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REPORT TO THE BUILDING COMMITTEE OF THE TRUSTEES
of
FUKIEN CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

Style of Architecture:

In accord with the suggestion of the Building Committee of the Trustees the Managers have worked along the lines of the architecture being Chinese. It has been estimated that buildings in Chinese architecture will cost about 10% more than if done in some foreign style. It seems probable that the Chinese architecture can be built in no less permanent form than other styles and consequently, the cost of repairs will be no greater. There can be no definite computation as to increased cost until the style to be used in ~~all~~ ^{new} buildings is carefully planned, because certain of the present attempts at Chinese architecture are not satisfactory and will have to be improved before we shall be satisfied.

Division of Labor Between the Fukien Construction Bureau and Murphy & Dana:

Mr. Black has suggested the following program:

"As to the immediate program for the work, Murphy & Dana should submit their architectural working drawings and while we are working out the structural designs, specifications, translations, etc., they should prepare the architectural details of drawings. These must be prepared before the letting of contracts.

One feature of some moment on this project is the mechanical equipment. While for all engineering features the Bureau will in general prepare designs, the advantages of the proposed consultation at New York by the staff of the science departments are so great that the Bureau would urge this course and the preparation there of plans for the mechanical equipment connected with scientific apparatus as far as possible. The power house and general mechanical plant will be designed by the Construction Bureau. Murphy & Dana will, of course, make the customary provision in their working drawings of the various buildings for water, electricity and other service features."

Mr. Murphy says: "Final notes as to construction and all figure dimensions shall be added by the Bureau to Murphy & Dana's drawings, and the full specifications should be prepared by the Bureau, Murphy & Dana supplying an outline specification covering points affecting the appearance of the building on the interior, as well as the exterior. Before Murphy & Dana proceed with working drawings the Bureau is to be given an opportunity to go over Murphy & Dana's preliminary drawings, to make suggestions as to possible improvements in arrangement and to discuss with the University authorities in Foochow the divisions of space as planned by Murphy & Dana. Before the contracts have been let by the Bureau the large scale

and full-size detail drawings on architectural points will be made by Murphy & Dana in either their New York, or their Shanghai office. The daily supervision will be done by the Bureau, with occasional visits as requested by the University."

These two statements essentially agree and I would suggest that the details be left to the Building Committee of the Managers in consultation with the ^{Bureau}Beard, and Murphy & Dana.

Fire-proofing:

There is some disagreement between the Bureau and Murphy & Dana on the matter of fire-proofing. Murphy & Dana are in favor of making all the buildings entirely fire-proof in construction. The Bureau, after a careful study of the situation in Foochow, thinks that this is unnecessary and the Building Committee of the Managers is inclined to agree with the Bureau. Entire fire-proof construction would mean an additional cost of approximately \$5,000 on a \$30,000 building. Mr. Black points out that wood construction would be practically as durable as entire fire-proof construction and consequently feels that the latter would be an unnecessary expense. The Building Committee of the Managers feels that the wisest decision will be to use fire-proof construction where the Bureau and they think it necessary. This would mean approximately as follows: ^{station}The roof timbers of all buildings to be of wood, and in the reception halls floors to be concrete for the sake of sound-proofing. In the dormitories, hallways ^{doors} to be concrete, but the rooms ^{doors} of wood. Of course in the dormitories the floors of the lavatories and some special rooms would need to be of concrete. To quote from Mr. Black's report:

"Murphy & Dana have been asked to make up their drawings with floor to floor levels determined and an average depth allowed for floor structure. Whether of wood, or concrete, the actual floor system can to advantage be designed here, subject to the approval of the Local Board of Managers and following some general policy to be indicated by the authorities at the Home Base. This will entail no delay, whatever, in Murphy & Dana's preparation of drawings for their part of the work."

