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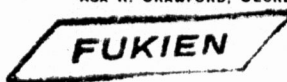
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Hartford, Connecticut

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February 23, 1934

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Mr. B. A. Garside,
150 Fifth Ave.,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Garside:

I have been much interested in learning through Dr. Hodous of the coming of President Lin of Fukien University. In consultation with my colleagues, I have been canvassing the situation to see what we could offer by way of special inducements, to reinforce a very cordial hope that he may find it desirable to spend the year at Hartford.

As a matter of fact, I have stated to the Trustees that, as part of the policy of the Kennedy School of Missions, I hope we can from time to time have distinguished nationals added to our faculty as special lecturers, in order that they may bring their interpretations of cultural and religious values to our students. This would seem to be exactly a case in point. We would be happy indeed to have President Lin here, not only to take some advanced work if he so desired but to use this as a base from which he might make other contacts for lecturing or research.

Unfortunately we have no fellowship funds available as yet for such purpose, but I think we could arrange for some special terms which would amount to the same thing. For example, we might remit tuition charges for any courses he might want to take, and in recognition of his willingness to give some lectures in the China Department, as might be arranged with Dr. Hodous, we could perhaps offer him one of our missionary apartments at a nominal rental, which would mean a saving to him of possibly \$25.00 per month for eight months. This would be the equivalent of a \$200.00 scholarship.

We do have here most desirable accommodations for family life. There is on the campus a nursery school for small children and excellent neighborhood schools, not to mention ample playground facilities. I do not know the extent of President Lin's family and how large an apartment he would need, and this is merely a tentative suggestion as to possibilities.

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Mr. B. A. Garside,

February 23, 1934

I would be glad to take the matter up further with you at your earliest convenience, and I think undoubtedly we can meet on a common agreement of mutually advantageous terms. In the meantime I will be considering further with Dean Capen and Dr. Hodous details concerning the possible relationship.

Very cordially yours,

Robbins W. Barstow

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February 26, 1934

President Robbins E. Barstow
Hartford Seminary Foundation
Hartford, Connecticut

My Dear President Barstow:

I am grateful to you for your letter of February 23rd making suggestions as to possible arrangements for having President C. J. Lin of Fukien Christian University spend the academic year 1934-35 at Hartford Seminary.

From what President Lin has already written to Dr. Hodous and to our office, we are quite sure that he and Mrs. Lin would be happy to spend their sabbatical year at Hartford if suitable arrangements can be made. I believe that the suggestions you make as to possible arrangements would meet both his financial and scholastic requirements quite well. I am forwarding a copy of your letter to President Lin and am asking that he cable us his wishes in the matter. This will mean that we should have word from him in four or five weeks.

Our plans for President Lin's year in this country are still in a tentative state. The probabilities are that during the first half of the academic year Mr. Lin will be devoting most of his time to speaking engagements and publicity work under the auspices both of the Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China and the Board of Trustees of Fukien Christian University. We hope to keep the latter half of the academic year - from February 1st through the month of June - relatively free of other engagements so as to give Mr. Lin more opportunity for study and research. We would be happy to have Mrs. Lin accompany Mr. Lin on as many of his engagements as possible but she will probably not be able to make any very long trips because of her responsibilities in caring for their two small children (ages about one year and three years). We presume, therefore, that Mr. and Mrs. Lin will wish to get some satisfactory place to live soon after they arrive (probably early in September) and that Mrs. Lin will remain there most of the time, engaging in study and research and attending to her family responsibilities.

Would these plans as I have outlined them fit in fairly well with the use you would like to make of President Lin in giving special lectures or courses in the Seminary? Mrs. Lin herself is quite an interesting personality, and might also prove useful in some departments. She is a graduate of Johns Hopkins Medical College, and before her marriage was engaged in medical work under the Methodist Board. Her special field of interest is, I believe, that of Public Health.

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President Robbins W. Barstow

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I hope that I may some day find an opportunity to revisit the Hartford Seminary campus. I have not been back since my year at the School of Missions in 1916-17.

Very cordially yours,

BA. Garside

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President Robbins W. Barstow

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Very cordially yours,

BA. Garside

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May 9, 1934

President ^WRobin E. Barstow
Hartford Seminary Foundation
Hartford, Connecticut

Dear Dr. Barstow:

We have now received word from President C. J. Lin and have also had a meeting of our Fukien Board of Trustees at which his plans for next year were discussed at some length. Both President and Mrs. Lin and also our Fukien Board of Trustees, are very much pleased at the suggestion that they make Hartford their headquarters next year, and are anxious to accept your invitation if mutually satisfactory arrangements can be made.

