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EDGAR S. BRIGHTMAN
Box 35
NEWTON CENTER, MASSACHUSETTS

BOSTON UNIVERSITY
GRADUATE SCHOOL
DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

Fukien (D)

January 14, 1935

My dear President Lin,

It is a source of very great regret to me that I am unable to greet you personally while you are in Greater Boston. Your work in Fukien University is of the utmost interest to me. Through many contacts with China I have come to feel almost as though I had visited the country, and I am deeply concerned to do all that I can to maintain and develop the spirit of Christian internationalism and brotherhood. I should have been very happy to attend all of the sessions of the Chinese Educators in Boston if I had been able, but unfortunately a recent operation from which I am recovering but slowly has compelled me to abstain from every activity except the most necessary ones. Hence my only contact with the group was at a brief tea this afternoon.

Please be assured of my high esteem for you and your work, and my sincere desire to be of help. I do not know whether the Chinese translation of my Introduction to Philosophy has been of any real service or not, but I am sure that the work of some of my students, both Americans and Chinese, has made some contribution to China. I am thinking especially of Roderick Scott on your faculty, of Dr. Y.S. Han at St. John's University in Shanghai, of Dr. Y.S. Yang and Dr. Kao of Peking, and others.

May you have the utmost success in all your endeavors, and may the spirit of Christ come to control both America and China as nations and all of their relations to each other.

Sincerely yours,

Edgar S. Brightman

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February 2, 1935

Dr. Edgar S. Brightman ✓
Box 35
Newton Center, Mass.

Dear Doctor Brightman:

It was very good of you to write me on January 14th when I was speaking at the Newton Center Church. I was glad to have met Mrs. Brightman, although my short visit there prevented me from calling on you as I had planned to do. Your interest in our work is the sort of inspiration we appreciate. Mr. Roderick Scott often told us about you, and you can be sure that many of us read your books. You probably have been told that the Chinese translation of your "Introduction to Philosophy" has been a success. It is giving a better conception of philosophy interpreted from the Christian point of view to our younger generation.

I enjoyed my meeting with the people in the Newton Center Church that evening. They responded most splendidly and I hope that their interest in Christian college work in China has been strengthened.

I wish also to take this occasion to thank you for your financial contribution toward our work at Fukien Christian University. We are very proud for friends like yourself who consider our work worthwhile and are willing to cooperate with us.

With kindest regards,

Yours very sincerely,

C. J. Li

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October 16, 1934

President Arlo A. Brown
Drew University
Madison, N. J.

Dear President Brown:

I was so glad to have met you again at 150 Fifth Avenue last month. I will be in New York for the week beginning October 22nd to the 26th. When will be the most convenient date for me to call on you at Drew? The other dates which may also be open before I start for the middle west lecture tour, are November 6th to 10th. I should certainly like to have a chance to see Drew again, and to have a talk with you personally.

Kindly write me at 150 Fifth Avenue, or telephone me Watkins 9-8703.

Looking forward to seeing you again, I am,

Yours very sincerely,

C. J. Lin

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DREW UNIVERSITY
MADISON, NEW JERSEY
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

October 24-1934

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My dear Friend:

I have just returned from a trip to the South and find your letter of October 16. Our Founders' Day Convocation comes on Thursday, the 25th, and I have an engagement in New York on the 26th. We will be free on November 6, and will be very happy to have you come and spend the afternoon and remain overnight with us. In case you find it necessary to return to the city for the night, I hope that you can at least remain for dinner. If you can come, we will ask some of the students in to meet you at tea in the afternoon.

Please let me know if we may count on you.

Sincerely yours



Dr. C. J. Lin
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City, N. Y.

P.S.--We will be very happy if Mrs. Lin can come with you.--A.A.B.

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Nov. 6

October 24, 1934

President Arlo A. Brown
Drew University
Madison, N. J.

Dear President Brown:

I was very glad to have your letter of October 24th stating that you will be free in the afternoon of November 6th. I shall come to see you then. At present I have no engagement for the evening, and in case it develops that I should stay over at Drew, I shall be glad to spend the night with you there.

I wish I could come to attend the Founders' Day Convocation on Thursday, the 25th. We have been invited to go to Boston and I am planning to leave New York around that time for Hartford, to get my family ready for the trip. I am quite sure that I would enjoy sitting with the Drew students again on Founders' Day.