Heating:

Both the Bureau and Mr. Murphy are agreed that hot air is in general the best method of heating where it may be necessary. It will probably not be necessary in the dormitories and dining-rooms. In the class-rooms, the laboratories, library, administration offices, gymnasium, literary societies, social halls and faculty residences, it will be desirable to have heat. In the social halls and the faculty residences it would be wise to have fire-places, as well as heat from a central source. Mr. Murphy recommends that the central source be furnaces in the several buildings. This will allow having heat for a short time, only, in which the buildings may be dried out on days when heat for a long period is not desirable.

Mr. Black suggests that the exhaust steam from the power plant may be used to advantage in heating some of the buildings. He suggests that this steam be used for heating water, or possibly direct from the boilers. Personally, I am inclined to think heat conducted from the power house to these buildings would be rather expensive, especially if

radiators had to be installed throughout the buildings. It would probably be wiser to install one coil of pipes in the basement and pass air over this coil and from there conduct the heated air throughout the buildings. The hot-air flues would be much cheaper than the steam pipes and would be quite efficient enough.

General Requirements:-

Mr. Murphy has put down tentative general requirements for the full development of the plant by stages. This is tentative rather than final and should be considered as suggestive of what will be needed during a period of ten to fifteen years.

For 1920, it is planned to provide for 250 students, at an expenditure of about \$250,000 Mex. This First Group would include:

2 Dormitories (for ¹²⁵ 100 each)	Mex. \$55,000)
1 Class Room Building	25,000)
1 Dining Hall (half used as Chapel)	40,000)
1/2 Gymnasium (used as Assembly for 1000)	30,000 (to pump water
1 Power House	15,000 (and supply
1 President's House	8,000 (electric current
10 Houses for Foreign Faculty	50,000
6 " " Chinese	12,000
Grading, Roads, etc.	10,000
Outside Piping, etc.	5,000

Mex. \$250,000

For 1925, it is planned to provide for a total of 500 students, with the following buildings added to the First Group:-

2 Dormitories (for ¹²⁵ 100 each)	Mex. \$55,000)	
1 Science Building	50,000)	
1 Library and Administration Building	50,000)	Ravine Group
1 Chapel (seating 1000)	50,000)	
5 Houses for Foreign Faculty	25,000	
6 " " Chinese	12,000	
Grading	8,000	

Mex. \$250,000

The building of the Chapel would make it possible to use both halves of the Dining Hall for its ultimate purpose, thus providing for 500 students.

For a total of 1000 students, the rest of the Main Group would be added, including:-

4 Dormitories (for 125 each)	Mex.\$110,000	
1 Dining Hall (for 500)	40,000) Sieu Kang Hill Group
1 Class Room Building	25,000	
1 Liberal Arts Building	50,000	
1 Open-Air Amphitheatre (for 2,500)	8,000	
Second Half of Gymnasium (Assembly for 2000)	30,000	
10 Houses for Foreign Faculty	50,000	
13 " " Chinese "	25,000	
West Entrance Treatment	2,000	
Grading, etc.	10,000	
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	Mex.\$350,000	

For a total of 1500 students, the Promontory Group would be added, including:-

4 Dormitories (for 125 each)	Mex.\$110,000
2 Class Room Buildings	50,000
2 Dining Halls (for 250 each) in Basements of above	25,000
1 Pagoda Tower	10,000
2 Houses for Foreign Faculty	10,000
3 " " Chinese "	6,000
Grading, Roads, etc.	9,000
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	Mex.\$220,000

Location of Buildings :

There has been disagreement between the Bureau and Murphy & Dana as to placing a central building on the campus and blocking up the secondary groups in the ravine on Sieu Kang Hill by two reception halls.

Before I left Foochow the Building Committee of the Managers considered Mr. Black's report and voted to do away with these buildings on his recommendation. It was not without misgivings, however, that this vote was taken. Since leaving Foochow and studying the situation more at length, it seems entirely clear to me that the two reception buildings are needed for the proper development of the site. Moreover, I am feeling more and more that the chapel in the center of the campus will not unduly impede the view, nor will it be such a large building as to seem out of place in the very center of things. This would not be true if the campus were 150 feet narrower. As it is, however, the campus is a large one and will, I feel, stand this treatment.