Since I wrote you, our arrangements here in America for President and Mrs. Lin have become more definite but his plans are still much the same as I indicated to you. They will probably arrive in the eastern part of the United States about the middle of September. President Lin will be kept busy with meetings and speaking engagements most of the autumn and for the first part of January. We are trying to leave the time after that as free as possible. We would be glad to have Mrs. Lin accompany President Lin so far as her responsibilities for their two small children will permit, but as yet do not know just how this will be worked out.

If on this general basis we can make arrangements whereby President and Mrs. Lin can render such services to the Hartford Seminary Foundation as will permit them to occupy one of your missionary apartments at a nominal rental, and possibly also permit the remission of tuition charges, I believe that this would provide them with both a very pleasant and a satisfactory basis on which to plan their year in America.

I am writing without waiting for the fuller comments which undoubtedly will be arriving from President Lin within the next few weeks. Since time is passing rapidly, I am sure that you will need to reach definite decisions on these matters in the near future.

Very cordially yours,

B.A. Garside

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The Hartford Seminary Foundation
Hartford, Connecticut

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

October 5, 1934

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My dear President Lin:

I am sorry that I have not yet had a chance for a good visit with you, but my time has been greatly broken the last few days.

Following the preliminary correspondence with Mr. Garside last spring, I am happy to say that the Executive Committee this noon voted to pay you, as a special lecturer in the China Department of the Kennedy School of Missions, the sum of \$200.00, this amount to be credited against the rental of your apartment in Thompson Hall.

The original suggestion was that we offer you an apartment at a nominal rental, but for the sake of our records we prefer to have it appear that you occupy the apartment at the regular monthly rate and we then offset a portion of the rental by this technical salary grant. We are, furthermore, remitting the customary tuition and registration charges in your case.

Let me assure you again of our great pleasure in having you and your family with us this year. We shall hope to see much of you during these coming months.

Very cordially yours,

Robbins W. Barstow

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October 25, 1934

President Robbins W. Barstow
Hartford Seminary Foundation
Hartford, Conn.

Dear President Barstow:

I have been much delayed in replying to your good letter of October 5th in which you informed me of the action of the Executive Committee of the Hartford Seminary Foundation which voted to pay me as a special lecturer in the China Department of the Kennedy School of Missions, the sum of \$200.00. I appreciate very much the courtesy which you and the Executive Committee extended to us during our stay in America. I have seen Dean Capen about my lectures. I shall send to him before long an outline of my fifteen lectures on "China as a Missionary Field," to be given in the China Department during the Spring semester. We are quite sure we will be happy at Hartford.

I wish also to take this occasion to express to you my sincere appreciation of your inspiring and prophetic address given on the afternoon of October 17th, in connection with the Centennial Celebration of the Seminary. I did not want to take much of your time that day because of your many other duties, so I did not come to tell you about it then. I certainly appreciated the privilege of being able to participate in the celebration and the opportunity of hearing you. The whole celebration was a great success, and it showed your splendid leadership behind the whole enterprise. It is my hope that during the Spring term, when I shall not have so many other duties, I shall stay at Hartford more and come to know you better. I shall learn, under your guidance, how to serve the cause of the Kingdom of God more effectively.

Again with sincere appreciation for what you have done for us,

Yours very faithfully,

C. J. Lin

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January 10, 1935

President Robbins W. Barstow
Hartford Seminary Foundation
Hartford, Connecticut

Dear President Barstow:

I have submitted a list of fifteen lectures to be given at the Kennedy School of Missions, for the Spring term of 1935, to Dean Capen. Enclosed herewith please find a copy of it. I shall appreciate your criticism of this plan.

I have also planned to have appropriate collateral readings to go with each of the lectures. Opportunity will also be given for discussion after each lecture if the students so desire. I am looking forward to your guidance in this work. It is my hope that during my brief stay at Hartford, I may be able to contribute something toward the interest of the students at Hartford in missionary work in ~~China~~ ^{Japan}, and in the Christian movement in China in particular. Any suggestions from you to make this course of lectures more effective, will be appreciated.

I am also asking Dean Capen to get a list of books which will be needed for the students in connection with the lectures. So far as the fund permits, I hope that some of these books can be provided if they are not already in the Library.