Looking forward to my visit with you,

Yours very sincerely,

Cl. Lin

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October 25, 1934

President Arlo A. Brown
Drew University
Madison, N. J.

Dear President Brown:

After I sent my letter to you yesterday, I thought you might be interested to know that I have with me three reels of motion pictures showing the life of the people in South China, and the plans and activities of our University in Foochow. Should you desire me to show the same while I am visiting with you, either to the student body in general, or to some friends whom you would like to invite, I shall be glad to take the films along with me. It is of 16 milo-meter size. You probably would not have much difficulty in securing a projector of that size and a person to operate same. We took those pictures ourselves, and while I was in California during the last part of August, I put English titles in those pictures. The titles are of course very brief, and I shall be glad to explain further as the picture is being shown, wherever the titles are not sufficient. It will take about twenty-five minutes altogether.

I am planning to come to Drew on my return trip from my speaking engagement at President William Tolley's College, in Meadville, Pa., on November 4th. We were good friends when we were both at Drew and I am looking forward with very pleasant expectation to a visit with the Tolley family.

Yours very sincerely,

C. J. Lin

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DREW UNIVERSITY
MADISON, NEW JERSEY
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

October 31-1934

Dear President Lin:

Your letter of October 25 is before me and we are looking forward to your visit on November 6. We will be delighted to have you bring the three reels and will provide the projector and operator. We will have the pictures shown in the Chapel of Mead Hall at 8 P.M. At 6:30 we will invite Daniel Lee, Isaac Chi, and a young lady from Peiping who is studying at the College of St. Elizabeth, to meet you at dinner.

If you will let me know the hour of your arrival in Madison, I will try to meet you at the train. If, however, I should not be there, please take a taxi directly to our home.

Cordially yours

Wes A. Brown

Dr. C. J. Lin,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City, N. Y.

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January 15, 1935
(Dictated 1/11/35)

President and Mrs. Ailo A. Brown
Drew University
Madison, N. J.

Dear President and Mrs. Brown:

I wish to tell you again how much I enjoyed visiting you at your home in the early part of last November. Your warm hospitality has remained with me, although I did not write you earlier. As you probably know, I went with the China Colleges Conferences to about a dozen of the cities throughout the middle West. I have since then seen President Brown once or twice but each time we were all in a hurry. I want to assure both of you that Drew has always a warm place in my heart, and Mrs. Lin has often expressed a wish to visit the place about which I talk so much.

At the luncheon, last Wednesday, Dr. John Finley was our toastmaster. He told me that before he came to the luncheon President Brown was visiting him. He regretted the fact that he did not know I was a Drew man before, otherwise he would have invited President Brown to be at the luncheon. We had a good gathering. We certainly appreciated the fact that there are so many truly warm friends of China, both in the city and throughout the country.

With best wishes,

Yours very sincerely,

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DREW UNIVERSITY
MADISON, NEW JERSEY
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

January 21-1935

My dear Friend:

Thank you for your letter of January 15. For several days I have been intending to write to you to invite you to give the annual Missionary Address which comes at Commencement time on the evening of Baccalaureate Sunday. This year the date will be June 9. It is a tradition that this Missionary Address be given by an alumnus of the institution. In 1932 the address was given by Bishop Gowdy, in 1933 by Dr. Charles Iglehart, and in 1934 by Dr. Clyde Stuntz.

I hope that your engagements will permit you to be with us this year not only for this address on Sunday but also for the Commencement exercises on Tuesday, June 11. If you can put up with dormitory accommodations we will be very happy to entertain not only you but also Mrs. Lin and the children during the Commencement season. I hope very much that you can come.

Cordially yours

W. J. Rouse

Dr. C. J. Lin
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City, N. Y.

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January 23, 1935

President Arlo A. Brown
Drew University
Madison, N. J.

Dear President Brown:

Your kind invitation of January 21st, to
President Lin has come to the office in his absence. He is still
on tour with our China Colleges Conferences, but is expected back
in New York the latter part of this month. I will bring this letter
to his attention immediately upon his return.

Very sincerely yours,

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June 9 (P)

February 1, 1936

President Arlo A. Brown
Drew University
Madison, N. J.