Detailed Requirements:

With regard to the ^{reception} buildings, I hope that the science staff will be selected soon enough so that we can get their expert judgment as to the internal arrangement of the buildings. The reception buildings will have class-rooms accommodating from 30 to 35 students each with a few larger rooms for 60 to 80 each. Exposed brick walls will be largely used. Semi-indirect electric lighting will be used in the laboratories and wherever else needed. In the

dormitories the typical arrangement is to be two students in each room, but there will be in each dormitory a few single rooms. Each dormitory will have a central social hall in which the students may congregate after meals for relaxation. There will be two lavatories on each floor with modern conveniences. All windows are to be casement and blinds will be used where conditions require them.

The residences should as a rule contain on the lower floor a living room, a dining room, a study and a culinary department. On the second floor there should be four bedrooms and two bathrooms. The President's house should contain an additional bedroom on the second floor and probably another room on the first floor.

I would suggest that the details of these buildings, after the general layout has been approved by the Building Committee of the Trustees, be left to the Building Committee of the Managers for final determination.

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Fukien Christian University
Finance and Building Committee

April 7, 1919.

Architects

The following action of the Board of Managers was considered:

"That having made due investigation the Board of Managers recommended to the Building Committee of the Board of Trustees that Murphy and Dana be engaged to make a general layout of the site and details of certain buildings, and that the Fukien Construction Bureau be engaged to work in collaboration with this firm."

Voted that the action of the Board of Managers be confirmed.

Murphy and Dana's method of charging was approved and it was voted that Fukien Construction Bureau charges six per cent. of the first contract price for supervision, with additional charges for plans and specifications prepared by them and extra charges for travel.

Development of Site.

The report of Jan. 25, 1919, of E. F. Black of Fukien Construction Bureau regarding the development of the University site was considered and the following items approved.

Fukien Christian University
Building Committee
April 7, 1919.

Mr. Black's Report of January 25, 1919.

Mr. Black proposes the following:

1. That the four foot public highway across the site be moved to its final location ~~across~~ ^{on} the river bank \$1,500 max.
2. That on the foreshore tract (a) bunding be begun, \$1,500 to \$2,000, and (b) storage sheds be erected. \$1,000
3. That employees' quarters be erected \$4,000
4. That for contractor's employees quarters be built which will later be used as part of the model village for instructors and employees.
5. That a dam be built in the ravine to provide temporary water supply for construction work, nurseries, etc., \$500 to \$2,500
6. That stone quarries be opened and foundation stones sufficient for two major buildings be produced, \$3,000 before June and \$5,000 from June to Dec., \$8,000
7. That tree nurseries be started and other service features be begun in their most advantageous locations for ultimate purposes \$1,000
8. That two outlying foreign residences be built, - probably in the ravine, - for construction and grading. \$12,000.
9. That a motor boat be purchased and landing facilities be provided both at Nantai and at the University site, \$5,000
10. That interior brick be purchased. \$3,000
11. That a stock of iron pipe be purchased \$2,000
12. That lime and cement be purchased \$2,000
13. That experiments in brick-making be made \$3,000

FUKIEN CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

FINANCE AND BUILDING COMMITTEE, April 7, 1919

1. Division of labor between Fukien Construction Bureau and Murphy and Dana:

VOTED: That the plans for cooperation outlined by Mr. Black of the Fukien Construction Bureau and by Mr. Murphy be approved and

That details as to the arrangement be left to the Building Committee of the Managers in consultation with the Bureau and Murphy and Dana.

2. Fireproofing:

The following was adopted as a general policy:

Roof timbers of all buildings to be of wood.
Floors of all recitation halls to be concrete to make them sound-proof.
In the Dormitories, hallway floors to be concrete and room floors of wood except in lavatories, etc., where concrete is best.