Yours very sincerely,

C. J. Lin

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Enc: List of 15 lectures, and 1 copy "On the Min River"

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July 16, 1935

President and Mrs. Robbins W. Barstow
Hartford Seminary Foundation
Hartford, Connecticut

Dear President and Mrs. Barstow:

Please accept this little note as our message of farewell to you. We regret that we did not have a chance to see you in person, and to say goodbye to you before we left Hartford yesterday. We are sailing for England tonight and will spend about two weeks in Europe, and shall be on the campus at Fukien Christian University, Foochow, China, again, in the first week of September. We hope that some time we may see both of you there.

My family and I have had a very pleasant stay at Hartford. I appreciate the opportunity of such association with you and the work at the Seminary. We left Hartford with a fine memory, and we shall always think of our visit to America in connection with our Hartford days.

Enclosed herewith you will find a picture of our family, and one of our children. We appreciate so much your hospitality and kindnesses to us. The children particularly want to be remembered to your children.

Hoping you have a very pleasant summer,

Yours very sincerely,

C. J. Lin

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July 17, 1955

Pres. and Mrs. E. W. Barstow
Hartford Seminary Foundation
Hartford, Conn.

Dear President and Mrs. Barstow:

Before leaving for China yesterday,
President Lin gave me a small remembrance for you, and
asked me to send it on to you with the best wishes of the
family. This package has gone forward to you today, under
separate cover, and I hope it reached you duly.

Very cordially yours,

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EDUCATIONAL WORK
DR. MARJORIE E. FENG
MARTHA L. McCUTCHEN



EVANGELISTIC WORK
LILLIAN SIEK
CARRIE M. BARTLETT

Haitang Island, China, April 18, 1934.

Dear Friends:-

In these days of economic unrest and falling dividends, what of your investment in China? I am glad to tell you that your investments here are sound and the dividends are on the right side of the ledger, for you are investing in lives and that is a paying concern—giving returns in spiritual values—the things that really count. We know you want to hear of some of these investments in which you have shared and we can only tell you of some of the outstanding ones. The year has been one rich in unprecedented opportunities.

In the educational work we have had our first full year as a registered co-educational school, and Lang Hwa (our registered name) is going strong in enrollment and in standard, of scholarship. Much is due to the untiring efforts and the efficiency of our principal, Dr. Feng, and her staff of teachers. Commencement on June 16th saw a class of ten girls and eight boys graduated from Junior High, and twenty-two boys and girls from the higher primary. One of the Junior High graduates was the daughter of a Bible woman to whom I gave a diploma twenty-two years ago. The proud mother was here to see her daughter graduate and she had a right to be proud for she was the leader of her class. She with three others went to Hwa Nan Senior high; three went to the Women's Bible Institute to prepare for evangelistic work; one is at home and the other one is our kindergarten helper. The boys went to the Anglo-Chinese College, Union Middle School, the Theological School, Community Hospital and to government schools.

It was a red-letter day in late October when Miss Mamie Glassburner arrived. Having had to evacuate from her station at Yenping because of political disturbances, Bishop Gowdy sent her to help us. I am sure there was not a place where she was more needed, nor any place where she would have been more welcome. It was like a home-coming to her, for the first ten years of her missionary life were spent here. We were all so glad to have her here again; and these months with her former pupils, co-workers and friends, and sharing again in the work in which she had so large a part in the early years, was a real joy to her too.

One of the high spots in the year's work was the Better Homes Week campaign in which we used the splendid material sent out by the

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National Christian Council, this year centering in, "The Child in the Home." House-to-house visitation gave us a new understanding of the homes and their needs, and in the public meetings each afternoon the needs and rights of the child were presented in talks, and then in demonstrations given by the schools. Saturday an All-Church social brought old and young together, from the babe in arms to the gray-headed grandmother over eighty. They had such a happy time of play and fellowship, and Sunday's Family Day filled our church as it had not been filled for some time. One of the outstanding assets of the week was the hearty cooperation and good fellowship it brought. One of the goals of the year is to have such a campaign on each circuit of the island.

Shortly after this came District Conference and this was followed by an intensive few days of institute with the Bible women. Through the device of the, "Altar of Lights", the evangelistic goals of the year were presented. There was a deep spiritual tone throughout the meeting and I think each woman received new inspiration to return to her place of work and with the Spirit's help try to meet these goals.