Dear President Brown:

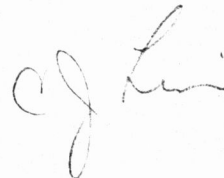
I appreciate very much your kind invitation to me to give the annual Missionary Address on June 9th, and your invitation to my family to stay at Drew through the Commencement season.

I wonder when you wrote the letter whether you were aware that I never have received a degree from Drew and whether or not that fact would disqualify me as an alumnus to deliver that address on that occasion. If you still think that I should do that with your knowledge of this fact, I shall be glad to do so; in fact, it will be a great privilege to me to participate in that occasion.

Mrs. Lin has often expressed a wish to visit Drew, and it might be possible that we can arrange for her to come through Commencement time. We will let you know about this later

Please address me next time at 85 Sherman Street, Hartford, Connecticut.

Yours very sincerely,



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DREW UNIVERSITY
MADISON, NEW JERSEY
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

February 8-1935

My dear Friend:

Thank you for your letter of February first. The fact that you did not receive a degree from Drew does not at all lessen our desire to have you deliver the Missionary address on June 9. We will be very happy to have Mrs. Lin and the children come to Madison with you at that time.

Cordially yours

Arlo A. Snow

Dr. C. J. Lin
85 Sherman Street
Hartford, Conn.

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June 9

March 4, 1935

President Arlo A. Brown
Drew University
Madison, N. J.

Dear President Brown:

Many thanks for your letter of February 8th.

Owing to my travel outside of Hartford I was not able to reply to you earlier.

I shall be glad to come and give the Missionary address on June 9th as you asked. I shall write you later as to whether or not Mrs. Lin and our children can come with me at that time. I am sure it will be a great pleasure to all of us to be there.

Yours very sincerely,

C. J. Lin

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FUKIEN CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY
150 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK CITY

June 1, 1935

President Arlo A. Brown
Drew University
Madison, New Jersey

My dear President Brown:

I am writing to inform you of the action of the Board of Trustees of Fukien Christian University at its last meeting held on May 16th, wherein you were invited to become a coopted member of the Board.

The Trustees of Fukien based their election on your deep interest in China and particularly the Christian higher educational work there. They were very anxious to secure your cooperation to make the operation of the Board more effective. President Lin spoke at some length regarding the nomination, and others joined in the sincerest expression of hope that you would consider this invitation favorably.

Fukien Christian University is one of the outstanding institutions of higher learning in China. Its achievements are most highly regarded by the National Government at Nanking and by the Fukien Provincial Government at Foochow. Its very fine work has been continually recognized by the public since its founding nearly twenty years ago. Its importance in furnishing leadership for the New China is steadily increasing.

The Trustees of Fukien desire to share with you this significant work of international good will and Christian fellowship. Through your counsel and cooperation they hope to make Fukien play a greater part in China's reconstruction.

The meetings of the Board are not frequently held and do not draw heavily upon a person's time. For your further information we are sending Fukien literature under separate cover, which we trust you will find of interest.

In closing may I express a hope that you will give this election your favorable consideration.

Very truly yours,

C. C. ...

Assistant Secretary

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DREW UNIVERSITY
MADISON, NEW JERSEY
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

June 13-1935

Dear Dr. Lin:

Many have spoken to me in appreciation of the illuminating address which you gave on Sunday evening. On behalf of all who are connected with Drew I want to thank you for rendering this unusual service.

Mrs. Brown joins me in sending cordial greetings. We greatly enjoyed the privilege of a visit with Mrs. Lin and yourself and the children. We will follow the development of "Miss Why" and "Mr. What" with very great interest.

Cordially yours



Dr. C. J. Lin
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City, N. Y.

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June 14, 1955

President and Mrs. Allo A. Brown
Drew University
Madison, N. J.

Dear President and Mrs. Brown:

We wish to thank you for the hospitality and kindnesses which you extended to us last Sunday and Monday. We greatly enjoyed the visit. It is always a privilege to me to be back at Drew again. The fine meeting and dinner was quite an inspiration. It shows your splendid leadership, and we are glad of it. Our children enjoyed so much your garden that they still talk a great deal about the beautiful flowers which they saw there.

We are sorry that we had to leave you in such a hurry. Owing to two speaking engagements last Monday evening, and Tuesday noon, I was not able to come back to the Commencement exercises, which I desired very much to do. It was a fine day and as I read in the newspapers that you had a most successful occasion.