In short, the buildings are to be made durable, but money is to be saved where possible.

3. Heating:

VOTED: That hot air system be used in general but that where steam coils to heat air passed over them can be used to good advantage, this method be used.

4. Location of Buildings:

VOTED: That the location of buildings according to the study made on the plastolene model by Murphy and Dana be approved.

5. Residences:

VOTED: That residences as a rule should contain on the lower floor a living room, a dining room, a study, and a culinary department and, on the second floor, four bedrooms and two bathrooms. The President's house should have an additional bedroom, and probably, another room on the first floor.

6. "Rendering" of Birdseye sketch of site and layout, etc.

VOTED: To have a "rendering made of the birdseye sketch of the site and general layout and to have renderings of the front elevations of two typical buildings.

7. Working drawings:

VOTED: To proceed with the working drawings for the first buildings to be erected, -namely, two dormitories, a science hall and a general recitation hall.

MEETING, April 10, 1919.

1. VOTED: That our goal for building funds up to 1925 be \$500,000.

2. VOTED: That our aim in endowment be \$2,500,000.

8. (Mr. Jones was asked to write the Building Committee of the Managers requesting that, if possible, the figures be not allowed ^{reduced} \$12,000, instead of \$15,000, as in the report.)
9. The subject of getting a motor boat was referred back to the Building Committee of the Managers for investigation and further report.

Two methods of financing the site development were considered.

1. To use temporarily funds already in hand for other purposes. These funds would be reimbursed at the latest by the spring of 1920 from the University's share in the Methodist Centenary.
2. To request President Jones to approach the Methodist Episcopal Board of Foreign Missions with a view to obtaining an advance of \$40,000 from Centenary funds.

Voted that the latter method be adopted.

(Mr. Jones did as requested and received permission to use a grant of \$15,000 originally made to meet the Capital grant of the China Medical Board.)

The following cablegram was then sent to China.

TREASURERS (Rev. William A. Main)

SHANGHAI (China)

NORTH AUTHORIZES 15000 UNIVERSITY TRUSTEES APPROVE

BLACKS JANUARY REPORT 35000 LIMIT DELAY MOTORBOAT

REDUCE RESIDENCES 12000

JONES (Prof. E. C.)

Chg. Bd. For. Miss. M. E. Ch.

(To be billed to Trustees
of Fukien Christian University
Mr. W. W. Carman, Treas.)

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MEMORANDUM CONCERNING FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
of
FUKIEN CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

HELD AT 99 JOHN STREET, NEW YORK, JUNE 21st, 1920

Present: The Treasurer, Mr. W. W. Carman, President E. C. Jones, Mr. Black of Foochow and Mr. R. L. Torrey from the office of the Board of Foreign Missions of the M. E. Church. Dr. William Bancroft Hill was unable to be present, owing to illness; Mr. Warner was on his way to San Francisco; Dr. Chamberlain was abroad; Mr. Samuel Thorne, Jr. sent excuses; and President Demarest had hurt his foot and was unable to reach the city.

The first item discussed was the advisability of authorizing Mr. Black to purchase certain amounts of iron piping, copper wire, et cetera, for construction account, and he was authorized to buy Items 1, 5 and 6 on his list at once, and the other items from time to time as favorable opportunity offered.

Discussion was had as to the funds and pledges in hand with which to meet the conditional gift of the China Medical Board. President Jones stated that \$5,000. had been received from Dr. and Mrs. William Bancroft Hill, a like amount from Miss Rosa B. Hall, \$16,000. from the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church; and that Mrs. Ida Hall Jones had paid her pledge of \$25,000. in full for a memorial building. In addition, \$16,000. might be counted upon from the American Board, and an additional \$5,000. from the Reformed Board, and a possible \$15,000. from the Methodist Board. These last three items were practically assured, and he felt that word could be sent to the China Medical Board that the conditions of their gift had been fully met by cash or pledges. The China Medical Board having expressed its willingness to pay over to the Treasurer a sum equal to the cash payments, it was recommended that the Treasurer inform the China Medical Board that \$26,000. was already in hand, and that the balance was underwritten by the three Boards named above.