At the close of the meeting we had a real Christmas although Christmas was still a month away. The afternoon was spent in games and visiting, then a Christmas sing and the giving of gifts, and after that a real Christmas dinner. This was such a joyous time together, and the faces of the women were just beaming as they said their, "Thank-yous" and Good-nights." This Christmas will be such a happy memory for, scattered as they are, they miss the many good times that we have here with so many of us in one center.

Next came Annual Conference in Foochow and then less than ten days at home before Christmas. Busy and happy days they were and then best of all just three days before Christmas we welcomed Dr. and Mrs. Skinner here. The medical work under their care has grown and grown until it has gotten beyond the physical strength of Dr. Skinner to carry on alone and now we are looking for a doctor to help him. We still think they were the best possible Christmas present we could have had. We were sorry that Miss Glassburner could not be here for Christmas but she was delayed in returning from Conference and so was one of our "after Christmas" gifts about which we told you in the Christmas letter which most of you have had. In fact, I think this is the first month since last August in which we have not had some remembrance or some reminder of Christmas, and now we shall soon begin to receive things for this year. Thanks again to each one of you who helped so generously in making our Christmas season such a happy one.

When Miss Glassburner could come to us again after Conference it was decided that she should give herself to carrying out the

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intensive evangelistic campaign outlined at Institute, helping the Bible women to launch this campaign and putting it before the whole church. Accordingly, she and the district superintendent made a swift itinerary of the whole island, holding "All-Day" meetings at each point where we have a chapel. There is not time or space to tell of the wonderful and inspiring experiences of those days, the splendid and glad response on the part of all, both men and women, and the new inspiration and life that came to the churches as the program emphasizing, "Personal consecration, soul-winning, family prayers, morning watch, the prayer-meeting, and tithing stewardship", was presented. On the first itinerary seven circuits of the eleven on the island were covered and thirteen all-day meetings were held. The remaining five circuits were covered later.

A special feature of these all-day meetings has been a basket dinner which has done much in promoting understanding and good feeling. The first was here at our all-day meeting in Tangtau. The Bible women were very doubtful as to whether each woman bringing one dish would be enough for all and they also feared there would be too much of one thing. However, there was no lack in variety nor in the quantity of the food brought. They had such a good time visiting and getting acquainted and this was interspersed with choruses which all sang and so we mixed evangelistic enthusiasm even with our eating. Miss Glassburner said that the staple product of each section was reflected in the food brought. "For a few days oysters appeared in practically every dish. We had fried oysters, oyster stew, oyster omelette, oysters with cabbage, oysters with bean curd, oysters with every conceivable kind of "mien" and oysters in delicious translucent potato flour dumplings! Then, at several places, we had seaweed in just as many combinations; while at the last dinner garlic seemed to be the foundation of every bowl." At one of these dinners I attended fish was the main article of food and it was served in every possible combination. We heard they had the biggest catch of fish in years—hence the real "fish dinner." Every place the idea has taken well and just the other day one of the Bible women was asking me when we were going to do it again.

Our slogan for the year is, "Haitang for Christ" and it has been expressed in a song that is being sung up and down the island by the children and by the grown-ups, and we believe there is a real desire in the hearts of many to have a part in bringing Christ to this whole island. Haitang is said to have the highest percent of occupancy of any district on the mission field—4% of the population being Christian. Again quoting Miss Glassburner, "I have been greatly encouraged by the earnestness and intelligence of this 4% and realize that if they can only be brought to a life of full surrender

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to Christ and of sharing with others, there is no question about the 96% being won to Christ."

I suspect Fukien was in the headlines of the home papers a few months ago when she rebelled from the Central government. Our greatest excitement here came a little earlier than this new regime when our district magistrate was kidnapped by a bunch having communistic tendencies. For a time we did not seem to belong to either side, or rather to both sides, for when I came home from conference in Foochow our little steamer flew the rebel flag until we were out of the Foochow region and then as we neared Haitang we hoisted the navy flag, for at the entrance of our bay was a navy launch with marines on guard. Then the new regime came in for ten days or so when there was much rumor and propaganda, and talk of the proposed division of land, freedom from debts and the Utopia to be. When this rebel government fell in Foochow and our new magistrate came, I think there was a sigh of relief and decided rejoicing, to be back in the fold of the Central government. We were glad to be able to go on to the end of the term and finish our work for they were not able to do this in the districts where they had real war.