Mr. MacRossie and I are trying to arrange to meet you some time when you come to New York to talk with you about your election to be a Trustee of our Board of Fukien Christian University. Would you, President Brown, be good enough to let Mr. MacRossie or myself know when you will come to New York again.

With kindest regards,

Yours very sincerely,

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Room 408A
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DREW UNIVERSITY
MADISON, NEW JERSEY
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

June 18-1935

Dear President Lin:

Thank you for your letter of June 14. I am sorry that you were not able to return to the campus for the Commencement exercises. The weather was ideal and the occasion a delightful one.

I am planning to be in New York to keep a luncheon engagement on Monday, June 24, and will be glad to see you and Dr. MacRossie at 150 Fifth Avenue about eleven o'clock if that will be convenient for you. It will be necessary for me to be at the Town Hall Club, 123 West 43rd Street, at 12:30.

Cordially yours

Albert Brown

President C. J. Lin
Fukien Christian University
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City, N. Y.

(The Drew office is Room 408A)

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June 21, 1935

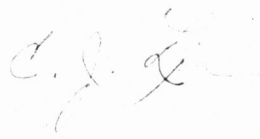
President Arlo A. Brown
Drew University
Madison, N. J.

Dear President Brown:

Many thanks for your letter of June 18th informing me that you are coming to New York, on Monday, June 24th, at 150 Fifth Avenue, about 11 o'clock. Mr. MacRossie is planning to come in around that time, and I shall come from Hartford for that purpose. It will be a pleasure to see you again.

Remember us kindly to Mrs. Brown.

Yours very sincerely,



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Fukien

July 10, 1935

President Arlo A. Brown
Drew University
Madison, N. J.

My dear Dr. Brown:

At its meeting on June 28th, the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of Fukien Christian University was very much pleased to learn of your acceptance of the invitation to become a member at large of the Fukien Board, and took action warmly welcoming you to membership.

I enclose herewith a copy of the minutes of this meeting of the Executive Committee, together with a copy of the Constitution of the Board of Trustees which you may wish to keep for reference. We will send you the minutes of all future meetings of the Board and of its various committees, together with other material of special interest that may be available from time to time, though we do not wish to burden you with voluminous or uninteresting material.

You will note that the Committee requests you to accept membership on the Executive Committee. We hope you will be able to do so. The Committee holds, as a rule, not more than two or three meetings during the year, and sessions do not last more than a couple of hours. We always try to find days and hours for meetings which will be most convenient to the members of the Committee.

As you know, membership on the Fukien Board of Trustees automatically makes you a member also of the Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China. I know that all of those who are serving as trustees of the other universities and colleges cooperating in the Associated Boards will be happy to welcome you to this group which is devoting itself very earnestly to the whole cause of Christian Higher Education in China.

We will always be glad to try to send you whatever information you desire with regard both to Fukien matters and also to the whole field of Christian higher education in China.

Very cordially yours,



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December 21, 1936

Dr. Arlo A. Brown
Drew University
Madison, N. J.

My dear Dr. Brown:

We enclose herewith a small booklet just published by our Fukien promotional group. It gives some interesting glimpses of the type of men who are on the Fukien faculty and who are going out from year to year as graduates. We are using this booklet as a basis for our appeal to the friends of Fukien to contribute to the support of the work which the University is doing.

We need your assistance, as a member of the Fukien Board of Trustees, in two ways.

First, we hope that you can pledge your own personal contribution toward the support of the University this year. Last year the members of the Board of Trustees contributed over \$3,200 to the work of Fukien Christian University and to other phases of the Christian higher educational program in China. Practically every member of the Board shared, as he or she was able, in this generous support. We hope that each of us can at least renew - or better still, can increase - our gifts of last year. We enclose herewith a Fukien pledge card and return envelope for your use. Payment can be made at one's convenience any time between now and June 30th, 1937, but we should make our pledges now so as to assure President Lin and his colleagues of our continued support and interest.

Second, we hope that you can help to increase the interest and support of others, where you can make personal contacts yourself, that is better than having an approach made through our executive staff. But wherever desired, executives will be glad to get in touch with friends whose names are given them.