Discussion was had as to the advisability of Mr. Torrey assisting Mr. Carman in the care of the Treasurer's accounts, and it was tentatively agreed that such an arrangement should be entered into, to be confirmed by the Trustees at the next Board meeting, Mr. Torrey to receive compensation at the rate of \$200. per year.

The conditions of the China Medical Board grant having been complied with, President Jones felt that he was at liberty to start immediately for Foochow, and stated that he would leave New York on June 23d, and sail from San Francisco.

FUKIEN CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

1. The meeting of the Finance Committee of the Fukien Christian University, February 10th, 1922 at 150 Fifth Avenue, New York.

2. Present: Representing the Board of Foreign Missions of the M. E. Church, Rev. Ralph A. Ward, Treasurer; The Board of Foreign Missions, R.C.A., Rev. W.I. Chamberlain; The Rev. W. Bancroft Hill; American Board, Mr. Edwin G. Warner.

3. Mr. Samuel Thorne Jr., of the Church Missionary Society was unable to be present. A letter was received stating he could not attend the meeting.

4. The meeting was called together at 10:30, Dr. Ward presiding. E. G. Warner was appointed Secretary.

5. Dr. Ward reported that considerable balance was accumulating, the details of the appropriation of which, did not appear.

6. Mr. Torrey and Mr. Black were invited to the Conference and reported upon their examination of the books of the University.

7. Dr. Ward showed that the receipts from the China Medical Board for work, were considerably in excess of the amount expended for science in the University. It was shown that for several years a larger amount has been spent on the Arts Department and for General Expense, than has been received for that purpose. The deficit had been made good by drawing on the funds contributed by the China Medical Board. Dr. Ward pointed out that the Budget for 1922, which is adopted, provided for expenditures for General Expense and the Art Department, which would involve an expenditure of something like \$7000. more than the money available for that purpose. It was suggested that some action be taken in the matter. President Chamberlain suggested that no action should be taken until some word should be heard from President Jones.

MOTIONS PRESENTED

8. Resolved that we do not feel free at this time to recommend consideration of the Trustees, looking to the revision of the Budget adopted at the Annual Meeting, until we have had further word from the field; and particularly in view of the fact that the Budget for 1922 is now in operation, and was not before the Trustees until some months after the beginning of the present fiscal year, August 1, 1921. But we note the fact that there is not only a debtor balance from earlier years on the account of the University aside from this Science Department, but that the Budget as proposed for 1922 carried with it a probable debtor balance for which provision must be made from some unknown source.

CARRIED.

9. Motion: The Finance Committee insists that the Budget for any coming year be placed in its hands by the first day of the June preceeding.

MOTION CARRIED.

10. Motion: That the Secretary be requested to call attention of the Board of Managers to the fact that the Budget for 1922 provides for less expenditure in the Science Department than the total funds available for that Department; but that on the other hand, it calls for an expenditure in the other Departments of the University of an amount in excess of sums available by about \$6000., and we urge that the Board of Managers use every possible economy, keeping the expenditures as low as possible, so that this probable overdraft of \$6000. shall be held to the lowest level.

MOTION CARRIED.

11. Motion: That the Secretary call attention of the Board of Managers to the propriety of including as a charge against the Science Department, a reasonable share of those general expenses necessary for the maintenance of the University as a whole. These general expenses to include items of administration, operation and maintenance.

MOTION CARRIED.

12. Motion: That the Treasurer be requested to correspond with President Jones on all matters of adjustment and interpretation of the accounts of the University for transactions up to date, and on all matters concerning the Budget for 1922; correspondence on other matters naturally being in the hands of the Secretary of the Finance Committee.

