong reason to contrary).

4. Mrs. Fin should receive \$45 + \$45 + \$85, all three items paid to me in cash here.

5. The order on Marx for \$900 you can use for general purposes. Lewis drew that much from me, and this seemed best way to repay since he (L.) has no Shanghai account.

6. Got Fossing's book & will acknowledge some time.

7. Approve your going ahead for Japan for sake of kids, yourself, and contacts. It will be an open chance as to whether I can go or not. Timperley's book project has become so bold & I am so heavily involved & the book is rushed so fast, that my status by that time may be precarious to say the least. But timidity as such never accomplished anything!

8. Credit Union Circular for U.C.M.S. was sent me by you with your pencilled inquiry, "What about this?"

9. You gave us the first word of any chemistry course or St. John's for Claude. Elsie wrote that they

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tried in Hankow to persuade him in Hankow to go to Chengtu, and in February "everybody" (including Wei) was writing to ask him repeatedly. There is the background of his long fight in summer and autumn for Kuling and against either W. China or Nanking. They, and I, know that there is no use to push him against his will; but the total encouragement that way has been plenty for any one ready to see it. Chengtu attitude on Lewis & me is deferred so far as autumn is concerned. I am not repeating here the ^{Chengtu} remarks about Claude's proposal to start a second University under me, which was sent to Chengtu (via Directors' meeting or Cressy?) but which I heard about only this week from Elsie. Allowances always to be made for her wording, of course. But at least it was abundantly clear that they had repeatedly asked him to go for much-needed work. Will try to write to Claude soon.

10. We had negative word on neither Claude nor Andy Roy, but "wish we could be there immediately" and so on. Because we felt there might be doubt, we suggested alternative.

No Methodist man really available save Gale. We probably will get him from Wahu before anyone else, judging by Jap. attitude on Shanghai permits.

It was unanimously agreed to start with one woman on the list, since attitude of Amer. Embassy, refusal of gunboats to carry women (at least of British) & possible Jap. opposition must be faced. If one can be slipped in, there will be a precedent to be followed up promptly. Also unanimous vote for Joy as first shot. Possibly her presence here part of ^{last} summer & autumn were factors.

We spent weary hours discussing the whole business, & some were very sensitive to probable criticism in Shanghai. Yet final consensus was remarkable. This seemed best way to start on knowledge we had.

11. Very conscious of obligations for "Thank you" notes.