Our office will supply you with any additional copies of this booklet or other material. If you have names to suggest, please send them in the enclosed envelope.

With every good wish for a pleasant holiday season, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Treasurer

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Fukien Christian University
Foochow, China
April 8, 1939

Miss Leona L. Burr
14 Beacon Street
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Miss Burr:

We learned indirectly that you will return to China some time in the near future. It will be a great pleasure to see you again. China and the Chinese people now more than any other time need friendly support and assistance from the missionary friends, and we do hope that the mission Board will be able to send you back.

You probably heard that we moved the university to Shaowu, your old place, last June. I believe the church people there requested your return to Shaowu and cooperate with you in any way possible to make the Christian service there more effective. I am sure you will be willing to help us in any way you can when you are in Shaowu.

The university is occupying practically all of the property formerly used by the American Board Mission. We are using the Han Mei Boys' School campus for our Arts work and dormitory accommodations for the men students. The residential compound, namely the residences of Kellogg, Walker and Bliss, is used for our women's dormitories and faculty residences. Our Science Department is located in the new hospital building near the North Gate. Miss Bement's house, the Women's Bible School, and the old clinic are used as faculty residences for our science staff. My family is in one section of Miss Bement's house, and Miss Walker is there. We are now repairing the girls' school and the kindergarten for an experimental school of high school grade which will be opened this coming fall. You may also be interested to know that we have reorganized the church primary school near the East Gate church into a full primary school. The local government has given us an additional building near the church and the entire lot back of the church which was formerly the site of the city temple.

Miss Walker arrived at Shaowu on March 9, and Rev. and Mrs. Storrs on March 15. The church people were greatly pleased to have them back. Mrs. Storrs is helping in our teaching work, giving one course in English Composition.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

s/ C. J. Lin

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January 6, 1940

Miss Leona L. Burr
916 Conklin Place
Madison, Wisconsin

Dear Miss Burr:

We have received a letter from President C. J. Lin of Fukien Christian University enclosing a copy of a communication which he mailed to you under date of November 13th. At that time he wrote to Dr. Fairfield of the American Board, a copy of which I saw yesterday as Dr. Fairfield was in our office. He also showed me a copy of the letter which you sent to President Lin in which you indicate your willingness to work at Fukien Christian University.

The following is a paragraph from Dr. Lin's letter:-

"****please find a copy of my letter to Miss Leona Burr, which, as you will see, is approved by our Managers. She wrote me that she was hoping to return to China in September 1940. She was a missionary of the American Board at Shaowu and Foochow during the last fifteen or twenty years, and is now studying at the University of Wisconsin, specializing in Speech and Drama. She will be getting her Master's degree in February 1940. I hope you will secure more information from the American Board, and consult the Trustees' Committee on Staff to pass on her. We hope very much that we can have her for the spring term."

You will see it is now a matter of going through the routine of appointing you by the Board of Trustees of the University. To that end, I am enclosing an application blank which I am asking you to fill out in detail and we will then follow the routine of checking up references and presenting the matter to the proper committee. Until action is taken, there is nothing we can say of any finality.

Surely there is a splendid opportunity for work at Fukien, as the group is carrying on magnificently at Shaowu, and we sincerely trust they will be able to secure additional assistance for the next semester.

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

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916 Conklin Place.
Madison, Wisconsin.
January 8, 1940.

Mr. C. A. Evans.
New York City.

My dear Mr. Evans:

Herewith the application blank which I gave immediate attention upon receipt of your letter under date of January sixth.

To this data I might add an expression of my eagerness to join the staff at Fukien Christian University under President Lin's leadership. The location is particularly attractive to me because I began my missionary career there and it will seem much like returning "home". These three semesters at the University of Wisconsin have fitted me more for advanced teaching than for any work the American Board has in Foochow, where I taught from 1930 to 1937. It would be great pleasure to sail at once after my work is completed the first of February; but allowing reason to dictate, it is wiser to relax and take time to prepare for a term of service which will surely be encompassed with war-time activities and strain. Therefore I hope to receive favorable returns from my application and to be employed by the Associated Board for service in Shaowu, beginning in August, 1940.

Miss Eva Asher is a friend of mine. She will be returning after her furlough and it would be pleasant to travel with her.

Thanking you for your interest,
I am sincerely yours,

Leona S. Burr.