MOTION CARRIED.

13. It was recommended that the value of the services of members of the Foreign staff contributed by the Mission Boards, be shown on the books at the established nominal value.

CARRIED.

14. It was recommended that the matter of investment of our accumulated funds be referred with power to a committee composed of Mr. Warner, Mr. Torrey and Mr. Carman, ex-Treasurer, and Member of the Board of Trustees.

CARRIED.

15. It was recommended that the Secretary be requested to notify the Board of Managers that no drafts are to be made against the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees on Property Account, except upon specific permission from the Board of Trustees, and then only upon information from the Treasurer of the Board of Managers, of his intention to draw, and the date upon which he intends to draw.

CARRIED.

16. Motion: That the Treasurer of the Board of Managers be requested to keep his accounts and to prepare all exhibits sent to New York, in such fashion as to show a clear division between Capital and Current Expense; and that there be a further division in Current Expenses, showing clearly the total amount used for the Science Department.

CARRIED.

17. Motion: We record our approval of the procedure of the Treasurer in keeping accounts, whereby there was not entered on the books at New York, details of loans contracted by the Treasurer of the Board of Managers on the field.

CARRIED.

18. Motion: That the matter of securing bond for the Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer in the handling of funds be referred with power to a committee consisting of Mr. Warner Mr. Torrey and Mr. Carman.

CARRIED.

19. Motion: That the Treasurer be requested to prepare at the earliest date possible, an exhibit of the exact status of the account of the various co-operating Boards for the maintenance of the University, for its Science Department; and that a similar exhibit be made showing the total expenses of the Science Department to the present time, from the date when the appropriation from the China Medical Board became effective.

CARRIED.

Moved that we adjourn. Motion passed and carried.

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF FINANCE COMMITTEE
TRUSTEES OF FUKIEN CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

March 15, 1928 - 3:00 P. M.

Room 825 - 150 Fifth Avenue - New York City

TRANSFER

Members of Committee

William B. Hill

*Samuel Thorne

*B. A. Garside

Those whose names are starred above were present. Apologies for absence were presented on behalf of Dr. Hill.

RECORDING OF SECURITIES RECEIVED FROM DR. GEORGE H. JOHNSON

The Treasurer presented a statement showing the present market value of the \$11,000. in securities received from Dr. George H. Johnson on February 5th and 6th, 1928. It was

F-783 VOTED that the following securities received from Dr. George H. Johnson on February 5th and 6th, 1928 be entered on the books of the Fukien Christian University at their present market value:-

- \$3,000. National Railway Company of Mexico,
1st Cons. Mtge 4% Gold Bonds, 1951.
- 3,000. National Railway Company of Mexico,
Prior Lien 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ % Sinking Fund Gold
Bonds, 1957.
- 5,000. Iowa Central Railway Company,
1st & Ref. Mtge 4% Bonds, 1951.

INVESTMENT OF ENDOWMENT FUNDS

The Assistant Secretary reported that at the present time there is \$19,411.00 cash on hand awaiting investment. After an examination of recommendations submitted by a number of companies, together with comments on these recommendations by Mr. A. M. Massie, Assistant Cashier of the Bank of America, it was

F-784 VOTED that due to the high market value of the American Super Power Corporation First Preferred 6% stock approved for investment of funds in action EF-774, the Committee does not consider it desirable to invest in this stock at the present time.

F-785 VOTED to purchase from cash now on hand for investment the following securities:

- 100 shares National Power & Light Co. 6% Pfd. @ 102 $\frac{3}{4}$ plus dividend.
- \$5,000. United Light & Power Co. 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ % bonds, 1952 @ 98 $\frac{1}{2}$.
- 5,000. Second International Securities 5% bonds, 1948 @ 95 $\frac{1}{2}$.

The Committee adjourned.