The last of February brought another most welcome addition to our missionary family in the person of Miss Martha L. McCutchen, just back from her furlough in the home land. To her it is also a home-coming for parts of both of her former terms of service were spent here and she counts those years here as the happiest of her experience in China. Already she has taken over the teaching in the school, helping with the music, the housekeeping and other duties, and is fitting in as if she belonged. We are so glad she has come to stay and we are looking forward to a very happy term of service together.

This letter is already too long yet we must add a word about our very happy Easter season. It began with Palm Sunday. The procession was led by our little kindergartners and the primary children and I think as they marched through the streets waving their branches and singing their songs of praise they were as happy as were the children of long ago on that first Palm Sunday when they sang their Hosannas to the King of Kings! Passion week services were held in the schools and in the church for both the women and men. These climaxed in the very impressive Communion services on Good Friday and then in the early Easter Morning Candle-lighting and ritual service here in the school. This was such a beautiful and joyous service and all through the day the Risen Lord seemed very near, and it was one of the happiest Easters in a long time.

Last week Miss McCutchen and I had the privilege of accompanying Miss Glassburner to Futsing on her way back to her work in Yen-ping, and also hearing about and observing something of the marvelous work that has been done there through the Oxford Group Movement. God

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has wonderfully used this movement in bringing new spiritual life to the missionary body, to the teachers and students, to a church torn by faction and quarrels, and to the whole Christian community. We are looking forward to having a Group come to us in the near future and we are praying for very definite guidance in our plans for this meeting. It is as much needed as it was in Futsing and in our Workers' Group prayer-meeting each week, in our Wednesday afternoon meeting for women, and in personal work we are preparing the way for this, "Opening of the windows of heaven" which we are expecting.

We have not mentioned our fine kindergarten and Model day-school, which is also co-educational. I just wish you could have been here yesterday afternoon for the Children's Festival and have seen and heard the fine program which the children put on, and if you could have seen that great group of children and the proud mothers and fathers, aunts and grandmothers, representing all classes of society, Christian and non-Christian! It made one feel that surely here we were preparing to reach that other 96% not yet Christian. Then there are the day-schools out on the district, this work all so ably supervised by Miss Lillian Siek and she is also a very successful evangelist. This coming Sunday is our Church Children's Day and we know it will be a great day for the children and for the homes here in our little city. All this is a part of the work of bringing, "Haitang to Christ."

Please remember us again at Christmas time either with money gifts or packages—We prefer the former, for while we did not have to pay duty on the parcels that came this year we do not know how we escaped, and with exchange still quite in our favor and with so many things we can now buy here, we think we can use the money to a better advantage, though we do like the packages. Again we ask you to send your money by bank draft or personal check, for we have great difficulty in cashing P. O. Money Orders here on the island, and some I have never been able to cash. For small amounts I think the personal check is the easiest and best all round.

Thanking you again for your gifts, for all your interest, and most of all for your prayers, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Carrie M. Bartlett.

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OTHER NOTICES

Nov. 27, 1937

Our community was shocked by the sudden death during the week of two of its members: Mr. Huang Chin Yuan ('39), who died after a few hours' illness from cerebral hemorrhage on Monday morning, November 22; and Professor F. P. Beach, who died, after a week in the hospital, of cancer of the liver, on Thursday morning, November 25.

Frederick Paul Beach was born in the year 1876 in Lexington, Michigan. He graduated from the University of Michigan in 1898 with the degree of B.S. (E.E.). After mining experience in California, four years with the General Electric Company, and further work in the Edison Company, he decided to become a foreign missionary and entered Oberlin Theological Seminary, where he studied for two years. He then took his B.D. from Union Theological Seminary together with an M.A. in Education from Columbia University, both in 1910. In the same year he came to China and started language study in Foochow. He was appointed to work in Dionghoh; and in 1921 he joined the staff of Fukien Christian University as Professor of Education and Psychology. In 1911 he was married to Ruth Porter Ward. His three children survive him, Frances Beach Bingham, Ethel, and Elizabeth.

Mr. and Mrs. Brewster Bingham have issued the following statement concerning Mr. Beach:

"We believe that it is particularly fitting that Mr. Beach should leave us on Thanksgiving Day. We are thankful that he has been spared the pain of a more prolonged illness; we are thankful that he is now with his Heavenly Father, in whose happy service he came to China; we are thankful for our common Christian faith in the life everlasting, believing as we do that he whom we love is not dead but more alive than before and that he has but passed from one room to another in our Father's mansion."

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