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March 2, 1940

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Miss Leona L. Burr
916 Conklin Place
Madison, Wisconsin

Dear Miss Burr:

At the recent meeting of the Board of Trustees of Fukien Christian University, the following action was taken in regard to your appointment:

"T-1205 VOTED to confirm the action of the Board of Managers in accepting the application of Miss Leona L. Burr, subject to satisfactory medical examination, and for a period of not more than five to seven years, provided the Board of Managers is ready to assume the responsibility for meeting annuity premiums carried with the American Board Fund for Unordained Workers during the period of employment, and with the understanding that any further term of service be considered at the expiration of the five to seven years' period."

You will note in this action that the appointment is approved for a single period, and that any arrangement beyond that period will need to be taken up at the proper time. The proviso for the annuity premiums has been taken up with President Lin, and I am sure that the Board of Managers will see that the proper arrangement is made.

The next step is to get the matter of your medical examination taken care of. The missionary medical office is not open today, but I will check with them the first of the week as to what arrangements they wish to have made for you and will notify you within the next few days.

I am sure you will be pleased to know that the members of the Board were all very enthusiastic about your undertaking the work at the University, and I express their feeling of satisfaction as they look forward to the prospect of having you actively in the work.

Sincerely yours,

J. L. Parker
Assistant Secretary

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March 4, 1940

P.S. Dr. Vaughan, of the Associated Medical Office, will write you directly about the examination.

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916 Conklin Place,
Madison, Wis.
March 19, 1940.

Mr. J. I. Parker.
150 Fifth Avenue, New York.

Dear Mr. Parker.

Thank you for sending me a transcript of the vote taken at the meeting of the Trustees of Fukien Christian University which appoints me to work with President Lin and his teaching staff. The acceptance of my application is the crowning glory of these two years of preparation for this position.

The Medical Examination papers have not reached me yet; but as soon as they come I shall have the doctor, in whose care I've been for three semesters, fill them out and send to Dr. Vaughan.

I plan to be here in Madison until June seventeenth, after which I wish to go to Calif. for rest and visiting before sailing. Dr. Fairfield said that he would "book" me for August ninth with a group of American Boarders going back to China at that time.

As Spring-time returns to Wisconsin the same sort of hope and creative activity seems possible for China as she launches new measures of resistance. How I hope to be of some help.

Sincerely yours,

Leona L. Burr.

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May 29, 1940

Miss Leona L. Burr
916 Conklin Place
Madison, Wisconsin

Dear Miss Burr:

Upon receiving from Dr. Vaughan the final clearance of your medical examination, we cabled President Lin asking him for final authorization for the acceptance of the arrangements suggested by the American Board. We have now received his approval, and we have accordingly notified Dr. Fairfield that everything is in order for you to go if their actions are all clear. As soon as I get word from Dr. Fairfield, I will let you know.

In the meantime, we have made tentative bookings for you on the "Empress of Asia," sailing on July 13 from Vancouver. You may have some arrangements with the American Board for other sailings than that noted above. If so, will you please let us know whether we should hold the tentative reservation for the "Empress of Asia," or drop it in favor of something else?

Since the time is short, I think it will be well for you to take whatever steps are necessary in regard to passports, clergy certificates, etc. so that as soon as word is received from Boston, nothing will stand in the way of your proceeding to China. If you need the application forms for the clergy certificates, we can furnish them from this office.

Sincerely yours,

J. L. Parker
Assistant Secretary

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916 Conklin Place
Madison, Wis.
June 1, 1940.

Mr. J. I. Parker
New York City

Dear Mr. Parker:

Your letter of May 29th with its assurance that details of appointment are now cleared has been received and I hasten to assure you that I am ready to go.

The American Board has a sailing for me on August 9th with the Legers who also are to go to Shaowu so you need not hold the July 13th reservation. I shall write at once to the American Board regarding my passport which they are having renewed. I have my Western Clergy certificate.

My plan is to leave Madison on June 17th, going to Claremont, Calif. for vacation. Will it be possible to have my travel allowance for the trip to the Coast? I am writing Mr. Smith who handles American Board sailings, to get in touch with you regarding the steamer ticket.

Thanking you for your interest and assistance in getting me this position in Fukien Christian University,

I am sincerely yours,

Leona L. Burr

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