B. A. GARSIDE
Assistant Secretary.

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FUKIEN CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

The Dormitory Fire

New Building Plans

On the evening of May 28, 1928, the faculty and students were holding a social meeting in the chapel at the foot of the hill. At about 8:30 a call of fire was heard from a student who had not come to the meeting. The group disbursed immediately and learned that the fire was in the Gardiner Hall, Jr., Memorial Dormitory. By the time we reached the top of the hill the blaze was already coming out of the roof and the whole attic was filled with smoke and flames. The fire seemed to have started in the southeast corner of the attic and spread over the whole floor. It soon descended to the next floor, and then down to each floor in succession until the entire building was consumed by the flames by 12:00 o'clock, midnight. We now see only the badly damaged brick walls standing on the stone foundation. It gives the beholder a most distressing sight between the Min River and the Kushan foothills.

As soon as the fire was located great efforts were made to put it out, but all attempts proved futile. Calls for help were sent to Foochow. But on account of the distance and poor means of communication between the University and the city, no fire brigade could come. When we realized that the fire in the dormitory was beyond our control, we turned our whole attention and energy to the protection of Jones Hall (the Science Building), which is located very near to the dormitory site, and other buildings on the campus. There were moments of great anxiety when the wind blew in the direction of Jones Hall. Fortunately, it later changed its course, and no other damage was done. We are grateful to report that no person was

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injured. As yet, the cause of the fire is not known.

The original cost of the Hall Dormitory is estimated at M\$112,000. The loss to the students cannot yet be exactly estimated. Some of them succeeded in saving a part of their personal belongings while quite a few lost everything, including books, as well as class and laboratory notes which had accumulated for several years. At present most of the students are staying in the old frame buildings at the foot of the hill which were cleaned and hastily fixed up the next day after the fire. Beds, desks and chairs were borrowed from several of the Christian schools in Foochow; and the regular college work was resumed with almost full attendance on May 31. We shall have our commencement exercises on June 16, and close the academic year on the 18th. The first entrance examinations for the new freshmen class next fall will be given at the University on June 23.

We greatly appreciate the visits and calls, letters and telegrams from the various friends of the University expressing their sympathy and pledging their support. The Government of Fukien also sent special representatives to express their regret at what had happened and to offer their help in giving us adequate protection as well as carrying on a vigorous investigation of the case. We now have a group of soldiers stationed on the campus as guards, though no culprit has yet been found. Words of sorrow and encouragement have been pouring in from our Alumni and former students throughout the country. The responsibility for the higher education of youth in China is a serious one, particularly in this period of a national reconstruction. We shall continue to labor; we shall try to make

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Fukien Christian University ever more serviceable to our people through the building of strong Christian character, training for intelligent thinking, and preparation for effective service. There are difficulties confronting us, but we believe that the cause is worthy of any sacrifice, and we shall not retreat. We are confident that our friends and the public in general will back us up to the utmost in our endeavor for service.

Our Board of Managers has authorized the appointment of a Building Committee. It is tentatively planned that three small unit dormitories shall be built immediately, instead of a large one as before, to house from 100 - 150 students. They will cost about M\$20,000. each, or \$60,000. (Gold \$30,000.) altogether. In the meantime, we need a sum of M\$6,000. for the refixing of the old frame buildings for dormitory purposes next fall, and for furniture; and another M\$2,000. for the protection of the Hall Dormitory against the elements. It is also proposed that a little later we shall rebuild the Hall Dormitory as an Arts Hall which will include a chapel, recitation rooms, library, and the administrative offices. A sum of about M\$70,000. may be enough for that purpose. A financial campaign is now under way, and we hope that all the friends of this University and those who are interested in higher education in China will take this opportunity to contribute to our immediate need of M\$68,000. We shall do our humble part to help make Fukien Christian University a greater and better institution for the service of youth in China.

C. J. Lin, President.

June 13, 1928.